

## CAREERS NEWS – 2019

### Visit by Aardman Animations – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Jim Packyn from Aardman Animations (creators of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep) came in to talk to Year 8 about all the different sorts of careers that Aardman can offer.

After a quick history of Aardman and his 20 year career with the company Jim used clips of Shaun the Sheep to explain the variety of roles that go into producing one film. These range from engineers, sounds recorders, electricians, web designers, digital media, human resources, actors, animators and even legal teams.

Year 8 were fascinated and couldn't believe there were so many different roles in one company. They asked Jim lots of questions but he remained tight-lipped on when the next Wallace and Gromit movie is coming out!



## Police Headquarters Trip - Tuesday 12th March 2019

Students had an amazing opportunity to spend the day at the Avon and Somerset Police headquarters in Portishead. Their visit started in the communication building where they learnt about how 999 and 101 calls are processed and watched call handlers taking calls and dealing with queries from members of the public.



They then went to Blackrock Quarry firearm training centre where students watched police shooting targets in the 100m training range before visiting the room where firearms were kept to have a look at the equipment.



The students were allowed to hold the guns and pass them around to really get a feel for what they were like.

This was such a fantastic opportunity for the students to really understand what careers the police have to offer and the many different jobs that are available to them.

## St Katherine's Careers Fair - Tuesday 5th March 2019

Over 20 companies came to the St Katherine's Careers Fair to talk to Year 9, 12 and 13 students about careers options and what their future could look like.



We had a diverse range of companies from BT, the NHS, Army, RAF, Spec Savers, Vale Vets, Bristol City Football Academy, Bristol University, The Style Room, Thatchers and a really interactive stand from Lush who offered students a chance to make bath bombs when they asked career related questions.

The event gave the students an opportunity to talk to companies that they may not have necessarily have heard of before and they could ask questions and find out what it's like to work there.

The event was a huge success and everybody who came along was really inspired and full of aspiration at the end of it. Thank you to all the employers for their support and showcasing careers our students may be considering and others they hadn't even thought about.

Year 11 student, Dan Powell (who could well have a career in video or film production ahead of him!) made this video about the fair <https://bit.ly/2EVh9GG>