



Co-op Academy Grange

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING FUTURES, IGNITING PASSIONS, BUILDING CAREERS AT COOP GRANGE



## MAY 2024

### Developing Knowledge and Skills beyond the classroom!

## Brilliant Club Success!



14 year 8 students have taken part in the Spring Cohort of The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. They had several tutorials with a PHD student exploring how science and religious faith beliefs can be used to allow an individual to shape their own worldview. They all wrote a 1500 word essay which is a fantastic achievement! They also visited the University of Leeds to graduate from the programme. As part of this day they went on a tour of the University and took part in seminars with other students.

## LIBRARY

### Student Librarians - Developing Skills for the Future

At Grange we provide a range of Student Leadership opportunities. In April, more of our students continued their journey towards becoming School Library Association Student Librarians, a nationwide recognised training course. They are training for the First Award, which includes desk duties, shelving resources and customer service. Our Librarian Mrs Blashill said "These students all work incredibly hard during their own time, their help towards the smooth running of the library is invaluable. I am sure they will be celebrating achieving the next level very soon!"



### Extracurricular Clubs are a great way to make new friends, develop and nurture interests whilst learning a range of employability skills for next steps after Grange!

Students from KS3 showed real commitment and resilience as they competed in the latest inter-school football competition. The students embodied the coop value 'Succeed Together' as they worked together to secure an amazing victory 7-1 over their closest rivals.



This half term we have introduced a brand new extracurricular Gardening Club. Students have enjoyed learning more about how to grow different plants and our impact on the environment. Students are learning a range of knowledge and skills! We can't wait to continue to share their progress over the next few weeks!

## What's happening in Careers?

- SEND Careers Fair - St Georges Conference Centre - 8th May 2024
- Workplace Visit - Jacobs (Leeds) - 14th May 2024
- SHINE York University (Y9/10) - 14th May 2024
- YAYA Mentoring Celebration Event - 16th May 2024
- PWC Visit Y7 - 17th May 2024
- Magma Museum - 17th May 2024 (Careers in STEM)



PLUS MANY MORE - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE DETAILS IN OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER!

Be yourself, always

Do what matters most

Show you care

Succeed together

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## Spotlight On - Public Services

### 24th June 2024 - National Public Services Day!

Careers in public services encompass a wide range of roles dedicated to serving the community and ensuring the smooth functioning of society. These roles can be found in various sectors, including emergency services, healthcare, education, local government, and the armed forces.

#### Emergency Services

- **Police Force:** Entry routes include joining as a police constable through direct entry programs, degree-holder entry programs, or apprenticeships. Opportunities for progression include specialised units (e.g., cyber crime, counter-terrorism) and leadership roles.
- **Fire Service:** Aspiring firefighters can enter through firefighter apprenticeships or direct entry, often requiring physical fitness tests and assessments. Career advancement can lead to roles such as station manager or fire safety inspector.
- **Ambulance Service:** Roles include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and control room staff. Entry can be through university degrees, apprenticeships, or on-the-job training. Advanced roles include critical care paramedics and operational management.



#### Healthcare

- **NHS Careers:** Roles range from doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals to administrative and support staff. Pathways include university degrees, vocational training, apprenticeships, and NHS-specific training programs. Progression can lead to senior clinical or managerial positions.

#### Education

- **Teaching:** Prospective teachers can enter through university degrees in education, PGCE programs, or school-led training schemes like Teach First. Career progression includes roles such as head of department, senior leadership, and administrative positions in educational authorities.
- **Support Roles:** Includes teaching assistants, school counsellors, and administrative staff. Entry routes often involve relevant qualifications and experience in educational settings.

#### Armed Forces

- **Military Careers:** Entry can be through direct enlistment, officer training programs (such as the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for the British Army), or specialist roles requiring specific skills (e.g., engineering, medical). Progression through the ranks offers various leadership and specialist career opportunities.

### Knowledge is Power: Health & Social Care

Jobs in Health & Social Care cover treating illnesses and medical conditions or caring for people who are vulnerable. A job in Health & Social Care might see you working as a nurse, social worker, care coordinator or in other exciting and varied roles. **Let's take a closer look at Health & Social Care!**

#### Did you know?

- + Health & Social Care is West Yorkshire's biggest sector, accounting for 141,000 jobs (that's 13% of all jobs in the region!)
- + There are currently 1,000 skills shortages in health professional occupations in our region. These skills shortages include Nursing and Midwifery roles.
- + Experts predict an additional 20,000 jobs in Health & Social Care in West Yorkshire over the next 10 years.

#### Useful subjects to have:

- English
- Science-related subjects
- Psychology
- Health & Social Care
- Maths
- Sociology

#### You could be suited to a career in Health & Social Care if you:

- Enjoy solving problems
- Like working as part of a team
- Enjoy speaking to people
- Have strong emotional intelligence

Explore your skills: [Search 'FutureGoals Next Steps Toolkit'](#)

#### Top vacancies:

- Nurse → **Average salary: £28,000**
- Hospital doctor → **Average salary: £53,000**
- Pharmacist → **Average salary: £38,000**

#### How can Health & Social Care change the world?

The Health & Social Care sector is an essential part of modern society, looking after everyone's wellbeing. Day-to-day, jobs in this sector help to care for the sick and vulnerable, improve public health and prevent disease. The COVID-19 pandemic showed just how important these things are!

#### How can you get a Health & Social care job?

**For graduate healthcare careers:**

- Finish your education (this includes GCSEs and A Levels)
- Carry out a relevant/approved degree
- Register with a professional body.

**For other Health & Social Care careers:**

- Finish your education (this needs to be at least your GCSEs)
- Further education (such as A Levels or a BTEC Diploma)
- OR
- Apply for an apprenticeship
- Get your qualification
- Search for employment opportunities

Talk to the National Careers Service:  
[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us)  
Or your school/college Careers Adviser:

Take it further: Visit  
[futuregoalsvwx.co.uk/sectors](https://futuregoalsvwx.co.uk/sectors)  
to learn about HealthTech careers and try out our activities

#### What does the future hold for Health & Social care?

- Bioengineer**  
Bioengineers have a wide variety of career choices. Some work alongside medical practitioners, developing new medical techniques, medical devices, and instrumentation for manufacturing companies.
- Reconstructive Surgery 3D Printing Specialist**  
In the future, we will see burn or accident victims being given new skin (and probably more) that was grown using their cells and 3D printed for use in reconstructive surgery.
- Epigenetic Counsellors**  
Epigenetic counsellors will educate adults and the younger generation to make the right choices to ensure healthier lives.

### FUTUREGOALS

**Need Advice or Support? Contact Us via email or come and see us in the Library!**

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