

Student Feedback from #NCW2021

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*Feedback of the week
from a Yr7 student to THALES Group.*



I think it is amazing that [THALES] go and speak to schools and open our minds about the world out there because we are in our little school bubbles (not because of Covid) and sometimes is hard to explain to myself: why am I doing this? OK I have to do it but why? Where all this work is taking me to.

Giving feedback on what they found particularly interesting...

Lauren Bravo, Journalist and Published Author

It was inspiring to discover how Lauren worked her way up to being able to write from home, and getting opportunities to write different, interesting articles. It was also fascinating to hear about how she got her books published.

It's really inspiring to listen to someone who was a girl at Davison and has become a self-employed journalist who has written for top companies. Maybe I could do something like that too?

It was really interesting and informative. I have always loved writing and this has encouraged me to look into a career following it. Thank you :)

I didn't know that literary agents could reach out to you, I thought it was always the other way around.

She was really passionate and really good at speaking. Got positive energy too and really enjoyed listening to her.

The different types of journalism/writing there are and how exciting her experiences sound.

I loved her honesty.

Johnny Taylor, Senior Art Director - KING Games

I didn't know so many jobs worked in co-operation with each other when it comes to developing games. I found it interesting how there were various types of designers who all played different roles.

Very interesting presentation, I liked how he showed clips of what he worked on and talked to his friend about her story and how she got the job she has now

VERY GOOD! Loved the presentation format and the different projects he has worked on and produced.

It was an inspiring talk. :)))

Kate Wilson & Beki Tonks - The SAND Project

The speech was very interesting and I like how you used everyone's ideas in your speeches

That someone cared about kids with special needs.

The TOUR OMG IT WAS SOO GOOD

Pema Jackson & Abe Marrache - What's the Point of a Foreign Language

What I found most interesting about this speech was the fact that I didn't really know everywhere a language could take me and this speech enlightened me to actually realized it can take you to so many different job's

I liked the way they were speaking from a personal view and it was interesting to see what they think about it and what inspired them

I really liked listening to their experiences with learning a language and what it can help you do. I also liked listening to what they had to say about how it can help you in your jobs.

I found the fact that learning a language has many benefits and that it helps many people to get their dream job, by putting them higher than the rest of the competitors as you know a language and they don't.

Clare Smith - HR Director, Mayo Wynne Baxter

I found it interesting to hear about a different career, I haven't really considered HR before so it was interesting to find out more about it.

I think it is good to find out as much as you can about different jobs, especially when you don't know exactly what you want to do so it was good to learn about all the different aspects of the role. I also liked her tips for when applying for a job.

I found all the things that HR did really interesting.

She spoke clearly and with a happy attitude. She spoke well about all of the open opportunities.

Katie Wilson - Director, Bluespire Accountants

I found it interesting to find out how much more there is to accounting than just Maths, as I thought that that was all there is to it!

How Katie Wilson spoke about her career and interests all the way from when she was our age, also how she included how her original interests in drama and English have stayed with her and helped her in her accounting career.

I found it interesting that it is easy to switch to accounting, even if you don't do a maths A-level.

Thanks for the talk, it was really interesting and I learned a lot about how to get into the accounting industry.

Kevin Bishop - Actor, Film, Theatre and TV

The fact that he was in a film that I've seen. Also, that he liked comedy more than acting was quite interesting.

Him talking answering the different questions about his career/ experiences was really interesting because it was from a person who had gone through the process of auditioning and filming first hand!

How he got into acting; the experiences he talked of.

It's cool that you've been in a movie that's pretty well known. It was really interesting!

How someone who has worked in the industry with such big names was talking to us and giving us advise.

Rebecca Buxton, Philosophy Lecturer & Co Author of The Philosopher Queens

When she gave us the examples so we could get involved and how she told us about her journey as well and she explained it in a way that made me want to know more about it [philosophy].

That there are careers that an A-level or degree in philosophy is useful for, like being a software engineer, journalist, teacher, research analyst, data analyst.

It was truly amazing, inspiring and has made me really consider taking a philosophy A-level, thank you!

The questions about what you would do in those situations, they made it really interesting and engaging and helped me get a better understanding on what some philosophers do.

Thank you so much, your talk was absolutely brilliant and has inspired me to research more about philosophy and seriously consider taking it as a subject.

Sarah Macmillan – Dental Health Professional

How many different tasks a dental nurse does, really interesting video.

The before and after of the teeth pictures showed how rewarding their jobs are.

It was very informative so thank you!

The video of Sarah at work was really nice to see.

She looked really sweet and answered every question honestly, looked like she really loves her job:)

A Grand Kitchen at The Grand Hotel

Being able to see the kitchens and the equipment which is something you don't see when you go to a restaurant.

I loved hearing about Chef White's past experiences in other kitchens and seeing the inside of the kitchens and how they work.

Hearing personal stories and learning about the working environment and process of the career.

Thank you and it was really interesting to hear about his career leading up to working at the Grand Hotel.

Dr Kathryn Stamp – Dance Researcher, AWA with Dance

I thought it was interesting to learn about the more theoretical sides behind dance and the routes you can take in that side of dance.

It was interesting how she didn't study dance at GCSE but was still able to do dance at college/university and have a successful career.

How you can take such a different route into the dance industry.

I found it really interesting, thank you.

Chief Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter - Sussex Police

I really found her journey to becoming a police officer interesting from being a civilian part of the force to becoming an officer was inspiring.

It was interesting to hear about the different roles in police and what types of crimes they specialize in.

About how the training works and how police can balance out personal lives whilst still working.

She was very inspirational.

Thanks so much your talk was really interesting!

David Goldman – Photographer and Filmmaker

I loved seeing all of his photographs and work and telling us his experiences with traveling and working with clients. The session got me more interested in photography :)

How there is so many people at each shoot. That you don't need expensive equipment to be a photographer. I also found looking at David's photographs an inspiration to me. I like how he gave us websites for when we lose motivation.

Seeing his photos and hearing about the background of his experiences.

Kayleigh Graham, Accountant Partnership Manager – Capitalise

I noticed what a positive and uplifting mindset she had which I think really helped me stay engaged and she was really inspiring and answered all my questions!

I found this talk really interesting because I found her advice for if you aren't sure what career you want helpful. Also, I think it is really good to hear from all different types of professions and she gave an insight into her journey which felt honest. I felt like she explained well that sometimes it is hard, but that if you really want something and are willing to try, it is worth it.

I really liked the fact she was young and still so inspiring. She was so open about her mistakes and pathways she has been on and it made me think about my future and about my future decisions.

She was so inspiring and that you are the one who can change the way you work and if you work really hard you can achieve anything.

I found her route through her careers very inspiring by taking so many apprenticeships to get to where she wants to be now.

I thought the talk was very inspiring and opened my eyes to the world of apprenticeships and what they are like as a different option to college.

Only that she was absolutely amazing.

The app recommendations to help you concentrate. [Flora - Green Focus and Pomodoro]

BIMM Institute

The speaker made taking music in further education and as a career seem really accessible and fun whereas before it often seems quite daunting.

The different opportunities that come off of the courses and how many different courses there were.

I loved how passionate she was.

The famous people that have passed through BIMM.

The amount of different jobs within the music industry.

I just found it really helpful and very interesting I thought it was really good! :) my favourite of the week!

Jolyon MacKew, SKY News Camera Operator and Editor

I found it really interesting to hear about how much he travels with his job, and some of the experiences he's had are amazing!

I really liked how he was telling us his experiences and what he has done for SKY News. I enjoyed the session.

It was a really interesting talk and I really enjoyed it, I learnt a lot of things that I didn't know about this job so thank you!

He was very passionate about his job and shared the good and bad things. It was also interesting to see the cameras of which he uses.

Him talking about all the opportunities he's had; all the places he's been etc. also how he had got into the industry and how he got the job he's doing.

It was amazing thank you!

Jo Ansell, Clinical Service Manager, NHS

How she ended up where she is and the different roles within physiotherapy that are often overlooked.

Thank you for spending some time talking to us and making time for our questions.

All the different jobs with physiotherapy.

Emma Bunce, Professor of Planetary Plasma Physics, Leicester University

Your talk was amazing, I really hope your mission is a success. JUICE sounds like an excellent project and I hope you succeed in researching Jupiter using the equipment. You have inspired me to pursue my interest in a STEM career.

It was inspiring to hear how someone who attended our school is doing such important and cool work.

It was not only incredibly informative and interesting but also super inspiring.

Hearing the gravitational waves (or something similar) of a planet or moon. It was really cool. Also, just hearing cool facts about the planets and their moons.

Maryann Penfold, Entrepreneur, BOOM Sauce

I really liked how it was very family orientated as it was her uncle's recipe and she got inspired and made a business out of it.

I was interested in hearing about how they took action to jump start their career and didn't just wait around for things to happen.

I found all of the lesson interesting from when she started her business to wear there were problems that set her back.

I found it interesting how they changed the packaging a lot, it just shows how much effort they put into making them by taking it out, and putting it in, taking it out, and putting it in.

She is an amazing inspiration and has inspired me.

Thank you it was very inspiring:)

Rachel Gardener-Poole and Emma Cuddy, CAA and UK Space Agency

I loved hearing about some unique and different job styles - it was fantastic to hear their stories and journey.

I loved hearing about jobs that I hadn't even considered.

It was very inspiring to hear both of their career journeys.

I found it all very interesting and when they talked about how you get there. Also, the advice on it's okay if you're not the best at first if you keep trying you'll get what you want.

Thank you both for taking the time to do this talk, both of your careers sound exciting and at the front of innovation in aviation. I'm interested to learn more about this career path.

Fantastic talks, thank you for your time.

Fionna Ford, Health Visitor – Specialist Community Pubic Health Nurse, NHS

The steps of how she got into the job and what you do in the job

How she helps all the new born babies

Mia Bromige and Charlene Simms, THALES Group, Yr7 STEM Inspiration

To understand that there are so many aspects about a product - so many job opportunities. Also, to know that someone with more artistic inclinations can also find a pathway to engineering.

That how they get to make and test amazing technology like that truck that the army uses

It wasn't just 'look at our company', but instead looking at the opportunities you could take, and showing you the best side of it.

A really well done! And I found their speech very inspirational.

I never knew how much interesting things there was to do with engineering.

I found that when Mia talked about the drones it was very interesting.

Rioco Green, The Design Museum, Yr8 STEM Inspiration

I found this session very inspiring to think that someone that went to my school had so many great jobs such as working in Parliament and the Design Museum.

I found looking at the general different aspects of design really interesting and learning about the variety of jobs included in that industry.

I thought that it was really interesting when she mentioned how many famous designers she got to meet and all the amazing travel opportunities that come with her job at the Design Museum.

I think that she is an amazing influencer and inspiration and that she did an amazing job!!!

I found it inspiring how passionate she was about her career and how eager she was to encourage the viewer about it.

That she was very clear on everything she said and it was a very good zoom :)

Emily Buckingham, Drug and Alcohol Worker, HM Prison Lewes

It was very relevant to me as a citizenship student and it was a very specific job that I didn't really know anything about beforehand.

Often, you hear about the offenders rather than the people who look after and help them, so that was interesting.

What life is like for a normal prisoner, how she treats them and how she expects to be treated.

She was very nice, liked that she answered questions openly and didn't leave anything out.

Lucy Case, Ranger for Slindon and East Head, The National Trust

Their job and what they do to help the environment it looks really fun and what you need to be a good ranger.

What a park ranger actually does on a day-to-day basis.

That rangers have so many different roles and jobs, as well as getting to visit lots of different places.

It was really nice to hear from someone so happy about what they do. I also found out lots that I didn't know before.

I liked learning about the different things that they had to do in their role.

Thank you I found what you did very exciting :)