

# Aspirations week

## Year 6

During Aspirations Week, we welcomed many visitors into school to speak to us about their careers and the path they have taken to get where they are today. We were all very inspired and made us think carefully about our future hopes and dreams.



Year 6 were really excited to welcome their first visitor- PC Whittaker from Cheshire Police. PC Whittaker works hard in the Roads Policing and Crime Unit, and he kindly brought in his unmarked police car for us to explore. We learned about his interesting role in the force, his regular training, equipment he carries, daily patrols and how to become a police officer. We asked questions about the most challenging parts of a police officer's job, the best bits, and the skills required to be a Police Officer. PC Whittaker advised us the most important skills to be a police officer are excellent communication skills, teamwork and resilience.



We also enjoyed a visit from a lovely lady called Judy Blundell, a retired head teacher and Magistrate. Judy had an interesting role and was very informative about her ongoing training and how crimes are heard inside a courtroom and how her role and decisions impacts both defendants and victims' day to day. We learned that anyone could apply to be a Magistrate as long as you're between aged 18-75. We saw pictures inside a Magistrates' courtroom, heard that Magistrates sit on a panel of 3 with 2 wingers and one chairperson and that together they make decisions, following the law, on which penalty to impose for each crime heard- The penalties from a Magistrates' court include fines, Community service and Prison. Did you know, over 90% of crime is dealt with in a Magistrates' court? The crimes mostly dealt with include driving offences, shoplifting and assaults.



We welcomed Nurse Angelia Jackson; a fantastic Respiratory nurse based here in Halton. Respiratory Nurses are specialists in taking care of patients with lung and breathing complications. We learned about how working hard in maths and science can help you to progress onto higher education and university to train to become a nurse. We heard how looking after your health through good diet, exercise and *not* smoking, this can ensure your heart and lungs work to their best for a healthier life. Angela told us that the best nurses have good observational skills, excellent listening skills and are thoughtful. She told us that, in nursing there are always opportunities to gain experience and progress professionally, and no two days are ever the same, which makes this an interesting role.



Lionel Curtis came to share his incredible career in engineering with us. Lionel currently works in Aerodynamics engineering and designing vehicles that are environmentally kinder to our planet. Lionel shared how his thirst for knowledge as a young boy in how things worked led him to military college where he worked on engineering rockets and then later started an apprentice. Lionel extensive list of designs include a Hybrid car which was aired on T.V's Top Gear in 1991. Lionel's excellent mathematical skills and keen interest in science allowed him to travel the world working for various companies where he helped design and create Heavy goods vehicles, vans, electric buses, taxis ad the first ever hybrid double decker bus. We were all fascinated by Lionels career and how he is now relied upon to help with government introduce new laws for the correct speed and weight for HGVs across Europe. We know that as technology improves, engineers will always be needed- Maths and Science are two of the most important subjects to work hard in for a career like the inspirational Lionel.