

Armaan and Aofie

Both aged 10

St Gregory's RC Primary School in Preston Lancashire

What do you want to be when you're older and why?

ARMAAN A surgeon or a lawyer. A surgeon because I like to find out how the body works or a lawyer because I care about justice

AOIFE An artist or a scientist. An artist because I like doing art and everything inspires me and a scientist because I like finding out about new things.

What Primary Futures events have you attended, or activities have you taken part in?

Careers fair and a visit from a bank employee.

What has been the best part of those events and speaking with the volunteers?

ARMAAN Learning about different people's daily lives and what they do.

AOIFE I liked learning about the different jobs and why they chose that job.

What difference has the event/activities made to your ideas about careers and ambitions for your future?

ARMAAN It has made me aware that people have put in a lot of effort to get where they are now, from GCSEs/A levels and beyond...

AOIFE Now I know that I can choose what job or career I want to do providing I work hard for it.

Did anything about the volunteer/s' and their jobs surprise you or challenge your expectations?

ARMAAN Some people didn't have a degree but had a decent job which made me realise that you don't need to have a degree to have a job. There was a lady that looked after bees as a hobby and got paid – she collected the honey and sold it. She protected the bees from wasps. Basically made a business out of a hobby.

Can you tell us about how volunteers, events and activities have changed your attitude towards school work? Do you have any examples?

AOIFE If you work hard in your school and especially if it is a good school, you will get the jobs you want and the ones that are well paid and a higher standard.

Is there anything else you have learnt?

ARMAAN I have learnt that sometimes even if you go to an 'alright' school if you have the will and determination to achieve something and work extremely hard you will achieve it!

AOIFE Not all things will go to plan and you will have to solve the challenges that come your way.

What difference have the volunteers made to your ideas and choices about careers? Please tell us about a particular volunteer who inspired you and the reason why?

ARMAAN It has made me realise that I don't necessarily need a degree but if you do get a degree it may lead to a better job and life. There was a lady who designed weapons for the military and the army – planes/ships

AOIFE It's shown me that you won't always achieve the ambition you have as a child but if you work hard you may get it. The environmental scientist was given challenges which she had to solve – e.g. design a border to prevent floods. I would like challenges in my job.

Who or what inspires you in life?

ARMAAN My dad because he has a good, bright, intelligent mind and organises everything. When he was at school, his brother was involved in fights, but he ignored them and put in the effort to be where he is now.

AOIFE My dad always said if I work hard, I will get a good job and he was the one who taught me a lot of Maths and English.

Do you feel inspired about your own future and if so, what does this look like?

ARMAAN I think I am going to get somewhere in life. I am not a bad student and I put effort into my studies. I think I could get one of the jobs I want.

AOIFE I agree with Armaan.

Describe your experience of the Primary Futures activity in five words

Quite inspiring, ordinary jobs, challenges, 'don't judge a book by its cover', interesting and thoughtful.

Do you have any other comments you'd like to add?

ARMAAN Your background doesn't matter. If you put effort into the work you produce, you will succeed!

AOIFE I would like to learn about a greater range of jobs and we would like to have more events for our whole school!

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