

# Alfie

Age 11: Greenways Primary Academy, Stoke-on-Trent

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

A car designer, because I like drawing and designing things.

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

I attended the Drawing the Future event in London, where I was one of nine winners.

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

Meeting and talking to Miles Nurnberger from Aston Martin. He was so inspirational to speak to and he was a really nice man. He took time to answer all my questions and asked me lots too. It was amazing to hear about his job, where he gets his design inspiration from and all the places he travels to.

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

Attending the event really helped me to become even more motivated to follow my dreams. I have been doing lots more drawing and designing too.

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

It surprised me that Miles came to see me, especially as he is so busy. It was amazing to hear his stories and the fabulous things he experiences- which he gets paid to do! E.g. driving Ferraris around race tracks and attending car events around the world.

## 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?

After attending the event, it really made me realise that if I work hard, there is nothing stopping me from following my dreams. Talking to Miles made me even more determined and showed me that it doesn't have to just be a dream, it can be real.

## Is there anything else you have learnt?

I learned that nothing should stop someone from being whatever they want to be. Girls can do the same jobs as boys and vice versa.

## Is there anything a volunteer has said, or did that has inspired you and what did you do differently as a result?

Miles told me that when he was young, he kept drawing and designing cars, even in the back of his school books! This inspired me to keep drawing too.

## Who or what inspires you in life?

I am inspired by nice people, who treat other people with respect, do well in life and enjoy and are happy in their work.

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

In my future I see me being successful, driving a nice car and living in a nice house (which I designed myself).

## Describe your experience of the Primary Futures activity in five words

Inspiring, momentous, unique, thought-provoking and motivating.

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

I always work hard at school and try my best, as I love learning. My mum said that once my SATS were over, she would contact Miles to arrange to meet him again at the Aston Martin factory tour. That helped to give me something to look forward to after working so hard.

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

I would like to thank Primary Futures for putting on this event, so I could meet Miles and win my fantastic prizes. It really was a momentous experience for me, which I will never forget. Hopefully in the future I will be able to inspire someone too.

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