

# Ella

Age 16: Notre Dame School, Southwark, London

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

Teacher – I realise who has inspired me and I want to do the same for other students.

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

Dine 'n' Discuss – speed networking event.

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

It's inspirational! It makes you think about careers and career pathways.

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

The teacher as we spoke on a professional level not as student/teacher.

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

I have wanted to be a teacher since primary school so I didn't change my mind after the event but it was great to talk to other professionals about their careers and to talk to a teacher in a different situation.

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

Some of my friends were inspired by the stories more, perhaps, than me because I know what I want to do but some students talked to people about careers they have never even thought of! One example was a physiotherapist who was so enthusiastic about her job explaining the impact she has on patients.

## Is there anything else you have learnt?

More about the different careers available.

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

No. I feel I am very focussed on becoming a teacher but others were talking of the impact some volunteers made.

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

My future is bright and I know I can achieve my goals.

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

Inspiring, confidence building, eye opening, focusing and full of advice.

## Who or what inspires you in life?

Mrs Okuson my form tutor.

## What difference have the Inspiring the Future volunteers made to your ideas and choices about careers?

The volunteers were good at explaining how you achieve your goals the need to focus and work hard and they all had personal stories which were good to hear – we would not have access to professionals in this way.

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

It was a very enjoyable event.

# Jedidiah

Age 15: Eastbury Community School, Barking, East London

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

Not sure yet!

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

Getting advice and speaking to the volunteers about careers.

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

I have thought about other possible careers.

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

Yes, they told me a lot about their careers and one person told me he used to work in the army.

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

Mohammed, as we he made my interview so much easier. He was presentable and kind.

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

The people and events were very inspiring, they gave me an insight towards my possible future careers.

## Is there anything else you have learnt?

I learnt that an apprenticeship can be a good approach as well!

## Who or what inspires you in life?

Watching football.

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

Mohammed told me that I would be successful. That really inspired me and made me feel good.

## Describe your experience of the Inspiring the Future activity in five words

Eventful, fun, teaching, brilliant and exciting.