



Careers Newsletter – Edition 1 December 2022/Kislev 5783 Learning. Charity. Community.

We hope that you have found this edition useful and would welcome your feedback and any suggestions for information that you would like to see in future editions.

Careers Team at King Solomon High School



**Spotlight on our alumni
– where are they now:
Kruti Patel KS 2009-2016**



What did you do after leaving KSHS?

I studied BSc Pharmacology and Physiology at Medway School of Pharmacy, transferring onto Master of Pharmacy.

What do you do now?

Having completed my pre-registration year, I work as a locum community and clinical pharmacist in various pharmacies, providing NHS services. I run COVID and Flu vaccination clinics. I intend to study further, to work in Research and Development for a pharmaceutical company.

How did you choose this career path?

My Year 10 work experience was at a community pharmacy. I loved interacting with patients. Also, I really enjoyed Biology and Chemistry, and saw that pharmacy combined both subjects to provide patient care, making it the perfect choice for me!

What is the best thing about your job?

Having the knowledge to help patients, to protect them or even just noticing errors to prevent harm is the best feeling! Also, I'm always learning and developing skills at work, not just about medication, but essential life skills - communication, problem-solving and multi-tasking under pressure!

What advice would you give to someone interested in pursuing a similar career?

Pharmacy will open many doors with roles available also within GP or hospital settings. The skills you gain are very transferable. You can work in the pharmaceutical industry, research or academia. My main advice is to identify the path you want to follow and research the differences in the syllabus. Some universities prepare you for careers in the pharmaceutical industry, whilst others focus more on clinical pharmacy.



Careers Activities Metro Bank – Money Zone

In October a class of year 7 students were visited by staff from the Ilford branch of Metro Bank. They were introduced to financial skills and helping them to understand how money, saving and banking works.



Climate Kick Start Event

In November we were lucky to be able to take a group of year 9 students to the London Stadium, home to West Ham United, for the Climate Kick Start Event which introduced them to green careers and helped them to make informed decisions about their GCSE choices. Our students got the opportunity to take part in Virtual Reality sessions, attend workshops hosted by the CGI and Frameworks. The day concluded with our students being taken on a tour of the London Stadium where they had the opportunity to visit the players dressing rooms, the dugout and then go pitch side. Despite the rain both our students and staff had a great day.



This term the careers staff have been inviting all year 11 and 12 students to a careers meeting to discuss their post 16 and 18 options.

If your child would like to come and speak to a careers adviser then please ask them to either email:

Mrs Shepherd (Careers coordinator)
dshepherd20.317@kshs.uk or

Ms Tye (part-time SEND adviser)
mtye1.317@kshs.uk

Or call into the office on the first floor to book a meeting.

Visit **Morrisby** and share your child's careers profile; Morrisby allows them to explore different job roles, look at videos, and keep a 'favourites' list