

# FUTURE PATHS AT ST MICHAEL'S

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER: VOL 4



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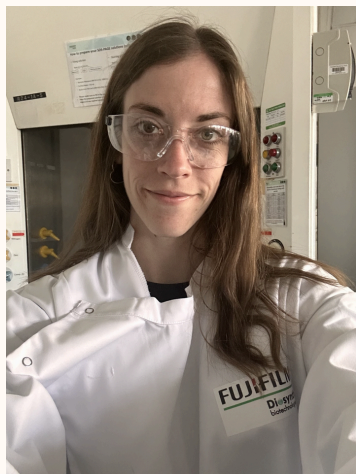


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### MEET OUR ALUMNI



**Liv's advice: Work hard, stay curious, and follow what you enjoy—you could end up changing the world!**

#### Meet Liv – From Science Student to Medicine Maker!

Liv is a proud alumna of St Michael's Catholic Academy, leaving in 2012 with a real passion for science and learning. At school, she enjoyed Biology, Chemistry, Physics, German and History.

She continued these interests at A-Level at SRC Bede, studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths, before going on to complete a Biology degree at Newcastle University and a Master's in Microbiology at University of Liverpool.

Liv began her career at Fujifilm as a research scientist, developing processes to help create new medicines. During her career, she even worked on the COVID-19 vaccine—helping to produce something that protected people all around the world.

Today, Liv is a Lead Production Technologist, helping manufacture medicines to treat a range of diseases. She loves that her job is science-based, challenging, and meaningful—she learns something new every day while helping others.

### KS4 CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



#### New York: Tech and Digital Inspiration

Students from Y11 enjoyed an exciting trip to New York, a global hub for technology careers. A highlight was visiting Nintendo New York, where they explored how gaming combines coding, design and creativity.

The trip showed how digital skills are used in real life, inspiring students to consider future careers in the fast-growing tech and gaming industries.

#### Year 10 Visit to Stockton Riverside College

Our Year 10 students recently visited Stockton Riverside College, where they explored the Health and Social Care sector and the many career pathways available after school.

Students learned about roles such as nursing, social work and care professions, and saw how college courses and apprenticeships can lead into these careers. The visit helped them understand the skills needed in this important and growing sector, inspiring them to think about their own future choices and next steps.



### POST 16 PATHWAY OF THE HALF TERM



Volunteering is a great way to start building your future. By giving your time to help others, you can develop important skills like teamwork, communication and responsibility. These experiences look fantastic on a CV and help you stand out to employers. Volunteering can also help you discover what you enjoy. This half term, Year 9 students will be learning about volunteering in HD, exploring how it can support their personal growth and future careers.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Major projects like Teesworks and other regeneration schemes are bringing new businesses and thousands of jobs to the region

# TEES VALLEY

### DID YOU KNOW?

With strong ports and transport links, jobs in warehousing, distribution and logistics are widely available.

## KS3 CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



### Exploring the Power of Languages

Year 9 students were delighted to welcome the Cambridge University Outreach team for a special session linked to Modern Foreign Languages. The visit provided an inspiring opportunity for students to explore language learning beyond the classroom and discover the exciting pathways it can open up.

### Building Skills Beyond the Classroom

Year 8 and Year 9 students recently took part in an exciting trip with Outward Bound Trust, where they stepped outside their comfort zones and into the great outdoors. Through activities like climbing, teamwork challenges and problem-solving tasks, students developed key employability skills such as leadership, communication and resilience.



They learned how to support one another, take initiative and stay positive when things felt tough. These "soft skills" are just as important as academic success and will help them in future careers. It was a fantastic experience that built confidence, independence and strong team spirit.

## COMING UP NEXT TERM

We have a very busy term lined up for careers!

- Y10 Catalyst Trip to University of Oxford
- College Discovery Days for Year 10 students
- Year 10 Work Experience (WEX) taking place
- My Big Career Interviews for Year 8 and Year 9 students
- Year 9 Branding Workshop
- The Career Challenge for Year 8 and Year 9 students

**A brilliant term ahead full of opportunities to explore future careers!**

## KEY WEBSITES

**Unifrog** – Our main careers platform for pathways, courses and apprenticeships (<https://www.unifrog.org>)

**National Careers Service** – Clear job profiles and labour market information (<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>)

**UCAS** – University courses, apprenticeships and careers advice (<https://www.ucas.com>)

**Apprenticeships** – Search and apply for live apprenticeship opportunities (<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>)