

SCHOOLS TEAM FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CAREERS

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49%

OF PARTICIPANTS
GAINED LOTS OF NEW
INFORMATION

97%

WOULD RECOMMEND TO
OTHER STUDENTS

94%

THOUGHT THE SESSIONS WERE
HELPFUL TO MAKING THEIR
CAREER DECISIONS

30%

OF PARTICIPANTS WERE MORE
ATTRACTED TO H&SC BY THE END
OF THE SESSION

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

In December the SYREC Schools Team hosted its first-ever virtual work experience. The half-day session was aimed at Level 3 students on Health & Social Care courses with 3 main objectives:

- Provide meaningful work experience hours
- Help guide future career choices for the students
- Nurture and welcome our future NHS and social care workforce

The event was in three parts. First, we showcased different aspects of nursing with the theme of 'cradle to grave' to help students recognise their preferred specialism. The second session gave insight into Allied Health Professional (AHP) roles including occupational therapists, paramedics, and radiographers - all great alternatives to a nursing career that students may not have considered previously. Sheffield Hallam University hosted the final session giving tips to students on how to make their choices including an interactive session on identifying transferable skills and making a UCAS application stand out.

Throughout the morning there was a strong emphasis on insights into each role. The sessions were hosted by real jobholders who personalised the professions and really brought the experience to life, they also introduced pre-recorded material to take students inside the care home, the ambulance, and the hospital. Service users contributed to the event to show the impact our staff makes on their lives, which was important as 70% of participants rated 'making a difference to people's lives as the most attractive reason to choose a career with us.

We had an excellent attendance with 592 students from 8 Colleges across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. The students were engaged and interacted with us throughout the event.

We think this virtual work experience was both necessary and successful as 43% of students told us they had no career 'Plan B' despite concerns over meeting the entry requirements for their desired course or job; a rather worrying statistic. However, by the end of the event, 65% of participants were confident about their career choice in H&SC compared to 51% at the start.

The nurses, midwives, and AHP's who contributed to the event are fantastically keen to repeat this in the future and we have plans to provide similar virtual work experiences for other student groups. Keep your eyes peeled for a 'Sciences in Health' series later in the year.



FREE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TEACHING RESOURCES

The pandemic is having a huge impact on the careers landscape for our young people so it's good to know that Health and Social Care is still recognised as a significant growth sector. However, with over 350 careers for your students to explore you are probably going to need our help to navigate them! Therefore we would love to invite you to download the Health and Social Care career resources that are available, free of charge, to all of our members via our website. All you have to do is sign in and help yourself.

We have Y10/Y11 resources that can be completed as either classroom or homework activities: 'You and Your Future Career in Health Care' and 'You and Your Future Career in Social Care'. These support pupils to explore a variety of careers in our sector and link their subject learning, hobbies, and interests to a career. The resources encourage pupils to take a deeper look at the role they are interested in including entry points, role descriptions, annual salary, and career progression opportunities.

For Y8 and Y9 pupils, we have a further two classroom activities, each of which can be completed within a 55-minute lesson and are designed for whole-class participation. They are: 'Introduction to the Variety of Careers in Health and Social Care' and 'Challenging Gender Stereotypes'.

Go to: <https://www.syrexcellencecentre.co.uk/become-member>

The learning supports Gatsby Benchmarks 2 & 4 and resources can be adapted to suit other learners. Don't forget if you are a partner school, or would like to be one, we can support live Q&A sessions for pupils, in support of Benchmark 5.

STEP INTO THE NHS

STEP INTO THE NHS DEADLINE: 30 APRIL 2021!

The Step into the NHS competition deadline is fast approaching, so don't forget to send your entries in as soon as possible!

For more information and to send your entry please visit:

<https://www.stepintothenshs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools/KS3-competition>

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SCIENCES IN HEALTH VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Coming Soon! The Schools Team for Health and Social Care Careers are pleased to share the news that the next series of virtual work experience, Sciences in Health, will be launching later this year. The session will cover:

- Physiological Sciences
- Genetics & Bioinformatics
- Labs & Life Sciences
- Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering
- Pathways into Healthcare Sciences

Look out for your invitation this May.

CAREERS TO CURRICULUM SUBJECT FINDER

You asked us to help pupils find out where a particular curriculum subject could lead them in their career. We are now proud to announce the launch of the Careers to Curriculum Subject Finder for Health and Social Care.

Pupils can now look up the subjects they have an interest in and by clicking the link find out the different careers that a particular subject can lead to. The transferable skills you will learn in most subjects sets you up for countless careers. The purpose of this tool is solely to give you an idea of some of the careers you can undertake, this is not an exhaustive list so even if you don't see a particular career under a specific subject, don't think that it is off limits!

You can access the tool here:

<https://www.syrexcellencecentre.co.uk/young-people/careers-curriculum-sub>