

Inspiring Muswell Hill 2017

This series of Friday assemblies are a chance for the children at Muswell Hill Primary School to meet some members of the community. Each Friday this half term the children are due to meet local people.

The purpose of these assemblies is for the children to:

- 1) See what life is like beyond our school - perhaps hear about life at secondary school or in the world of work.**
- 2) Listen carefully and think of great questions.**
- 3) Understand what great opportunities there are and think about what they may aspire to achieve.**
- 4) What are the key skills needed at school and beyond.**

We are really looking forward to meeting local people from our community and hearing what life is like for them in their day-to-day lives.



Meet Polly - An ex-pupil who came to MHPS and then went to Fortismere and is now a film producer.

An introduction to Polly.

I went to Muswell Hill primary school many many years ago before then going to Creighton (which is now called Fortismere) and then university. I now run a small independent production company called Hillbilly that specialises in drama for film and television. Being 'small' means there are 5 people in my company (myself, my business partner Kate, a Head of Development, a Development Editor and a Team Assistant). Being 'independent' means that we own the company ourselves and don't have bosses above us or a bigger company investing in us. Being a 'production company' means that we think of ideas, work on them with writers, pitch them to the main TV channels, who will hopefully like them, hopefully invest in them and hopefully, somewhere down the line, 'greenlight' them so we get to make the shows. That's the fun bit when you get to choose the director, cast and crew. Some of the shows that Hillbilly has made are 'Loaded' for Channel 4, 'The Level' for ITV and a one-off drama called 'Random' which won us a BAFTA.

Polly felt the key skills needed at her work are:

- 1) People skills: Polly said that it is her job to work closely with lots of different people with different ideas to get a really great film or TV piece completed.
- 2) Patience: Polly said that she has to be patient with people and listen to lots of ideas.
- 3) Comprehending and being creative: Polly watching a lot of TV and reads lots of books so that she can get ideas, talk about them and make great television and film. In order to be able to do that Polly needs to be able to understand what she is watching and reading.

Meet Lara and Maya - An ex-pupils who go to Fortismere secondary school.

An introduction to Lara and Maya.

Lara and Maya went to MHPS from Reception to Year 6 leaving us in 2014 and 2015. Lara is now in Year 10 and Maya is in Year 9.

Lara and Maya felt the key skills needed at secondary school were:

- 1) Being friendly: both Lara and Maya said that if you're friendly people will reciprocate. They said that there's nothing to be nervous about - there's lots of opportunity to make friends.
- 2) Being organised: you need to know where you're going and to organise your diary for the next day!
- 3) 'Rolling with it' - if things aren't perfect then you've got to try again.

Meet Adam - An Anaesthetist

An introduction to Adam. Please watch the video for an introduction to Adam. Please [click here](#).

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Adam felt the key skills needed in his job were:

- 1) Communication - he needed to be able to work well with others to make sure that things went well.
- 2) Problem Solving - Adam said that while most days were great days it is important that if things don't go perfectly you work hard to solve the problem and work together.
- 3) Organisation - Adam said that he has to be organised.

Meet Jo - An ex-pupil who goes to APS secondary school

An introduction to Jo.

Jo went to MHPS from Reception to Year 6 leaving us in 2015. Jo is now 13 years old and attends Alexandra Park School [APS].

Jo felt the key skills needed at secondary school were:

- 1) Resilience - Jo loves secondary school but said that if things don't go perfectly it's important to try, try, try again and be resilient within yourself.
- 2) Kindness - Jo talked about how if you are kind to others they will be kind back. Jo talked of how positive it is to have so many opportunities to make friends.
- 3) Organisation - Jo said the biggest difference between MHPS and APS is that you need to be really organised.