

The Department of Careers is responsible for introducing the concept of the world of work across the school. Careers and Work Related Experience (CWRE) was included as a cross-cutting element across the new Curriculum for Wales, applicable for learners from the ages of 3 to 16.

It was interesting to discover which careers the pupils of the department were aware of: sixty-one before we ran out of recording space! Learners recognised that this list was not exhaustive and that there were many more careers of which they had no knowledge.

The Department have explored why people follow chosen careers paths and it was felt that interest and skills influenced people's choices. Members of the Department worked collaboratively to match job descriptions, skills and qualities for a given set of careers.

Initial plans are to question the pupils in school and their parents and carers about jobs they might like to do and careers they are involved in – perhaps with a view to sharing first-hand information about careers learners are interested in. The Department would also like to visit a Careers Centre, research jobs and make information posters, 'Book Creators' or plan an assembly for their peers to share information about the world of work.

