

## Exploring Careers in the NHS: Inspiring Our Students



Last week our students were given an exciting insight into the wide range of careers available within the NHS. Representatives from the NHS visited the school to speak with students in Years 7 and 8, followed by separate sessions for Years 10 and 11, highlighting the incredible diversity of opportunities across the health service.

During the talks, students learned that the NHS offers over **350 different careers**, far beyond the well-known roles of doctors and nurses. The presenters spoke about careers in areas such as healthcare science, mental health services, administration, digital technology, estates and facilities, allied health professions, and research. Students were encouraged to think about how a wide variety of skills and interests — from science and communication to IT and problem-solving — can lead to a rewarding career within the NHS. The sessions also focused on different routes into NHS careers, including apprenticeships, college courses, university pathways, and on-the-job training, helping students to see that there is a place for everyone.

Building on this inspiration, on Tuesday 16th December, our Year 12 Health and Social Care students visited Amersham Hospital to attend a workshop at the hospital's Education Centre. This visit gave students valuable hands-on experience and a real insight into working in a healthcare environment.

During the day, students:

- Took part in scenario-based training in the hospital's simulation suite, allowing them to practise responding to realistic healthcare situations
- Enjoyed a guided tour of the hospital, learning about different departments and how they work together
- Participated in an interactive workshop led by healthcare professionals, where they could ask questions and learn directly from those working in the NHS

The visit was an excellent opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of health and social care careers and to see first-hand how classroom learning connects to real-world practice