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What Career are you in, and what sort of things does this entail?

I am a Wildlife Assistant at RSPCA Stapeley Grange Wildlife Hospital. My duties include the daily care of our animals such as cleaning, feeding, medicating, also triaging new patients, all in the hope to release the animals back to the wild.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

I always enjoyed Biology class, which lead me to go to University and study Biology at MMU. I also always wanted to work with animals so this job was ideal for me!

What advice would you give to anyone interested in working in your career area?

Plenty of voluntary work is essential to show your passion and enthusiasm, animal work is very competitive so they need to see who is committed. It's not all glamorous and cuddling animals, lots of dirty and physical work is vital.

What do you know now, that you wish you'd known when you were leaving Malbank?

Going to university is not the be all and end all, it does not cater for all needs and abilities whereas an apprenticeship could be beneficial to the individual to find out what area of work they enjoy/don't enjoy.

If you would like to get in touch with Matt to find out more about careers like this, please contact Mr Batty in the Sixth Form Office, or via Teams