

THIS WEEK'S STAFF MEMBER CAREER HISTORY (19TH – 25TH OCT. 2020)

FOCUS ON: MRS KELLY

What job did you want to do when you were in primary school? **Air Hostess** (now referred to as **Flight Attendants** as *hostess* or *stewardess* is considered a derogatory term toward their profession and even their personal virtue and airlines switched to a more gender-neutral job title)

A flight attendant is a member of an aircrew employed by airlines aboard commercial flights, primarily to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers. Air cabin crew with experience can expect to earn a base rate of £15,000 to £18,000 a year. Base pay at senior cabin crew level, which can be reached after a few years, is around £20,000. You can add an hourly flight rate, inflight commission on sales and performance bonuses to your base rate.

Qualifications required:

- You will need to be over the age of 18 to become a member of air cabin crew.
- The ability to speak a second language is highly desirable.
- Airlines will usually require a good standard of education, including GCSEs (grades 4-9) in maths and English, or equivalent qualifications.
- You could do a college course like a Level 2 Certificate in Air Cabin Crew, or study a cabin crew module as part of a broader travel and tourism course.

Skills and knowledge

- customer service skills for working with passengers
- excellent verbal communication skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to enjoy working with other people
- knowledge of public safety and security
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- sensitivity and understanding for dealing with customers' needs
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer

Restrictions and requirements

- have a good level of fitness
- pass a medical check
- pass enhanced background checks
- have a smart appearance
- have a valid passport
- live within 90 minutes of your base

Many airlines also ask that you're able to swim up to 25 metres. There are rules about height and weight - these vary between airlines. As a general guide, most look for people between 5ft 2in and 6ft 2in with weight in proportion to height.

What job did you have in mind when you took your options? **Social Worker**

A social worker works with people to find solutions to their problems. This may be helping to protect vulnerable people from harm or abuse or supporting people to live independently. They work with clients, their families and others around them and with different groups including:

- the elderly
- children with disabilities
- teenagers with mental health problems

- young offenders
- adults with learning disabilities, mental health problems or physical disabilities
- people with alcohol, drug or other substance misuse problems
- refugees and asylum seekers
- families at risk of breaking down
- children who need to live apart from their families
- foster carers and adopters
- children who are at risk of abuse or neglect
- carers

Some social workers specialise in a particular client group. They may be based in a hospital or healthcare centre or in an office elsewhere, sometimes with a team of other social workers. Wherever they're based, they spend a lot of time visiting clients. As a newly qualified social worker you would earn a salary of between **£25,000** and **£34,000**, depending on the local authority and location. Social workers for the NHS typically start on Band 6 of the NHS pay scale, which ranges from **£31,365** to **£37,890**.

Qualifications required:

To practise as a social worker, you must be registered with Social Work England. You first need to successfully complete an approved degree or postgraduate programme in social work. Courses take three or four years full time. A degree apprenticeship in social work has also been approved. To get onto a degree apprenticeship, you will need to apply for an apprentice position with a health care provider. You will usually need level 3 qualifications to get onto a degree apprenticeship.

To get onto a social work degree course you usually need two or three A levels, along with five GCSEs (grades 4-9), including English and maths.

Or you could have alternative qualifications, including:

- BTEC, HND or HNC

- relevant NVQ
- health- or social care-based access course

Degree Courses differ but all include:

- law as it applies to social work
- ethics and values
- assessments and interventions
- mental health, disability and other issues
- practical work with clients and placements in social work settings

Current job: English teacher, second in English, Head of House (Apollo), Head of Y9 (B & V) and Y8.

A teacher is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence or virtue, especially a person who teaches in a school. As a newly qualified teacher, you'll begin on a salary of at least £24,373.

A teacher who is “second” in a department contributes to the professional leadership and management of that department, working closely with and under the direction of the head of that department.

A head of house / year is responsible for the pastoral care of the students in a particular group. The form tutors of the students in the group will be under the direction of the head of that group. They may make decisions regarding the content of the tutor time, the delivery of PSHE and the running of assemblies.

With these additional responsibilities comes additional pay.

Qualifications required:

- At least a GCSE grade 4 or equivalent in English and maths. If you want to teach primary or early years you will

also need a GCSE grade 4 or equivalent in a science subject.

- A degree (or equivalent) of a 2:2 or above. If you want to teach at secondary or post-compulsory level, your degree should be in, or relevant to, the subject you want to teach.

Previous jobs: **Barmaid / bingo caller / office junior / Tax Officer**