

THIS WEEK'S STAFF MEMBER CAREER HISTORY (7TH – 13TH DEC. 2020)

FOCUS ON: MRS TURNEY

What job did you want to do when you were in primary school? **Pathologist**

Pathologists are doctors who diagnose disease by examining cells and tissue samples, and sometimes through performing autopsies.

Qualifications required:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry
- 5-year degree in medicine, recognised by the [General Medical Council](#)
- 2-year general training foundation course
- 5 or 6-year specialist training programme in pathology

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

A veterinarian (vet), also known as a veterinary surgeon, is a professional who practices veterinary medicine by treating diseases, disorders, and injuries in non-human animals. Vets also work in research, public health, the government, the military, and in sports like horse and greyhound racing. They work for animal charities, in the zoo and the wildlife sector, plus many more. Starting salaries for newly-qualified vets are generally around £30,500 to £35,500. With further training and experience, your salary can rise to approximately £40,000 to £70,000. Vets working in large animal practices tend to earn more than those working with smaller animals.

Qualifications required:

To work as a vet, you need to study for a degree in Veterinary Medicine or Veterinary Sciences. To enrol on a degree course, you'll generally need five GCSEs (4 - 9), three A-levels, (including chemistry and biology, physics or maths) and some experience of working with animals, e.g. at a farm or veterinary surgery.

All vets operating in the UK must be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). To become a member, you must complete a five-year course at the vet schools of one of the following universities: Bristol, Cambridge (six years), Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, London (the Royal Veterinary College), Surrey or Nottingham.

Current job: **Teacher of ICT and Business Studies**

A teacher is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence or virtue, especially a person who teaches in a school.

Qualifications required:

- At least a GCSE grade C/4 or equivalent in English and maths. If you want to teach primary or early years you will also need a GCSE grade C/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: Lifeguard, fast food (manager), catering (cook), cleaner, delivery driver (autoparts), factory work, charity fundraiser, yellow pages delivery, Kleeneze salesperson, newspaper subscription sales, postwoman, full time Mum