



S5&6 students met Simon Hart and Jen White from the Puppet Animation and Manipulate Festivals, who visited Broughton yesterday as part of our Employability week. Simon and Jen gave their time to share their personal career journeys and give students an insight into the work of their organisation, which produces two arts festivals each year.

Simon is an ex Broughton pupil (from the 70's) and has a wide ranging career history, which began in theatre as a professional singer and actor. He now leads an organisation that works nationally and internationally to develop and produce arts events for children and adult audiences in a wide range of venues across Scotland.

<http://puppetanimationfestival.org/>

<http://manipulatefestival.org/>

This session provided insight for students about the following professional industries and roles:

- Professional Arts development
- Festival Producing & programming a wide range of visual theatre work
- Venue management
- Creative Industries Theatre practice - including working with a wide range of artists (composers, designers, performers etc)
- Film & Animation
- Marketing



What the students said:

*It was really useful because Simon and Jen explained how they got to where they are now. I liked the creativity of their festivals and think their work is really interesting. It was a great presentation.*

**Jamie, S6**

*It was helpful to hear the advice about building up your CV in many ways, including the full range of your experiences and skills, and taking every opportunity that you can to develop experience and contacts.*

**Eve, S6**

*It taught me about freelance working as an option and gave me ideas for the future. It also showed me that there are many paths to get to where you want to go.*

**Harmony, S6**