

On Tuesday 17th March 2009, Jane took a few hours out of her busy day to talk to the students of Tewkesbury and Stroud school about her job. Jane is the director of a company called "cube_design", an architecture design company who have created many sustainable buildings in our area and around the country such as the McLaren headquarters and many school builds such as Rednocks and Cleeve school.

The talk gave us an interesting insight to Jane's company and some of the process of designing a building from the art element to 3D design and the construction process. In Jane's presentation she also introduced us to the qualifications and the educational route required to get into the architecture business such as the required 7 years in university and 1 year work experience.

After the presentation the students of Tewkesbury and Stroud schools were open to ask questions. These included questions from "*what courses did you take at university to get where you are now*" to the classic "*how much do you get paid*". We all found the presentation a really good insight into architecture and sustainable design in buildings, and offered great advice for those who were interested in becoming architects themselves. It was also interesting for us to see some of the concept designs they had for our own school and some plans for the future of Tewkesbury school, which we were told that by the time they made a start, we would be long gone as a typical project from design to completion is about 3 years.

Jane also showed us in the presentation some of the things they do to make a building more sustainable, such as roof gardens, underground rain water storage, and solar panels. There are a few measures that our own school have already taken to help make our own school more sustainable such as the reuse of rain water in the science

block and the wind turbine which is ready to go up once Mr. Tyler finds all the parts!

We all agreed that we thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and many students are now looking further into a career into architecture.



Jane giving her inspirational presentation