

CAREERS UPDATE

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CAREERS THIS TERM

Welcome to the 2026-27 Wrotham School Careers Programme!

Here are some key pieces of advice and information for you and your families, but remember to email me with any questions (my email is below!)

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Student Voice in Term 1: all students will have a session to complete the national careers readiness survey (the Future Skills Questionnaire). We want to find out about your aspirations and what you do/don't know about your future options.



This term in progress time careers sessions:

- Year 7 will be focusing on their self-awareness of their skills and strengths, and learn all about what Careers Education looks like at Wrotham School.
- Year 8 will learn about how important equality and diversity protections are in the workplace.
- Year 9 will have the chance to talk to a STEM ambassador.
- Year 10 will develop their careers vocabulary so that they can learn all about post-16 options this year.
- Year 11 will be preparing for upcoming open events and making applications in the run up to Christmas.
- Year 12 are exploring their strengths, skills and interests, and understanding how to identify their goals for the sixth form.
- Year 13 will be setting their personalised application timelines so that they can apply for university, apprenticeships and the world of work this year.



Please email me if you have any questions
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CAREERS ADVICE

Year 13 students were given a guide to help them get ahead this summer - how far did you get? Anything still on your 'to do' list?

Whether you are looking at university, apprenticeships, employment, further training (or planning to apply to more than one of those options), **this guide is for you!**

[Click here for your plan and timeline.](#)

[Click here for audio.](#)

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Our guide for parents/carers of Year 11 students sent home last term, but if you missed that and would like to read/listen, here are your links.

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All ages: National Coding Week takes place from 16th - 23rd September, it aims to help adults and children learn and share their digital skills. There are many benefits of learning to code. It's a useful and important skill for the future.

All ages: Coding is the process of translating instructions into a language computers and machines can understand and execute. Programmers write code, which allows websites and apps to operate. For anyone interested in a career in coding, learning more about the types of jobs available may help them find a role that suits their individual skills and qualifications. In this article, you can read about nine types of coding jobs, along with average salaries, primary duties and required skills.

All ages: Different coding languages can be difficult to understand. From popular ones like Python, JavaScript, and Java to powerful low-level languages like C and C++, plus web essentials like HTML/CSS, modern innovations like Rust, and database languages like SQL, this video breaks them all down quickly and simply. Here are a few places where you can complete free online coding courses:

- Brilliant.org: Interactive problem solving that's effective and fun. Master concepts in Python, programming, algorithms, and beyond.
- freeCodeCamp: Offers hands-on, project-based certifications covering responsive web design, JavaScript algorithms, and Python fundamentals.
- Codecademy: Provides free introductory interactive courses for programming languages like Python, SQL, and HTML/CSS.
- School of Code: A highly popular, fully remote, 100% free coding bootcamp open to anyone in the UK. It takes you from a complete beginner to a job-ready software engineer through collaborative, real-world project work.
- Code First Girls: Dedicated to women and non-binary individuals in the UK. They offer free online "MOOCs" and intensive coding courses covering web development, Python, and data science, often connected to hired employment placements

Year 10-13: This forbes article, entitled "Programming In The Age Of AI: Why Code Still Matters" outlines why it is so important for us (humans!) to learn and understand code.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Software
Developer

A software developer designs, builds, tests, and maintains computer programs and applications to solve user and business needs.

Writing code is a major part of the job, but a developer's work covers the entire life cycle of a project. This can include designing systems, debugging, updating software and working as part of a team to overcome challenges.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Here are the top five best paid roles that involve coding in the UK. This shows their average salary.

Chief Technology Officer (CTO) - £110,000
Software Architect - £92,000
Machine Learning / AI Engineer - £84,000
DevOps / Platform Engineer - £78,000
Data Engineer - £73,000
Source

If you join any of these, please email me to have it added to your career records ahollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk

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Year 9-13: The government has committed a further £9 million to Discover Creative Careers, DCMS's flagship programme connecting young people with creative careers & this time delivered by a fresh collective (Futures For All, Creative UK and Creative Access). The funding targets 11-24 year olds from under-represented backgrounds and underserved regions. Head to their [website](#) to learn more about how they can support you.



Year 11-13: Young Professionals are hosting a free online insight evening: 'Get into STEM'. If you are considering engineering, energy, technology or consulting, sign up! You'll hear directly from EDF, NESO, Arm and PA Consulting about work experience, in-person events at their offices and apprenticeship opportunities. Thursday 17th September 5-7pm. [Click here to register.](#)



Year 9-13: Advertising is a dynamic industry that uses creative storytelling to inspire and influence how we think, behave, and consume. Over 600,000 people are employed directly in the advertising and marketing industry in the UK, across agencies and in-house marketing teams. And these jobs are spread right around the UK, with 60% of industry employment based outside of London. [Check out these career simulations](#) to learn more about what it's like to work in the advertising industry.



Year 13: The [Solent University 52 Weeks to Go](#) guide is a step-by-step countdown program designed to help prospective students prepare for university life over the course of a year. It will help you with future planning, including exploring career goals, lifestyle choices, and deciding if university is right for you.



All ages: Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With over 700 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career. Explore [these resources](#) to discover everything you need to know about apprenticeships.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At [JPMorganChase](#), we drive innovation and gain valuable skills for the future with opportunities catered to students and graduates interested in pursuing a tech career.

Our slogan is "Make dreams possible for everyone, everywhere, every day"

You'll find a variety of career paths and opportunities to learn and grow. We're committed to supporting our employees and helping them succeed every step of the way."

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

The University of Glasgow, founded in 1451, is one of the UK's oldest universities and a member of the Russell Group. Located in Glasgow, Scotland, it offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

It is known for excellent research, historic architecture, diverse students and a vibrant student experience.

You can learn more about [University of Glasgow here](#).

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