

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES

National Apprenticeship Week 2026: 9 – 15 FEBRUARY 2026. This is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.



As students, you can participate in NAW 2026 by taking part in online events, completing activities and focusing on expanding your knowledge and understanding of apprenticeships. Here are some events that you may want to take part in. If there are any events you think sound interesting but you cannot make the time, sign up anyway and in most circumstances, the recording will be shared with you.



[Join KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar!](#) | 05/02/2026 - 16:00 - 17:00

“In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG, one of the ‘big four’ finance companies. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset.”



Sixth Form: Nestlé Academy Lunch and Learn | 04/02/2026 - 12:30 - 13:00 “Join our Nestlé Careers virtual webinar to hear directly from the Early Talent team. Discover how Nestlé supports students through apprenticeships and graduate programs, helping you build valuable skills, find purpose, and access a wide range of future career opportunities.”



[Skillsfest LIVE by Lloyds Banking Group](#) | 07/02/2026 - 10:00 - 16:00

“Join us for Skillsfest LIVE - our virtual skillsfest welcoming students from across the UK to join us for skillsbuilding, job simulations & more.”



[Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint](#) | 09/02/2026 - 13/02/2026

“Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint is a free, five-day activity featuring challenges to help you use AI tools as your productivity partner. Delivered straight to your inbox, the sprint's activities are bite-sized, a maximum of 15 minutes, and designed for flexibility, allowing you to complete them at your own pace throughout the week with no daily commitment.”

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



Teacher

A Teacher is a professional who educates others, helping students acquire knowledge, skills, and virtues by planning lessons, delivering instruction, assessing progress, and fostering personal growth, acting as a mentor, role model, and guide within educational settings like schools or online platforms.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2024/25, there were 353,500 apprenticeship starts in England and 761,500 people were participating in an apprenticeship. The proportion of learners with a learning difficulty or disability has increased from 11.2% to 16.1%. The proportion of learners who are BAME has also increased, from 12.8% to 19.2%.

[Source](#)

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If online events aren't really your thing, why not try out some of these short daily tasks? They do not require any individual IT access or worksheets, each activity meets the National Apprenticeship Week 2026 daily theme and introduces you to new websites and resources.

 Sixth Form: OuterCircle have an online community for Aspiring Apprentices, it aims to help you: Find your direction – discover industries and roles that match your interests. Get apprenticeship-ready – access mock interviews, application tips, and readiness workshops. Learn from real apprentices – get guidance and mentorship from those already in your dream field. Join events for school-leavers – connect directly with employers and training providers.

 Higher and Degree apprenticeships are those you usually apply for at 18 years old. The new and updated listing goes live on Tuesday 27th January with over 1200 vacancies across the country. [Click here to find the list when it opens.](#)

 EDF apprenticeships open on Monday 26th January from nuclear engineering to HR, to chemistry, and business administration. For vacancies, [click here](#). A recorded webinar with an introduction to EDF is here for all ages, and (for those aged 14+), a virtual work experience opportunity here.

Events not related to National Apprenticeship Week

 Kent Police are running a recruitment event specifically for women and girls interested in joining in either a Police Officer or Staff role. The event will be linked to International Women's Day on 6th March 5-6:30pm at the Police College in Maidstone. [Register here](#).

 The University of Hertfordshire are running an online session: 'Year 11: making the right choices for you post-16' on Thursday 29th January at 4:30-5:15pm. [Click here to join](#).

 Swansea University's virtual Masterclass sessions will open soon for 20th-23rd April for Year 12 students. If you're not sure what to study, the series will give you a taster of different subjects. Last year's recordings are available on-demand now and open to Year 11 or 12.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Whether you're excited about customer service, logistics, data analysis, or leading teams, we have an apprenticeship to ignite your potential."

You can learn more about [John Lewis Partnership Apprenticeships here](#) and watch their [NAW2026 video here](#) to see what they're ranked so highly in the apprenticeship employers league table!

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

The University of East London was named the Best University for Apprenticeships in 2025 by Apprenticeship Guide Awards. "At UEL, we believe anyone with the drive to succeed should have the opportunity to transform their life through education, no matter their background."

You can read more about the University of East London here.

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CAREERS THIS WEEK

This section of the newsletter is all about what's going on in school - what we've been doing and what's coming up! This is what we're up to over the next week.



Year 8 will continue in computer rooms this week, so that the remaining students can set up their Morrisby accounts. They will complete a short questionnaire that teaches Morrisby a little about their interests so that the platform can be personalised for them. This is the platform they'll use to register their work placements as well.

Year 8 and Year 9 will be covering equality and equity laws in progress time this week. It's part of the PSHE programme that links directly with their rights at work and their responsibilities in the workplace.



Years 8, 9 and 10 have all had information about their work placement days now. If anyone is struggling to log in to Morrisby to let us know the information, please check the guide on page 4 and email Mrs Hollinshead with any questions.

Parent/carer video guide [for Year 8 click here](#).
 Parent/carer video guide [for Year 9 click here](#).
 Parent/carer video guide [for Year 10 click here](#).

Year 10 continue to explore different types of work experience (like volunteering, virtual opportunities, part time work etc) and how they can boost their employability skills. **Year 11** have their last whole-class sessions to work on Kent Choices and look at virtual work experience - support will be targeted to those who need it from next week.



If you have any questions or need support, please email
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CAREERS ADVICE

Ambitious About Autism is a charity that trains employers so that autistic people are supported in their role every step of the way - from guidance in the interview process to on-the-job training.

To be clear: autistic people are protected by the Equality Act 2010 and can apply for any job or apprenticeship role or university course.

Keep an eye on their '[opportunities](#)' page for webinars, job roles and more focused on 18-25 year old autistic people.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

[National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding apprenticeships](#) |

09/02/2026 - 18:30 - 19:30 A special parent and carer webinar to help you feel confident supporting young people.

[Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#)
 A guide designed to help you explore apprenticeships and the support services available to you.

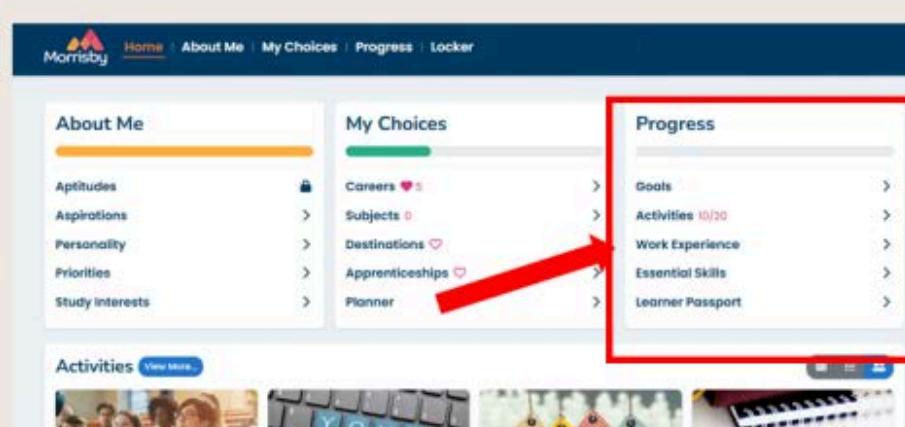
HOW TO ACCESS THE WORK EXPERIENCE PORTAL

Through the online portal:

1. Students log in to Morrisby using their normal login details.
 - a. Their username is their school email address e.g. 23Hollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk
 - b. They set their own password in school
2. From the home screen, they go to 'Progress' and then 'Work Experience'.
3. Instructions should be fairly self-explanatory once you're on the platform.

Telling us about your placement

- You'll register for Morrisby with your progress tutor.
- This is the platform where all of your careers activities are recorded with lots of excellent tools to help.
- You'll go to 'Work Experience' under 'Progress'



Click here to enter the details.

If you want to collect the info from them before you sit down and enter it online, then there's a form you can print to give to them.

