

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

 **Sixth form:** Join Pathway Group during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 to discover more about the fantastic world of apprenticeships! This FREE online careers fair will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! With top companies and learning providers promoting their career opportunities, the event is the perfect place to get inspired and meet your next potential employer. Each day from 12pm - 2pm on Mon 9th - Fri 13th Feb



Half term: Capgemini are running a Virtual Insight Session for Years 9+ on Tues 17th Feb from 12pm - 2pm. You will explore future pathways in technology, consulting, and digital transformation through meaningful employer encounters aligned with Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 4, and 5, where students engage with Capgemini professionals, build commercial awareness and problem-solving skills, and gain insight into career pathways, apprenticeships, and company culture.



Young Professionals is hosting an online talk with workshops - it's focussed on careers in business, finance and accounting and for students in Year 11 and sixth form. A range of global companies will be there, including KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, RSM, CIMA and Fidelity. It's on Thursday 12th February 5-6.30pm. [Click here to register](#).



The worlds of learning, education, careers and work are full of terminology, abbreviations, phrases and words that can be difficult to decipher. In this Jargon Buster, you'll find some examples of commonly used words and phrases that you'll see on various websites, with a clear explanation of what they mean.

Get Career Confident has brought together a list of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people including a range of trades (e.g. carpentry, hair and beauty) along with cyber, law and more. You never know - one may lead to a face to face experience and even a job in the future! We recommend you first read this so you can be fully prepared for any virtual work experience you access.

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



[Architect](#)

An architect is a trained, licensed professional who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of buildings and structures, blending creativity with technical, scientific, and structural knowledge. They translate client requirements into functional, safe, and aesthetic spaces.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Awareness of ChatGPT and its capabilities among students has grown to 96% over the past year, with many using it to assist with coursework and increasingly, job applications and assessments.

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The Academy of Real Assets' Annual Creative Competition happens each academic year. It's designed to inspire students across the UK to think creatively about real estate, real assets, the built environment, and the future of our communities. This year, they're asking you to respond to the prompt: "My Favourite Building..." Whether it's a famous landmark, a holiday memory, or a hidden gem in your neighbourhood, tell us why it's special to you. The format is up to you; you can write an essay or poem of up to 800 words, film a one-minute video, design a piece of artwork or capture an image. Winning entries will be featured in a beautifully designed hardback book, distributed to schools, employers, and universities across the UK. [Submit your entry here](#) by 27th March 2026.

If you're interested in the field of architecture but not sure where to start, explore the different pathways to qualifying as an architect and the role RIBA plays in architectural education. You can [read more here](#) and [watch a video on this topic here](#).

Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not [use this webpage](#) to learn more about various career options.

Have you ever wondered how speaking different languages may help you in your career? [Check out this video series](#) which shows different people in different job roles explaining how their language skills have been useful in their role.

Work experience is an important feature of any strong university application. But did you know that for certain degree courses,, it's an essential entry requirement? Learn which courses require you to have [completed work experience here](#).

In person and for Year 7-13: The North Kent Apprenticeship event is Thursday 12th February 4-6pm at the Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy in Dartford. Talk to local and national employers about this option that you might take, network and more. [Click here to register.](#)

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Foster + Partners welcomes designers, innovators, makers and pioneering trailblazers to join the practice. We want to work with the best talent from across the industry and develop our people to grow within our practice. With people from diverse backgrounds, we nurture innovation and flexibility to deliver extraordinary projects." You can [read more about careers at Foster + Partners here](#).

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

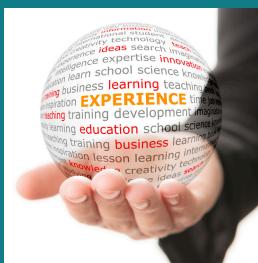
"We are globally celebrated for our research, development and innovation, providing students with exceptional teaching for over 400 years. We encourage our people to push the frontiers of knowledge today, helps ensure we make a positive sustainable mark on the world tomorrow."

You can [read more about the University of Edinburgh 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.

To mark the start of LGBTQ+ History Month, students across different year groups will explore how employers support diverse communities in the workplace, focusing on the LGBTQ+ community. They will learn about an inspirational figure from British LGBTQ+ history, before examining examples from the Stonewall Top 20 Employers and their support schemes. Students will also be reminded that many employers have workplace support groups and initiatives to help people feel heard and supported.



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 12 are making great progress with applying for and confirming work experience placements for June/July. 1 in 10 are already confirmed! Others are meeting with Mrs Hollinshead. **Year 13** university offers are rolling in and students are getting advice on how to make their final selections. Those applying for apprenticeships are getting support with CVs, prep for interviews and more. If you want help, please book!

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

12th March, Yr 9-13
 Each week, click on the images to see the exhibitors' careers pages.



The British Army
 - apprenticeships
 and careers



Cripps
 Solicitors -
 careers in
 law



Five Acre Woods
 School - careers
 in SEND
 education



University
 degrees in a
 wide range
 of subjects

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.

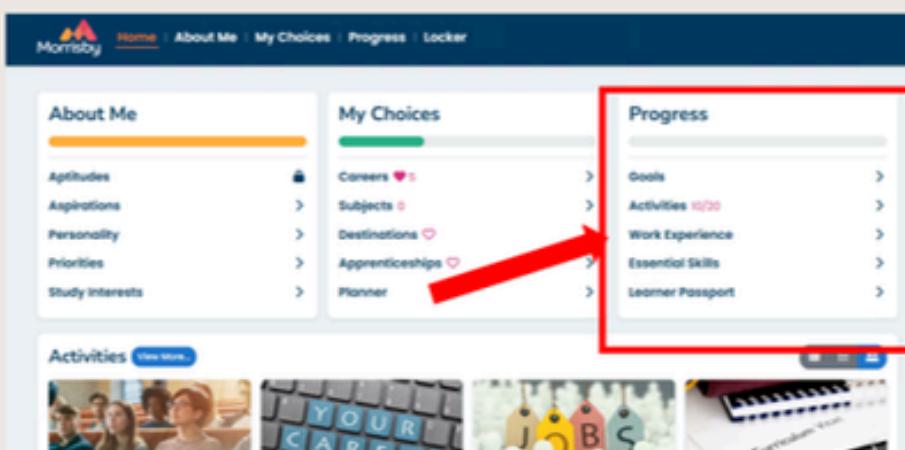
HOW TO ACCESS THE WORK EXPERIENCE PORTAL

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'

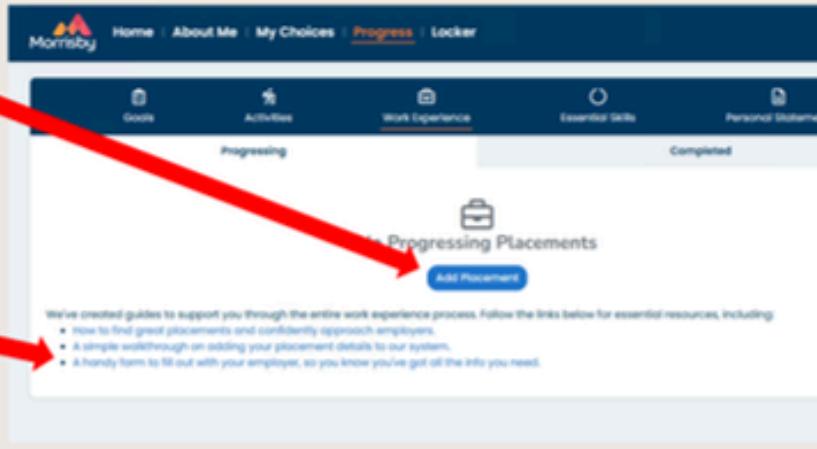


The image shows the Morrisby platform's home screen. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, About Me, My Choices, Progress, and Locker. Below this is a main content area with three sections: 'About Me' (with tabs for Aptitudes, Aspirations, Personality, Priorities, and Study Interests), 'My Choices' (with tabs for Careers, Subjects, Destinations, and Apprenticeships), and 'Progress' (with tabs for Goals, Activities, Work Experience, Essential Skills, and Learner Passport). A red arrow points from the text 'You'll go to "Work Experience" under "Progress"' to the 'Work Experience' tab in the 'Progress' section.

Entering WEX

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.



The image shows the Morrisby platform's 'Progress' screen with the 'Work Experience' tab selected. The main area is titled 'Progressing' and shows a 'Progressing Placements' section with a 'Add Placement' button. A red arrow points from the text 'a form you can print to give to them.' to the 'Add Placement' button.