

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

IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!



Meet David from South London, he moved to the UK from Romania at the age of eight and did not speak English when he arrived. David successfully secured a Level 4 project management apprenticeship with Jellyfish. [In this video](#), David talks about why he chose an apprenticeship, what his job involves, and why school is about more than just academic knowledge.



Sixth form (and keen Year 11s) Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the Jan 2026 edition of the [Higher & Degree Vacancy listing](#). Discover vacancies from 65+ employers, including vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links.



[All About T Levels](#) | Thurs 26th Feb - 6-7pm | On this call we'll tell you how T levels work, how we at Lloyds support students with extended work experience and you'll hear from apprentices at Lloyds joining us through the T level route.



The BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) is looking for members of their Youth Panel! Teens (aged 12-15) and Young Adults (16-21) can attend exclusive cinema screenings of new films, meet people from across the UK film industry and help shape the future of BBFC Age Ratings. Travel costs to London are paid for. You have to apply - [more information if you click here](#).



If you're in Year 11 or 12, here's a half term opportunity to get some live online work experience with a solicitor's firm and find out more about solicitor apprenticeships. Thurs 19th Feb, 10am-3pm on Zoom. And a certificate for your CV! [Register now to make sure you get a space!](#)

Year 10-13: The Outer Circle are hosting an online webinar tonight (Mon 9th Feb) 6-7:30pm. Hear directly from 12 current apprentices from tech, finance, law, engineering, marketing and more. They have higher and degree apprenticeships at KPMG, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Google, Unilever and more. [Click here!](#)

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



[Forensic
Linguist](#)

A forensic linguist is a language expert who applies linguistic knowledge to legal contexts, acting as a detective to analyse written or spoken evidence. They investigate cases by examining idiolect (unique writing style), authorship of threats or notes, and contractual language, working with law enforcement and legal teams to uncover the truth.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

As employers 'top up' the salary of an apprentice beyond National Minimum Wage, the average apprentice salary in the United Kingdom is £27,721 per year or £14.22 per hour. This varies across different apprenticeships and regions.

[Source](#)

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Rapid Read: Apprenticeship levels explained.

With apprenticeship levels ranging from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) and lots of recent changes, this updated Rapid Read will help you understand the different levels and which might be right for you.

Get Career Confident has brought together a range of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. They do not run virtual work experience placements, they research and list established organisations offering placements.

Access the brand new ERIC Library from Monday 9th Feb 2026. "A library of bite-sized creative careers talks designed for school, college or university students. Each talk is 10-15 minutes long, made for young people aged 14-21. The library will be available all year round, with new talks added regularly."

Did you know that Not Going To Uni have a podcast? It is hosted by a current apprentice, Ethan. On the podcast, he interviews other apprentices who give you advice and valuable tips. The aim of the podcast is to help you kickstart your career with confidence.

If you'd prefer to read than listen, the Not Going To Uni case studies are another great way to learn from current apprentices and take inspiration from their journeys.

Heard of an apprenticeship but not sure what it's all about? The UCAS Parent and guardian guide to apprenticeships shares what you need to know and practical tips for supporting someone who might be thinking about an apprenticeship.

This apprenticeship glossary will help you to understand any words that you haven't come across before. There are also a lot of myths about apprenticeships. This myth buster will support you to realise the facts from the fiction!

From Quizzes to Arcade games, this website has a range of interactive activities to help you learn more about apprenticeships.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Start your career with impact and purpose. At Nationwide, you will build a meaningful career and help shape banking to be fairer, more rewarding, and for the good of society. With structured development, hands-on experience, and support at every step, you will gain the confidence to start a rewarding career in banking."

You can read more about careers at Nationwide here.

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

"Students fall in love with Bristol - a city small enough to remain friendly, but large enough to offer lots of interest and excitement. With our central location, outstanding facilities and active Students' Union, you can enjoy the best of student life. We're ranked 51st in the World and 8th in the UK." You can read more about the University of Bristol here.

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CAREERS THIS WEEK

This is all about National Apprenticeship Week! Every department is teaching our students about how their learning in class can link to different apprenticeship roles and companies in their future.

Here are some ideas to complete at home:

All years: [click here for a list](#) of daily 15 minute activities.

Ages 14+: look at the careers update opportunities above (and from the last two weeks)

Sixth form: virtual work experience opportunities - sign up now!

Available via Springpod in a HUGE range of options. Year 12 need to do at least one! It can go on CVs, university applications and LinkedIn profiles.

Where will you learn about apprenticeships this week in school?

Yr 7	English, maths, MFL, some science lessons
Yr 8	History, maths, MFL, some science lessons.
Yr 9	Progress time, English, maths, MFL
Yr 10	Progress time, DT, film and media, hospitality, history, maths, MFL, music, some science lessons
Yr 11	(when not in PPEs) Art, photography, hospitality, geography, maths, MFL, RE, sociology
Yr 12	Progress time, accounting, art, photography, criminology, sociology, film studies, history, maths, medical science, psychology, biology, sport
Yr 13	Progress time, accounting, art, photography, criminology, history, maths, psychology

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.



Oakland Care Homes



LTC careers in construction

Lower Thames Crossing



Hospitality careers and training



MEP Engineering

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

You may have recently seen the news about free AI training for work for UK adults. The training is from a range of large employers, funded by the government. Here is the [explainer article](#).

Here is the [link to the courses](#), founded by Amazon, Barclays, BT, Google, IBM, Sage, Accenture and others.

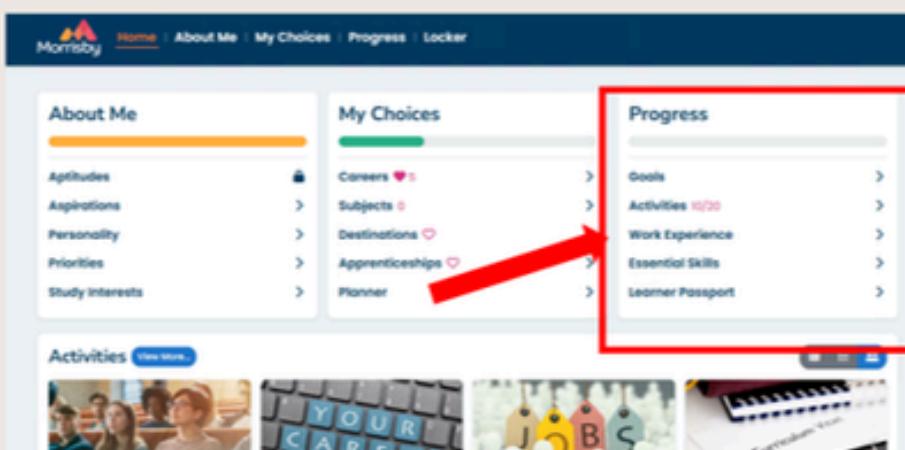
HOW TO ACCESS THE WORK EXPERIENCE PORTAL

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'

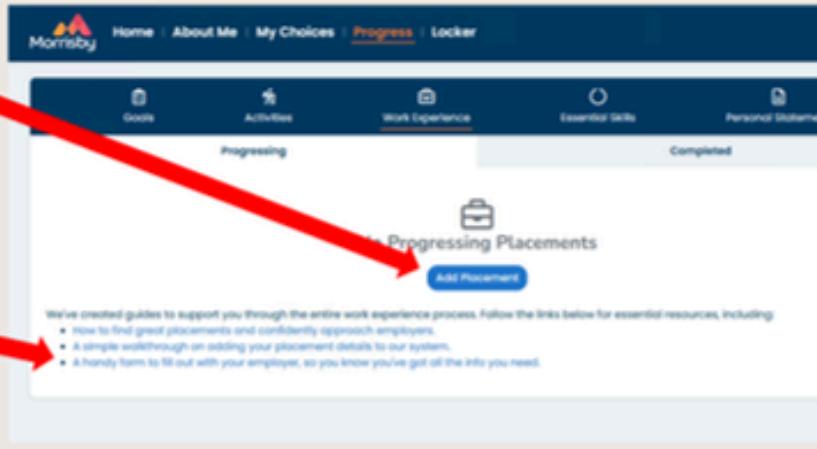


The screenshot shows the Morrisby platform's home screen. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, About Me, My Choices, Progress, and Locker. Below this is a main content area with three sections: 'About Me' (with tabs for Aptitudes, Aspirations, Personality, Priorities, and Study Interests), '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 screenshot shows the 'Progress' section of the Morrisby platform. At the top, there are tabs for Goals, Activities, Work Experience, Essential Skills, and Personal Statement. Below these tabs, there are two main sections: 'Progressing' and 'Completed'. The 'Progressing' section contains a button labeled 'Progressing Placements' with a red arrow pointing to it. A sub-section titled 'Add Placement' is shown with a list of resources: 'How to find great placements and confidently approach employers.', 'A simple walkthrough on adding your placement details to our system.', and 'A handy form to fill out with your employer, so you know you've got all the info you need.' A red arrow points from the text 'a form you can print to give to them.' to the 'Add Placement' button.