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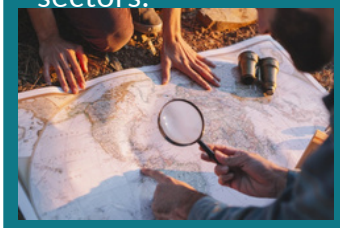
CAREERS THIS WEEK



Year 7 will be building on their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and understanding the value of diversity with real examples from the world of work.

Later this year, **Year 8** will be making your GCSE choices, so this week, you'll be doing some myth- busting. Stereotypes and limiting beliefs can have an impact on the choices we make for ourselves, so this week, they'll look at the range of careers available in the football and health sectors.



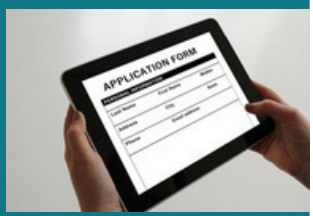


Year 9 will build on work you've done in previous years and considering your preconceptions of various employment sectors and the jobs available within those. This is an important part of preparations for your 2-day work experience placement on 28th-29th June.

KENT CHOICES

This week, **Year 11** will be getting their Kent Choices log in details and start working on their profiles and applications. Here are some important pieces of information for Year 11s and their parents/carers: **Applying for sixth forms:** All sixth forms are on Kent ~~Choices. Most accept~~ applications through this platform, and others tell students how to apply, closing dates and other important info. **ALL WROTHAM SCHOOL SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH IT. Applying for college** (either as first ~~choice or back up~~ for sixth form): you need to set up your account because all colleges list their clearing spaces there in the summer. If you need to change your mind, you will use this site.

Year 12 are exploring their personal and professional networks, and using them to identify work experience opportunities (15th -19th March)
Year 13 are focusing on how to actually search for university, apprenticeships and jobs, particularly focusing on how to effectively build search strings, as well as listing the most appropriate sources to explore, depending on their career goals.



Please email me if you have any questions
ahollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk

CAREERS ADVICE

Key Work Experience Dates:

Year 12
15th-19th March

Year 9
28th-29th June

Year 10
28th-30th June

ALL applications can be made through Morrisby at any time. If you know where you are going to work, please enter the details ASAP ('Progress' section)

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Our guide for parents/carers of Year 11 students has been sent home a few times now, but if you missed that and would like to read/listen, here are your links.

Click here to read

Click here for audio

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Creativecareers. No one path.No one type of talent. Whether you're interested ingaming, music,design, film, fashion, technology or something else, there are more ways into creative careers than ever before. Discover Creative Careers Month is bringing together young people, educators and industry across the UK to open doors, build connections and create new pathways into the creative industries.



All ages: Discover Creative Careers is a fantastic free resource for young people aged 11–24, helping you explore exciting career opportunities across the UK's creative industries. Whether you're unsure about your future or already have a creative career in mind, there's plenty to discover!

- 🎬 Explore Creative Careers – Find out about different creative jobs, watch industry videos and hear from professionals.
- 💼 Get Careers Information – Discover tips for writing CVs, preparing applications and succeeding at interviews.
- 🎤 Watch Industry Broadcasts – Hear directly from people working in creative industries.
- 📅 Explore Events – Find workshops, industry events and opportunities to get involved.
- 🚀 Find Work Experience – Explore opportunities to develop your skills and gain valuable experience.





Year 13: The BBC's national schemes are open for apprenticeships, but so are their local opportunities! Broadcast and media systems technical operator (level 3) is based in Tunbridge Wells. Apply here. There is also a BBC Introducing vacancy for a Production Assistant Apprentice, also in Tunbridge Wells. Click here to apply.



KPMG have some free online events coming up for those interested in finance careers. **All of the below events are accessed through this link.Year 10-13:** Dive into the World of Audit: learn about what this is and why it is so important in the world of business. Get insights from the people who work in this area of KPMG and what they do. Click here for apprenticeships. 18th Nov 4-5pm

- **Year 10-13:** Discover a career in tax. There are a lot of exciting opportunities in this constantly changing discipline. Find out more from the people who actually do this job. 26th Nov 4-5pm.
- **Year 12-13:** Master the KPMG Application process. There are two sessions for this one: 3rd December 4-4:45pm and 19th Jan 4-4:45pm. They also have a session about interview skills 17th Feb 4-4:45pm. and another about building your personal brand 2nd March 4-4:45pm.

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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

Social Media Manager

A social media manager is a marketing communications professional who oversees a brand's or organisation's presence across online social platforms. Their primary goal is to build brand awareness, engage audiences, drive website traffic, and convert followers into leads or sales.

They sometimes have oversight of all channels, or can specialise in one channel (such as being a TikTok Specialist).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

CreaTech – the combination of creativity and advanced technology – is one of the fastest-growing parts of the UK's creative economy. It's expected to grow up to 10 times faster than the wider creative industries.

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Year 9-13: Lovebooksbutnot surewhat kind ofcareeryou could have in publishing?On19 November 2026from 17:00-18:00, you can hear from peopleworking acrossthe industry and discoverwhere you could fit in. The session will feature employers and industry professionals sharing insight into different roles, routes into the sector, useful skills and experience, and opportunities for progression. Speakers may also highlight current vacancies and training programmes.



Year 13 (and parents/carers): KL Consultants are running their next online session on Tuesday 24th November 7:30-8:00pm. If you are currently making apprenticeship applications, this session comes highly recommended - practical, actionable tips, techniques and example questions to help you prepare for interviews and feel more confident. Click here to register your free place.



All ages: Job titles are confusing. And job specs are even more confusing. So that's why Day of Wrk was created. To show what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life stories.



Year 11-12: The Swansea University Masterclass Series takes place this month. They are free online webinars, taking place 16-19 November 2026, and cover a range of topics including Personal Statements, Healthcare & AI, Mathematics, Business, Law, Media, Chemistry, Careers and Study Abroad, and Welsh-medium study. Delivered by their academics, each session gives you the opportunity to experience what university lectures are like, explore a subject in more depth, learn more about related degree courses and gain inspiration for your applications.



Year 11-12 Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well, now you can - with EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK. There is a cost, but bursary places are available for eligible students.

Year 11-12: Want to be a doctor? Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is running their annual in-person 'Career in Medicine' event on Weds 3rd March, 5:30-8:40pm at Tunbridge Wells Hospital. Email me if you're interested - they'll be sending our school invitation in early 2027.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Bupaisan international healthcare organisation providing services including health insurance, dental care, health clinics and residential care. Careers therefore range from directly supporting patients to technology, finance, customer service, business and management. Young people can explore apprenticeships and other entry-level opportunities that combine workplace experience with training. Bupa may appeal to students who want a people-focused career and are interested in health and wellbeing.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

The University of Warwick is a campus-based university near Coventry, offering courses across sciences, engineering, humanities, social sciences, business and medicine. It has strong links with employers and provides opportunities including societies, placements, study abroad and entrepreneurship. Warwick may particularly appeal to students who want a self-contained campus community while remaining within easy reach of Coventry, Birmingham and employers across the wider Midlands region.