

# CAREERS UPDATE

## 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. **This week, we'll focus on FAQs about Work Experience!**



### What are the key dates I need to know?

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** - recommended deadline for students to enter their placement details on Morrisby. You **CAN** apply after this, but I need time to complete checks so can't guarantee it'll be ready!

**29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 12 Work experience week

**10<sup>th</sup> July** - Work Placement Day for Years 8-10.

### Who can I do a placement with?

- The employer must have **Employers Liability Insurance** (even if they're a sole trader and related to the student).
- Year 8 should aim to go with a family member or close family friend.
- Year 9, 10 and 12 can approach someone else! It doesn't have to be with family.



### What if my parents/carers have 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](#).

A reminder about the date: **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

### How do I tell the school what I'm doing?

Enter it on Morrisby! If you don't know your log in details, email Mrs Hollinshead and I'll help.

On the home screen, look for the box titled 'Progress' and inside that is a menu - find 'work experience' and complete the form.



### What if I don't have a placement?

Year 8 and 9 students can come into school - we'll have activities planned.

Year 10 and 12 should ask Mrs Hollinshead for help **as soon as possible!** I can't promise you a placement, but I can promise to support you (and your parents/carers!)

If you have any questions or need support, please email [ahollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ahollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk)

## CAREERS ADVICE

The Apprenticeship Academy is starting on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June! It lasts for five weeks, every Wednesday (Years 10-13). It's online and paid for by the school.

Cover:

- How do I know what apprenticeship I'm looking for?
- Where to find them.
- How to apply.
- The application process.
- How to smash the interview.

[CLICK HERE: SIGN UP NOW TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE!](#)

## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

For Year 11 Parents and carers: The 'Next Steps' podcast from Kent Choices will be on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 6-7pm**.


- what to do if applications haven't been made OR your child is rethinking their choices.
- what options might still be available.
- what to expect on results day
- what support is available going forward.

[Click here to book a spot.](#) It's online and free.


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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.


## OPPORTUNITIES




**All ages:** ERIC App are launching National Freelancer Week! From 8-14 June 2026, this week-long campaign will focus on helping young people understand and succeed in freelance careers and the creator economy across the creative industries. [Register your interest here.](#)



**All ages:** Students, apprentices and young people will soon be able to study and work across Europe, as the UK and EU sign the legal text in Brussels today to formally [bring the UK into Erasmus+](#) in 2027.



**All ages:** [Welcome to Skill City](#) - your arena for the careers of the future. Navigate an immersive world where your passions become professional power-ups. Engage with Expert Citizens to master AI, build a scroll-stopping brand, and unlock the "insider" secrets of the modern workforce. Whether you're starting out or levelling up, step into the spotlight and lead the way.



**Year 11-12:** "UK University Search is dedicated to helping students make the right choices about their future. We aim give young people the best possible start by providing our free higher education and apprenticeships fairs and website, so that students are informed and empowered to make the right choices." UK University Search ran several webinars in April 2026 - recordings covering topics such as Introduction to Russell Groups, Considering Clinical and Health Professions and Researching University Options are [now available here.](#)



**Year 9 -13** [Apprenticeships in the Creative Sector webinar](#) takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. Dreaming of a career in the creative industries? This is your chance to learn how apprenticeships can open doors to exciting opportunities! Join this webinar to explore the range of creative-sector apprenticeships available, hear from leading employers about current and upcoming vacancies, get application top tips to help you stand out and listen to apprentices share their real experiences.

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

## JOB OF THE WEEK




A train signaller is a safety-critical role responsible for controlling the movement of trains by operating signals, points, and level crossings from a signal box or control centre. They ensure safe spacing between trains, manage routing, and handle emergencies. The role requires calm decision-making, high concentration, and shift work.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


The most popular areas for Degree Apprenticeship industries are health (27.5%), construction (22.3%) and digital technology (16.9%). Regional take-up of degree apprenticeships varies, with London (19.1%) and the North West (15.1) topping the table, while the North East (3.0%) seeing lowest take-up. [Source](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES




**Any age:** From online selling and tutoring, to delivery work and dog walking, there are lots of ways you might make money outside your main job. But did you realise there are tax rules for side hustles that everyone has to follow? [Here's what you need to know.](#)



**Year 10-13:** Join Dr Llŷr ap Cenydd as he introduces you to the [fundamentals of creating lifelike creatures in gaming](#). He explores and evaluates the applications of Artificial Intelligence, different animation methods, and Virtual Reality in gaming, showing live examples of creature development in his own games.




**Year 11 and 12:** Use the UniTasterDays [“university event discounts and rewards” tool](#) to see if there are any travel incentives to help you when booking in university open days. Examples include [Arts University Plymouth offering travel expenses](#) of up to £80 for eligible students attending their undergraduate open days and campus tours or [De Montfort University offering a £5 voucher](#) for Uber or Uber Eats for those booked to attend their open days.




**Year 12 and 13:** WhatUni have a [new tool to help](#) you get real about your uni living costs - “Avoid the guesswork of university living costs with our new calculator. From accommodation to bills, it breaks down all the costs to help you plan your budget with confidence.”

### Year 13 - preparation for university



Check out the [Southampton Solent 52 things to do](#) website. They provide weekly activities, challenges, and guides to help you get ready for university, from now until freshers' week. Upcoming topics include responding to your offers, where to find discounts for freshers' week and a guide to clearing.



UCAS are running a series of [Instagram lives](#) between now and the end of August, covering key topics such as tackling exam stress and preparing for results day. Follow their Instagram page to keep up to date with upcoming dates. If you are [signed up to the UCAS hub](#), you will also receive emails with all the information.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“We believe that everyone has the potential to achieve great things, no matter where they start from. That’s why we offer a range of early careers opportunities designed to make an exciting career happen for you. Whether you’re still studying or have just graduated, there are plenty of ways to start your journey with Bupa.”

Find out more about [Careers at Bupa here.](#)

## UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

“We are a global community of ideas and people, dedicated to life-changing education and research. Through our world-class research and innovation, we are positively impacting society and shaping future digital economy through agile collaboration with businesses, governments and communities.”

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

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

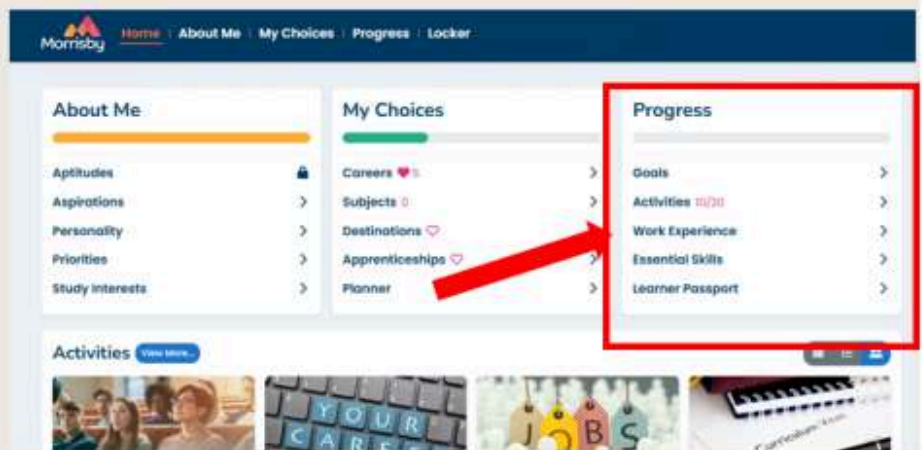
## HOW TO ACCESS THE WORK EXPERIENCE PORTAL

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](mailto: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'



### 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.

