

# 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?**

The recommended deadline has passed, but you can still apply! Ask for help from Mrs Hollinshead if you need it.

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.](#)

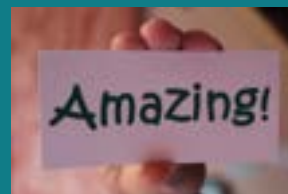
Parent/carer video guide [for Year 10 click here.](#)

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

Do you keep hearing about the cost of university and want to find out exactly how people manage to go?

Canterbury Christ Church University is hosting an online session all about how student finance actually works.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Student Finance: What you and your parents need to know.**

4pm - 5pm

[Click here to book your free place.](#)


## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The [Parents' Guide to University 2026](#) will help you support your young person in making an informed choice about uni. It includes articles to guide them in deciding whether university is right for them, what they should study, and where they should study it. It has ideas from over 80 universities from across the UK, along with expert voices from outside the sector, such as educator and TV personality Baasit Siddiqui.

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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




Happy PRIDE Month! Everyone should feel valued and accepted in the workplace. There are many different ways that employers may demonstrate they are an inclusive organisation for LGBTQ+ employees and it can be useful for potential applicants to know what to look for. This guide provides a few examples, and there will be other excellent approaches that employers have in place.




Launched in 2021, The Queer Student Awards (QSAs) are the U.K.'s first standalone annual student awards event celebrating LGBTQ+ students, apprentices, interns and graduates who are proudly leading in their lives, and the communities around them. You can read about the 2026 finalists here.


That's the work place considered, but what support is available for LGBTQIA+ university students? Check out this guide to the different types of support that may be available, including scholarships and peer networks.



This week is also National Freelancer Week. Your guide to freelancing in the creative industries. Learn how to start, grow and succeed as a freelancer through short talks, videos and real advice from people working in the creative industries. All online, all on demand. A new talk topic will unlock each day this week.



Here is the Government backed advice and guidance to help you develop your business idea and identity, understand finances and funding and build your business in the right way from the start.



In this one hour Springpod Sprint, you will explore what it's really like to work in an area shaping the future: AI engineering. From the entry routes and pathways involved in entering the sector, to the most rewarding and challenging things about this revolutionary role. You'll understand what AI Engineers really do, what the job does during a typical week, and what salary and benefits come with the role. Plus, hear from an AI Engineer at AXA UK, and get to grips with the type of work you'd be doing during your Simulation activity.

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



Charity  
Fundraiser

As a charity fundraiser, you'll raise awareness of the work charity organisations do, with a goal of seeking donations. In a larger organisation, you'll usually specialise in one specific area, but in a smaller one, you may cover several types of fundraising. This means you can choose a cause/charity that you're passionate about and make raising money for them your full time role!


## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The "Assessment of priority skills to 2030" reported by the UK Government states that sectors such as Digital Technologies, Adult Social Care, Construction, and Engineering will experience the largest increases in job demand.


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There are lots of University Open Days taking place in June and July. You can find them on the [UCAS website](#), [UniTasterDays website](#) and the individual university websites (just search the name of the university followed by "open day" to find the correct web page). On UniTasterDays, you can also look at the [open day incentives](#) to see what discounts and travel support may be available.




An open day is the best way to get a real taste of university life. You can explore the local area, check out the facilities on campus, and speak to current staff and students. [Here's everything you need to know](#) to plan and get the most out of your visit.




University of East Anglia have pulled together a [helpful video guide](#) to make sure you get the most out of your day. You'll be able to speak to the lecturers and get those questions answered about the course you want to study. Meet current students on the campus tours who will give you their experiences.




Introducing [The Uni Guide Podcast](#): In this podcast series, the hosts will be providing listeners with the cutting edge and most up-to-date information and conversations about university. In plain English, without the jargon, and from the lived experience of everyone involved in the process - including guest experts, current students and recent graduates.



Are you interested in becoming an engineer? Stemettes regularly produce takeaway menus of activities you can do at home. Their focus is on getting girls and non-binary young people into STEM careers. [This edition](#) has challenges that focus on sustainability.



For the older aspiring engineers, you can join a free online Stemettes panel for Women in Engineering Day where you can network with women and non-binary role models on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10:45-13:35. [Click here to register](#) and you have to be 15-25 years old.



Thought about joining Kent Police? They have lots of different events and fitness/interview preparation workshops if [you click here](#). If you're leaving Year 13 this year, they have a special school leavers event on 4<sup>th</sup> August (9am - 1pm) in Maidstone for aspiring police officers, but also for other roles in the police. [Click here](#).

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our purpose is to connect everyone and use technology to improve lives. Whether you're joining us as a graduate or apprentice, this is more than just your first job — it's your first step into a career which makes a real impact on the people and world around you. Here, you'll find a place to belong. A space to explore your passions, discover your strengths, and build a future you're proud of." Find out more about [Vodafone here](#).

## UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

"Nearly four out of five UEA graduates are [in professional work or further study](#). We use a range of teaching styles to inspire you, including hands-on classes, real-world research and exciting projects. And you can even enhance your studies with a placement or internship. All you need to do now is decide which of our courses is right for you." You can learn more about [University of East Anglia here](#).

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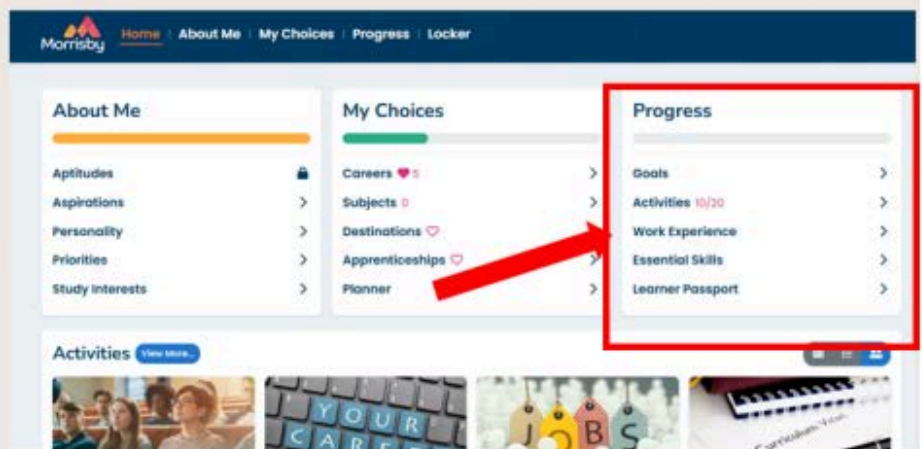
## HOW TO ACCESS THE WORK EXPERIENCE PORTAL

### 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.

