

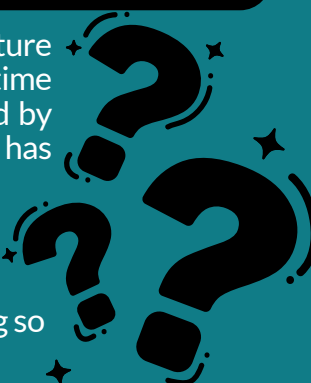
CAREERS UPDATE

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CAREERS THIS WEEK

This week, **Year 7, 8 and 9** will be completing the Future Skills Questionnaires during one of their progress time sessions. This is a national survey that is completed by students in secondary schools across England. It has two purposes:

1. To help the school to understand students' aspirations, which will help us to match them to activities.
2. To help us to identify gaps in their understanding so that we can plan careers education to support future decisions.



Year 10 and 11 will have a session focussed on their career vocabulary to support their careers education and applications. Key terms they will cover include:

Post-16	Levels	Provider	A level
vocational	T level	apprenticeship	study programme

Year 11 one-to-one guidance sessions are starting this week - you will receive an email and Arbor invitation.

Year 12 are starting to prepare for their career journey over the next two years. They will be considering what they hope to achieve with their studies, and how they can plan to make the most of the personal and professional development opportunities on offer.

Many students have already been making one-to-one appointments to make personal plans.



Year 13 are getting lots of support for their future plans. UCAS group sessions are being held this week and a number of our aspiring apprentices have already started the Apprenticeship Academy coaching programme. In progress time, they are creating their own timelines for the year according to their personal goals.



CAREERS ADVICE

Year 11 students (and **Year 12s** on our level 2 pathway) will need to add some open events to their calendars for October and November.

Kent Choices hasn't been refreshed yet with any courses for September 2027, but you can [see open events here](#). Wrotham School Sixth Form's open evening is **12th November**, 4-6pm.

You can also see some [parent/carer guides](#) and [a helpful timeline here](#).

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Year 10 students had an assembly last week about how to make the most of this year, preparing for decision-time in Year 11.

The focus was on **work experience** and how it will be different this year.

We have made a [parent/carer guide you can access here](#).

Please email me if you have any questions
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All ages: The European Day of Languages is celebrated annually on September 26, with the official 2026 theme focused on "Languages unite! How languages shape inclusion".



Through the celebration day, approximately 700 million citizens across the Council of Europe's 46 member states are encouraged to discover and learn languages at any age, whether within formal education or alongside it. This reflects the shared conviction of the Council of Europe and the European Commission that linguistic diversity is a powerful means of fostering intercultural understanding and a fundamental component of Europe's rich cultural heritage.



All ages: Give your vocabulary a quick workout with the "Name It Game! Choose a category, select the language you want to explore, and see if you can recall the word before the timer runs out. After a few seconds, the correct expression appears. This is a simple way to refresh and expand your everyday vocabulary. There is no pressure, just click the image to pause the timer whenever you like.



All ages: This webpage from the University of Cambridge focuses on Careers using Languages. They have a range of resources including job boards for bilingual people, information on job roles requiring languages and advice on what to do next if you're interested in learning more.



Years 8-13: Janina studied modern languages at Cambridge and now works in International Development, but was this by chance or choice? Watch this video to find out more about her journey.



Years 8-13: Review these websites to see a list of job roles that require a second language, you can read more about how much you could earn, what houses you can expect to work and how you could access the industry.

- Career Pilot | Prospects



Year 10-13: This subject spotlight from UCL explains more about the benefits of studying Romanian and gives you an insight into what studying a language at university could be like.

When you choose languages, you're opening a world of opportunities for career growth because knowing multiple languages makes you a valuable asset in our interconnected global landscape. Read this UCAS Subject Guide to understand more about studying languages.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Dialect Coach

A dialect coach is a technical advisor who helps actors learn and safely perform specific accents, regional speech patterns, or unique vocal styles for film, television, theatre, and voiceover projects.

They research dialects and voices then use phonetics and the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) to teach exact vowel shifts, consonant changes, and rhythm.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In some countries, the salary gap between bilingual and monolingual workers is wide enough to match a full promotion worth up to £25,913 more in earnings each year.

Japanese, Portuguese, and Italian are among the top languages linked to higher earning potential for bilingual careers.

Source

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

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Year 9-13: In this [Photo Tips session](#), we'll be joined by award-winning British Pakistani photographer Shahfaq Shahbaz. Shahfaq, is a freelance portrait, fashion, and commercial photographer and she will share the practical realities of building a career in fashion and commercial photography.



All ages: The [Solstice Nature Prize](#) is a national, annual writing competition for young writers, which invites young people to take a closer look at the natural world, explore their relationship with it, or examine the challenges it faces, and write short stories, poems, and thought-provoking blogs in response.



Year 9-13: How can a passion for science lead to a career in one of the world's biggest technology companies? [Join Zahaan Bharmal, Senior Director at Google, for an inspiring talk](#) about his unique career journey. From studying Physics at Oxford and earning a Fulbright Scholarship to Stanford, to advising governments, writing about science, and a senior leader with Google based in London, Zahaan's career proves there is no single path to success.



Year 10-13: This October is Future Doctors Month for aspiring medics. Every Sunday at 2pm, you can join the PreMed Projects doctors and work through a different interactive medical scenario, completely free. [Click here to register](#). If you get 80% in the final test, you will get a certificate.



Year 10-13: Ever wondered where maths could take you? [Join Jeannette Lichner, Non-Executive Director at the Information Commissioner's Office and Financial Conduct Authority, as she shares her unexpected career journey](#) from accounting to leadership. Discover what a career in accounting is really like, how accountants use maths, numbers and problem-solving every day, and the different skills you can develop through the profession. Jeannette will explore how her accounting background opened doors to new opportunities and eventually led her into senior roles across business, finance and regulation.



Year 11-13: For young people considering joining the Army, there is a free online event where the Lead Assessor will explain exactly what happens during the assessment process. Tuesday 22nd September, 18:00 - 19:00. [Register here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

[Amazon](#) is a global company best known for online shopping, but its teams also work in technology, engineering, logistics, operations and business. UK early career routes can include apprenticeships, internships and graduate opportunities.

Depending on the programme, young people could develop skills in areas such as software, data, engineering, project management, operations or digital technology while gaining valuable experience with a major international employer.

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

[Imperial College London](#) is a specialist university focused on science, engineering, medicine and business. Based in London, it could particularly appeal to students who enjoy STEM subjects and want to study alongside others with similar interests. Students have opportunities to participate in research, entrepreneurship and industry projects, they have links with technology companies and organisations across a huge range of sectors.

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