

CAREERS UPDATE

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CAREERS NEXT TERM



Year 7 will be introduced to the Equality Act (2010), protected characteristics, and the value that diversity can bring to the workplace. Through these sessions, you will understand that the character strengths of compassion, open-mindedness and respect are also employability skills.

Later this year, **Year 8** will be making your GCSE choices, so this term's work will focus on open-mindedness. Stereotypes and limiting beliefs can have an impact on the choices we make for ourselves, and also our understanding of what jobs might exist within a sector. It's important to understand their potential impact.



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.



Year 10 will take part in the fourth annual Civil Service Challenge! This valuable in-school employer challenge has been adapted this year so that it forms part of the work experience offer for students. You will also have the opportunity to learn about apprenticeship and graduate routes into roles with this employer.



Year 11 will be getting support from your progress tutors with logging into Kent Choices and making applications to post-16 providers. One-to-one careers meetings will also continue right up until Christmas. We also have the **sixth form open evening on 12th Nov.**

Year 12 will get support with exploring WEX options and making applications for w/c 15th March 2027. You also have TWO trips coming up - please check Arbor.

Year 13 are also invited to the huge London careers fair. You will be working on building self-awareness and planning your year to prepare for post-18 routes.



CAREERS ADVICE

Numerous universities run Open Days in October, be sure to register and attend the ones you're interested in. Open days are the best way to get a feel for a university, their course offer and facilities. You can see the dates here: [UCAS](#), [OpenDays.com](#) and [UniTasterDays](#). On UniTasterDays, you can also look at [incentives and deals](#) to help with the cost of travel, hotels if required and food to attend open days.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The Education People (with KCC) have a live podcast on 11th November at 6pm with support for Year 11 parents/carers about post-16 options, key deadlines and more.

[Click here to read](#) the Wrotham School Next Steps guide. [Click here for audio](#)

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Year 9-11: National T Levels Week takes place from 19th to 23rd October 2026 to celebrate technical education achievements and highlight student, teacher, and employer successes. You can find out more by searching the hashtag #TLevelsWeek on social media.



Year 9-11: Considering a T Level but unsure what the workload or placement is actually like? This Springpod programme helps you explore how T Levels work, combining classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so you can decide if this route suits your learning style before choosing it. You'll know what to expect - and whether it's the right next step for you.



Year 11-13: Sainsbury's are running a series of Virtual Career Experience Days, as part of their KickStarter Experiences, taking place during the October half-term. You can explore exciting career opportunities, develop new skills, meet members of the Sainsbury's team, and gain a better understanding of careers in retail and the supermarket industry.



Year 11-13: The Foot Anstey work experience opportunities are designed to give you a genuine feel for life in a commercial law firm. You'll learn more about the variety of career paths available, develop key professional skills and connect with people across the business. From legal careers to the many teams that support our clients and colleagues, you'll discover what it's really like to be part of Foot Anstey and take the next step in your career journey. Their next event is Mon 26th October.



Year 10-13: Future Doctors have 4,000 free places for students aged 14-18 to join a free online course designed for students interested in careers in medicine and healthcare. All students receive a signed certificate from their doctors for taking part. Upcoming events are on; Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, and Nov 1.



All ages: November is Creative Careers Month! That means there will be activities in school, but also some fantastic opportunities to learn from real people working in the creative sector next month. If you'd like to get a taster before, you might like The Eric App's online video library. With a huge range of 15-20 minute talks from professionals and organisations, you can find out what it means to work freelance, and get insights from a wide range of careers (from tech, to marketing, to art, theatre, heritage, music and more!) Click here to see what is available now - it's all on demand and completely free.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Building Control Surveyor

They review architectural drawings, structural calculations, and technical specifications before work starts then visit properties at key stages - such as foundations, damp-proof courses, and structural completions - to verify safety and compliance.

Every new build property in the UK must be signed off by a Building Survey before it can be sold or lived in.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The Education and Early Years T Levels pathway attracts the highest number of enrolled T level students and successful course completions in England.

There were nearly 3,780 results for the Education & Early Years T Level Course in the 2025/26 academic year.

Source

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Year 11-13: Join [this live session](#) on 20th October at 4pm to learn more about what it's like to study a Politics, International Relations or International Development degree at the University of Portsmouth. You'll find out about our course highlights, modules, placement opportunities and careers support, as well as plenty of time to get your questions answered.



Year 13: Need help navigating the UCAS application process? Applying to university can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Join the University of Roehampton on 22nd Oct at 530pm for a [practical, step-by-step guide to the UCAS application process](#), designed to help you understand what's involved and feel more confident about applying. They'll break down each stage of the application, share helpful tips and advice, and highlight key things to consider when completing your UCAS application.



Year 12-13: Interested in finding out more about careers in pathology? The Pathology Training Leads are hosting a [Virtual Pathology Work Experience Day](#) on 28th October, from 9:15am to 4:30pm. The day will provide an opportunity to hear from professionals working across a range of disciplines, alongside opportunities to ask questions of those working in the field. The event will be on Microsoft Teams and is open to anyone interested in finding out more about careers in biomedical science and pathology.



Year 11-13: Imagine the year is 2029 and you are about to graduate with a degree in business management and a GREAT idea for a new business start-up! Join Associate Professor David Steinberg from Heriot-Watt University on 3rd Nov at 7pm and discover how current research is helping to shape the business world of the future. In this highly interactive session, you will be asked to make decisions on the development of your company from incubator to global success! How will your Intelligent Virtual Store Design (IVSD) provide products and services to bring the in-store shopping experience into the home?



All ages: If you missed My Great First Job's online session about how to write your great first CV, [then the recording is here](#). In this session, Dale breaks down each section, explains why it's there and suggests simple ways to make it work for you. A CV's only real job is to get you in the room, whether that's for work experience, an interview or to get a part time job. Make sure it's working for you!



Year 11-13: SACU have an awesome programme that allows you to enter the A levels your studying (or considering) and see what degree subjects that might lead you to. [Set up a free account here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Balfour Beatty is a major infrastructure and construction company helping to build and maintain the systems people use every day, from roads and railways to buildings and energy infrastructure. Early career routes include apprenticeships, placements and graduate opportunities across engineering, construction, project management, quantity surveying and business. Students interested in seeing real projects develop from ideas into finished structures may find this sector particularly rewarding.

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

[King's College London](#) is a large university with campuses across central London. It offers courses spanning health and medicine, law, humanities, social sciences, sciences, business and technology. Students benefit from being close to major hospitals, businesses, government and cultural institutions.

King's could particularly appeal to students looking for a busy city experience and opportunities to connect their university studies with organisations and careers across London.

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