



Careers Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CAREERS TEAM

Careers guidance is crucial in helping students emerge from school ready to either continue their studies or be ready for the world of work. We provide information, advice and opportunities to allow students to be well informed when making subject and career decisions.

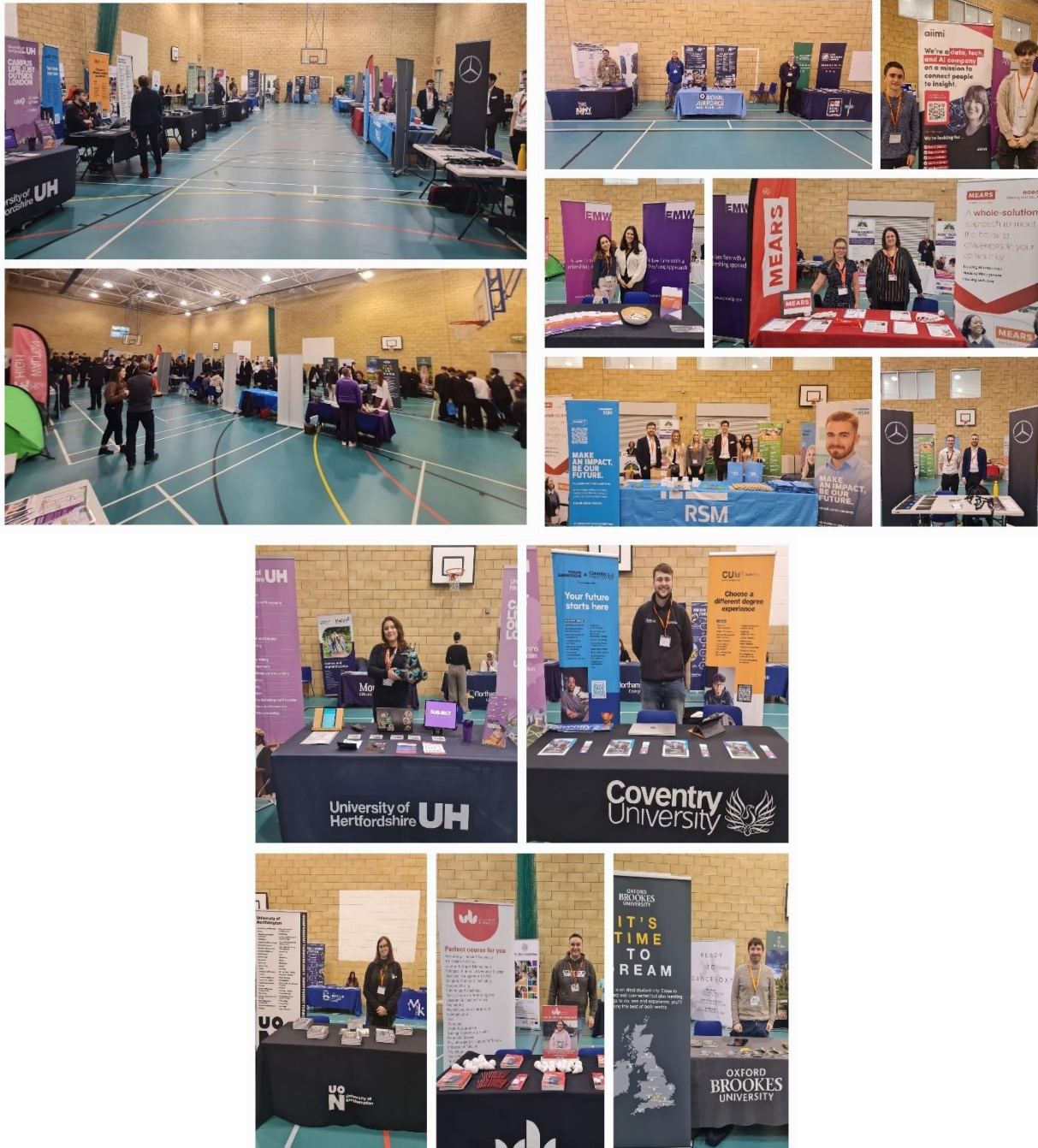
Ms Mahmood and Mr Tan will be available during the summer break. Please see the poster below for further details.

The Careers Team wish you a restful and fun summer!



Careers Team –

Over 35 Employers and Providers attended the annual Careers Fair at our Walnut Tree campus in April. This included local colleges, a number of Universities, Employers offering apprenticeships and our public and armed forces. Students from Years 8, 11 and Post 16 were able to engage with employers and providers to explore future opportunities.



Employers included Santander, The Parks Trust, Premier Education, RSM, Mercedes Benz Finance, Mears, Aiimi, Acorn Nursery, Bedford Estates including Woburn Safari Park, Thames Valley Police, Army, RAF, Royal Navy, EMW Law, FCDO Services, Soccer Assist and ITT Partnership.

MK College assembly

At the start of May we welcomed **MK College** who delivered an assembly about the courses available to students following year 11. You can explore all courses on offer [here](#)

MK College offer a range of T Level opportunities which can be explored [here](#)

MK College is the training provider for many local companies offering apprenticeships; to explore apprenticeships available please click [here](#)



Post 16 Pop Up – Oxford Brookes University



On 9 May we welcomed **Oxford Brookes University** to our Walnut Tree Campus. They ran a Pop-Up session for our Post 16 students allowing them to find out more about life at university and the courses on offer. On 23 May we welcomed Oxford Brookes to our Brooklands Campus. You can find out more about Oxford Brookes and the upcoming open events [here](#)



UCAS Fair – University of Bedfordshire

In June our Year 12 students from both campuses attended the UCAS fair at the University of Bedfordshire. With over 150 different universities in attendance, students were able to speak to a number of different Universities about their courses and apprenticeships in one place. A selection of University prospectuses can be found in our Post 16 centres or our libraries for all students to access.



NHS Physiotherapist visit to talk about Biomechanics:



In May, Year 12 Sport students welcomed a physiotherapist from MKUH. Students heard about the career path into the profession. They looked at the broad spectrum of physiotherapy and the different areas in the hospitals that physiotherapy covers and supports with from ICU up to neurology and paediatrics. They also discussed how you can specialise after a couple of years and the different specialisms that you can follow. Students experienced some practical assessment of their physical form - musculature, posture, walking gait, injury assessment and also flexibility and ROM of joints. They learned how biomechanics helps to then treat and plan for treatment for patients. Students enjoyed the session taking their classroom learning into the world of work. To explore Physiotherapy as a career option click [here](#)

Mr Chapman

Prosthetics Workshop – Health and Social Care Students:

On Thursday 25 May some of our Year 12 Health and Social Care and Science students attended a one day workshop about Prosthetics led by Ossur UK Clinical Specialist Prosthetist, Ollie Smith and ambassador and amputee, Jordan Greeney. The workshop was highly revealing and enlightening; students learnt about the technological advances in prosthesis design and rehabilitation. It was packed with detailed information and several hands on experiences to help introduce everyone to the exciting and complex world of artificial limbs. We received a live demonstration of how a prosthetic leg socket is made and we got to play with loads of different prosthetic ankle, foot and knee systems, sport-specific blade prosthetics and upper limb prosthetics.

Student feedback: “I really enjoyed the workshop as it cleared up any misconceptions I had about amputees. It was very eye opening and made me respect amputees greatly as I saw a glimpse of what it is like. I am hoping to pursue a career in Health and Social Care, and I think that this workshop gave me information that I could use in the future.” Claudia Berko, 12ALJ.



Mrs. Z. Smith

Health and Social Care Students:

On Thursday 2 March and Thursday 27 April, the Year 12 Health and Social Care Extended Diploma Students visited Simpson Day Service where they were taken on a tour of the facility and met the wonderful staff who spoke about all the services they provide for older people in the community. The Centre primarily supports people living with Dementia and their families. While the students were there, they interacted with the service users and took part in meaningful activities, such as movement to music, arts and crafts and board games.

The Year 12 students represented Walton High very well and displayed excellent communication and interpersonal skills as well as confidence and kindness.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Nancy Adam, the Operational Manager Older People's Day Services, for hosting us and I would like to thank the staff at Simpson Day Service for making us feel so welcome.



Student feedback:

"I liked getting to know the service users' different backgrounds. I liked to hear about their past careers. They spoke passionately about these and gave me an insight into what it was like growing up in the 1950s and 1960s." Miriam Aduteye, 12EVT.

"I enjoyed shadowing the staff and seeing them being able to support service users who have dementia, which is a condition that is unique to each individual, and also watching staff demonstrating patience and care." Mookete Tolamo, 12MHN

"The day service had such a lovely atmosphere with supportive staff members and welcoming service users. I found it fascinating seeing all of the technological services they had available, like the simulated train, and being able to participate in these with the service users." Ava Holly 12ERH

Mrs. Z. Smith

University of Hertfordshire visit Health and Social Care students:



University of Hertfordshire visited our Year 12 Health and Social Care Students. They highlighted Higher Education courses available linked to Health and Social Care as well as careers within this sector.

Students were made aware of the NHS Learning Support Fund (LSF) which is an annual bursary of £5,000 if students are studying a certain course. You can find out more about this [here](#)

You can explore all the courses on offer at the University of Hertfordshire [here](#)



What is the NHS Learning Support Fund?



Click the image above to watch a short video explaining the Learning Support Fund.

Year 11 transition day – Enrichment fair

As part of our Year 11 transition week, we welcomed a number of providers to talk to our students about enrichment activities and Higher Education. Students were able to find out about summer schools, degree courses and enrichment activities available to them throughout their time in Post 16.



Business Advanced Learning

Date: Year 12



In partnership with Natwest the Careers Team hosted a Business ALD for some of our Year12 Business students. The first two sessions of the day allowed students to build some foundation knowledge before putting what they had learnt into practice.

CareerSense ran a workshop on transferrable entrepreneurial skills and introduced entrepreneurship as a real career pathway. Natwest ran a goal setting and 60 second pitch session.

The Careers team in partnership with SEMLEP arranged a speed networking event for students to engage with Business professionals from across different sectors. Students networked with professionals to hear about their career pathways and professional careers.

Students were tasked with creating a Business plan with the support of Sunny Singh the Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Students presented their business idea to a panel of Business professionals.





Feedback from the session highlighted the following:

100% of students enjoyed the day and would recommend it to other students.

100% of students found the day useful to develop their business, entrepreneurial skills and knowledge.

One student commented *"Very good to speak to people about future career opportunities and opportunities to get to where I want to be"*

BAE, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy

Our year 7 students at both campuses were taken on a journey from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of outer space. Students participated in understanding our place in the solar system, how engineering will allow us to explore more of these uncharted areas and the science and technology need to survive in these extreme environments.

Touching on careers within BAE systems, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, students engaged with challenges faced by those working within these organisations. You can explore careers within these organisations via the links below:

BAE Systems – <https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers>

Royal Air Force – <https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/>

Royal Navy - <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>



Mr Aston

Medic Mentor



Walton High is now a caseload school for Medic Mentor. This means that our students can access free resources, conferences and virtual work experience to support them with their applications for Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry, as well as Allied Health Professionals. You can explore Medic Mentor via the link <https://medicmentor.co.uk/> Please note that most of the opportunities are open to students from Year 10 upwards.

Their offer includes the following:

Free “**Get into Medicine**” “**Get into Dentistry**” and “**Get into Veterinary**” conferences, these take place on a regular basis. <https://medicmentor.co.uk/get-into-conferences/> these sessions allow students to explore what it is like to work in these roles, gain an understanding of the application process, UCAT & BMAT support, Interview support and personal statement information.

They offer free Virtual Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary **Societies** that meet on a weekly basis - <https://medicmentor.co.uk/how-to-become-a-doctor-virtual-medical-society/>

Excellent Free **Virtual work experience** for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary - <https://medicmentor.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

There is lots of helpful information for students interested in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary available on Firefly. Students can click on the following links to explore this further:

[Firefly Medicine](#)

[Firefly Dentistry](#)

[Firefly Veterinary](#)



For students interested in Law, Law Mentor run a free Virtual Law Society. They welcome all aspiring students to join and continue the growth of the VLS. Students will have opportunities to virtually meet and interview top law professionals about their careers and their experiences of the journey to university.

To find out more and to register to attend please click [here](#)

There is lots of helpful information and resources to help students interested in Law on Firefly which can be found [here](#)

Unifrog



Unifrog was launched to all Year 7 students this term. All students at Walton High have access to this excellent resource.

What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is a universal destinations platform, a one stop shop for whole school careers guidance.

Our mission is to level the playing field when it comes to students searching for the best opportunities and applying successfully by working closely with our community of students from over 3,000 partner schools and colleges.

Our impartial, user-friendly platform allows students to explore pathways throughout school/college, evidence key activities and competencies, and draft and collate feedback on Personal Statements and CVs to submit the strongest possible applications.

Parents can sign in to Unifrog [here](#) to create a dummy account to explore this excellent resource.

Parent access code – **HIWHparents**

For further information about Unifrog click [here](#) to watch a short video about the platform.

Here are some activities you could do over the summer using Unifrog:

Login to your Unifrog account using your school email address, if you need to reset your password please do using the reset password option.

Once logged in, Scroll down to the Quizzes section.

Click on the Personality Quiz, if you have already done this please select one of the other Quizzes. Once completed explore careers linked to your results, any of interest save to your favorites to discuss during a careers meeting.

Quizzes

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Work environments profile

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Apprenticeship Information:



“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting **podcast series for parents**, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 2 is bigger and better than ever, led by a brilliant new host, Rachel Burden.


Together with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.

Click [here](#) to listen.

Through the podcast Rachel and guests offer a fun and informative space for listeners to:

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

Apprenticeship levels explained:




APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS EXPLAINED

Ranging from intermediate to degree level

Apprenticeship levels range from level 2 (intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) in more than 1,500 different job roles.

There are four types of apprenticeship

- Intermediate (level 2)
- Advanced (level 3)
- Higher (levels 4 and above)
- Degree (levels 6 - 7)



L2 Intermediate

L3 Advanced

L4+ Higher

L6-7 Degree

Intermediate apprenticeships
Intermediate apprenticeships are typically considered to be the same level as five GCSE passes.

Intermediate apprenticeships are a fantastic way to get started with your career in an entry level role within an organisation.

Advanced apprenticeships
Advanced apprenticeships are considered to be the same level as two or three A level passes. Many individuals who have completed their A levels or other level 3 qualifications will undertake an advanced apprenticeship as it will enable them to gain experience in the workplace and undertake a variety of different tasks.


Higher apprenticeships
Higher apprenticeships include qualifications at levels 4 and above. They can be suitable for those looking to progress from level 3 qualifications, including advanced apprenticeships.

Degree apprenticeships
Degree apprenticeships are offered by universities and other higher education providers. They contain either a full degree or degree-level qualification and go up to master's level (which is post-graduate).

Which level is right for you?
The type of apprenticeship undertaken will depend on both the needs of the employer and the job role as well as the apprentice, their previous experience and qualifications held.

Your training provider will also be able to guide you as to the most appropriate level for you.

Discover more about apprenticeships:
www.amazingapprenticeships.com

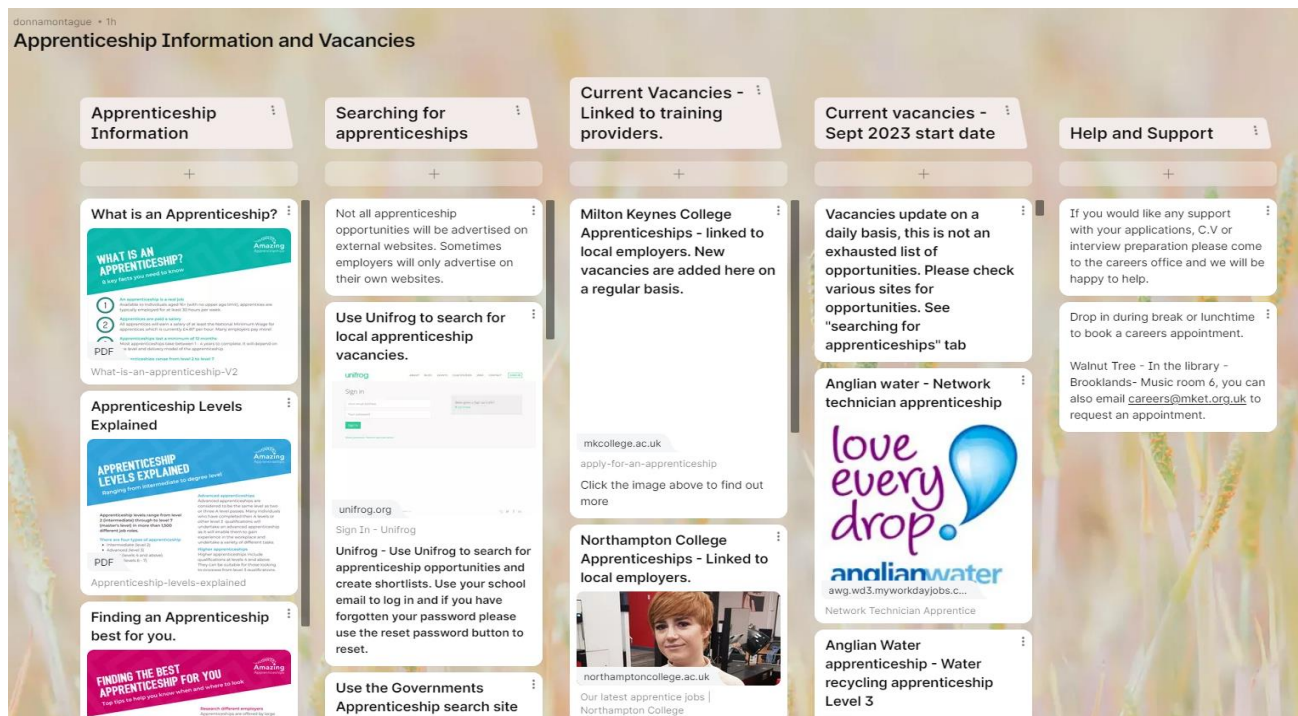


Helping your child to search and apply for apprenticeships - [here](#)

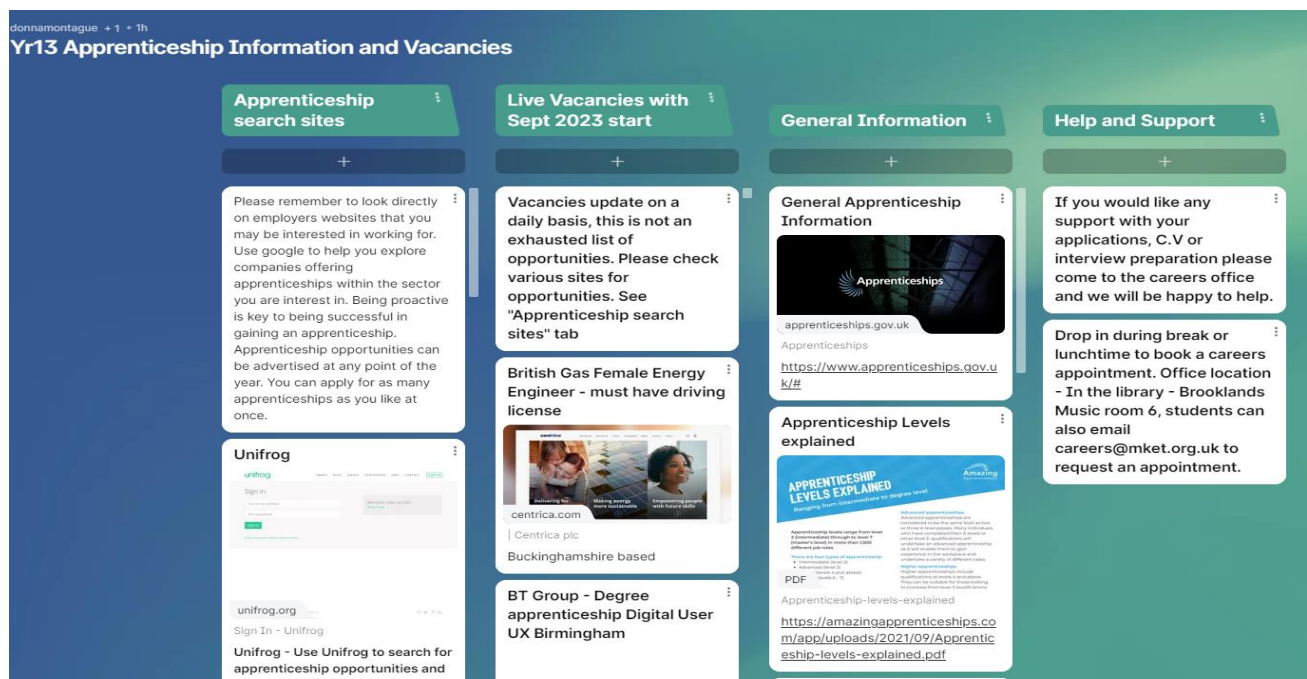
Apprenticeship Padlets:

Please explore our Apprenticeship Padlets for further information and live apprenticeship vacancies. Click on the images below, please note these do not hold an exhaustive list of vacancies so please do your own research using the sites listed.

Apprenticeship opportunities:



Year 13 Apprenticeship opportunities: Higher and Degree level



T levels:

What are T-levels?

T-levels are new, government-backed, career focused qualifications for 16- to 19-year olds. They're equivalent to three A-levels and are also backed by hundreds of British businesses, who helped to design the courses.

T-levels are offered by many schools and colleges across England and offer your child an ideal first step into their future career. As of September 2022, there are 16 different T-levels to choose from, with even more being made available from September 2023.

Each two-year course has been designed with employers from multiple sectors and combines classroom study with a 45-day industry placement to prepare your child for the world of work, or further study like a higher-level apprenticeship or university.

Watch this short video to find out more about T-levels:



Who offers T-levels?

Most local Colleges offer T-levels and you can explore their offer and entry requirements via the information below.

MK College offer T-levels in: Education and Childcare, Laboratory Science, Catering and Hospitality, Hair & Beauty, Digital Production, Design and Development and Construction - Design, Surveying and Planning. You can explore all T-levels offered [here](#)

Bedford College - Offer a large selection of T-level courses including Construction, Engineering, Healthcare including Supporting the Midwifery Team and Adult Nursing. You can explore all the options [here](#)

Northampton College - Offer a number of T-levels including Education and Childcare, Health/Adult Nursing, Digital Support Services, Management and Administration. You can explore the options [here](#)

Buckinghamshire College Group - Offer a number of T- level options which include Plumbing & Heating, you can explore all T-levels on offer [here](#)

Labour Market Information: General overview click [here](#)

Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire will become the biggest studio complex in the world with a £8 million expansion plan agreed. The move will create 8,000 new jobs, the expansion will include 21 new stages, a training hub and a publicly accessible nature reserve. It is believed that the development and growth will inject £640 million into the UK economy. Read more about the expansion [here](#)

Alakio – 80 new jobs will be created by German Tech company Alakio as they open a new warehouse in Milton Keynes. The investment into the UK will create 200 new jobs over the next 2 years. Read more about this [here](#)

Marshall Aerospace has been given the green light to relocate to Cranfield University. Once established this will create 1,200 jobs for the local area. You can read more about this [here](#)



The top five occupational groups across the South East Midlands region for Q2 are:

- Business and administration – the highest occupational group and increasing
- Sales Marketing and procurement – increase in both retail and business to business sales and service
- Engineering and Manufacturing – varied sectors from aerospace to food production
- Transport and Logistics – almost ½ of the job postings in the logistics sector are for business operations, digital and engineering
- Health and Science – growing need in pharmacy and psychology

To find out more about local LMI click [here](#)

Virtual work experience:

Why not complete some virtual work experience during the summer break?



There are lots of opportunities available across a number of sectors. Add some virtual work experience to your C.V or personal statement.

Opportunities include: This is not an exhausted list (please explore all opportunities [here](#))

Business Management	Engineering	Social Media Marketing	Software Development	Aviation
TV and Film	NHS – various careers	Journalism	Law	Mental Health
Teaching	Sustainability	Logistics	Finance	Psychology

Parent feedback welcome. If you have engaged with the Careers Team and would like to provide some positive or developmental feedback please email feedback@mket.org.uk

We welcome input from parents and hope to offer a supportive service to our students across both campuses.

Firefly has been updated with Careers information for students, parents and teachers. You can find out more via the links below.

Students – Firefly click [here](#)

Parents – Firefly click [here](#)

Teacher – Firefly click [here](#)

University Clearing

What is Clearing?

Clearing is a way to get a university place if a student:

- doesn't get the grades for their firm or insurance choice.
- hasn't received any offers.
- has changed their mind and no longer wants to go to their firm choice.
- applies after 30 June



You can read through the guide about Clearing [here](#)

When does Clearing start and end?

Clearing is open from 5 July and closes on 17 October 2023.

Where can I find Clearing vacancies?

All Clearing vacancies are listed in the [search tool](#). They are updated regularly by the universities until mid-September.

Did you know that if you haven't already applied for a course at University you can do this via Clearing. [UCAS](#) holds lots of useful information to support you with your options now and during results day.



The Careers Team will be available at both campuses on results day.

Mr Tan – Brooklands Campus
Ms Mahmood – Walnut Tree Campus