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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 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.

Assemblies:

This term has seen a number of assemblies taking place across the school, our students have heard from a variety of providers about different Careers and opportunities available.

Year 8 have been introduced to the Careers Team ahead of their GCSE options. Brooklands students heard from a past student about his time at Walton High, and his current Career as a degree apprentice studying Engineering. Our Walnut Tree students heard from a past student about his journey since leaving, and becoming an apprentice for Publicis Media.

Year 9 students at Brooklands heard from Mercedes Benz about the skills and qualities employers look for and the process of recruitment. At Walnut Tree students got to hear about alternative provision available after Year 11 including talks from Varsity Nine Football Academy and Arts1 Performing Arts school.

Year 10 attended a virtual session with ASK Apprenticeships who provided an excellent overview of apprenticeships allowing our students to ask questions and consider apprenticeships as an option for their future.

Year 11 Walnut Tree students heard from MK College about their offer including courses available, T levels and apprenticeships. They also shared open day information which can be found [here](#). Our Brooklands Students heard from NCS about their summer programme further information can be found [here](#).

Year 12/13 heard from the University of Hertfordshire and UEA about student finance and budgeting. Following the assembly UEA provided a really useful booklet covering student finance which can be found [here](#)

Click on the images below to find out more about each organisation:



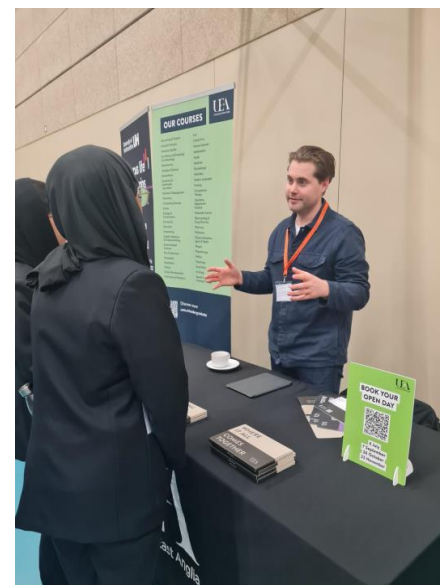
Year 12/13 Employer/Provider Pop up stands:



FCDO Services attended our Post 16 centers in February offering an employer pop up. Students were able to speak to them about current apprenticeship vacancies. FCDO Services attended both campuses with a large number of students engaging with this employer. To explore apprenticeship vacancies with FCDO Service please click [here](#).



Following assemblies around student finance the University of Hertfordshire and UEA attended our Post 16 centres to host pop up stands. This allowed students to ask questions about the University and the courses on offer. You can explore the University of Hertfordshire further [here](#) and UEA [here](#).



UCAS University Virtual tours:

For students that are considering University UCAS has a large section of virtual University tours. This can be a great way to start exploring Universities and support you in creating a shortlist of those to visit for an open day. You can explore virtual tours for a large number of Universities [here](#).

How to choose between Universities and the courses on offer:

UCAS has some really helpful information to help you start exploring the courses available as well as how to decide. With over 395 Higher Education providers across the UK and over 50,000 courses to choose from it can be a difficult decision. You can start to explore this information [here](#).

What are Russell Group Universities?

The Russell Group's 24 members are world-class, research-intensive universities. They are unique institutions, each with their own history and ethos, but they share some distinguishing characteristics. You can explore these [here](#).

NHBC Legal Team talk and work experience opportunity for Year 12 students.

The legal team from NHBC attended both campuses to speak to our Law students. Their presentation consisted of covering the differences between a Solicitor and Barrister as well as highlighting other legal roles. Our visitors spoke about their own Career pathways and covered the different areas of Law available.

NHBC came to promote their offer of summer work experience for 8 Year 12 Walton High students at their Milton Keynes office.



Congratulations to the eight students who have successfully secured a summer placement in July. The work experience will take place in the NHBC legal team office in Milton Keynes and include a trip to their London office.


Work Experience Year 10:

We were delighted to launch work experience for our Year 10 students at the start of February. We have decided to use Unifrog as our placement platform to help collate all the required information. Please ensure you are providing the correct email address for employers when submitting your application.

We hosted a virtual parent information evening to offer further information and support for parents. As a school we are hoping to get as many students out on placements as possible. Those that do not find a placement will be completing Virtual Work Experience at home during their allocated week.

Further supporting information can be found for parents on Firefly [here](#) and for students [here](#).

The Careers Team are happy to support if needed please email careers@mket.org.uk



Year 10 Work Experience

Brooklands students - Monday 10 June - Friday 14 June (1 week)

Walnut Tree students- Monday 24 June - Friday 28 June (1 week)

email careers@mket.org.uk

Our annual Careers Fairs:

March saw the return of our annual Careers Fairs at both campuses. Bigger and better than last year both campuses saw an increase in Employer attendance. A huge thank you to all employers, providers and staff who supported the event. New employers and providers included Tesla, Bluecube IT, Civil Service, David Lloyd, Howden Insurance, Aden consulting and the University of Leicester to name a few!

Students in Year 8, Year 11 and Post 16 attended.



Brooklands feedback:

100% of employers and providers felt our students engaged well throughout the event.

100% of students wanted the Careers Fair to return next year.

Areas for development:

Some education providers felt the event should be run earlier in the year to support their open events.

Students have asked for more employers linked to Science and Russell group Universities which will be explored for next years events.

Walnut Tree feedback:

100% of employers and providers would support Walton High with future events.

100% of employers and providers felt that students were well engaged and asked good questions.

Areas for development:

More Russell group Universities including those offering Dentistry and Veterinary.

More time at the Careers Fair to be allocated to the older year groups.



National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week 2024

Apprenticeships
National Apprenticeship Week
5th to 11th February 2024

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NAW 2024

- 1 Parents guide to Apprenticeships shared with all parents.
- 2 PSHE session for all year groups focused on Apprenticeships.
- 3 Virtual after school employer engagement sessions shared.
- 4 Daily social media posts to raise the profile of Apprenticeships with parents.
- 5 Internal school system updated with student, teacher and parent Apprenticeship information.
- 6 Apprenticeship resources shared across subject areas to update noticeboards.

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During National Apprenticeship Week all students across the school had a PSHE session focusing on Apprenticeships.

Year 8 students heard from past students who are currently apprentices during assembly.

Further information about apprenticeships can be found on Firefly for parents [here](#) and students [here](#).

Below is also a helpful hints and tips booklet for parents. Please click on the image.



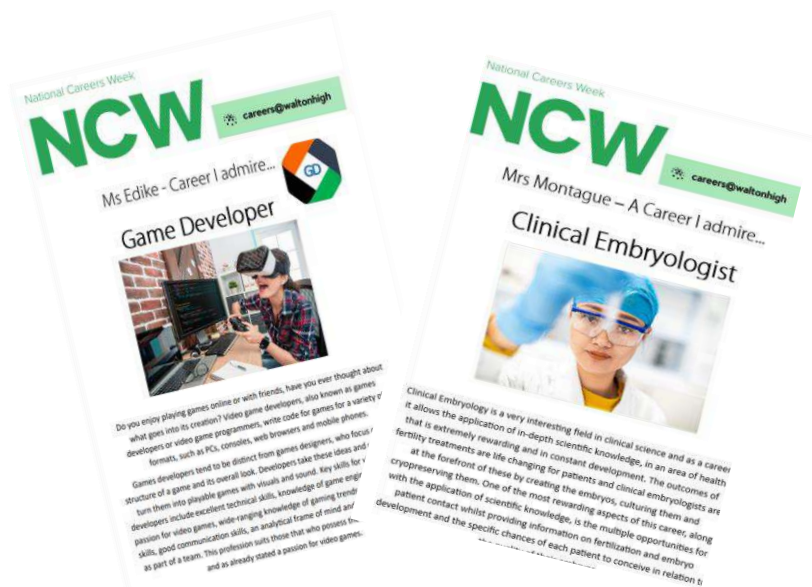
National Careers Week 2024

During National Careers Week all students across the school had a PSHE session focusing on Careers. The session covered Careers of the future, Labour market information, the importance of digital skills and motivational videos.



NCW ran a virtual Careers Fair which can still be accessed [here](#).

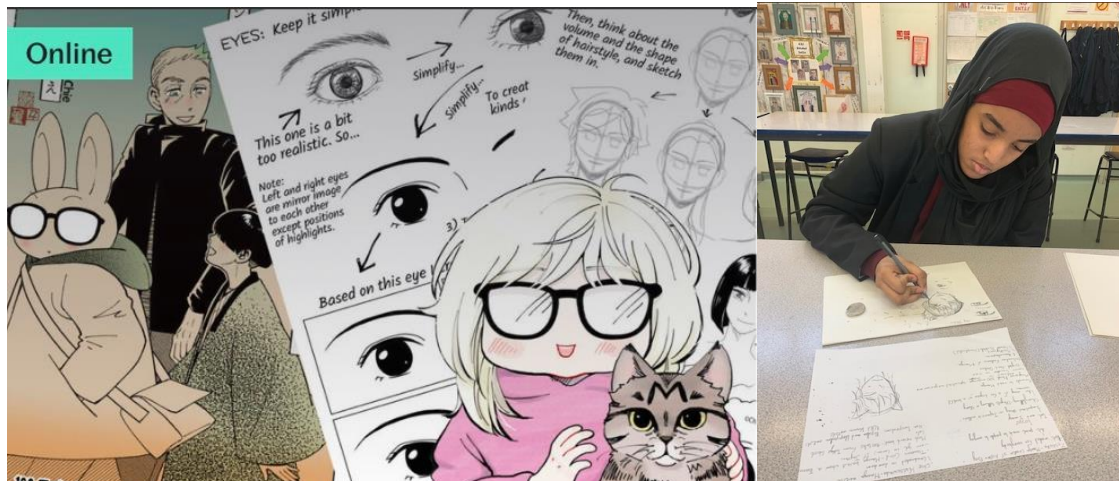
Staff across both campuses put together Careers I admire posters to be displayed on their classroom doors. There has been a great response and it's been lovely to see all the different Careers highlighted. These posters will stay up across the school long term to raise the profile of different Careers available to our students broadening their horizons.



Careers within subjects:



Art students were able to attend a webinar in February focusing on Graphic Illustration by the V&A. Students got to listen to Chie Kutsuwada talk about her Career and how she became a manga illustrator. Students also got to practise some techniques. Mrs Stormer



Health and Social Care - In March Bella from the University of Hertfordshire spoke to our Year 13 Health and Social Care students about the courses on offer, life at University and pathways available linked to Health and Social Care. Mr Ashmore



Year 8 options evenings – The Careers Team attended the Year 8 options evening at both campuses speaking to students and parents about their futures. You can access our popular posters [here](#).



MK: U school visit – A level Computer Science and IT



The Computer Science and IT department had the honour of welcoming Mr. M. Bell, the business development coordinator from MK:U, to engage with our P-16 A-level Computer Science and IT students. He conducted a workshop aimed at demystifying degree apprenticeships in various CS and IT fields such as Data Science, Cybersecurity, Chartered Manager(IT), Digital and Technology Solutions, and Data Analytics. Additionally, Mr. Bell delivered a lecture on topics including smart sustainable cities, robotics, and the utilization of autonomous vehicles, highlighting MK:U's involvement in these innovative initiatives from inception.



During the visit, students delved into the application of contemporary technologies in society and business. They explored current uses and challenges in the digital landscape, particularly in the transition to driverless cars. This involved examining legal, ethical, and organizational risks and security issues associated with the integration of AI, which plays a crucial role in autonomous decision-making.

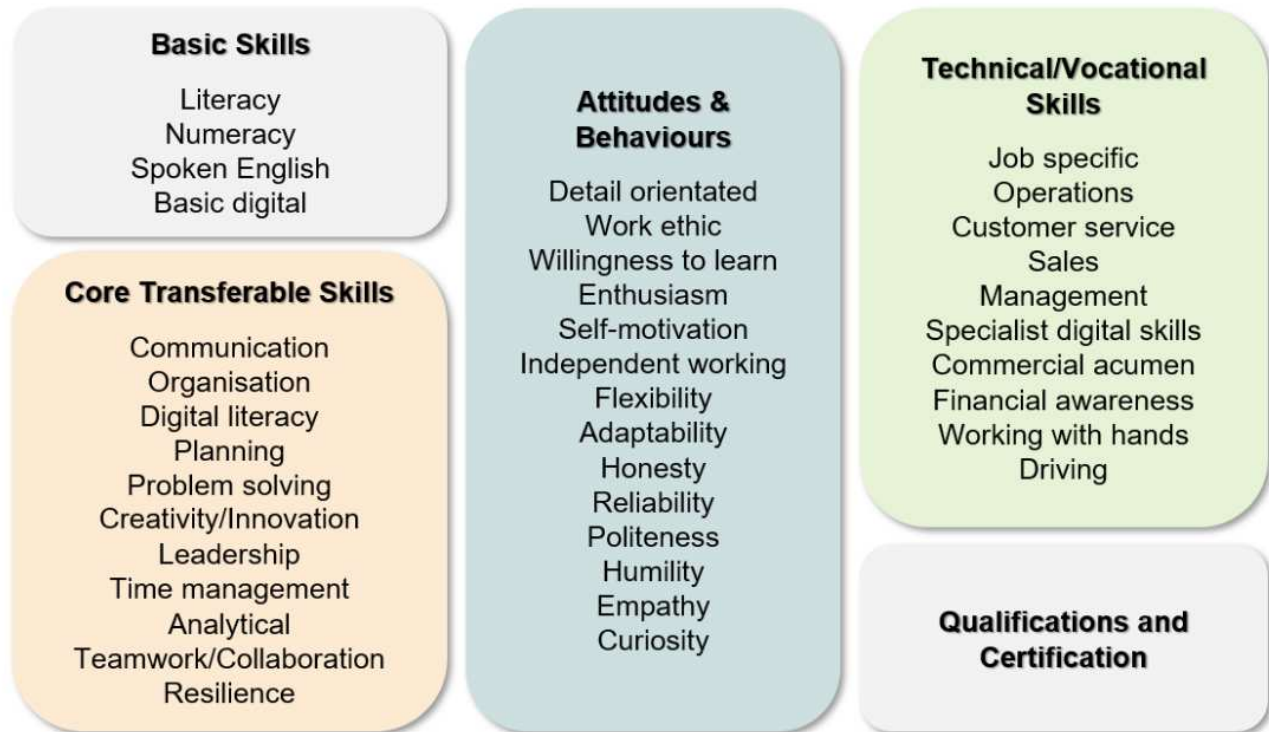
The workshop fostered interactive discussions, with a dynamic Q&A session enabling students to collaborate in group activities and gain insights into career opportunities and various degree apprenticeship pathways available through MK: U and Cranfield University in these exciting fields of study.



Furthermore, existing apprentices shared their perspectives and experiences across different fields of study, offering valuable insights into balancing work and studies within the framework of degree apprenticeship routes.

Labour Market Information

Employability skills highlighted by employers as important areas for consideration when recruiting. Along with qualifications soft skills such as communication and adaptability are important skills to be successful within the working world.



Future Opportunities



Parent corner



“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting **podcast series for parents and carers**, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 3 is bigger and better than ever, led by our 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.

You can access the podcasts [here](#).

Talking Futures - A parent toolkit for career conversations.

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

Why not start a career conversation with your son or daughter? Suitable for all age groups. Click on the image below and work through the questions to get started.

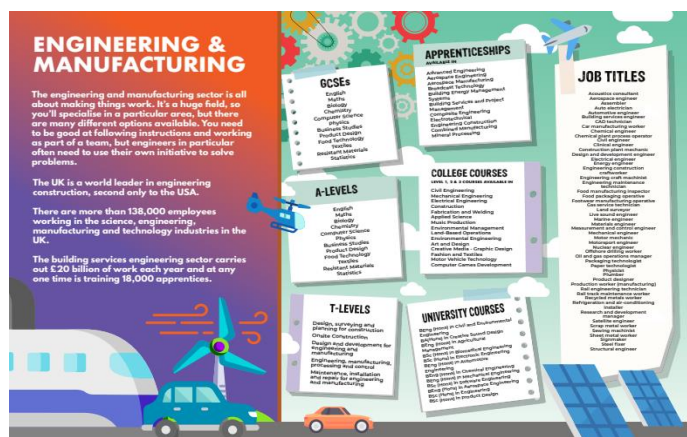


This is a chance for your child to ask you about your experiences in work or education. It could give them some good ideas for their own planning and help to get the conversation going.

LET'S GET STARTED >

Sector poster:

These bright posters have been popular at our Year 8 options evenings. You can access these electronically via Firefly [here](#).



Parent feedback:

If you have any feedback about our Careers provision positive or developmental please email careers@mket.org.uk