



# 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.

## **Careers Team –**

It has been a busy half term across both campuses, with the annual Careers Fair taking place at our Brooklands campus alongside a range of events that have given students valuable opportunities to explore different career options. Looking ahead to next term, we will be hosting our annual Careers Fair at Walnut Tree, as well as working with our partners at **Worktree** to deliver speed networking events for students in **Years 7 to 10**. These activities will continue to support students in broadening their understanding of future pathways and the world of work.

### **Our location:**

Brooklands Campus – We have moved! Now based next to the drama studio.

Walnut Tree – We are based in the library.

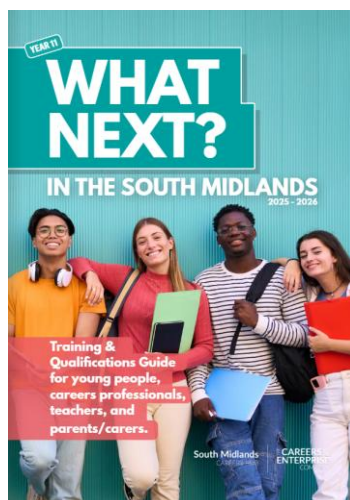
Students from any year group can request a Careers appointment via their form tutor, or by attending the Careers Office during break/lunchtime or by emailing [careers@wh5d.com](mailto:careers@wh5d.com)

### **Parental Engagement:**

**Choices Magazine** is a monthly parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education, you can access it - [here](#)

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Supporting your Year 11 son/daughter with their next steps – [Online Flipbook](#)

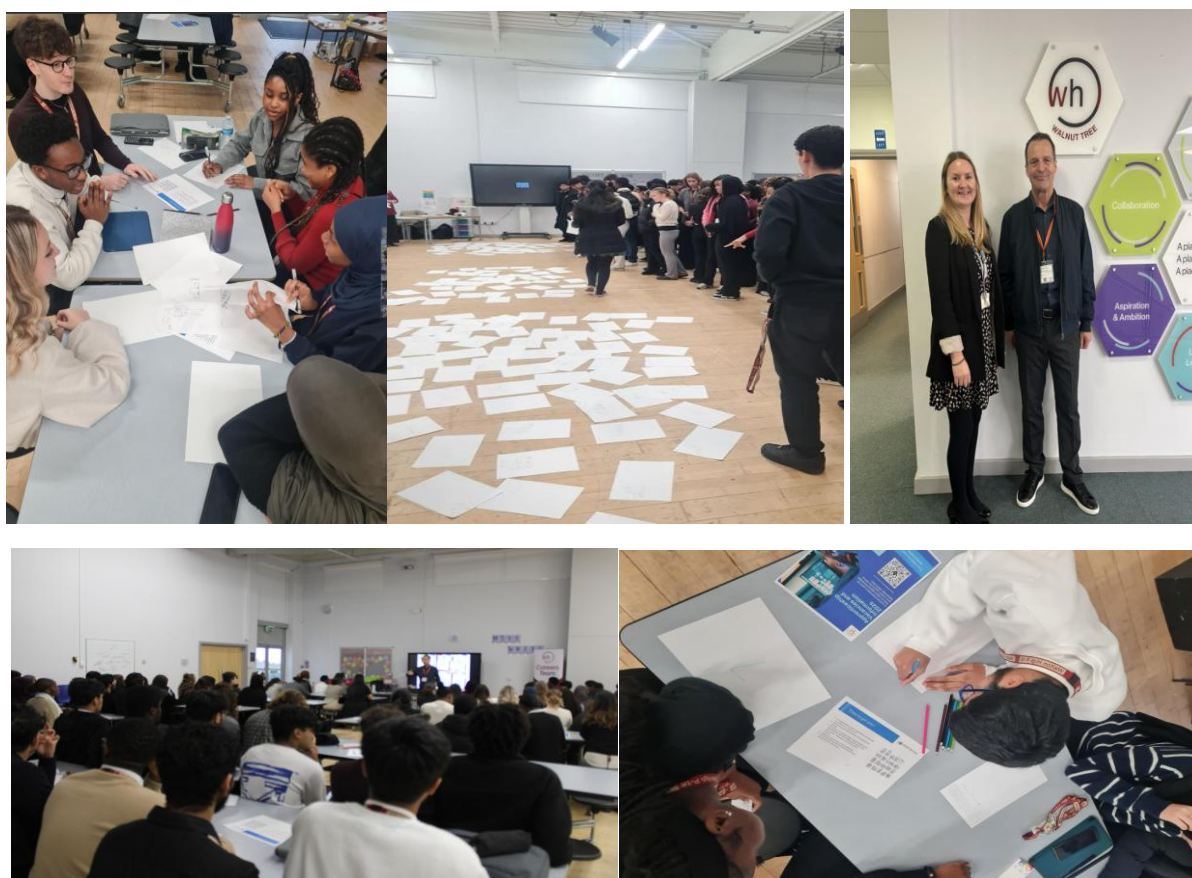


We are currently reviewing and developing our careers education provision at Walton High. To help us better understand how our Careers programme is viewed from a parent's perspective, we kindly ask you to complete the feedback form below. Your feedback and engagement are greatly valued and appreciated.

**Please use this link –** <https://forms.office.com/e/AjNEuKXnJM>

## Year 13 Apprenticeship workshops

In October Mrs Montague ran our Apprenticeship workshops for our Year 13 students. 75 students attended, the morning included information about apprenticeships from Mrs Montague, a mock assessment centre with FCDO Services and an interview preparation workshop run by Dale Willis from my Gr8tfirstjob. Students from our Brooklands and Walnut Tree campuses were in attendance.



Mrs Montague has created and maintains our Year 13 Apprenticeship padlet that holds a wide variety of information including live vacancies and resources. [Year 13 Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Information and Vacancies 2025/2026](#)



### Building Future-Ready Tech Talent!

In November our **Computer Science and Careers Team** hosted an inspiring **speed-networking event** with professionals from across the tech and digital sector.

Students from our **Walnut Tree** and **Brooklands** campuses had the chance to:

- 💡 Discover the wide range of computer-science-related careers
- 🤝 Build confidence and connect with industry professionals
- 🌀 Explore real career pathways and develop essential employability skills

A huge thank you to our amazing partners for supporting this event: **Worktree, XERO, SYSTRA, Bidwells, Santander, Volkswagen Group, RORA, Pluxee Group, Edifying Bookkeeping, and The Henry Allen Trust.**



### Careers in Cyber Security -

- **Cyber Security Analyst/Specialist**: Monitors for attacks, investigates alerts, manages firewalls, and responds to incidents like phishing or malware.
- **Security Engineer**: Designs, builds, and maintains security systems, networks, and applications, often focusing on cloud or network security.
- **Penetration Tester (Ethical Hacker)**: Simulates cyberattacks to find and fix vulnerabilities in systems before malicious actors do.
- **Security Architect**: Designs the overall security framework and infrastructure for an organization.
- **Threat Intelligence Analyst**: Research emerging threats, vulnerabilities, and attacker methods to provide proactive defence strategies.
- **Digital Forensics Examiner/Technician**: Investigates cybercrimes, gathers digital evidence, and analyses attack methods.
- **Cyber Security Manager/CISO**: Oversees security teams, develops strategy, manages risk, and reports to leadership on the organization's security posture.
- **Application Security Engineer**: Focuses on securing software and applications from vulnerabilities.
- **Identity and Access Management (IAM) Engineer**: Manages user access, authentication, and authorization systems.

# Year 11 SEN event and support:



THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO AFTER YEAR 11?  
COME AND JOIN US AT OUR TRUST  
SEND DESTINATIONS EVENING: 'BEYOND YEAR 11'

SHENLEY BROOK END (SIXTH FORM CENTRE)  
17TH NOVEMBER 2024  
4.30PM - 6.30PM

Post-16 providers and advisors available to speak to:  
Milton Keynes College  
Moulton College  
Hazeley, Walton High and Shenley Brook End Sixth Forms  
Stephenson Academy Post-16 Centre  
Information on Apprenticeships  
Careers Advice  
SENCo's from your school

Students, parents/carers will be able to meet providers at various stands and talk about your options for next year



No need to book just come along  
We look forward to seeing you!



As we continue to grow as a Trust our Careers Team and SEN Team joined our colleagues at Shenley and Hazeley for the “Beyond Year 11” event. The evening allowed parents and students to attend a SEN only event to speak to Sixth Form leads from across the trust, as well as an opportunity to speak to external providers such as MK College, Moulton College and the Christian Foundation to name a few.

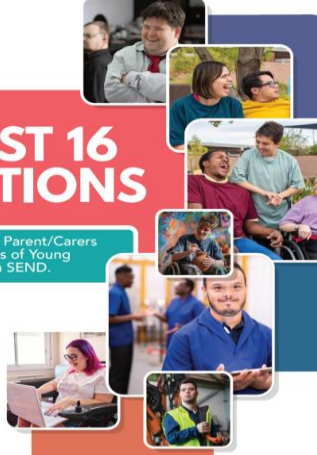


Our Year 11 SEN students from Walnut Tree attend MK College for an information event and tour to see the college in action! This trip gave our students a chance to meet with the SEN team at the college, see the different courses in action and get a feel for the learning environment.



POST 16  
OPTIONS

A guide for Parent/Carers  
and Families of Young  
People with SEND.



This helpful Post 16 options booklet has been put together by the Careers and Enterprise Company providing information on local provision helping parents of learners with SEND.

Please click here to access – [P16 SEND guide](#)

## **Raising Aspirations**

### **University of Oxford Trip:**

Year 12 students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to Trinity College, University of Oxford, designed to broaden horizons and raise aspirations for higher education. The day offered a rich insight into one of the world's leading universities and helped students picture themselves thriving in an academic environment at the very highest level.

The visit began with a guided tour of Trinity College's historic facilities. Students explored the college library, dining hall and study spaces. Walking through buildings steeped in centuries of history brought to life the idea that Oxford is not just a place seen in books or films, but a real and welcoming community for students from all backgrounds.

A highlight of the day was an engaging lecture in History, delivered in an authentic Oxford teaching setting. Students experienced the tutorial-style approach that Oxford is known for, encouraging discussion, critical thinking and independent analysis. The session challenged



### **Beyond the Classroom! - Trinity College Oxford's Online Academic Enrichment Programme is back in 2026!**

**What** online after-school academic enrichment programme new series of mini lectures, Explore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study and submitting a competitive application to university and the University of Oxford. Gain a certificate demonstrating your commitment to super-curricular enrichment!

**Who** any state school student in **Year 7 to 12** who is interested in exploring learning across a broad range of themes and across subjects beyond the classroom, and/or may be interested in applying to Oxford.

**When** on Tuesdays at 4:30pm-5:30pm, beginning Tuesday the 10 March 2026, (excl school holidays) for 15 sessions running to Tuesday 7 July. Students can opt in for the sessions of their choice.

**Where** online on Teams.

**Links** see more details can be found on our website which will be updated as [themes for the programme](#) are confirmed and students can register themselves at [Trinity Beyond the Classroom 2026](#).



Students at our Brooklands campus recently took part in a highly successful Careers Fair, welcoming just over 40 employers and education providers from a wide range of sectors. Learners in Years 8, 10, 11 and Post-16 attended the event, having first prepared during a dedicated tutor time session where they reviewed the employers and providers attending and planned thoughtful questions for those they wanted to engage with. This preparation helped students approach conversations with confidence and purpose on the day. Following the fair, students reflected on what they had learned, the pathways that interested them most and the skills needed for future success, ensuring the experience had a lasting impact on their career thinking and aspirations.

We were delighted to welcome **40 fantastic employers and providers**, including:

- ◇ KPMG
- ◇ British Gas
- ◇ Bucks Fire & Rescue
- ◇ SWF Law
- ◇ Wise Start Accounting
- ◇ University of Law
- ◇ Acorn Nurseries
- ◇ MK College

...along with a whole host of other brilliant partners who gave their time and expertise to support our students.

It was fantastic to see your students engaging with the event, asking questions and exploring their options.

**Our Careers Fair at our Walnut Tree campus is taking place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**



## Portfolio workshop – Norwich University of Arts



We're incredibly grateful to the team at Norwich University of the Arts for their continued support, not only at our annual Careers Fair but also for delivering an inspiring Portfolio Workshop for our Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students interested in creative pathways. The session provided valuable guidance on building strong, imaginative portfolios and highlighted the wide range of opportunities available within the creative industries. Student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many feeling motivated and encouraged to push their ideas further. We would like to thank Norwich University of the Arts for their ongoing partnership and commitment to inspiring the next generation of creatives.

Further information about the University can be found here - [Home | Norwich University of the Arts](#)



## Alumni corner

### Engaging Our Alumni – Inspiring the Next Generation

We are proud of the many former students who go on to achieve success in a wide range of pathways, including further education, apprenticeships, employment, and entrepreneurship. We want our alumni to play an important role in inspiring and informing current students about the opportunities available to them beyond school.

We are keen to strengthen our engagement with former students and to develop more alumni case studies that can be shared with our school community. These real-life stories help students understand different career routes, gain insight into a variety of industries, and see how the skills developed at school can lead to future success.

If you are a former student or know someone who would be willing to share their journey, experiences, or advice, we would love to hear from you. Case studies may be used in assemblies, careers lessons, newsletters, or on our website and social media channels.

By sharing alumni success stories, we can continue to motivate and support our students as they plan their next steps. If you are a former student who would like to support us, please email [careers@wh5d.com](mailto:careers@wh5d.com)

Thank you to Lewis a former Year 13 student who has been one of our first Alumni to provide his exciting news of starting his own business alongside his studies.



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**I went to Walton High, and I am now a business owner and Software Engineering student at the University of Northampton.**



Read my story here

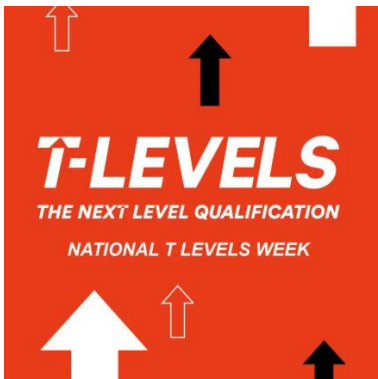
**Open evenings**



Mrs Montague attended our Year 6 Open evenings and Post 16 open events at both campuses. Providing information and advice to students and parents.



**National T level week**



To mark National T Level Week, students across all year groups participated in a tutor-time session which focused on raising awareness of the T Level pathway.

We added social media posts to share information with parents and have add some further information to our website.

You can find out more about T Levels [here](#)

Our local provider of T Levels is MK College; you can explore the T Levels available [here](#)



***ABOUT T LEVELS***

T Levels are a 2-year qualification that you can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship.

They have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need.

## Unifrog



All students in Years 7 to 13 have free access to Unifrog.

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 – **WaltonParents**

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



## Labour Market Information:



### Growth sectors in Milton Keynes:



**Technology:** A key area with strong growth.

**Logistics and Transport:** Milton Keynes' central location drives demand in warehousing, supply chain, and driving roles.

**Construction:** Ongoing development projects create a need for construction workers.

**Healthcare:** Roles like carers, nurses, and social workers are consistently in demand.

**Retail:** A significant sector in the area.

**Financial Services:** A growing area within Milton Keynes with many national and international organisations with headquarters in MK.

You can find out more about Labour Market information via this site - [Labour Market Information | Jobs Market Information](#)