

» POST16 APPLICATIONS

Good News!

All Year 11 career interviews have now been completed. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic and engaged group of young people! All year 11's should have completed at least one application for a Post16 provider of their choice.

Any year 11 student who feels they need support for ANY reason, is welcome to see their Careers Adviser, Miss Willis, in her office or email queries to Angela.Willis@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk



» CAN YOU HELP?

We were recently lucky enough to have Kathryn Cearns OBE come and speak to the whole of year 10 and give a group talk to some of our 6th formers.

Kathryn is a non-executive Director in the public sector and public interest entities and has a wealth of experience to draw upon. We believe our students really benefit from working with inspiring people like Kathryn. Do you have anyone within your network who might be able to come and inspire our students through joining us at our career events, giving motivational talks, supporting us with mock interviews or offering our students a work experience placement? If you do, then please let us know by emailing Angela.Willis@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK (6TH - 10TH FEBRUARY)

Apprenticeships are the best way forward for some of our students, so we want to make sure that our students know about them. We really enjoyed working with Tammy at ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge) to create a bespoke support plan for this academic year. The ASK team has already been in to work with some of our 6th form students but will be returning to deliver assemblies and group work to lower year groups very soon.

If you would like to learn more about apprenticeships there is a notice board in the main hall focussed on this route, a page dedicated to apprenticeships on The Malling School website under the "Careers" section, or you can speak to one of the careers team directly. Assemblies took place all week during NAW to ensure students understand what they are and where to go if they would like to know more.

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» CAREER EVENTS COMING SOON...

- Apprenticeship Fair - Mote Park (10th March)
- Apprenticeship Year 11 Group Work – TMS (20th March)
- BAE Road Show – TMS (26th April)
- TMS Annual Careers Fair – TMS (5th July)
- UCAS Fair Trip – Year 12 (5th June)
- Mock Interview Day (23rd June)
- Work Experience Week (26th – 30th June)



» LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Our children should be pursuing industries where jobs are being created rather than those that are becoming obsolete. How do we help to future-proof their careers? One way is to make good use of LMI. There is a brand-new website dedicated to exploring the labour market in Kent.

www.kent.startprofile.com allows you to explore the projects and employers that are creating jobs local to you. It will also enable you to find out about key industries across Kent, the opportunities available and the qualifications needed for these.



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Companies like Springpod run virtual work experience for 14–19 year olds at different times throughout the year, which can be completed at their own pace and in their own time. It provides an amazing opportunity for young people to connect with industry professionals via live sessions, acquire soft skills and gain unique knowledge about different professions. Furthermore, it gives them the chance to undertake mini-projects and activities alongside professionals in the field.

[Free Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#)

Speakers for School also offers virtual work experience for young people:

[Virtual Work Experience | VWEX | Speakers for Schools](#)

» MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Year 12 will take part in a Mock Interview Day on 23rd June 2023 to help develop their employability skills. We will be inviting employers into the school to conduct mock interviews with students to help them practice responding to competency-based questions.

» CAN YOU HELP?

If you have interviewing experience and could give your time to volunteer on the 23rd June, please get in touch via email:

Lisa.Alexander@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk

» WORK EXPERIENCE 2023

In the week beginning 26th June 2023, Year 12 will spend a week gaining experience in the workplace. Work experience is just one of a series of employer encounters that Malling School students can expect throughout their time at school. We offer these opportunities to give students an insight into what work is like and what they need to be successful in the workplace.

Work experience has many advantages - it's a great way to test out potential job ideas, gain insight into what you enjoy (and don't enjoy) doing, understand workplace dynamics, learn the skills needed for an occupation and have something to talk about on a CV, application form or during an interview. It can also be beneficial to meet people who can be of help in the future.

In the past students have gained part-time jobs, apprenticeships and other opportunities as a direct result of work experience.

A short preparation programme takes place before students go out on their placement. This includes information on health and safety at work. Students will receive information and support with the process at school, as well as all paperwork required.

» CAN YOU HELP?

If your own workplace is willing to take work experience students, please let us know and we can share this with the rest of the students:

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