

## » TMS CAREERS FAIR 2023

Another inspiring Careers Fair this year! This time students held snakes, explored an ambulance and used electronic equipment from BAE Systems. We were lucky enough to have an artist from the University for the Creative Arts join us. She used the events of the day as her inspiration and painted a huge canvas while everything was going on around her. This artwork is now on display in reception as a memento of this wonderful day.



Feedback from students was that they found the experience immersive and exciting. During the preparation for the fair, we encouraged exhibitors to make their stands as engaging as possible by bringing along equipment that the students could try for themselves. Our visitors certainly rose to the challenge – with badge making to birthing babies and CPR manikins to VR Headsets as some of the highlights!

TMS students can expect some exciting new changes to the 2024 event which will have a STEAM theme! (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths theme).

## POST16 OPTIONS AND KENTCHOICES

An email has been sent to all year 11 parents/carers outlining everything you need to know about applying for Post16 options. Please email [angela.willis@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:angela.willis@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk) for further support on this if needed and remember to follow our TMS careers Facebook page "Future You!" for helpful tips and reminders throughout the year.

## YEAR 12 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

We are incredibly grateful to the employers who generously gave up their time to participate in our recent mock interview day. The students had the opportunity to gain practical experience, receiving valuable feedback and improving their interview skills. Such interactions with professionals in the field not only boosted their confidence but also helped them understand the expectations of future job interviews. Overall, it was an immensely beneficial event for our students, equipping them with essential skills for their professional journey.

## » COLLABORATING WITH GALLAGHER

We are currently working together with the Gallagher group to give TMS students experience of all aspects of the construction industry. Two of our students went on work experience for one week where they worked alongside students from other schools and colleges to create, run and market a construction project from scratch, which they then presented to a panel at the end of the week.

A group of our year 10 construction students got the opportunity to attend the Gallagher Quarry open day. They listened to Gallagher employees talking about how the quarry runs, learnt about what they produce and the variety of roles that make the company run smoothly. They also used welding simulators, drove digger simulators, built a bug hotel and played mini golf. We were lucky enough to go on a lovely sunny day, so the ice cream van at the event offered a welcome break.

We look forward to working with Gallagher more in the year ahead.

To make sure you don't miss out on any of our news and opportunities, follow us on:

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## » FOCUS ON... POST 18 OPTIONS

There are a lot of options to choose from at 18. Here at The Malling School we support the students to explore which option is right for them to help them to progress onto their future careers.

### U N I V E R S I T Y

Universities offer a wide range of courses and degrees across various disciplines. It is important to research different universities, their entry requirements, and course offerings. Students should start their research now on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com). In year 12 we offer a trip to the local UCAS exhibition where universities from all over the UK attend to give advice and information about their institutions and the courses they offer.

### A P P R E N T I C E S H I P S

Apprenticeships allow you to gain practical skills while working and earning money at the same time. Apprenticeships are available at all levels from GCSE (level 2) to Masters degree (level 7) in a wide variety of careers. For individuals interested in gaining both academic knowledge and practical skills, higher-level apprenticeships are another great option. These apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with part-time study at a higher education institution, allowing you to earn a degree while gaining work experience. Some larger companies recruit in the winter term for the following September, so we encourage students to start their research early. Students can explore apprenticeships further on [www.unifrog.com](http://www.unifrog.com)

### G A P Y E A R

This option allows you to explore new interests, volunteer, travel, or gain work experience. It can also help you make a more informed decision about your future path before committing to further education or training.

### E M P L O Y M E N T

Some students may choose to enter the workforce directly after finishing 6th Form. Starting full-time employment provides an opportunity to earn income, develop essential workplace skills, and gain real-life experience. However, it's crucial to consider how this aligns with long-term career goals and whether additional qualifications would be required later on.

### C O L L E G E A N D F U R T H E R E D U C A T I O N

Colleges and other further education institutions offer a range of vocational courses and qualifications. These courses often have a direct focus on specific careers such as beauty therapy, construction, media, hospitality, and more.

### S U P P O R T E D I N T E R N S H I P S

Supported internships are an excellent option for students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). These programs provide young people with additional needs the opportunity to gain valuable work experience. Supported internships help students develop essential skills, increase their confidence, and enhance their job prospects. With personalised support from dedicated job coaches and employers committed to inclusive practices, these internships offer a supportive environment where students can thrive and transition smoothly into paid employment.

**Remember**, choosing the right path after 6th Form is an individual decision that requires careful consideration. It's important for students to explore their interests and strengths, research different options thoroughly, attend open days and speak with professionals in respective fields. Students are able to see the KS5 Careers Adviser, Mrs Alexander in school on an ad-hoc basis to discuss this in more detail.

