



Careers Newsletter March 2024

A careers update for parents/carers; national and local information on opportunities

Malmesbury School Careers Week Special

We had a wonderful start to our careers week last Thursday with our annual in-house careers fair. This year 33 exhibitors attended across the hall and the gym. Our special guest was a 6R 150 John Deere tractor brought along by Tallis Amos!

This year's amazing exhibitors were: Access Creative College, ACD Environmental, Boom Satsuma College, Calcot Manor Hotel and Spa, Cirencester College, Cotswold Archaeology, Forestry England, GE Aviation, Gooseberry Bush Nursery, H/Advisors, Hartpury College, Mander Duffill Accountants, Mayden - Software Developers, MJ Plumbing Services, New College Swindon, New College Swindon apprenticeships, New College Swindon HE/IOT, Norland Nanny College, Oxford Brookes University, Persimmon Homes, RAF, Royal Agricultural University, Royal Navy, RWE – renewable energy, Sweetnam & Bradley, Swindon Health Services, Tallis Amos, UKESF – Electronics scholarships, University of Bath, University of Bristol, UTC Swindon – STEM College, Wiltshire College and Wiltshire Police.

The students had a fantastic morning learning about so many different future opportunities for work and study. Our exhibitors were also very complimentary about our wonderful young people. Well done Malmesbury School!

This week students in years 7-9 are benefiting from a range of great activities whilst year 10 are out on their work experience placements.



In Person Work Experience Opportunity

Built Environment Work Experience Week - Monday 1st July until Friday 5th July.

'We are pleased to announce that for the fourth year running, Built Environment Work Experience Week will be going ahead. This event has had huge success in the past and we are delighted to invite you to take part. The week will be on Monday 1st July until Friday 5th July.

This week's placement is to plan, cost, and design part of a new road in England.

Over the week you will meet a variety of people who work in construction and engineering, learning about their jobs and their route into construction. They come from a wide variety of backgrounds and their paths into their current job have not always been what you might expect.

You will also meet recruitment experts to give you hints and tips on CVs and interviews.

With the help from their presentations, using your own skills and those of your team members, you will work to create a presentation which shows why our judges should pick your company and its designs to build part of the new road.

There are two options for you to be involved in this week and below will detail more information:

- Virtual Delivery: Here you will take part in BBuilt Environment Work Experience Week via an online platform
- In person Delivery: In the event that there is a site near to you that has availability you will be able to visit a site for the week

The next steps for you to register your interest

- To sign up click [here](#)
- Complete the signup form
- Wait for your reply'

Virtual Work experience opportunities

Pfizer – Molecule to Market virtual work experience

Explore the world of the biopharmaceutical industry through our free interactive virtual work experience programme that will provide you with an in-depth overview of how medicines are developed and brought to market.

[Molecule to Market - Virtual Work Experience Programme | Pfizer UK](#)

Young Professionals Career Insight Events

Various career events including Law, engineering, tech and banking:

[Events – Young Professionals \(young-professionals.uk\)](#)

Doctors Live – anatomy club 3-month programme (NOT FREE £59 per student)

The **Anatomy Club** is a 3-month after-school programme covering all 12 organ systems. The sessions run for 2 hours weekly, every Tuesday evening, led by two practising doctors. We cover the body systems in a fun and interactive manner by dissecting our virtual anatomy model. We also cover diseases affecting the organ system and try to solve anonymised real-life patient cases together.

The sessions are aimed at any students interested in Science and Healthcare who want to learn something outside of the school curriculum. Our passion is to inspire students to learn about human science in an engaging and affordable manner. The course suits all students aged 13 and above. Certificates will be provided for participation. Below are some further details:

NHS Allied Health Professions (AHP) programme - several sessions of work experience before the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers in January. (NOT FREE, £10.00 a session)

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are

fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications!

This programme is suitable for students in years 10 – 13 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Springpod, Speakers for Schools and The Forage

Three additional virtual work experience data bases are:

- [Virtual Work Experience Programmes | Springpod](#)
- [VWEX - Speakers for Schools](#)
- [Explore all Free Job Simulations - Forage \(theforage.com\)](#)

Students can search and apply for relevant placements which they complete outside of school hours varying from 2-10 hours.

Face to Face Events

Access Talent Apprenticeship Event 3rd – 4th April (9:30am – 4:00pm)

Access Creative College in Bristol are hosting an exciting opportunity for YR11 and YR13 learners looking for an apprenticeship. It's called Access Talent and it's essentially a two-day speed networking event with employers from the creative industries and young people looking for an apprenticeship. This should be an exciting and fast-paced event that will see successful candidates placed with apprenticeship employers by the end.

It's being organised by Access Industry and hosted by Access Creative College. Access Industry is the apprenticeship partner of Access Creative College, which rebranded from National College Creative Industries (NCCI) last year. They specialise in apprenticeships for the creative and media sector with standards that include:

Digital Marketeer
Content Creator
Software Technician
Creative Industries Production Technician
Cultural Learning Participation Officer

The event is being held at our Bristol campus on 3rd – 4th April (9:30am – 4:00pm)

The address is: Access Creative College, Bristol (BS1 2LZ):

Please see the additional attachment that includes more information about the event, our apprenticeship standards. and how a young person should prepare for the event. Any young people who'd like to attend should register on our website using the following link:

<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events/external-learners-event-apprenticeships/#fill-out-form>

Oxford Brookes Occupational Therapy taster day

Date: 1st May 2024 **Time:** 9:30-15:00 **Location:** Marston Campus

Event description:

This taster day will allow you to experience a comprehensive insight into the field of Occupational Therapy at a university level. Engage with key concepts developed by our academic staff as you learn and navigate our diverse modules, explore various career paths and uncover opportunities in the field, all through an interactive lens.

You can find out more about our [Occupational Therapy](#) course in this link.

On our Occupational Therapy course, you'll gain an understanding of how to help people overcome daily challenges. With your vision, you'll be able to help people achieve and progress in their everyday lives and help them improve their quality of life. You'll meet people from around the world who share your values and can broaden your perspective on looking after others. You'll also take part in a supervised practice placement each year. This gives you opportunities to apply everything you learn on the course in a professional context. Placements take place in or outside of the Oxford area, in professional settings, giving you the chance to learn and practice on location. This degree is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council. It is accredited by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. Successful completion allows you to register as an occupational therapist in the UK. So you can be confident you'll be learning the right skills for a lifelong and rewarding career.

If you would like to book onto the Occupational Therapy taster session taking place at the Marston Campus on May 1st, 2024, there are still places available.

The taster days give students the chance to:

- Take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions.
- Experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics.
- Discover our facilities and student life during a Campus Tour.
- Hear about the career potential of the courses on offer.

Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend, if you have questions or would like more information about help with travel please do get in touch.

To find out more information please contact schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk. To book on to a Taster Day please fill in [this form](#).

Virtual Events/Webinars

Free seminars, great for help with choosing a degree subject or for personal statement writing in year 13:

Swansea University Subject Masterclasses

[Masterclass Series Recordings - Swansea University](#)

Free Lectures from Gresham College

Events at the University of Bath

Discover Bath:

Discover Bath is a summer residential which aims to give you a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath. Discover Bath is free-of-charge, including accommodation, meals and all activities. We have 19 different summer schools available (across lots of different subject areas). Applications will open on 5th February 2024 [Discover Bath](#)

Autism Summer School:

Our Autism Summer School is a 1 night residential for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who will complete Year 11 in June/July 2024. The Autism Summer School is free-of-charge, including accommodation, meals and all activities. Applications will open on 5th February 2024 [Autism Summer School \(bath.ac.uk\)](#)

Please head to our [website](#) to find out more and to apply.

Applications to College, Sixth Forms and Apprenticeships - Year 11

How and when to apply?

For any students who have not yet applied to college, applications can still be made online via the college websites. Whilst most colleges do not have a set deadline, the preference is for applications to be made as early as possible in year 11 to allow for interviews to take place before Easter.

Please note – Cirencester College have now introduced an application deadline of the 31st of July 2024. Applications after this date will not be processed until previous applicants have been allocated courses. For any students considering applying to Cirencester College, I would recommend doing so as soon as possible.

Year 11 students can apply to as many colleges as they wish and make a final decision after GCSE results if needs be.

Students who wish to apply to a sixth form need to check with the sixth form directly to find out when they will be accepting applications. Many sixth forms will have an application window that opens after their open day has taken place.

For another copy of the open days sheet or to request a careers appointment to discuss options please email: sgriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

Apprenticeships information for year 11, and 13

Year 11 Students wishing to apply for apprenticeships who do not have an employer should follow these steps:

- 1) Apply to colleges/training providers as soon as possible for full time courses as a back-up plan as well as apprenticeship courses. Colleges/training providers will do their best to match apprentices with employers. Colleges locally providing apprenticeships include: **Cirencester, Bath, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire & Stroud and New College Swindon.**
- 2) Create an account and set up vacancy alerts on: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
Most vacancies for year 11 leavers will be advertised from Spring – however some larger firms will recruit from the Autumn term.
- 3) Contact local businesses of interest sending a CV and a speculative letter – you might get in touch just before they advertise!

For those students with an employer lined up, their employer should be able to direct them to the appropriate college or training provider. However, if the employer isn't sure, please speak to Sarah Griffin – careers adviser for advice.

Year 13 Students wishing to apply for apprenticeships should follow these steps:

- 1) Create an account and set up vacancy alerts on: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) (you can select higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies only) Apprenticeships can be advertised at any point in the year but many vacancies for year 13 leavers will be advertised from the Autumn term
- 2) Register for alerts and search on UCAS via their two search options: [Degree jobs \(ucas.com\)](https://ucas.com) and [Search \(ucas.com\)](https://ucas.com)
- 3) Some higher and degree apprenticeships will also be advertised via: [NGTU | Job Search \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](https://notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- 4) Consider your back up plan – if you're not successful finding an apprenticeship this year – what else could you do? A Gap year, an entry level job, go to university? Many students apply to UCAS for a degree and also apply to apprenticeship vacancies alongside keeping more doors open for longer.

For any students who plan to start an apprenticeship after year 11/13 an appointment can be made with Sarah Griffin, Careers Adviser for advice and guidance:

sgriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

A selection of local and national apprenticeship vacancies:

- **Electro-Mechanical Degree apprenticeship Bosch Rexroth – South Cerney**
[Degree Level Apprenticeship in Electro-Mechanical Engineering - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Degree Apprenticeship Civil & Structural Engineer Apprenticeship Lark Cooper - Stroud**
[Civil & Structural Engineer Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Apprentice Travel Consultant Hays Travel Ltd – Chippenham**
[Apprentice Travel Consultant - Chippenham - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Apprentice Fork Lift Truck Engineer Linde Material Handling – Chippenham**
[Apprentice Fork Truck Engineer - Chippenham - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Apprentice Accounts Assistant AAT L2 MCA Shepherd Smail – Cirencester**
[Accounts Assistant AAT Level 2 Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Ministry of Defence DE&S apprenticeship opportunities in Bristol, A-Level equivalent and degree apprenticeships)**
 - [Engineering Degree Apprenticeship \(Electro-Mechanical\)](#)
 - [Engineering Degree Apprenticeship \(Aerospace\)](#)
 - [Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship](#)
 - [Digital Technology Degree Apprenticeship](#)
 - [Project Management Apprenticeship](#)
 - [Accounting and Finance Apprenticeship](#)
 - [Business Degree Apprenticeship](#)
 - [Business Administration Apprenticeship](#)
- **EDF Energy opportunities (A-Level equivalent and degree apprenticeships)**
[Apprenticeship schemes in the UK energy industry | EDF \(edfenergy.com\)](#)
- **RWE Energy Apprenticeships – vacancies opening in February**
[Apprenticeships at RWE | RWE in the UK](#)
- **Atkins Realis (Civil Engineering and Building Services Design Engineer)**
[Job Results | Atkins | AtkinsRéalís Careers \(atkinsrealis.com\)](#)

For information on apprenticeships and to set up vacancy alerts see:

[Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Careerpilot : Find a course or apprenticeship](#)

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

A selection of current local Higher and Degree level apprenticeship opportunities:

[Results - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#) (Degree apprenticeships within 40 miles of Malmesbury)

[Results - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#) (Higher apprenticeships within 40 miles of Malmesbury)

To search for Higher and Degree apprenticeships see:

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK](#)

[Job Search | UCAS](#) (example of an IT based search for Higher and Degree apprenticeships)

Free Digital guides for parents on university, apprenticeships and Careers

These guides are packed full of useful information to help support children with their career choices.

For more details and to sign up, click here:

[Tool: Parents and Carers University Guide 2023/24 \(successatschool.org\)](#)

[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)

[Free resources | The Parents' Guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

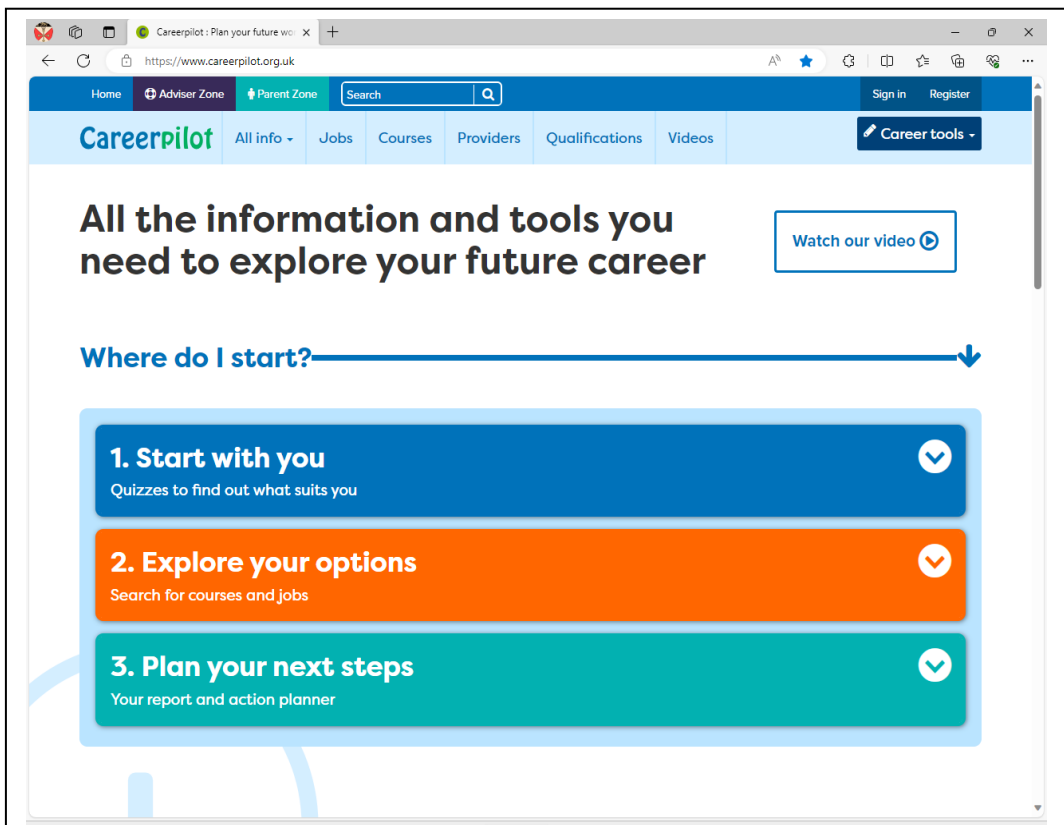
Useful websites

A reminder of our on-line careers resource <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk> which outlines entry requirements and entry routes to almost every job you can think of.

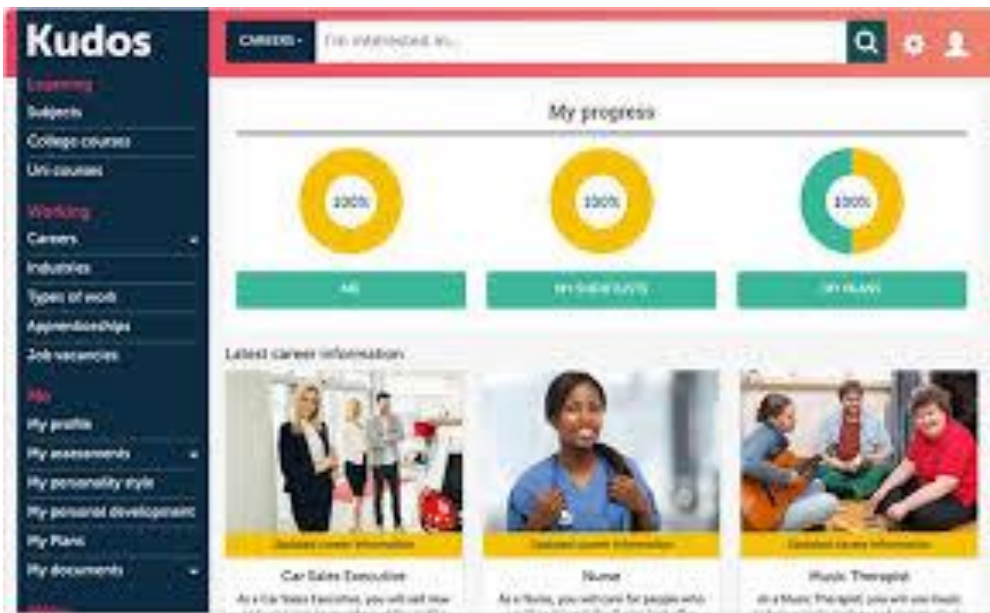
The site is also excellent for gaining job ideas; there are leaflets available, for example, on careers related to every area of the curriculum. The **log in** is pioshi70



Career Pilot is a fantastic site that students can use to explore career ideas as well as find out more about the qualification pathways they can choose from after year 11. www.careerpilot.org.uk



Malmesbury students also have access to Kudos, a career matching quiz which can help suggest career ideas related to a student's interests:



<https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/> (please use the license code: infoidea17 to create a log in)

Careers guidance at Malmesbury School

Sarah Griffin is our school careers adviser; to book an appointment, students can ask their tutor or leave their name at student services. Or please email queries to SGriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

Sarah is in school Tuesday to Friday and a drop-in service is available at lunch times.

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