



CAREERS AT WALSALL ACADEMY

MEET THE TEAM

As a student at Walsall Academy you have access to a dedicated Careers Team of advisors, to help you in making decisions about the choices you need to make as you progress through school and your career journey.

The types of questions we might be asked, on a day to day basis, can range from questions about subject choice at GCSE, A Level and Degree to questions about how much you might expect to earn as an Engineering Apprentice. We can also help with CV writing, applying to college and university or jobs as well as help you to prepare for interviews and Assessment Centres.



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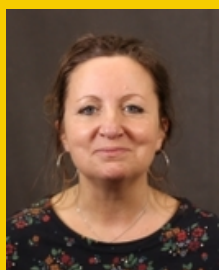
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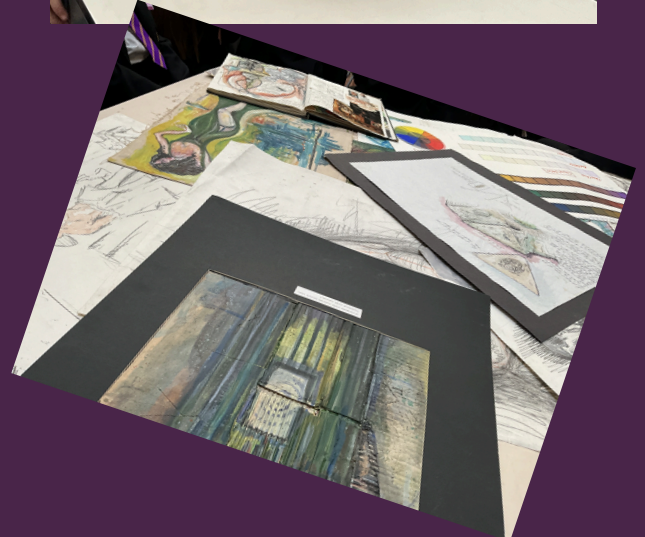
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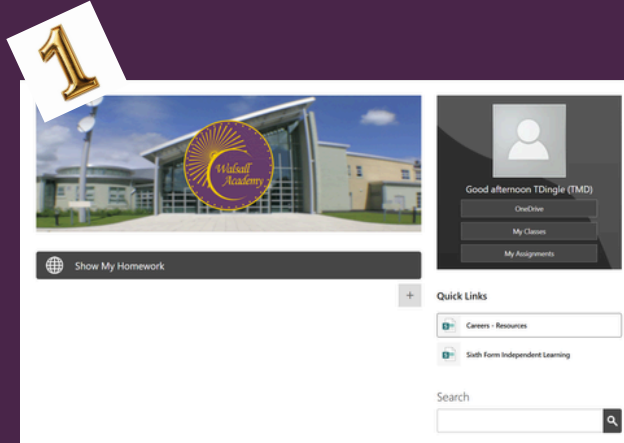
CAREERS IN THE CURRICULUM

Careers with Fine Art

Year 7 and Year 9 welcomed Graphic Designer Rob Stokes to their classes to talk to them about his career in Fine Art and how this evolved over a 30 year period. Rob brought with him work that he had produced when he was in Sixth Form, Art College and University and talked about his life as a Stage and Costume Designer travelling the world, a Retail Set Designer for a large well-known furniture company and how his career began to look very different when digital imagery became more advanced. Rob explained how moving with market trends and being able to produce high quality graphics as a graphic designer is key to his successful business in design, print and marketing.



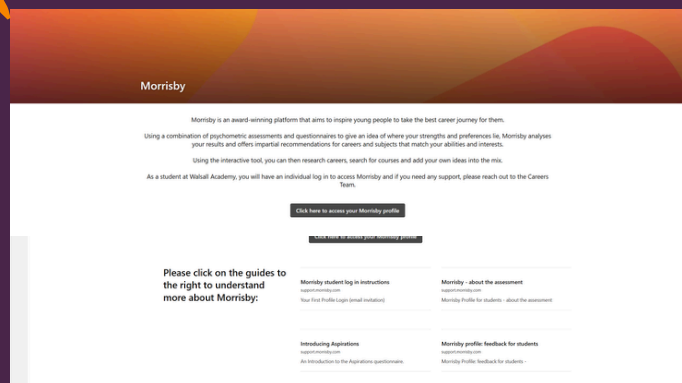
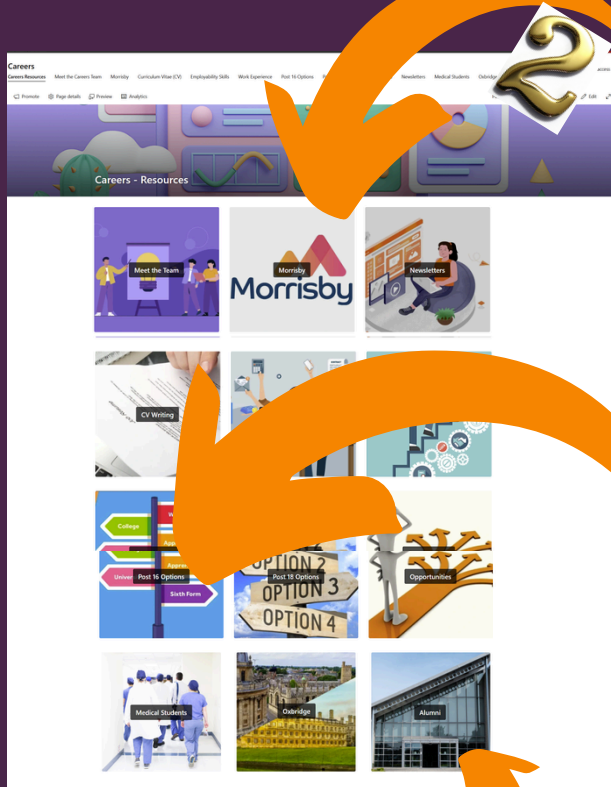
NEW CAREERS RESOURCES VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Brand New Careers Virtual Learning Platform
 Careers now have a wonderful new virtual learning Platform full of resources aimed at helping you to navigate your way throughout all the career decisions you have to make as you progress throughout your time here at Walsall Academy.

Every student can access these resources through the Careers Resources tab on the front screen of their sharepoint.

You will then be presented with a number of tiles to select from as seen in picture number 2



Not too sure where to find the new virtual learning platform? Look for the instructions on the digital screen in the restaurant or ask Careers staff!

ANNUAL CAREERS AND EDUCATION FAIR



On Wednesday 19 March 2025, Walsall Academy hosted our annual Careers and Education Fair. This event is always popular with employers, universities, students, parents and carers and this year was no exception!

Over 50 employers were in attendance to speak with students from all year groups. Feedback provided by all who attended showed that students found the event extremely interesting and useful and employers were impressed with the number of organisations in attendance, the variety and the politeness of our students!

EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS

UPCOMING
EVENTS
ADVERTISED ON
THE DIGITAL
SCREEN IN THE
RESTAURANT



LOOK OUT
FOR THE
SIGNS IN THE
RESTAURANT

COME ALONG AND JOIN US!

Our newly introduced Careers Cafe events are continuing to grow with increasing popularity.

Students are able to come along and chat to a variety of employers about what it is like to work for these companies and about the varied career pathways available.

We look forward to hosting more employers in the future.

If you are an employer and would like to come along to chat with students about your company, please contact tdingle@walsallacademy.com or nrattenberry@walsallacademy.com



LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE LABOUR MARKET?

It's where people offer their skills, qualifications and experience to employers in exchange for paid work (labour).

Supply can change

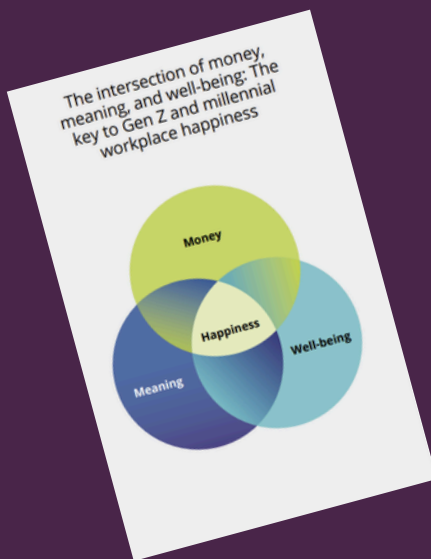
Sometimes more people are looking for work. Sometimes less. Increased supply of workers mean employers can pay less.



Demand can change

The skills and qualifications employers are looking for and the number of workers they are looking for can change.

FUN FACTS



According to the 2024 Gen Z and Millennial Survey, 86% of respondents say having a sense of purpose is very or somewhat important to their overall job satisfaction and well-being.

Source:

<https://www.deloitte.com/global/en/issues/work/genz-millennial-survey.html>

The NHS workforce in England has seen substantial growth, with over a quarter of a million more staff working in hospital and community health services compared to 2015. However, this growth has been uneven leaving gaps in provision some areas, such as GPs.

Source: [https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/the-nhs-workforce-in-](https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/the-nhs-workforce-in-numbers#:~:text=The%20number%20of%20NHS%20staff,of%20fully%20qualified%20GPs%20fell.)

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How much is a degree REALLY worth? According to the BBC, over the course of a lifetime, estimates suggest women can expect to earn about £250,000 more if they have a degree, while the figure is roughly £170,000 for men.

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41693230>



All Year 12 students are required to find and secure their own work experience placements for the full two weeks.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Next term, all Year 12 students will take part in our two weeks work experience programme. The purpose of this is to encourage students to try out different roles and sectors in order to help them navigate their way through the many decisions they will be making over the next few months.

Students have secured placements in a variety of sectors including Health and Social Care, Law, Finance, pharmacies and hospitals.

Following these two weeks, students will embark on our annual Higher Education and Employability Week.

We have lots of activities and workshops planned aimed at supporting students as they begin to prepare for their Post 18 transitions at the end of Year 13.

Higher Education and Employability Workshops

Talk the Talk

Workshop to encourage confident communication for life

Ask Apprenticeships

How to search for, apply and secure degree apprenticeships

Agree

How to protect your financial credit record

Assessment Centre

Mock assessment and interview practice

UCAS Launch

Information evening and application workshops

University Visit

What life is like at university

YEAR 12 HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY WEEK

During the last week of the Summer term, Year 12 students will have the opportunity to explore their choices at Post 18. This week will involve visits to and from Universities and Training Providers all of which will help students to make informed decisions about what to do when they leave Walsall Academy.

Those who would like to go to university can attend information sessions and workshops designed to provide support with every aspect of the UCAS process. Parents and Carers are also welcome to attend during a twilight session.

Those considering apprenticeships can attend local Training Providers as well as masterclasses aimed at improving their interview techniques.



- **30 June - 11 July**
Year 12 Work Experience
- **14 July - 18 July**
Higher Education and Employability Week

WALSALL ACADEMY APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

As a school, we pride ourselves on ensuring our students are aware of all the routes available to them. It is of the utmost importance to us that our students are able to get specialist advice on all their options when they finish their education with us. Therefore, we have invested in the Apprenticeship Academy programme which allows us to refer our Year 10-13 students to learn everything they need to know to find, apply for and interview for apprenticeship opportunities.

To register for the next Apprenticeship Academy, starting June or September, please scan the QR code below or speak with a member of the Careers team.



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS?

The Apprenticeship Academy is a 6 week programme that provides students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 with everything they need to know to find, apply for and interview for apprenticeship opportunities in the UK.

The sessions are run by a qualified careers advisor. Throughout the programme, you will also have the opportunity to meet 6 current apprentices and employers.



Scan here to register



Find us on socials for helpful apprenticeship related posts



CAREERS INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

YEAR 9 PREFERENCES

Please contact Mrs Dingle in Careers if you have any questions or need information, advice and guidance following your recent GCSE decisions.

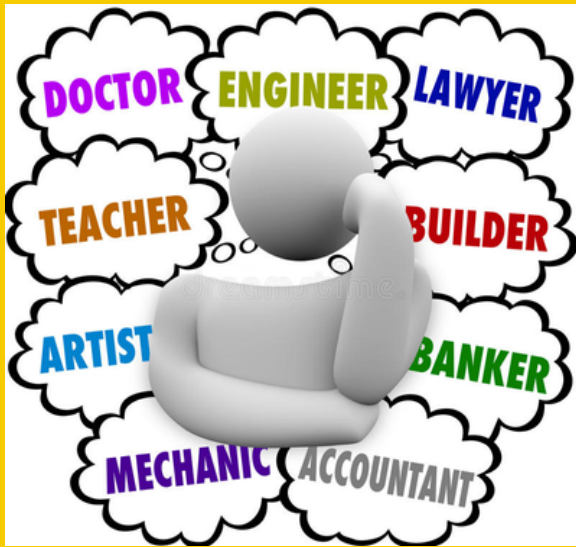
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REMEMBER.... Log onto your Morrisby account and explore career ideas and suitable paths.



Try the Buzz Personality Quiz here!

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/buzzquiz>



YEAR 10 AND 11 POST 16 OPTIONS

Year 11 students will take part in a one to one session with a qualified Careers Advisor from September onwards. This will provide information, advice and guidance needed in order to make decisions regarding next steps after Year 11.

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>



POST 18 OPTIONS

If you are in Year 12 or 13 and have any questions about your post 18 options, please feel free to drop in where a member of the team will be able to advise



UCAS

<https://www.ucas.com/>

Find out about apprenticeships here;
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com>



Find an apprenticeship here;

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



FEEDBACK

The Careers Department here at Walsall Academy welcome feedback from students, parents/carers, employers and guests as we strive to improve our careers provision across the school. Please click on the relevant QR codes below, in order to provide feedback, if you have recently engaged in any activities hosted by the team.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Student feedback is vital to us in Careers as it allows us to understand the help and support you need and when. This feedback helps us in planning future opportunities that will be relevant and interesting to you.

Please scan to complete



EMPLOYER FEEDBACK

We are always keen to work with employers and value feedback given in order to improve our provision, therefore if you have participated in any of our events we would welcome any feedback you may have.

Please scan to complete



PARENTAL FEEDBACK

As a parent/carer your knowledge of your child is crucial in helping us to provide information that is relevant and timely. Please provide any feedback you feel may be helpful to the Careers Team in meeting the needs of students across the school.

Please scan to complete



or click on the link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/W3tvUfGpJr>

EMPLOYER VISITS We are always keen to invite employers or businesses into school.

Please email tdingle@walsallacademy.com to make any suggestions for future career events.

We are always open to new ideas!