

CAREERS

# NEWSLETTER

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## MK College Drop In Session:

We were delighted to welcome back MK College! With a slightly different set up this year, we found this to be a much more engaging experience for our students across both campuses. The college team shared some fantastic feedback about our students highlighting how focussed and curious they all were.

## Sixth Form Open Evening:

It was great to see so many of our current students and external students attend the Sixth Form open evening. It was a pleasure speaking to students, parents and carers and answering any questions they had regarding their post 16 pathways.

To view the latest Sixth Form prospectus:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/b68b79237f.html>

To apply:

[https://ousedale.applicaa.com/0197f232-03d8-7f5e-8a9c-37d807aacaeb?skip\\_modal=true](https://ousedale.applicaa.com/0197f232-03d8-7f5e-8a9c-37d807aacaeb?skip_modal=true)

Please note deadline for applications is **13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

## Year 9 Options Evening:

It was amazing to see so many students engaged and thinking about their subject choices. It sparked a lot of conversations with students, parents and carers in our careers office.

We were very grateful for VW offering some of our Year 13 students the opportunity to attend their headquarters to take part in their VW Inspire Programme. This fantastic initiative connects young people with real-world career opportunities in the automotive industry, especially in the rapidly growing fields of electric vehicles and future mobility. Some students came away excited to tell us they would like to apply for their apprenticeship opportunities!

To view the Volkswagen Apprenticeship Programme:

<https://www.volkswagen-apprentice.co.uk/>



## THERE'S A LOT OF LOVE HERE...

We can't help ourselves creating fun, colourful and engaging careers display boards. This term, we focussed on careers relating to love and Valentine's day from a Hotel Concierge, to a Chocolatier, Florist, Jeweller, Massage Therapist and even a Gift Wrapper. Our display boards most defiantly grab the students attention!



## THE ARMY

We were invited to a personal Army engagement talk to gain a greater understanding of what the Army can offer young people. We left feeling inspired and excited to share the information with our school's STEM lead. Not only has the Army been voted the UK's top apprenticeship employer for the 4<sup>th</sup> year, the Army also has over 100 trades covering everything from pilots, to doctors, chefs, lawyers, cyber security, Finance, Mechanics and much more.

Take a look at the types of roles in the Army:

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/regular-army/types-of-roles/>

View video to discover more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tON6jW3Xlvq>

## WORK EXPERIENCE LAUNCH

It's that time of the year again already! We launched our 2026 work experience programme to all our Year 10 students across both campuses and our Year 12's. It's a great moment for the students to start thinking ahead and discovering what inspires them. Allowing students the chance to explore future careers, build their self confidence, work as part of a team and enhance their communication skills.

To view a copy of the assembly presentation:

<https://www.ousedale.org.uk/careers-information-advice-and-guidance>

Work experience dates are 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July. We require all students to log their placements via Unifrog. The deadline to log and complete a placement is **29<sup>th</sup> June**

If you have any questions please speak to the Careers Team.

Students can drop in any breaktime or lunchtime or send us an email at [careers@ous.e-act.org.uk](mailto:careers@ous.e-act.org.uk)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February - National Apprenticeship Week  
13<sup>th</sup> March - Sixth Form Application deadline  
18<sup>th</sup> March - Year 10 Speed Interview Event at Newport Pagnell campus