CAREERS NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the achievements and successes of our learners. Learners have shown enthusiasm, determination, and a willingness to explore new opportunities as they prepare for their future careers.

CAREER MARK

Wootton Park School is delighted to have once again achieved the prestigious Career Mark accreditation, recognising the high-quality careers education, information, advice and guidance provided to our learners. This nationally recognised award reflects the commitment of our staff, employers, families and learners. During the assessment, students spoke confidently about the wide range of careers opportunities available through PSHE, assemblies, tutor time, employer encounters, work experience and independent careers guidance.

We are incredibly proud to remain among the small number of schools to achieve this accreditation and would like to thank our learners, staff, employers, education partners and families for their continued support in preparing young people for future success.

UNIFROG

This year, our learners have continued to make excellent use of Unifrog, our online careers platform, to explore career options, research opportunities, and plan their next steps. Through the platform, students have accessed careers information, completed skills and personality quizzes, explored further and higher education pathways, and linked their interests to potential careers.

This year, learners recorded an impressive 1,480 careers guidance interactions, highlighting their commitment to future planning. Key achievements include:

- 1,370 career profiles favourited while exploring different occupations and industries.
- 605 learners completed careers and personality quizzes to identify their strengths, interests, and suitable career pathways.
- 356 work experience placements completed, providing valuable insight into the world of work.

Learners showed the greatest interest in careers within Arts and Media, Law and Public Safety, and Hospitality, Food and Sport. The most popular work placement sectors were Education, Retail and Sales, and Finance.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 learners took part in an outstanding range of work experience placements, giving them valuable insight into the world of work and helping them develop key employability skills. Placements covered a wide variety of sectors, including education, healthcare, engineering, finance, sport, retail, hospitality, aviation, construction, animal care and business services.

The feedback from employers was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising our learners for their professionalism, punctuality, positive attitude and willingness to learn. Learners embraced new challenges, asked thoughtful questions and made meaningful contributions to their workplaces.

Many learners grew in confidence throughout the week, developing important skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and resilience. Whether supporting younger pupils in schools, working with customers, assisting with technical projects or learning about industry-specific practices, learners gained experiences that will help shape their future aspirations.

We would like to thank all of our employers, placement providers, parents and carers for their support. Most importantly, congratulations to our Year 10 learners, who represented themselves and Wootton Park School exceptionally well and should be very proud of their achievements.

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A YEAR IN PHOTOS

As we reflect on another fantastic year at Wootton Park School, we're proud to share a few photographs capturing activities such as work experience and employer encounters to careers events, workshops and visits.

LOOKING AHEAD TO RESULTS DAY

As the summer holidays continue, we would like to wish all learners awaiting their examination results the very best of luck. A Level Results Day will take place on Thursday 13th of August 2026, followed by GCSE Results Day on Thursday 20th of August 2026.

These results mark an important milestone and reflect the hard work, resilience and dedication our learners have shown throughout their studies. Whether progressing to Sixth Form, university, apprenticeships, further education, or employment, we are incredibly proud of their achievements.
Support, advice and guidance will be available on both results days. Learners and families are encouraged to speak to the Careers and Sixth Form teams for assistance with enrolment, Clearing, apprenticeships and other progression pathways.

TOP TIPS TO BUILD EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER

The summer break is a great opportunity for young people to develop skills valued by employers. Encouraging them to take on new responsibilities, volunteer, find part-time work, or get involved in community activities can help build communication, teamwork, problem-solving and confidence.

Families can also support career exploration by researching future pathways, learning new skills or using platforms such as Unifrog. Most importantly, encourage your young person to try something new—every experience helps develop the confidence and employability skills needed for future success.

WHERE CAN LEARNERS FIND ADVICE?

Wootton Park School has a 'Next Steps' team to give learners the opportunity to consider the options available to them and to aim high with their aspirations. Throughout the year, and on the results days Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 learners will have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with our Independent Careers Advisor Miss Adabale.

For further guidance or enquiries regarding careers, please contact us at WPSCareers@woottonparkschool.org.uk

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