



Westlands School Careers Programme

2023 - 2024

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Awareness Days/Weeks	<i>These are often an important part of the school calendar, whereby awareness is raised and professionals are welcomed in to to discuss.</i>
Careers Fair	<i>The WSS annual Careers Fair takes place on Thursday 19th October, offering meaningful opportunities for our pupils to gain valuable understanding about pathways to work and further education. More information can be found on the Term 2 page.</i>
Careers Weeks	<i>Each department holds their own 'Career Week' where they deliver a series of lessons (across all year groups) aimed at Careers. This will cover different areas of careers/sectors that their subject can lead to; how the skills they learn in their lessons can lead to their future employment and educational opportunities.</i>
Employer Encounters	<i>These encounters are held in the Careers Library during lunchtime (or occasionally during assembly or lesson time). Students are invited to listen to a local business/provider presenting about their field of work, how they got there, what other roles are available in the business, different pathways to get there, then finish with Q&A from the students.</i>
Mock Interviews	<i>WSS will welcome local employers/providers from various sector areas of student interest to help our students understand the expectations of undertaking an interview. Feedback will be given to the students afterwards.</i>
Other school events	<i>Most notably, Parents/Carers Evenings are an excellent opportunity to promote the work of our Careers Programme and engage with questions and concerns, over subjects such as - GCSE options, work experience, employment pathways, employability skills, etc.</i>
Trips	<i>Trips are organised by either subject leads or Careers Leader for the development of pupil's understanding of certain sectors, jobs, etc.</i>
Work Experience	<i>In partnership with Kent EBP, all Year 10 students will be undertaking a week work experience and provided with a workbook that will be completed to support future applications. Students have the option of sourcing self-placements or have a placement sourced by EBP Ltd. All Year 12 students will be undertaking a week work experience and provided with a workbook that will be completed to support future applications. These students are challenged to be proactive and source their own placements, that align with their aspirations.</i>



04/09/2023 → 08/09/2023	05/09/2023 - Year 11 EHCP Next Destination Evening 07/09/2023 - Year 12 Information Evening
11/09/2023 → 15/09/2023	Engineering & DT (Design Technology) Careers Week CXK CIAG Group Sessions begin with Year 11s (weekly up to March) 12/09/2023 - Year 10 Work Experience Evening
18/09/2023 → 22/09/2023	PE (Physical Education) Careers Week 21/09/2023 - Year 13 HE information Evening
25/09/2023 → 29/09/2023	MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Careers Week 26/09/2023 - European Day of Languages 29/09/2023 - EBP Deadline for Year 10 Work Experience Choices
02/10/2023 → 06/10/2023	Animal Care Careers Week 02/10/2023 - Employer Encounter
09/10/2023 → 13/10/2023	Business Studies Careers Week 10/10/2023 - Employer Encounter
16/10/2023 → 20/10/2023	Food Technology Careers Week 17/10/2023 - Employer Encounter 19/10/2023 - Careers Fair 23/24



CXK CIAG Group Sessions

This September sees CXK School's Work complement the school's Careers Programme. Initially starting with group sessions, led by a Level 6 qualified Careers Advisor, our Year 11s will be supported with impartial advice as they look to make important decisions on their next steps.

Careers Fair 23/24

Our annual Careers Fair returns on Thursday 19th October 2023. Taking place in Cryalls Hall across the whole school day, we look forward to welcoming a range of companies, organisations and providers to showcase their offer to our pupils.



30/10/2023 → 03/11/2023	Rail Week 2023 <i>Date TBC - Employer Encounter (Rail Week STEM Ambassador)</i>
06/11/2023 → 10/11/2023	09/11/2023 - WSS 6th Form Recruitment Evening
13/11/2023 → 17/11/2023	Art & Design Careers Week <i>Date TBC - Employer Encounter</i>
20/11/2023 → 24/11/2023	
27/11/2023 → 01/12/2023	30/11/2023 - Year 11 Futures Day
04/12/2023 → 08/12/2023	National University Week <i>Date TBC - Year 12 Mock Interviews</i>
11/12/2023 → 15/12/2023	Health & Social Care and Childcare Development Careers Week <i>Date TBC - Employer Encounter</i>

National University Week

Favourably falling on the same week as the Year 12 Mock Interviews, we will be working with KMPF (Kent & Medway Progression Foundation) to host a number of supportive workshops looking at Higher Education establishments.

Year 11 Futures Day

To help our Year 11 students make an informed decision about their Post 16 progression, students will undertake various activities throughout the day linked to their area of interest. Students who intend to move into Sixth Form will have the opportunity to attend Sixth Form lessons in the areas of their choice at Westlands Secondary School. Whilst we appreciate that not all Year 11 students will want to stay in Sixth Form, students will attend workshops on apprenticeships, employability skills, college life and how to write a CV held by professionals.

All students will also attend a workshop where they will log into the Kent Choices platform where they will be making their applications to Sixth Forms and Colleges.

Term 3: 2nd January 2024 - 9th February 2024



03/01/2024 → 05/01/2024	Introduction to Westlands' Pathways Booklets
08/01/2024 → 12/01/2024	
15/01/2024 → 19/01/2024	Values 'Relationships' Careers Week <i>16/01/2023 - Employer Encounter</i>
22/01/2024 → 26/01/2024	Geography Careers Week <i>Date TBC - Employer Encounter</i>
29/01/2024 → 02/02/2024	
05/02/2024 → 09/02/2024	Year 12 Work Experience Week National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week

This week long celebratory event supports students to understand the realistic world of apprenticeships. With information of all levels and sector areas, they will receive activities via Google Classroom to myth bust and challenge the barriers to apprenticeships as well as links to online workshops, case studies and provider/employer led events.

There will be opportunities for pupils to meet with apprenticeship providers.

Westlands' Pathways Booklets

This workbook takes students through the various stages of career planning from age 11, right through to planning Post-18 options. The workbooks have been designed specifically for each year group, the tasks help students to understand more about themselves, find out about careers and the world of work, and help them to plan for their future. All Key Stage 3 students will work through these workbooks over the course of Term 3.

Term 4: 19th February 2024 - 28th March 2024



19/02/2024 → 23/02/2024	
26/02/2024 → 01/03/2024	
04/03/2024 → 08/03/2024	English Careers Week CXK CIAG One2One Sessions begin with Year 11s National Careers Week 07/03/2024 - Year 11 Parents' Evening 08/03/2024 - International Women's Day Employer Encounter
11/03/2024 → 15/03/2024	Healthcare Science Week Date TBC - Employer Encounter
18/03/2024 → 22/03/2024	Year 10 Work Experience- Week A
25/03/2024 → 28/03/2024	Year 10 Work Experience - Week B

National Careers Week

This week long celebratory event supports students to understand the realistic world of work, with information on the different pathways and opportunities students didn't realise existed. Students will receive activities via Google Classroom to myth bust and challenge the barriers to certain career areas as well as links to online workshops, case studies and provider/employer led events to raise awareness and aspirations.



CXK One2One CIAG Sessions

This March sees the CXK School's Work change from Group Sessions, led by a Level 6 qualified Careers Advisor, to individual sessions with our Year 11 students. This will be vitally important to students that are finding it difficult to think about their next steps, in a more relaxed, bespoke context.

Year 10 Work Experience

In partnership with Kent EBP, all Year 10 students will be undertaking a week of Work Experience and provided with a workbook that will be completed to support future applications.

Term 5: 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024



15/04/2024 → 19/04/2024	<i>15/04/2024 - World Art Day</i> <i>15/04/2024 - Provider Encounter / Trip to UCA (Canterbury)</i>
22/04/2024 → 26/04/2024	Dance Careers Week <i>23/04/2024 - Employer Encounter</i> Finance Careers Week <i>25/04/2024 - Employer Encounter</i>
29/04/2024 → 03/05/2024	Media Careers Week <i>02/05/2024 - Employer Encounter</i> <i>Date TBC - Trip to Sky Up Academy Studios (Osterley)</i>
06/05/2024 → 10/05/2024	IT & Computing Careers Week <i>09/05/2024 - Employer Encounter</i>
13/05/2024 → 17/05/2024	Maths Careers Week <i>Date TBC - Provider Encounter (Maths Ambassador)</i>
20/05/2024 → 24/05/2024	Science Careers Week <i>Date TBC - Employer Encounter / Trip</i>

Term 6: 3rd June 2024 - 23rd July 2024



03/06/2024 → 07/06/2024	04/06/2024 - UCAS Discovery Tour (Kent Event Centre) 05/06/2024 - Trust Careers Network Meeting
10/06/2024 → 14/06/2024	Social Sciences Careers Week 11/06/2024 - Employer Encounter Drama Careers Week 13/06/2024 - Employer Encounter /
17/06/2024 → 21/06/2024	Date TBC - Year 9 Assembly / The British Army
24/06/2023 → 28/06/2024	
01/07/2024 → 05/07/2024	Music Careers Week 02/07/2024 - Employer Encounter 04/07/2024 - New Year 7 Transition Evening
08/07/2023 → 12/07/2023	History Careers Week 11/07/2024 - New Year 11 Information Evening
15/07/2024 → 19/07/2024	15/07/2024 - World Youth Skills Day
22/07/2024 → 23/07/2024	

UCAS

UCAS Discovery Tour 2024

Our Year 12 students will be heading to the Kent Events Centre in Detling to the biggest academic exhibition held in Kent each year.

It will be the largest gathering of Year 12s from across Kent, with over 130 universities and other HE establishments, looking to showcase their offer to students.