Melksham Oak Community School

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Canaccord Wealth Management Insight Programme will take place on 24 and 25 June 2026, hosted by Investment Managers Alysha Goddard and Tom Stevens. This two-day online event introduces future talent to the world of Wealth Management. Participants will gain insight into how each function contributes to the growth and success of Canaccord Wealth, along with an overview of the wider industry. The programme features guest speakers and presentations delivered by colleagues from across the business.

If you're not sure what Wealth Management is, you can check out this Career Guide to Wealth Management - Bankers By Day.

Check out this list of Creative Employers. Sign up to their newsletters, follow them on socials or sign up to our newsletter to be made aware of in-the-know news and common themes across employers in the sector.

Many employers are now using AI within their recruitment processes. Here is an example from Vodafone that explains "How our AI in Hiring Project is helping candidates and hiring managers to be at their best".

If you'd like to learn about how you can use AI in your job or apprenticeship search, check out these learning modules:

Using AI for Career Preparation - In this module, you'll discover how AI tools can become your time saver for career research, CV building, and networking. By the end, you'll not only understand how AI can enhance your career prep but you'll also have the practical skills to make it happen.

Using AI for Interview and Assessment Preparation - This module is designed to show you how AI tools can support your journey to becoming interview-ready, helping you refine your skills, craft standout responses, and boost your confidence. By the end, you'll have actionable insights into leveraging AI for career advancement.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Herpetologist

A herpetologist is a zoologist who specialises in the study of amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders) and reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtles, crocodiles).

They focus on the behavior, ecology, genetics, and conservation of these animals, working in universities, zoos, museums, or environmental field agencies.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The government has announced £1 billion to create 200,000 new jobs and apprenticeships for 16-24 year olds — including a £2,000 incentive for employers taking on young apprentices and a new Jobs Guarantee expanded to ages 18-24.

Source

For further information advice and guidance, or to book a personal guidance appointment please contact careers@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk

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Interestingly, a recent report by Adobe shows that 92% of UK undergraduates now use AI (up from 66% last year), but only 36% have received any training from their institution. Read the full report about AI in Higher Education here.

If you're planning to go to university, you could be eligible for more funding than you think. Explore scholarships, bursaries, and grants matched to your background, achievements, or chosen course, and get support for your study and living costs.

Alongside scholarships, bursaries and grants, you will also be able to apply for Student Finance. EVERYONE in the UK is able to apply. Student finance can be split into two key components:

Maintenance Loan - this is paid to you and is designed to help towards your rent and bills, keep you fed, and cover all your other living expenses while you're in university.
Tuition Loan - Tuition fees are charged by universities and colleges to cover the essential elements of your course. This money is paid straight from Student Finance to the University.

All student loans currently charge interest. This means some people feel unable to use existing student loans for university or college, due to their faith or conscience. This is most common among some Muslims whose faith prohibits engagement with interest. The government has committed to introducing a student finance product with an alternative to interest payments. This new student finance product will be compatible with Islamic finance principles. It will be known as alternative student finance.

If university isn't something you're exploring then you may wish to consider Degree Apprenticeships. They enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course level. You'll spend most of your time working and you'll also study part-time at university. For example, you might go to university one or two days per week, or in short blocks, such as a week at a time. Overall, you spend about 20% of your time studying vs. 80% of your time working.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Join a dynamic, growing brand with big ambitions. Canaccord Wealth is a top ten UK wealth manager (by assets under management). Your development is what helps our business grow, so we're keen to support you and your skills. We'll offer you new challenges, nurture your existing talents and build on your experience. "

Find out more about Canaccord Wealth here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Undergraduate LSE offers a unique opportunity to study the social sciences at a university with a worldwide academic reputation. The information you find in this section is designed to help you at every stage of our Undergraduate admission process."

You can learn more about London School of Economics here.

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