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

Armed Forces Day takes place each year on the last Saturday each June, this year it will take place on 27th June. It is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.

Events marking Armed Forces Day 2026 will take place across the country. Find the events in our area by using this map and scrolling through the list to discover what's happening and when.

The Cadet Forces (Sea Cadets, Volunteer Cadet Corps, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force) currently number over 135,000 cadets and 25,000 adult volunteers in more than 3,000 locations across the UK. The Cadet Forces provide the opportunity for young people to develop key life and career-building skills, and gain valuable vocational qualifications.

This questionnaire will help you to see what roles are available with the Royal Air Force, matching them to your age, qualifications and interests. You can find out more about life in the RAF here.

If the RAF is of interest to you, you can take part in this online work experience to explore the organisation's purpose, history, people, and the vital role it plays in protecting the UK and supporting operations around the world. Throughout the course, you will discover how the RAF is structured, the wide range of careers and professions within the organisation, and the values that guide its people. You will also gain insight into life in the RAF, including training, career progression, pay and benefits, and the opportunities available through apprenticeships and graduate pathways. Finally, you will explore the Air Cadets and how young people can get involved, develop new skills, and gain experiences that support their future education and careers.

The Army has many different careers available for people wanting to join as a soldier or officer. Explore their roles, and find your perfect Army career. If you're not sure where to start, you can read about their ways to join here.

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

JOB OF THE WEEK

Military Intelligence Officer

A military intelligence officer is a commissioned leader responsible for analysing information about enemy forces, terrain, and weather to guide military operations. They manage teams of analysts, read data from satellites and human sources, and brief commanders to minimise risks and ensure mission success.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Salaries within the Army are competitive and increase with rank, skill, and specialised trades. Starting pay for Soliders is £27,282, rising to £35,310 for a Lance Corporal and £40,989 for a Corporal.

Officer cadets start at £35,925 per year, moving to £42,948 as a 2nd Lieutenant, £54,716 as a Captain, and £68,624 as a Major Source

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"Royal Marines are trained to adapt. We work in small, agile teams to fiercely respond to the unpredictable and the unknown. One day, we're behind enemy lines and the next, we're taking down threats at sea." You can read more about the different job roles here.

In the UK, a "military college" usually refers to one of two things: an officer training academy for the Armed Forces (like the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst), or a vocational further-education college for teenagers preparing for military careers (like the Military Preparation College for Training).

On Tuesday 7th July, Unifrog are running a free online session focused on "What is clearing for UK universities and how do you navigate it?". During this session, you will explore all aspects of the Clearing process from university experts, including what Clearing is, how to navigate Clearing hotlines, and how to stay calm during the process. Hear from a current student who found their university place through Clearing to find out what you should consider, and hints and tips to find the right university place for you. Join the session live to get all your questions answered!

On Tuesday 7th July, Year 12 students can join Lloyds Banking Group for an interactive session designed to help you feel confident, prepared and future-ready as you head into your final year and beyond. Whether you're thinking about university, apprenticeships, work, or still figuring it all out, this session will give you practical steps you can start using right now.

The OuterCircle Platform provides an online community for aspiring apprentices. They aim to support you to:

🎯 Find your direction - discover industries and roles that match your interests.

💼 Get apprenticeship-ready - access mock interviews, application tips, and readiness workshops.

🧭 Learn from real apprentices - get guidance and mentorship from those already in your dream field.

🤝 Join events for school-leavers - connect directly with employers and training providers.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Keen to learn and ready to grow? You'll be in good company as an apprentice at DE&S. We believe in enabling your unique development – spotting your talents, your needs and nurturing you as an individual. As your career develops, so will your confidence. Today find your spark. Tomorrow lead your specialism. We offer lots of excellent benefits at DE&S to ensure that everyone feels supported, empowered and rewarded."

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Loughborough is for people who want to achieve their very best. Ranked in the UK Top 10 for over a decade, we combine expert teaching, industry-leading facilities and a distinctive sporting culture on a green, friendly campus - with work placements offered to all undergraduate students."

You can learn more about Loughborough University here.

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