



Welcome to our first whole school careers newsletter for this half-term. We have a careers programme here at Washington Academy that spans across all year groups. We aim to provide the highest quality careers education, independent advice and guidance possible to raise the aspirations of our students and ensure they reach their full potential. We help students to:

- ⇒ Finding out about careers and the world of work
- ⇒ Develop employability skills
- ⇒ Take responsibility for planning their own career pathway

This is delivered in a variety of ways, including PD lessons, assemblies, visits to and from employers, colleges and universities, inspirational speakers for schools, work experience, activities delivered through curriculum areas and one-to-one career interviews.

Who to get in touch with

Mrs Oakland oversees our careers provision at Washington Academy. If you require any further information, would like to come in for a chat or a phone call to get some advice about your child's next steps, please get in touch in the first instance via email—Kelly.oakland@consilium-at.com



Careers Fair

At the start of October, 55 students from across year 10 and 11 visited an apprenticeship and university careers fair at St James's Park. Students got the chance to mix with others and as these vital questions and start to consider their next steps.

STEM Experience



All students in year 8 took part in the BAE Systems STEM event which was sponsored by the Royal Navy and the RAF. The students explored careers in STEM, in space, sea and land. This was

a high energy, interactive event enjoyed by all.

We have some great interaction from our volunteers.



YR11 Guidance interviews



We are well underway with our year 11 guidance interview with our careers Advisor Alex from Career Wave. Students get a one-on-one chat to discuss and explore their future options. They also get an action plan which records the conversation.

Sunderland College T-Level Event

A selection of students from year 10 who were interested in finding out more about T-Levels at Sunderland College attended in September. They worked in a department area that interested them from education, design, health & social and medical.



Coming up in Half Term 2

-Year 7 NHS Roadshow event

-ASK apprenticeship service assembly, application clinic and skills sessions for year 11 students interested in applying for an apprenticeship

-Year 11 mock interview day

-Year 10 NHS nursing event

- Gateshead College afternoon tour for those interested in applying

COMING UP

Morrisby Careers Platform

As a school we have decided to invest in Morrisby Careers for each pupil at Washington Academy. Empower Your Child and begin a journey of discovery together, exploring subject, course and career options tailored to your child. Morrisby Careers provides all the research tools needed to help students discover the world of work and pathways forward. These include subjects of further study, detailed career information (including LMI) and a comprehensive directory of higher courses, institutions and apprenticeships. This is an independent personalised programme. Morrisby will enable your child to:

- ⇒ Self discovery, to help your child understand their strengths and the sort of study and careers options that will suit them
- ⇒ Recommended study paths, Morrisby's study suggestions will give subject ideas based on strengths, interests and personality
- ⇒ Career suggestions - ensure that subject choices keep doors open and that job suggestions are suitable
- ⇒ Applications guidance - Support with college, sixth form, apprenticeship, university and job applications.
- ⇒ Action planning - Set goals and targets to keep your child accountable and help them achieve their ambitions.
- ⇒ Careers advice and support, Morrisby helps with decision making at all stages of the career journey
- ⇒ Understanding what options are available to your child after they leave school can be difficult. But Morrisby can offer inspiration and guidance
- ⇒ The lifetime login to Morrisby Profile means your child can not only plan for their next academic step but they can also manage future career changes, ensuring their journey is enjoyable, supported and fulfilling
- ⇒ Discover the right path together - Morrisby profiles allow students to grant 'parental access' to a trusted adult, meaning you can join your child on their career journey
- ⇒ With information about subject choices, courses, apprenticeships, colleges, universities and international opportunities, you can make important decisions



How it works

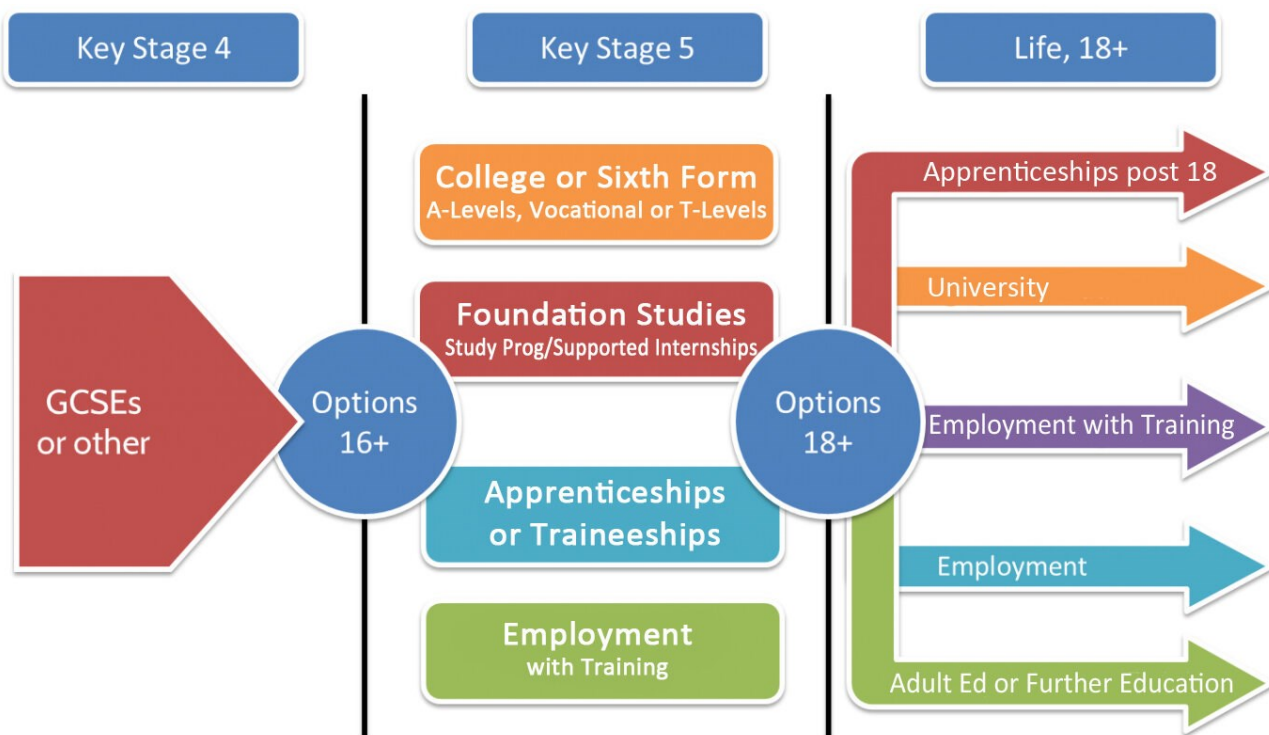
1. Log in to your Washington Academy student email – using One Drive
2. Your child has been provided with a Morrisby code through their Washington Academy student email account, simply sign in using those details.
3. Complete the profiling lesson assigned - Prompt your child to complete their profiling assessments and explore suggestions together.

**For further information take a look at the link <https://www.morrisby.com/parents> Or contact Mrs Oakland:
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What are the options?

During Year 11, students must decide on the future of their education. The Government's recent Raising the Participation Age (RPA) means that all young people in England will be required to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday. This doesn't necessarily mean staying in school. Young people can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- ⇒ By studying full-time in a school, college or with a training provider (many young people also take a part time job alongside)
- ⇒ By working or volunteering full-time, combined with part-time education or training
- ⇒ By taking up an apprenticeship or traineeship



Levels and vocational courses: the basics

The basic differences are this: A-Levels are two-year courses where you study three different academic subjects which are mainly assessed by exams. Vocational courses are one or two-year courses where you study one vocational subject which is mainly assessed by coursework.