



CAREERS

Marshland Careers Update: Autumn Term 2025

- **Where can I find information about Careers on the curriculum at Marshland?**

Visit our website for all the latest information on the Careers curriculum and labour market information at <https://www.marshlandhigh.co.uk/careers-programme> should you need any support accessing this information please contact mhs-careers-leader@marshlandhigh.co.uk

- **Where can I find out more about careers and the labour market?**




Students all have a login to **Unifrog** the platform that includes an extensive library of careers and further education providers, labour market information. Parents have also been sent information about how to login. This can help parents or carers support students considering careers and pathways for the future. Careers notices are provided to students on the **MCAS** app or during assemblies.




- **What has my child been learning about careers this term?**

Year	Activity
7	Introduced to Unifrog and quizzes to support finding out which careers match their hobbies, interests and personality. Homework on exploring careers using Unifrog.
	In Character and Culture lessons, students have been learning about using skills to succeed, whilst exploring careers.
	Super Learning Day November 2025 – Enterprise Day including a talk and support from a local entrepreneur.
8	Completed the personality quiz on Unifrog to find out about different careers that might be of interest to them. Homework set on Unifrog to explore careers.
	In Character and Culture lessons, students have been working on evaluating their strengths, interests and mindset and relating this to future careers.
9	Opportunity to update their reflections and quizzes on Unifrog.
	In Character & Culture lessons, students have been learning about option subjects and how they would support careers that they might like to pursue. This helps their GCSE option choices in early 2026.
	Assembly from Springwood on A-Levels and what it is like to be a sixth form student College of West Anglia (CWA) on T-levels & Apprenticeships - what they are and how they work.
	All students had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair, including the opportunity to speak to a variety of employers, post-16 establishments and a university.
	Super Learning Day November 2025 – New option subject taster sessions all day
10	Work experience has been launched with students considering possible placements for July 2026.
	Some students attended a Sustainable Futures event looking at careers in green technologies.
	Students in the 'Insight' group had the opportunity to experience lectures at Cambridge University.
	BTEC students have visited a variety of companies to learn about careers and the workplace.
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11	Tutor lessons exploring Post-16 pathways including Unifrog research. Students submitted their post-16 placement applications.
	Assemblies by Springwood High School (Sixth Form); College of West Anglia (T-Levels, Apprenticeships, A-Levels and alternative courses); University of East Anglia
	Students continue their 1:1 appointment for specialist career guidance.
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What are the options for my child post 16?

A Levels		
 <p><u>What is an A Level?</u></p>	 <p><u>How are they assessed?</u></p>	 <p><u>After A Levels</u></p>
<p>A Levels are Level 3 qualifications studied after GCSEs. There are around 80 subjects on offer, including familiar ones like history and chemistry, that you may have studied at Level 2, as well as subjects like law and psychology.</p>	<p>A Levels are mainly assessed by exams, though some subjects include coursework and practical assessments. You'll typically study three A Levels and receive a grade from A* to E for each subject.</p>	<p>A Levels can lead to university study, as well as opportunities to study a degree apprenticeship or jump straight into full time employment.</p>

BTECs		
 <p><u>What is a BTEC?</u></p>	 <p><u>How are they assessed?</u></p>	 <p><u>After BTECs</u></p>
<p>BTECs are Level 3 vocational qualifications that combine practical learning and theoretical knowledge. BTEC subjects include business, law, childcare, construction, health and social care, public services, and more.</p>	<p>A BTEC may be equivalent to one, two, or three A Levels. They are assessed through a combination of written assignments and practical tasks, and graded as Pass, Merit, or Distinction.</p>	<p>BTECs can lead to further study, including at university, as well as training and employment opportunities.</p>

T Levels		
 <p><u>What is a T Level?</u></p>	 <p><u>How are they assessed?</u></p>	 <p><u>After T Levels</u></p>
<p>T Levels are Level 3 qualifications, equivalent to three A Levels. They combine practical and knowledge-based learning with an industry placement of at least 45 days. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on your workplace placement. Subjects include, digital, health, construction, and more.</p>	<p>Assessment includes exams, coursework, and practical projects.</p>	<p>T Levels are designed with employers, so you'll gain skills to help you secure a job in your chosen industry. They also carry UCAS points, so you'll be able to apply for many university courses. You could also apply for a higher or degree apprenticeship.</p>

Apprenticeships

<p><u>What is an apprenticeship?</u></p> 	<p>An apprenticeship is a paid job where you can learn and gain valuable experience. 20% of your working hours will be reserved for training, leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships are available in many sectors including healthcare, law, business administration, energy, IT, engineering and more.</p>				<p>Find out more</p> 
<p><u>Entry Requirements</u></p>	<p>Anyone who is 16 or older at the start of the apprenticeship can apply. Requirements will differ depending on the level of apprenticeship and the employer/training provider. For a Level 3 apprenticeship, you'll likely be asked for prior work experience and at least three GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent.</p>				
<p><u>Application Process</u></p> 	<p>Unlike university, there is no single application process and timeline. Applications usually require a form, CV, and/or a cover letter, followed by an interview if you're shortlisted. Competition can be high, especially with popular companies, so it's important to be proactive in seeking out opportunities and apply in good time.</p>				
<p><u>Apprenticeship Levels</u></p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE = Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE)</p>	<p>ADVANCED = Level 3 (equivalent to A Level, BTEC etc)</p>	<p>HIGHER = Levels 4 and 5 (equivalent to Foundation degree)</p>	<p>DEGREE = Levels 6 and 7 (equivalent to undergraduate or master's level degree)</p>	
<p><u>What is the salary?</u></p> 	<p>Your earnings as an apprentice will vary by industry, location, and apprenticeship level. If you're under 19, or 19+ and in the first year of your apprenticeship, you'll be entitled to the apprenticeship wage of £7.55 per hour. Apprentices aged 19+ who have completed their first year will receive at least the national minimum wage, though some employers may pay more.</p>				
<p><u>Benefits and next steps</u></p> 	<p>An apprenticeship gives you valuable experience and industry connections, plus the chance to earn while you learn. After completing your apprenticeship, you may progress to a higher-level apprenticeship or move into permanent employment.</p>				

