

## Inspiring Futures: Careers at CHA: A Year in Review

At Chiltern Hills Academy, we are proud to deliver a dynamic and forward-thinking careers programme that inspires and equips our students for their futures. Our goal is to raise aspirations and ensure every student is supported through a structured 6-step journey: Discover, Explore, Plan, Focus, Decide, and Apply.

This academic year has been one of our busiest yet. Students across all year groups have engaged in a huge range of experiences designed to open doors, build skills, and develop confidence in making informed career choices.

Highlights include:

- **Apprenticeship Workshops & Employer Talks:** Including a fantastic session with former Head Student Albie Salvage, who took out a corporate finance degree apprenticeship at MHA.
- **Industry Exposure:** Visits to PwC Watford, KPMG London, and talks from professionals in fields like law, NHS, RAF, construction, publishing, and more.



- **Skills Building:** Year 10 students met over 100 employers at the Bucks Skills Show, discovering the skills and qualifications needed across key sectors.
- **Empowering Girls in Tech:** Students took part in the Bletchley Park initiative to encourage more girls in tech - retracing the footsteps of the trailblazing women who cracked unbreakable codes.
- **University Preparation:** From Y8 taster days at Oxford University to UCAS, personal statement, and finance workshops for Sixth Formers, plus visits from institutions like Leicester University.
- **Work Experience:** Year 12 students spent a week in diverse placements including engineering, healthcare, law, architecture, theatre, education, and the charity sector. Year 8s completed their work shadowing day, gaining a valuable insight into working life.
- **Enrichment & Enterprise:** Students participated in the Young Enterprise programme and visited high-profile workplaces including law courts, London advertising agencies, and Pinewood Studios.



- **One-to-One Support:** Every student in Year 11 and Year 12 has received a personalised 1:1 career interview and detailed action plan to guide their next steps.
- **Curriculum Links:** Teachers have been collaborating with employers including Coca-Cola and National Highways to embed career learning into the classroom.

To explore our full careers offering visit our [careers website](https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/careers) or go to <https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/careers>

As always, we welcome support from our school community. If you're a parent or employer who would like to share your career journey or offer work experience opportunities, please get in touch: [jgroom@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:jgroom@chacademy.co.uk).

