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5 March	Y7 Career Detectives
7 March	The Biggest Ever Girls Football Session including lunchtime careers talk
3-7 March	National Careers Week - Careers Assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 10
12 March	National Careers Week - Year 11 Assembly
26 March	National Careers Week - Year 9 Assembly

National Careers Week 3-8 March

Harris will be celebrating this week with guests from various careers visiting our Year Group Assemblies. We will also have the fun Career Detectives activity for Year 7.

Access a **Virtual Careers Fair** all week at ncw2025.co.uk



Exploring Your Future

You might be starting to think about your options for when you leave Harris. The choices you make now can open doors to exciting opportunities and set you on the path to a fulfilling career. Let's explore the various post-16 education and training options available to you, using our school's destination data from 2024 to guide you.

Where did our 2024 leavers go?

Harris students choose to study or train at many different destinations when they finish Year 11.

33% of our students chose to continue their education at a School Sixth Form or College.

58% pursued Further Education, including college and sports education programmes.

3% embarked on Apprenticeships.

School Sixth Form or College

Continuing your education at a school sixth form or college is a popular choice. Here, you can study A-levels or other qualifications that prepare you for university, an apprenticeship or employment.

Further Education

Further education colleges provide a variety of courses that cater to different interests and career goals. These include vocational courses, BTECs, and T Levels.

Apprenticeships

Combine practical work experience with academic study, allowing you to earn while you learn. Although only 3% of our students chose this path in 2024, the numbers are rising each year and apprenticeships can be a fantastic way to gain hands-on experience and qualifications.

Making the right choice can be daunting, but you're not alone.

School Careers Advisor: Visit Mrs Wilson in the office under the Library stairs.

Open Days: Attend open days at local colleges and sixth forms to get a feel for the environment and courses offered.

Online Resources: Websites like the [National Careers Service](#) and the [Harris Careers Hub](#) provide information on different career paths and qualifications.

Unifrog: Log in to [Unifrog](#) to explore career paths and learning options.

Remember, the choices you make now are the first steps towards your future. Take the time to explore your options, seek advice, and choose the path that feels right for you. Your journey is just beginning, and the possibilities are endless!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further guidance. We're here to support you every step of the way!



Year 10 Work Experience

19–23 May

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity to gain insights into the working world, develop new skills, and explore potential career paths. With Work Experience Week just around the corner, here are some tips to help you secure a placement that will be both enjoyable and beneficial.

1. Start Now!

Begin your search as soon as possible. Many companies have limited spots for work experience students, and these can fill up quickly. Starting early gives you a better chance of securing a placement that interests you.

2. Be Open-Minded

While it's great to aim for your dream placement, be open to other opportunities as well. Any work experience is valuable and can provide you with transferable skills that will be useful in any career.

3. Research Potential Employers

Look for companies or organizations in your area. Use the internet, and even social media to find potential employers. Make a list of places you'd like to apply to.

4. Prepare Your Application

In your email, explain why you are interested in the placement and what you hope to gain from the experience. Be sure to tailor each application to the specific employer. You could also phone or visit. Use a personal email and not your Harris one.

5. Network

Talk to family, friends, teachers etc. They might know of opportunities or be able to introduce you to someone who can offer you a placement.

6. Follow Up

After submitting your application, follow up with a polite email or phone call to show your enthusiasm and check on the status of your application.

8. Stay Positive

The process of finding a work experience placement can be challenging, but don't get discouraged. Stay positive, keep applying, and remember that every application is a step closer to securing a placement.

Good luck with your search, and make the most of your work experience week!

Vision Board

The Unifrog logo, featuring the word "unifrog" in white lowercase letters on a green rectangular background.

Create a vision board of what you'd like your life to look like at a chosen age.

Use the template on the next page, create your own or use Pinterest.

Use RAM goals.

To find out more log into Unifrog and read the guide called '[Goal-setting: how to set good goals.](#)'

- R for Relevant

The most important one: you need to really care about achieving the goal.

- A for Achievable

The goal needs to be realistically achievable within a specific timeframe. It should also be enough of a challenge to be motivating.

- M is for Measurable

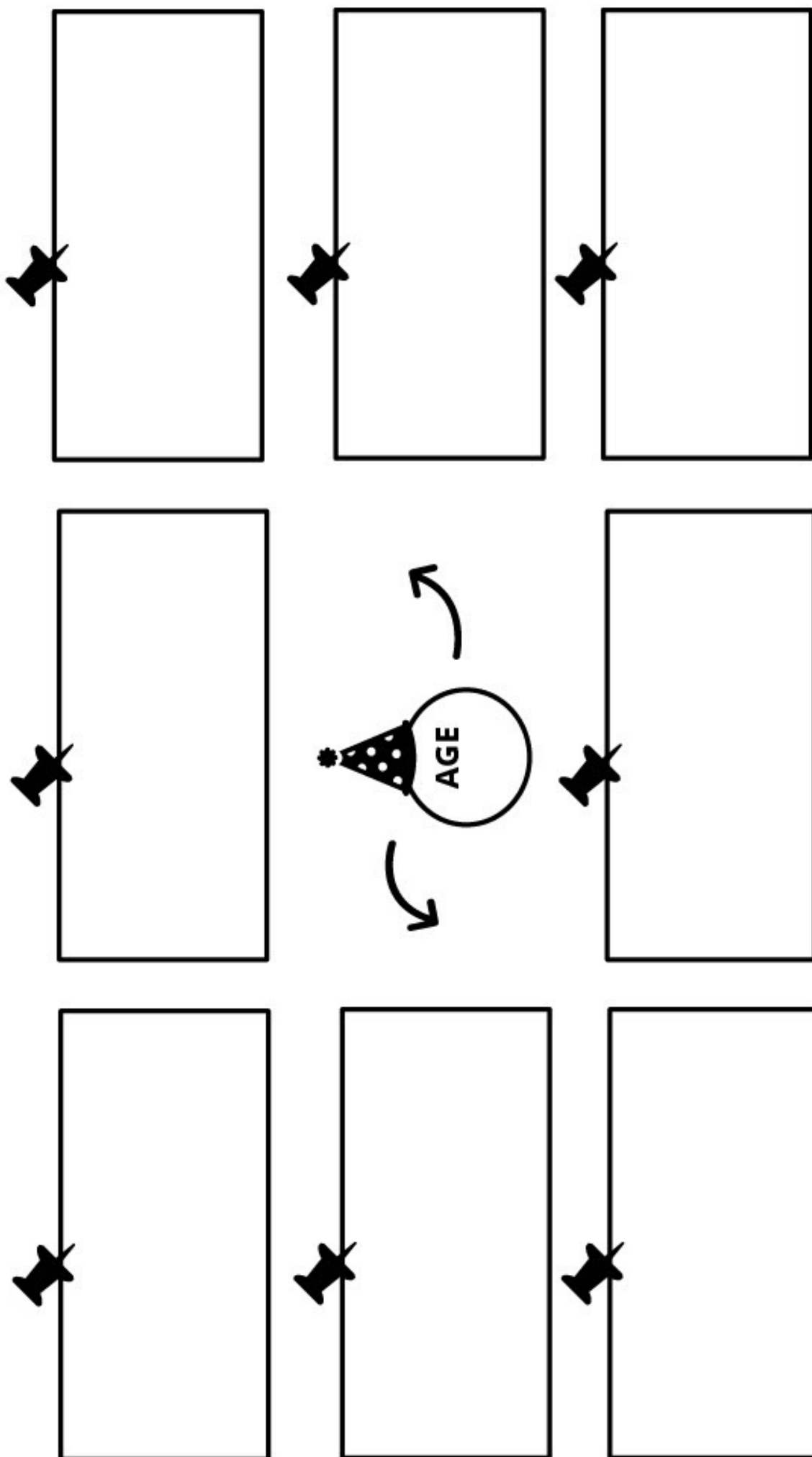
The goal needs to be easy to measure, meaning it will be clear when you have attained it.

A yellow sticky note pinned with a red pushpin, containing text about creating a vision board.

You can write/draw your goals or use images from online or magazines. Find a digital version of the vision board [here](#).

Share your vision board with the Careers Adviser or a teacher. We'd love to see them!

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WMG Engineering Industry Day

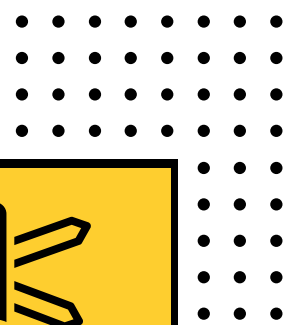
Some of our Year 8 students had an incredible experience at the WMG Engineering Industry Day.

Highlights of the day included:

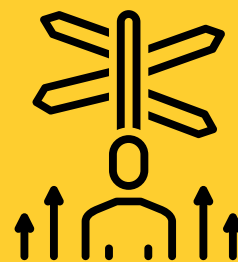
- Talks from and the opportunity to meet inspiring professionals from the engineering industry
- An insightful tour of the University of Warwick campus
- Learning about different pathways into engineering including apprenticeships

Find out more about the different types of engineering and their career paths [here](#).





HARRIS CAREERS



NEED SUPPORT WITH YOUR NEXT STEPS?

Visit the Careers Adviser in the new Careers Office

Support including...



Applications, CVs, Interviews



Unifrog



Work Experience



Career Pathways



Skills

careers@harris.covmat.org



Office under the library stairs

Subject Spotlight: DT

Product Design

What is Design and Technology

...and why choose to study it?



"Design and Technology is a phenomenally important subject. Logical, creative and practical, it's the only opportunity students have to apply what they learn in Maths and Science."

Sir James Dyson Founder and Chairman of Dyson and Patron to the D&T Association



What will you be doing?

Understanding users

- Who your product is for and their needs
- How the product will be used



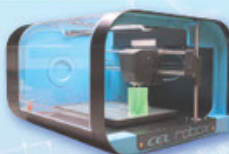
Learning about materials

- Including traditional, smart and modern materials
- Selecting the best materials for making your designs

Designing:

including Computer Aided Design (CAD)

- Taking risks to create more imaginative ideas
- Clearly communicating your design ideas to others

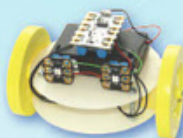


Making:

including Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM)

- Working safely with tools and equipment – including 3D printers
- Making high quality working prototypes

Design and Technology is purposeful, as well as being fun and exciting! Studying GCSE Design and Technology will build on what you learnt about designing and making in Key Stage 3. You will use your knowledge and skills to design and make new and better solutions to real problems - on your own and with others - working with materials you choose.



Learning how things work

- Using mechanisms, electronics and computers to control things; including robots
- Designing and making products that don't fail in use



Analysing products

- Understanding how everyday products have been designed and made
- Learning about the work of past and present designers, makers and engineers



Evaluating your own and others work

- Expressing your opinions about products and services, to inform...
- ...the development of better solutions to real-life problems

Where could D&T take you?

For everyone

GCSE D&T opens the door to a wide range of careers in the creative, engineering and manufacturing industries. It is also excellent preparation for careers in many other fields e.g. medicine, law and computer science. Whatever career you choose, the knowledge and skills you learn, particularly those concerned with rapidly developing technologies, will be extremely valuable. You will also develop skills, such as teamwork and time management which are highly prized by employers.



Dualit.

Alex uses his D&T skills every day!

"I couldn't see how I could get here now, which is designing products that are sold internationally, without that first step of design and technology."

Alex, Co-Founder, Designer to Dualit

Abbie designs spacecraft!

"D&T was my favourite subject at school - the one time that I got to apply my creativity and problem solving skills to the creation of new products, and see my ideas become reality."

Abbie, Mission Manager, Cling Aircraft, MIT



Yewande says that D&T is global!

"I have found that the design skills I learnt in school and at university have helped me become a 'global citizen' - able to develop solutions to problems in very different parts of our world."

Yewande, Alumnus, Design Engineer, ARUP

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Paul says D&T is important!

"In a world which is so over-supplied, one way to succeed and stand out is to have a creative and lateral way of thinking about things. Creativity makes businesses, careers and futures for people and this is why subjects like Design and Technology are so important."

Mr Paul Smith, Fashion Designer



Holly says I earned as I learned!

"The mix of practical and theoretical learning in D&T suited me and so I looked for career routes with the same approach. I started with the Higher Apprenticeship engineering scheme at JCB which provided valuable on-the-job experience while earning at the same time. Having completed my Mechanical Engineering degree I am now a Design Engineer at JCB."

Holly, Mechanical Design Engineer, JCB



Career prospects

As well as job satisfaction the rewards will include a good salary and good promotional prospects. The average salary for designers is growing much faster than the UK average and engineers typically earn £25,000 to £40,000 more than the national average. Alternatively, you may decide to be an entrepreneur and start your own company or business.



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Webinars & Events



Should I become a Doctor? – 13/03/25

[Click to Book](#)

Virtual Event on Zoom – 13/03/25 between 7 and 8:30pm

This presentation, held by medical students, is designed to help Year 9 - 11 students decide whether 'Medicine', or becoming a doctor, is for them. It may also be helpful for anyone else seeking information about the process - including parents and teachers.

National Careers Week

NCW

3rd - 8th March 2025

Insight to NHS Careers Webinar

NHS

South Warwickshire
University
NHS Foundation Trust

As we celebrate National Careers Week 2025, please join us on **Wednesday 5th March 2025**, from 16:00pm over Microsoft Teams to get an insight into NHS Careers at South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust!

We will be focusing on the stepping stones into the NHS Workforce!

This event is aimed at students, parents, teachers and anyone who would like to find out more information.

Please register for this event via the QR Code!



Location: Over Microsoft Teams

Date: 6th March 2025

Time: 16:00pm -17:00pm

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Online nursing careers events

bit.ly/nursing-career-events



Webinars & Events



How long is a piece of string? LIVE

6 March | The metrology of sports

Join us in person or via our YouTube livestream to find out how measurement science is helping us detect rugby injuries, row faster and run longer.

When: 6 March | 18.30 – 21.00

Tickets are FREE



Enter the Springpod Competition and be in with a chance of winning £100!!

How do you take part?

1. Students (age 13+) create a Springpod account [here](#)
2. Choose from one or more of the following and click start now
[T Levels](#)
[Apprenticeships](#)
[Higher Technical Qualifications](#)

3. Complete the programme and gain your certificate

🎉 What are the prizes?

- ★ The School or College with the most students completing by 21st March will win £250
- 2nd Prize - £100
- 3rd Prize - £50

All schools and colleges with 30+ students completing will go into a prize draw to win £100

Winners will announced on Friday 28th March 2025

COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

CHECK THE COLLEGE
WEBSITES FOR MORE DETAILS



Moreton Morrell - 15 March 10am - 1pm

Leamington - 18 March 5.30 - 8pm

Warwick Trident - 20 March 5.30 - 8pm

Rugby - 25 March 5.30 - 8pm

Moulton - 15 March 9am - 12noon

Coventry - 11 March 5.15pm – 7pm

Stratford - 19 March 5pm - 7.30pm

UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS	
OPEN EVENTS	NWSLC NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE
Wednesday 5th February Wigston and Hinckley Campuses 4pm – 7pm	Thursday 6th February Nuneaton and Harrowbrook Campuses 4 – 7pm MTI Campus 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 25th June Wigston and Hinckley Campuses 4pm – 7pm	Thursday 26th June Nuneaton and Harrowbrook Campuses 4 – 7pm MTI Campus 5pm – 7pm
www.nwslc.ac.uk/openevents/	



Becki Morgan

Specialist Support Trainer

Durham - Class Of 2015

Subjects studied at Harris

GCSE English Language C, GCSE English Literature B, Music A*, Geography B, Religious Studies B, Core Science C, Double Award Science C

Extra Curricular

Music and Rugby

After Harris

I gained a BTEC in Music Performance in Birmingham.

I did not go to university as it was not for me at the time. I aspire to study at a degree level in the future.

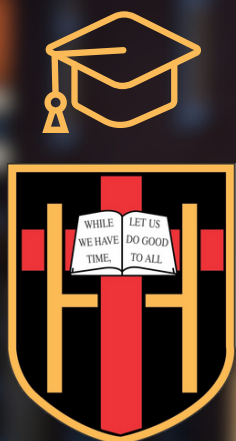
I now work for Lifeways Group and travel the country to deliver training to lots of different people.

Future Ambition

I would love to do a TED talk on PBS and how we can shift the narrative on behaviour and its meaning.



Harris Alumni



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Poster Project

We are producing posters to inspire our young people with career stories from ex-Harris students.

We would love to involve ex-students from a wide variety of backgrounds, pathways and careers.

To support us with this project, complete this [form](#).



Google Forms



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