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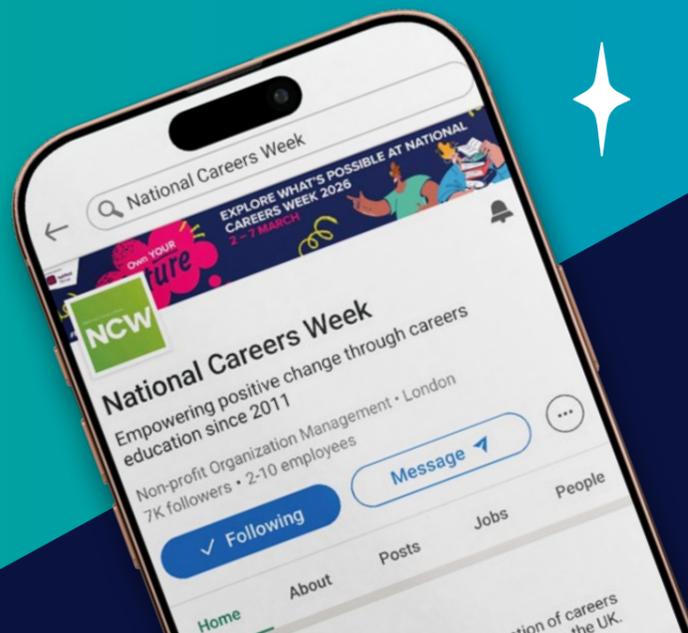
IT'S ALMOST #NCW2026!



It's an absolute honour to launch NCW's 15th year in existence and confirm once more NatWest as our headliners with their new THRIVE programme unifying 30 years of community initiatives into a solid and exciting platform to help young people and their mentors to secure brilliant futures...sounds familiar doesn't it?

This year we've been fortunate enough to be joined by more new partners from a variety of industry areas who are bringing their knowledge, experience, resources and inspiration to the biggest annual celebration of careers in the UK.

As the week itself gets closer, we'll be updating the website and building your Virtual Careers Fair on a daily basis – please look out for news on Social Media @CareersWeek, on LinkedIn and sign up to our newsletter here to get the news as it happens!



GET YOUR GRAPHICS!



MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURSELF TO THE NCW WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD ALL YOUR FREE GRAPHICS AHEAD OF #NCW2026.



THE TOP SIX WAYS TO GET THE MOST FROM #NCW2026



1. TELL THE WORLD!

Download the social media graphics pack and share in your school via video displays, assembly screens and on your social media accounts.



2. GET ALL YOUR STAFF INVOLVED

Let's see those career paths on classroom doors... pupils can get a great insight into career paths by reading about the journeys your staff took to get where they are now.



3. WHAT DO THEY WANT TO BE?

Get your students to have a good look around the Virtual Careers Fair (from the start of #NCW2026 – 2nd March 2026 and beyond) and ask each one to complete one or more of the “I want to be” frames and get everyone talking about their ambitions, interests and passions.



4. WHAT'S GOING ON?

If you haven't yet got a published schedule for NCW, why not use this template to complete and print so that each year group knows what's going on when. When are business visitors coming in? Who's sharing their ideas? Which year group are visiting which company?



5. FROM SKILLS TO CAREERS

Help your students to reflect and review their skills and what they like – this in turn will help them seek out careers and job roles which will complement their skills and aspirations.



6. GET INTO THE VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

The VCF is back and it's bigger and better than ever – dozens of rooms full of sponsor content, resources, videos and challenges for your students to view during form time, PSHE lessons or as part of a careers event. Free to access and full of brilliant content – you'll find it [here](#).



Our resource guide will be online for you to find ALL THE LINKS YOU NEED IN ONE PLACE! Find it on the website and from Social Links @CareersWeek

HERE ARE OUR DAY SPONSORS FOR #NCW2026

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TUESDAY



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THURSDAY



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GET ALONG TO [NATIONALCAREERSWEEK.COM](https://nationalcareersweek.com)

HIT RESOURCES AND YOU GET TO THIS PAGE – ACCESS ALL THE GUIDES, CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND TOOLS YOU COULD EVER NEED= TO MAKE #NCW2026 BRILLIANT!



NCW AMBASSADOR'S SCHOOL WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!

WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS WINS EDUCATE AWARDS PRIZE FOR CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE.

Simone Wilson, Careers Manager and NCW Ambassador writes:

“We are absolutely delighted to announce that Wirral Grammar School for Boys recently won the Educate Awards 2025 for Careers and Enterprise. This recognition is a fantastic endorsement of their comprehensive Careers programme and also reflects the dedication, innovation and care that goes into ensuring their students feel supported and equipped for their future pathways”.

Wirral Grammar School for Boys offer a varied range of activities and opportunities encouraging students to step outside their comfort zones and explore new experiences. Parental engagement is impressive, with many generously volunteering their time to support events and inspire the next generation.

The awards ceremony was held at the stunning Liverpool Cathedral, organised by CPMM Media Group and was a fantastic evening celebrating excellence across education in the North West. The award was sponsored by Liverpool City Region Careers Hub.



WHY SHOULD TEACHERS GET INVOLVED WITH NCW?

“Simone says: “It is a privilege to be part of the NCW Ambassador team and to share ideas with Careers Leaders from across the country. Learning from others has been both inspirational and highly motivating. Planning and getting involved in National Careers Week activities truly brings careers learning to life, creating a palpable buzz around the school as employers and university providers come in to showcase the wide range of opportunities available to our students.

While careers learning is embedded throughout the year, National Careers Week provides a fantastic platform to really shine a light on the wonderful work taking place across all departments, supporting students to confidently prepare for their next steps.

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HEAR FROM OUR INSPIRING AMBASSADORS... **NCW**

“It's great to be part of a team, share ideas and support each other in helping students across the country to realise their potential.

It is inspirational and motivational to learn from others.

Simone Wilson, Careers Manager

A small illustration of Simone Wilson, Careers Manager, wearing a blue top and holding a gold trophy.

Top: Simone receiving the Educate Awards 2025 Prize for Careers and Enterprise at Liverpool Cathedral.

NHS CAREERS: WHERE COULD YOUR STUDENTS GO IN THE NHS?



DISCOVER OVER 350 NHS CAREERS WITH FREE RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

From engineers and IT specialists to podiatrists, biomedical scientists, and HR professionals, there's an NHS career for every student – and national careers week is the perfect time to explore them.



Our Step into the NHS competition gives young people the chance to discover where they could fit in the NHS. Teachers can access free, curriculum-linked resources including the One Lesson Launch pack – complete with videos, worksheets and activities. Everything you need for engaging careers learning, all in one hour.

This competition offers great prizes for winners too! Freddie (pictured) was the 2025 KS2 winner and loved seeing his poster displayed in his local community.

We also have an exciting opportunity for your students to take part in our **Step into the NHS Days in March!**

These free, full-day online sessions for key stage 2 and key stage 3 students offer:

1. Career spotlights and **live** Q&As with NHS staff
2. Interactive activities including 'guess the job' and quizzes
3. Inspiration for competition entries

Early exposure to NHS careers helps build aspirations and shows young people the opportunities on their doorstep.



Above: Freddie is SOOO excited to find out more about careers in the NHS!

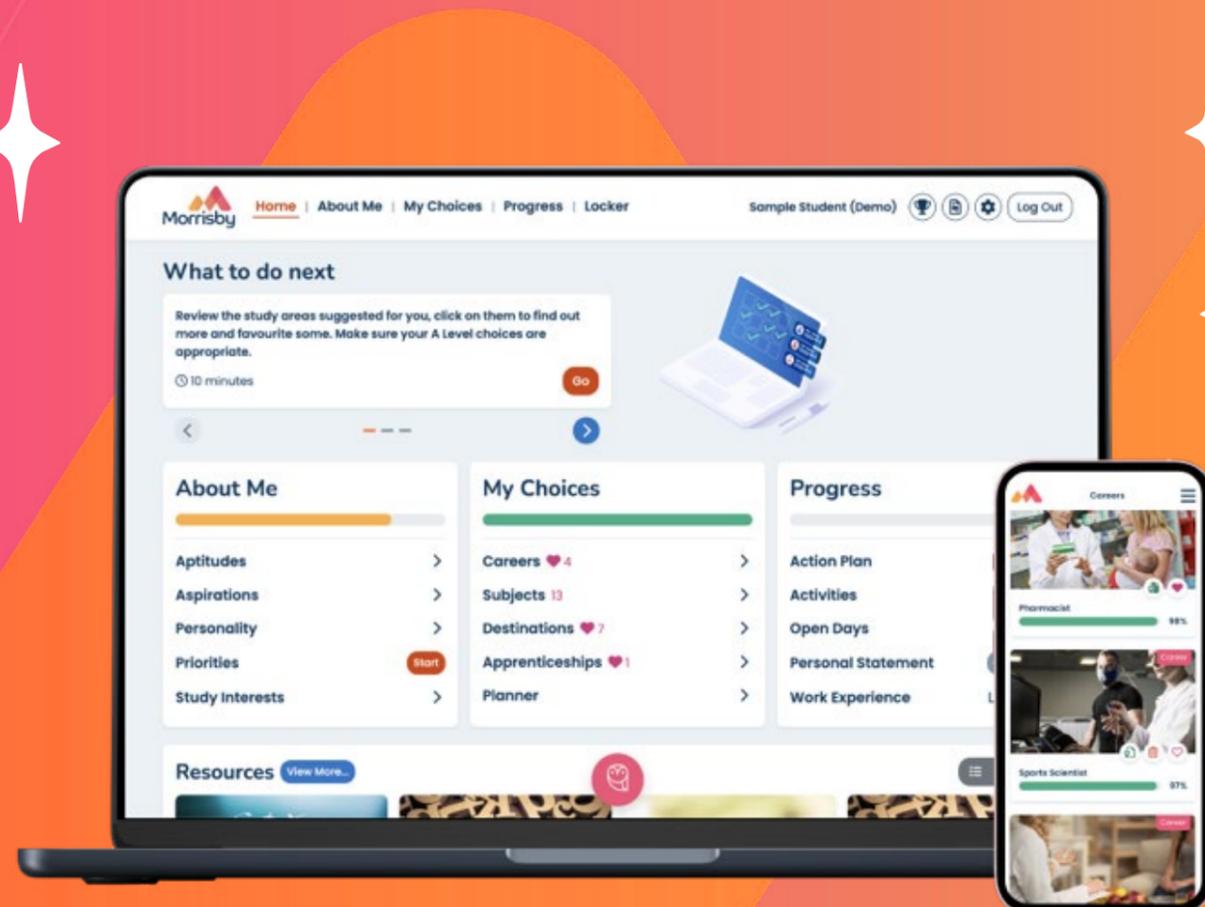
WHO IS MORRISBY?

A CAREERS AND DESTINATIONS PLATFORM FOR LIFE-CHANGING OUTCOMES

Morrisby helps students discover who they are. By using psychometric measures rather than isolated questions, Morrisby builds a joined-up profile that filters out the noise to reveal a refined shortlist of career and subject suggestions that are deeply relevant and explainable.

Unlike platforms that overwhelm with generic lists or superficial quizzes, Morrisby offers insight with substance. Subject, course and career guidance all flow from one scientifically validated profile – so every decision is joined up, and every outcome is backed by data.

The result? Students move forward with confidence. And you move forward with the evidence, clarity and credibility to lead your provision with impact.



HOW IT WORKS

Designed to do the hard work for you – and show it's working.

Morrisby flexes around your student's needs – whether you're looking for a better way to manage destinations or ready to take guidance to the next level.

At its core, it helps you stay in control of student progress, simplify support across your team, and demonstrate value to SLT, ISI, Ofsted, governors and parents. From there, you can scale up to unlock even deeper insight and broader impact.

No matter where you start, Morrisby is designed to grow with your school. It's easy to adopt, effortless to use, and backed by expert UK-based support – so you can lead with clarity, and deliver results with confidence.

MORRISBY RESOURCES

Morrisby has a whole library of free-to-access articles on a wide range of topics - from Making the Most of Work Experience to A Guide to Studying in Singapore, and from A Spotlight on Volunteering to Careers in STEM: How to Become an Engineer.

With over 100 articles currently on our site, there's something to spark everyone's curiosity.



HELEN TAYLOR, NCW AMBASSADOR:



INSPIRING FUTURE THINKING THROUGH GREEN CAREERS



improving access to opportunities is a key priority. We wanted pupils to see the range of green jobs and career pathways available locally and to understand that

the North East is at the centre of the UK's clean energy growth. The week also helped staff embed sustainability and green skills into their teaching and strengthen links with local employers.

WHOLE TRUST APPROACH

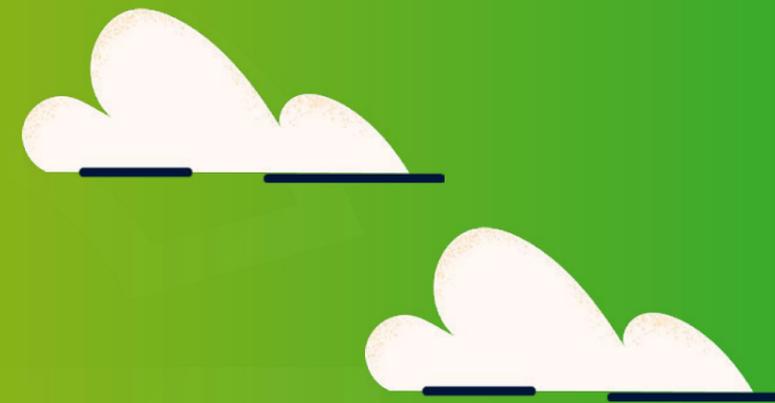
All NEAT schools took part through a universal offer that included:

- Assemblies and tutor sessions focused on sustainability and green jobs
- Curriculum-linked lessons in subjects such as Science, Geography, DT, and PSHE
- Resources such as the Green Buzz Quiz and MyPath to explore career pathways
- Parental engagement through individual school comms (class dojo), social media and the NEAT Goes Green Wepage - <https://www.neat.org.uk/neat-goes-green/>

NEAT Academy Trust held its first Green Careers Week from Monday, 3rd to Friday, 7th November 2025 and involved all eight schools across the Trust, from nursery to Year 11. The week was designed to raise awareness of the growing number of green careers and to help pupils understand how what they learn in school connects to real jobs, pathways, and industries shaping the future.

WHY WE DID IT

This work is part of NEAT's wider Cradle to Career strategy and Personal Development framework. Our schools are based in areas of high deprivation across Newcastle, North Tyneside, and Hartlepool, so raising aspirations and



There was also a targeted offer for groups of pupils who would benefit from more focused support. This included pupils at risk of becoming NEET, pupils with SEND, girls in STEM, and those with lower aspirations. These pupils took part in smaller group sessions and workplace visits to build confidence and understanding.

THE GREEN CAREERS SAFARI – BENFIELD SCHOOL

A highlight of the week was the Green Careers Safari, which saw 60 Year 9 pupils from Benfield School visit three major green energy businesses along the River Tyne: Siemens Energy, Smulders, and Baker Hughes. The group then visited the Newcastle College Energy Academy. The visits provided pupils with a firsthand look at the world of work in renewable energy, the skills required for future roles, and the pathways available after Year 11.



PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT

The week was developed with the support of the North East Combined Authority (NECA). It featured contributions and support from key employers, including Siemens Energy, Smulders, Baker Hughes, Northumbrian Water, Bellway Homes, Arup, Gleeds, Northern Gas Networks and Northern Rail.

WHAT MADE IT WORK

Careers is part of our strategic vision, Grow Potential, so it sits at the heart of how we work as a Trust. Schools are busy places, but careers education is now integrated into our long-term plans, rather than being an additional task. Along with Personal Development, it is a golden thread that runs through our entire curriculum.

Through the Cradle to Careers project, now in its fourth year, careers education is a clear strategic priority. Every school's senior leadership team is fully committed, and we hold a termly Strategic Careers Leads meeting, co-led by me and our CEO. Everything links back to our Trust strategy, which ensures consistency and integration across all schools.

A key factor in the success of Green Careers Week was the support from David Coe at the North East Combined Authority. David worked closely with us from the early stages, helping to shape the Green Careers Safari and connect us with local employers. His involvement gave the project credibility and opened doors to meaningful partnerships that will continue to grow. In addition, the transport was funded by NECA, which ensured Green Safari went ahead! Our approach is practical

and collaborative. Each Careers and PD Leads meeting includes dedicated time for planning, allowing teachers to complete tasks during the meeting rather than in their own time back at school. Everything is reported back to each school's SLT and discussed at termly Headteacher meetings, ensuring careers remains high on the agenda across the Trust.

Pre-planning has been key. We initiated the process for Green Careers Week back in July, which provided us with sufficient time to secure employers, develop resources, and ensure schools could integrate the work into their existing plans.

WHAT WE LEARNT:

- The earlier the planning starts, the more confident schools feel about delivery
 - Simple frameworks worked best – one universal offer and one targeted offer for all schools
 - Central coordination helps reduce workload and keeps messaging consistent
 - Communication is vital; regular updates and templates made the process smooth
 - Staff, pupils, and partners all valued the joined-up Trust approach
- The result is a model that is structured, efficient, and fully embedded. Staff buy in, pupils enjoy taking part, and schools look forward to these events each year. We focus on doing fewer things well and building on what works, so each event gets stronger and has greater impact.



IMPACT

- Pupils gained a better understanding of how their lessons and subjects link to future careers
- Staff built stronger connections with employers for future collaboration and also this also raised awareness of what opportunities are out there for our learners.
- Parents and carers joined in career conversations at home using tools like the Green Buzz Quiz
- As a Trust, projects like this strengthens our growing reputation for delivering meaningful careers education and employer engagement

PSSSSST...

If you've been inspired by Helen's article and what she's helped create at NEAT please consider becoming an Ambassador, here's what some of our ambassadors have said in the past.

Sign up to the newsletter and look out for future calls to apply.

BEING AN NCW AMBASSADOR MEANS...

“Being an NCW Ambassador has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It's a privilege to champion the importance of careers education and see the real impact it has on young people's aspirations.

I love how NCW brings together educators, employers, and students in such a purposeful and inspiring way.

Becky Barber, Assistant Principal Career Development

PROUD TO BE...

“Proud to be a National Careers Week Ambassador in Hounslow

— Inspiring futures, building skills, and celebrating opportunity.

Join us and help make a difference in your community.

Nafsika Atta, Quality and Performance Manager

...DOORS...

“I enjoy being able to give young people the opportunity to explore Career pathways that may not have been possible without NCW.

Being an ambassador has allowed me to build a large network of employers within Rotherham.

Maxine Hughes, Youth Project Worker



KEW GARDENS LAUNCHES GROW YOUR TEACHING CPD HUB:

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE EXPLORE CLIMATE CHANGE.

The Schools Team at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew are excited to announce the launch of **Grow Your Teaching**, a brand-new professional development hub designed to enrich your teaching of **plant and environmental science**.

The climate change module explores how using plants and fungi as a hook can transform climate change from something invisible and overwhelming into something pupils can see, touch and care about.



YOU'LL BUILD:

- 1.** knowledge of vital Kew projects unlocking the power of plants and fungi
- 2.** confidence in teaching climate change
- 3.** practical tools to integrate climate change across your curriculum

Designed to take around 20 minutes - complete it in one go or dip in and out.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND

Kew expertise and resources exploring plants as a way into understanding and teaching climate change, including:

- **Film:** meet the experts behind Kew's latest climate change projects
- **Blog:** explore ways to make climate change relevant to your pupils' everyday lives
- **Video:** boost your climate confidence
- **Quiz:** test your knowledge
- **Download:** resources to help you think about how climate change fits into your teaching, including a jargon buster and reflection booklet
- **Reflection points:** quick prompts to help you turn ideas into next steps for your classroom



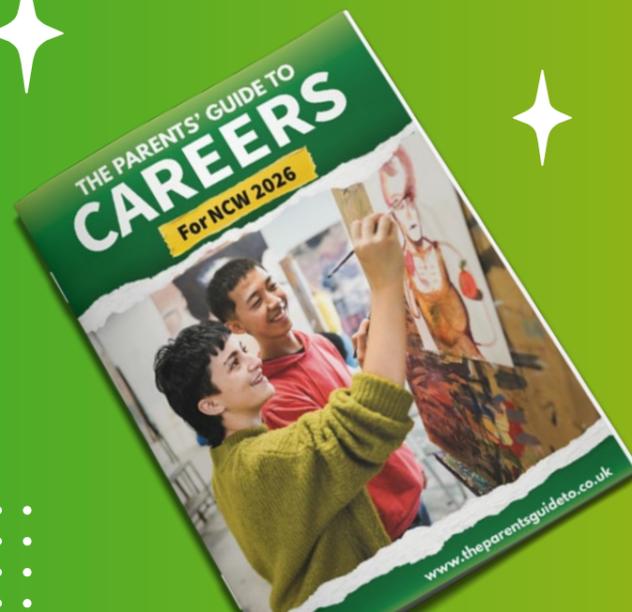
WATCH THE RECENT RCVS / NCW WEBINAR

In this webinar the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) wanted to showcase the different roles of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses. Veterinary professionals have many different roles and responsibilities, and some are more widely known about than others!

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO #NCW2026

COMING SOON!

Check Resources page for the updated guide.



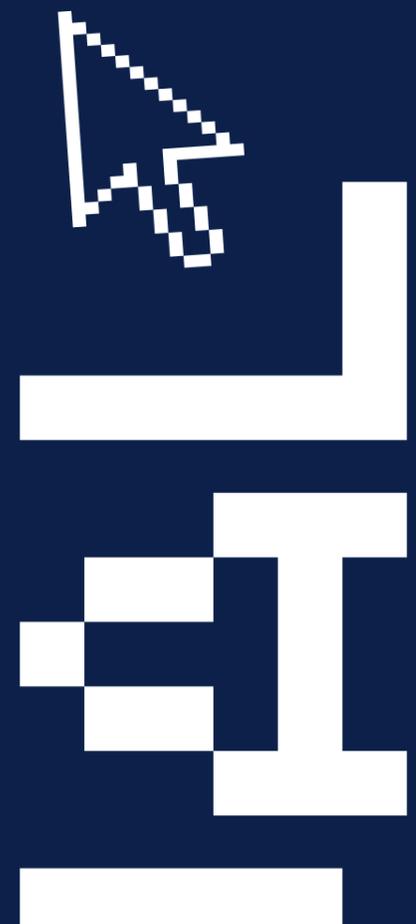
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VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

2nd - 7th March 2026

The Virtual Careers Fair will go live on day 1 of Careers Week. All you need to do is share the website address with students.

- ✓ No registration required.
- ✓ No data is collected from students.
- ✓ Tons of opportunities for students to explore.





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