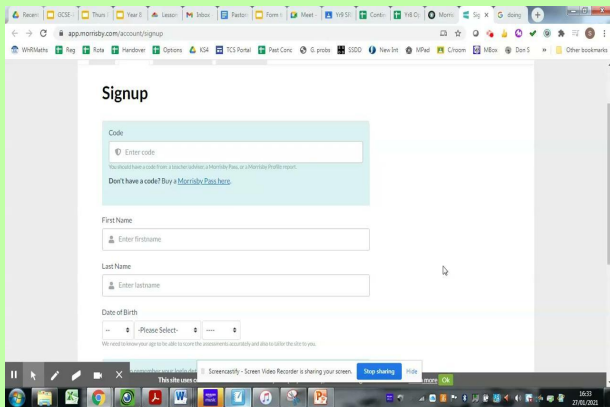


# The Cooper School Careers Newsletter - March



Welcome to our very second monthly careers newsletter. At the Cooper School we have many different opportunities for all our students to **'work hard'** and **'dream big'** when it comes to their futures and careers. This month's newsletter is all about the fantastic **Morrisby tool we have on our website** - and it is as useful for the Y7s as it will be for the Y11s and Y13s! <https://www.thecooperschool.co.uk/careers/morrisby-career-tools>

**All year groups** will spend some time in the next few weeks logging on at school, and **we encourage all parents and carers to spend some time with their children looking at this careers advice tool.** It is really helpful with option choices at **KS4 and KS5.**



## What is the Morrisby Test?

Morrisby uses a **combination of psychometric assessments and questionnaires** to give us an idea of where the **student's strengths and preferences lie.** After analysing the results, they offer **impartial recommendations** for careers and subjects that match your abilities and interests.

The assessments can assess your aptitudes, motivations, preferences and interests and **match these to qualifications and careers which may suit you.**

It provides innovative online tools to **explore the career and educational choices suggested** for you, allowing you to refine your **choices over time** so they remain relevant.

## How to sign up:

Signing up in school or at home is really simple. Go to <https://app.morrisby.com/account/signup>, use your school email address and enter the School sign up code: **MC88K15M.**

After that you'll be asked to enter some basic information, and then you have an account. It take around 2-3 minutes!

**50+**

Years experience providing leading careers services

**1,500**

Schools world-wide rely on Morrisby solutions

**750**

University links across the UK and Europe

## Introducing Aspirations





## What next after Year 11?

Although many of our Year 11 students have made their decisions about their future steps, we have dedicated careers advisers who are on hand to offer advice for all Y11s.

Over the next few weeks they will be meeting with Year 11 students to give more guidance on future steps. **When a student has had a careers interview, they will be sent a Careers Plan.**

**Please make sure your child passes on the Careers Plan to you!** Many students decide to continue their studies here at the Post 16 Centre where we offer a wide range of A Levels courses and some level 3

BTECs. Our prospectus is online at <https://post16.bernwode.com/prospectus>

Banbury and Bicester College has an open day on 16 February:

<https://banbury.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/banbury-and-bicester-college-february-open-event/>

Abingdon College have open days coming up in February and March:

[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/open-day](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/open-day)

## For Students

- ✓ Proven self-discovery tools
- ✓ Accurate career and course recommendations
- ✓ Raises aspirations through the "what if" and "focus on" tools
- ✓ Independent guidance
- ✓ Updated job, course and institution information to inspire research
- ✓ Embedded employability skills tools to evidence progress
- ✓ Careers passport a digital "record of achievement"

“ The Morrisby Profile showed me another side to my personality and directed me towards Architecture which I now have offers for. It helped me to identify links between the different fields and opened my mind to new ideas and pathways. ”

Y13 student



## Highlights from the Careers and Futures Google Classrooms:

- Pizza and Programming evenings for Year 11 students who are interested in a career in IT. These are taking place at Abingdon on 3rd March 4-6pm and at Witney on 10th March 4-6pm. <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzQ0NzY2MDI3MjQ5>
- BMW Group's Apprenticeships for Year 11 students and post 16 students in Oxfordshire. <https://www.bmwgroup.jobs/gb/en/opportunities/apprentice/technical.html>
- For Year 12 students a useful guide to what is next after making your University application. <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzkwMDE5NDg1OTA2>

## Department spotlight on Art.

The Art department have been collaborating with national and local artists to inspire our students to dream big and work hard. Students have been finding out about different art based careers in a diverse range of mediums including ceramics, digital art works and even pet portraits! Have a look at some of these on the careers section of the Art website. <https://sites.google.com/cooper.oxon.sch.uk/art/careers>

The Art department offers a post 16 'Cambridge Technical' qualification which enables students to practice their creative and practical skills that transfer easily to the workplace. Here is some fabulous art work from our post 16 students which shows a clear link to the art and design industry

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jqDG3PCfSQBim4zkk4iftakleauMCIS2>