



# BACKWELL SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN

21 July 2022

WELCOME TO THE CAREERS BULLETIN. THIS CONTAINS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON:

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## CAREERS SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

### Unifrog Careers Platform

[Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.](#)

Students have their own accounts where they can research and shortlist career paths, search for work experience placements, record their skills and experiences and write job/university applications.

Parents/carers can set up their own Unifrog account using the code **BACKparents**. See [here](#) for a guide to using Unifrog as a parent/carer.

### Making Decisions

#### Matching interests and skills to careers

- Unifrog 'Interests Profile', 'Subjects Profile' and the new 'Workplace Profile' Quiz (all Years)  
[Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.](#)
- Prospects Planner Careers Quiz (Years 11-13)  
[Career Planner | What job should I do? | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

#### Matching school subjects to careers

- [The best career websites by school subject area - CareerWave](#)
- [Where could your favourite subject take you? - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Unifrog 'Subjects' Library [Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.](#)

#### Parents' Guide to Talking to Your Child about Careers

[A parents' toolkit for career conversations \(talkingfutures.org.uk\)](#)

### Individual Guidance and Support

For a 1-1 guidance appointment on career choices, options and applications email Mrs Ball at [cball@backwellschool.net](mailto:cball@backwellschool.net)



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# COLLEGE INFORMATION AND EVENTS

## Weston College Summer Schools

[Summer Schools 2022 | Weston College](#)

25-29 July Art, Ceramics or Photography (Years 10 and 11 only)

## South Gloucestershire and Stroud College

[Latest College Open Days & Shows \(sgscol.ac.uk\)](#)

29 Sept 5.30pm-8.00pm Filton

## BIMM Institute (Music Production and Performance)

[Open Days - BIMM Institute](#)

13 Aug 10.30am-1.30pm Kings Square, Bristol

## Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Media, Esports)

[Post-16 Open Evening | Bristol City \(bcfc.co.uk\)](#)

5 Oct 7.00pm Ashton Gate

## City of Bristol College

[Events | City of Bristol College](#)

10 Oct 10.00am-1.00pm All Campuses

## Weston College

[Events | Weston College](#)

13 Oct 5.00pm-7.00pm All Campuses

## Bridgwater and Taunton College

[Events Archive - Bridgwater & Taunton College \(btc.ac.uk\)](#)

11 Oct 6.00pm-8.00pm Bridgwater Campus

12 Oct 6.00pm-8.00pm Taunton Campus

12 Nov 10.00am-1.00pm Cannington Campus

## Boomsatsuma

### (Film/TV, Photography, Digital/Sports Media, Games/VFX/VR, Acting)

[College Open Days | boomsatsuma](#)

10 Oct Games, VR and VFX Engine Shed, Temple Meads

11 Oct Photography / Digital Media Engine Shed, Temple Meads

12 Oct Sports Media Production Ashton Gate Stadium

13 Oct Film and TV Bottleyard Studios, Hengrove

## Access Creative College (Media, Games, Music)

[Open Events | Access Creative College | Games | Music | Media](#)

Next event tbc

## EMPLOYER EVENTS

### **\*NEW\*** Tidal Energy Workshops with Our Tide, Clevedon

[Workshops - \(ourtide.org\)](https://www.ourtide.org)

30 Aug – 2 Sept      In person (Clevedon)      Students going into years 11-13

### **'Careers Live' with Lloyds Bank**

[LBG Careers Live \(explorelbg.co.uk\)](https://www.explorelbg.co.uk)

2 Aug      6.30pm – 7.30pm      Virtual

### **BDO Accountancy Insight Programme**

[Explore BDO - Accountancy Insight Programme for BDO \(187054\) \(getmyfirstjob.co.uk\)](https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)

1-5 August      Virtual      Year 10,11,12

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION AND EVENTS

### **\*NEW\*** Year 9 'Access to Oxbridge' Workshop (Bridgwater College)

[Access to Oxbridge Taster - Year 9s Only - Bridgwater & Taunton College \(btc.ac.uk\)](https://www.btc.ac.uk)

30-31 Aug      Bridgwater Campus      In-Person

### **\*NEW\*** Art and Design Degree Portfolio Workshop (Oxford Brookes)

[Portfolio Preparation course Application Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

24-27 Oct      Virtual

### **\*UPDATED\*** University Open Days and Taster Days in August

[Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day](https://www.opendays.com)

Kent, Oxford Brookes, BPP (London), Royal Vet College, Bournemouth, Solent, Winchester, York St John, Bangor, Edge Hill, Keele, Sheffield Hallam, Staffordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckingham, Cumbria, Gloucestershire, Sunderland, Wolverhampton, Bournemouth, Solent

## Choosing University Courses

- **Unibuddy** - message students with questions. Search course/university. [Chat to students | UCAS](#)
- **UCAS course search:** [What and where to study at a University, College or Conservatoire \(ucas.com\)](#)
- **Discover Uni** website for stats and other info: [Home - Discover Uni](#)
- **League Tables:** [University Rankings and League Tables 2023 \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](#)
- **Bursaries and Scholarships:** [Additional financial support for students at university \(outside tuition and maintenance loans\) \(unitasterdays.com\)](#)

## Oxbridge Information

[The Oxbridge Launchpad | Mobilising the next generation of students](#)

Portal to help state school students apply to Oxbridge.

## Study Abroad (as a UK Student)

[Studying abroad: Consider your options | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

## Online Degrees

<https://www.distancelearningportal.com/>

## GAP YEARS

### Industrial Placement Schemes

[IBM Careers - School Leaver - United Kingdom Placements \(age 17 & over\) | EDT \(etrust.org.uk\)](#)

### Ideas and Suggestions for a Gap Year

[Independent Gap Advice | Independent Gap Year Advice For Young People Gap year | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

## COMPETITIONS

### Real World Essay Competition (University of Law)

[University of Law Real World Questions Competition](#)

A 1000 - 1500 word essay, based on answering **one** of three question choices. **Closing 18 Sept.**

- **Business:** Does the world need more entrepreneurs?
- **Criminology and policing:** Will stop and search protect or polarise our society?
- **Law:** How is Mental Health protected by the Law and is it enough?

### Robinson College (Cambridge) Essay Competition

[Essay Prize | Robinson College \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Year 12 Closes **31 July**

### Competitions for Aspiring Medics

<https://www.themedicportal.com/blog/school-competitions-for-aspiring-medics/>

Entering (and winning!) looks great on a medical school application

## APPRENTICESHIP GUIDES

General	<a href="#">Interactive Student Apprenticeship Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships</a>
Healthcare	<a href="#">Study and training   Health Careers</a>
Government	<a href="#">Apprenticeships   Civil Service Careers (civil-service-careers.gov.uk)</a>
Hinkley Point C	<a href="#">Young HPC   Hinkley Point C   EDF (edfenergy.com)</a>
BBC	<a href="#">Kick start your career - Careers (bbc.co.uk)</a>

### Searching for Vacancies

- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Apprenticeships & School Leaver Jobs | AllAboutSchoolLeavers](#)
- [Apprenticeship jobs \(ucas.com\)](#)
- [Apprenticeships | Weston College](#)
- [South West and Bristol Apprenticeships | City of Bristol College](#)

## FEATURED LOCAL VACANCIES

### **\*NEW\*** Bakery Apprenticeship (Level 2) at Pullins Bakery, Yatton

Contact Mrs Ball if interested

### **\*NEW\*** Volunteer at PDSA Shop, Nailsea

Contact Mrs Ball if interested

### Early Years Educator at YMCA, Backwell

[Early Years Educator Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

Level 3                      Closing 29 Aug

### Various Trades, Bristol

Send a CV and cover email to: [ContactUs@sharedapprenticeships.com](mailto:ContactUs@sharedapprenticeships.com)

Level 4                      Quantity Surveyor

Level 4                      Site Manager

Level 3                      Plumbing

Level 2                      Scaffolder

## OTHER LOCAL APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

The following are within 30 miles of Bristol and start from July 2022 onwards.

Details at [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) unless specified. See Mrs Ball for support.

### Degree (Level 6) Apprenticeships

- Nuclear Scientist at Assystem Energy. Closing 28/7/22
- Civil Engineering at Mott Macdonald. Closing 31/7/22
- **\*NEW\*** Tax Adviser Apprenticeship at AlanBrookes Group. Closing 19/8/22

### Higher (Level 4/5) Apprenticeships

- Project Manager at Dyrham Park (National Trust). Closing 24/7/22
- Actuarial Apprenticeship at Iseran. Closing 24/7/22
- Investment Apprenticeship at Iseran. Closing 24/7/22
- Sports Coach at E-ACT. Closing 29/7/22
- Sales Advisor at Education Academy. Closing 30/7/22
- **\*NEW\*** Submarine Delivery Agency Project Apprentice at MOD. Closing 22/8/22
- Software Engineer at Hargreaves Lansdown. Closing 20/9/22

### Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeships

**New** opportunities being advertised daily in business admin, trades, teaching assistants, hairdressing, digital media and more.

Search via [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk).

## VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE (LIVE AND INTERACTIVE)

### **\*NEW\*** Careers at the Bank of England

[CAREERS AT THE BANK OF ENGLAND | Speakers for Schools](#)

8 – 19 Aug

Closing 1 Aug

### **\*NEW\*** Careers in Consulting (PA)

[Bringing ingenuity to life - careers and skills in the consulting industry | Speakers for Schools](#)

30 Sept

Closing 16 Sept

### **\*NEW\*** Careers in Finance (Santander)

[Bringing ingenuity to life - careers and skills in the consulting industry | Speakers for Schools](#)

30 Sept

Closing 16 Sept

### **\*NEW\*** Careers in the Arts (National Portrait Gallery)

[Follow your passion. Careers in the arts with the National Portrait Gallery. | Speakers for Schools](#)

24 Oct

Closing 24 Sept

### **\*NEW\*** Careers in Energy (BP)

[BP Virtual Work Experience | Speakers for Schools](#)

24-27 Oct

Closing 3 Oct

### **\*NEW\*** Careers in Business (University of Law Business School)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Business-Summer-WEX>

27 and 28 July

Virtual

Featuring Experian, HSBC, Goldman Sachs and PwC.

29 July

In person

University of Law, Bristol

### Logistics/Transport (CILT)

[Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK \(springpod.com\)](#)

8 – 19 Aug

Closing 3 Aug

### Technology (Siemens)

[Siemens Work Experience \(springpod.com\)](#)

22 Aug – 1 Sept

Closing 17 Aug

### Healthcare (University of Birmingham)

[Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme - Allied Healthcare Mentor \(alliedhealthmentor.org\)](#)

Live Interactive one day work experience. **Various dates**. Suitable for Year 10-13 **£10 per day**.

### Career Days (various)

[CareerDays.co.uk](#)

One day virtual interactive work experience in a variety of areas. **£60 per day**.

# **VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE (PRE-RECORDED)**

## **Hogan Lovalls' Law Work Experience Programme**

<https://tinyurl.com/yekejsx6>

## **Virtual Tours Around Various Businesses**

<https://www.icanbea.org.uk/virtual-tours/>

## **The Forage Virtual Work Experience Programmes**

<https://www.theforage.com/>

Virtual work experience in law, consulting, technology, finance and marketing.

## **Engineering (EDF)**

<https://careers.startprofile.com/page/hpc-virtualworkexperience>

Take a brief from the team and come up with a response to real project issues.

## **Finance (PWC)**

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/virtual-classroom.html>

PwC Virtual Classroom for Years 10 and 13. Combines both live and pre-recorded sessions.

## **Digital Media**

<https://barclayslifefskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience>

Virtual Work Experience at a 'digital transformation' agency.

## **Medicine**

[www.bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com](http://www.bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com)

Virtual medical work experience at Brighton and Sussex Medical School

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/training-exams/discover-general-practice/observe-gp.aspx>

An interactive video platform providing insight into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.