



CAREERS BULLETIN



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ALL STUDENTS CAREERS SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

Unifrog Careers Platform

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

Students have their own account where they can take quizzes, research and shortlist careers, search for work experience placements, record skills and experiences and write job/university applications.

Individual Guidance

For a 1-1 appointment on career choices, options and applications email Mrs Charlotte Ball

Making Decisions

Matching interests and skills to careers/options

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

Matching school subjects to careers/options

- [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 \(talkingfutures.org.uk\)](#)

ALL STUDENTS CAREERS EVENTS

NEW Backwell School Careers Fair

3 March Lunchtime and after school until 4pm. Backwell School
Year 9 and Year 11 students will visit during their lessons

NEW Careers in the British Army : Parents/Carers event

<https://tinyurl.com/2w3nc337>

20 Jan 6pm-7pm Online

STUDENTS IN YEAR 10-11

POST-16 OPTION OPEN DAYS

Weston College

[EVENTS | Weston College](#)

5 Feb	Apprenticeship Open Eve	4pm-7pm	SWS Campus
25 Mar	Open Evening	6pm-8pm	All Campuses

Book a Campus Tour: <https://www.weston.ac.uk/supporting-you/careers-advice/school-liaison>

City of Bristol College

[Events - City of Bristol College](#)

17 Jan	Open Day - All courses	10am-1pm	All campuses
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South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)

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

24 Jan	Open Day – All courses	10am-1pm	All Campuses
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Bridgwater and Taunton College

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

14 Jan	Open Evening	6pm-8pm	Bridgwater Campus
24 Jan	Open Evening	10am-1pm	Cannington Campus

Bath College

[Open Events 2024-25 | Bath College](#)

25 March	Open Eve	4pm-7pm	City Centre Campus
4 Feb	Year 10 taster sessions	4.30pm-6pm	City Centre Campus

Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Esports)

[Education - Bristol City FC \(bcfc.co.uk\)](#)

13 Feb	6.30pm	L2 and L3 Sport Courses	Ashton Gate Stadium
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Access Creative College (Games, Music, Media, Esports, Computing)

[Events - Access Creative](#)

24 Jan	11am-2pm	Open Event	Broadmead Campus
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Boomsatsuma (Media, Photography, Film/TV, Games/VR/VFX)

[College Open Days | boomsatsuma](#)

tbc Register for details online

Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services, Agriculture)

[Open days | Hartpury College](#)

24 Jan Must be booked in advance and places fill up quickly so early application advised

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11-13

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

UPDATED Online University Preparation Sessions (Unifrog)

<https://www.unifrog.org/events>

20 Jan	Life at University
20 Jan	Choosing between your University offers
21 Jan	How much does University really cost?
21 Jan	Parents/Carers Session: Supporting the next steps of the University application
26 Jan	Home or away for university: which is best?
26 Jan	How a degree can prepare you for your dream career.
27 Jan	Studying in London – what to expect
27 Jan	Preparing for the Oct deadline (Medicine, Vet Science, Dentistry, Oxbridge)
28 Jan	Why choose a Scottish university?
28 Jan	Contextual offers explained

PWC ‘Flying Start’ Funded Accountancy Degrees

<https://tinyurl.com/44eiewrp>

Funded degree with placement. Apply via UCAS. See link for details. **Deadline 14 Jan.**

UPDATED University of Law Real World Lectures

<https://tinyurl.com/5x9hjt3c>

17 Dec	4pm-5pm	What do hackers know about you?	Online
7 Jan	4pm-5pm	Must Justice be ‘seen to be done’?	Online

UPDATED Online Subject Taster Sessions (Unifrog)

<https://www.unifrog.org/events>

12 Jan	Forensic Science and Criminology Part 1
13 Jan	Forensic Science and Criminology Part 2
14 Jan	Linguistics
15 Jan	Psychology
15 Jan	Geography / Environmental Science
19 Jan	Sports Psychology

UPDATED University Open Days

[Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day](#)

29 Nov	Bath Spa, Northampton, Staffordshire, Leeds Beckett, Bournemouth, Coventry, Hartpury, Middlesex, Southampton Solent, Cumbria, East Anglia, Winchester
6/7 Dec	Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Wrexham, Staffordshire, Derby (7 th)
10 Jan	Northampton, Anglia Ruskin, Bournemouth, Leeds Trinity, Buckingham, Derby, Winchester
28 Feb	Nottingham Trent, Sheffield Hallam, Swansea
7 Mar	Nottingham Trent, Cranfield
11 Mar	Plymouth
28 Mar	Swansea, Derby
25 Apr	Kingston, Hertfordshire, Kent, Plymouth, Sheffield Hallam (26 th)

STUDENTS IN YEAR 13

GAP YEAR INFORMATION

EDT Gap Year Industry Placements

[Placements \(age 17 & over\) | EDT \(etrust.org.uk\)](#)

Placements for Year 13 leavers with STEM companies. The placements last 12 months and are paid.

General Gap Year Ideas and Schemes

[Independent Gap Advice | Independent Gap Year Advice For Young People](#)

[Gap Year Ideas - What To Do In Your Gap Year | UCAS](#)

12 month Paid Finance Internship (NHS)

<https://onehsfinance.nhs.uk/national-finance-academy/nhs-finance-insights-placement-scheme/>

See link for criteria. **Closes 8 May**

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11-13

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

Apprenticeship Events

NEW Apprenticeships with the Government Economic Service

<https://tinyurl.com/4hfdpy74>

Register interest in their upcoming apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Vacancies

Level 4-6 (Higher, Degree) Apprenticeships

Ways to Search for Level 4-6 Vacancies

- **Apprenticeship Listings** <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- [Search apprenticeships | UCAS](#)
- [Higher & Degree Vacancy Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Selected Level 4-6 Opportunities (Local, starting from July 2026)

- Audit, Consulting, Tax at RSM <https://tinyurl.com/msrfh3hz>
- Audit, Tax, Business at KPMG <https://tinyurl.com/yzrpxz53>
- Creative, Digital, Social Media, Operations at Channel 4 <https://tinyurl.com/49c2fwtz>
- BBC Apprenticeships <https://tinyurl.com/56ue4uer>
- SWAST Paramedic Apprenticeships <https://tinyurl.com/d5uwx8k7>
- Entry level Programmes at PWC <https://tinyurl.com/7z87t7n7>
- Accountancy at Evelyn Bros. <https://tinyurl.com/yz23f7ax>
- Tax, Audit at Evelyn Bros. <https://tinyurl.com/48h2vpze>

- Engineering: Civil / Structural / Space Systems/ Chemical / Electro at Babcock **Closing 18 Dec**
- IT : Cyber Security / Software Engineering at Babcock **Closing 18 Dec**
- Project Management at Babcock **Closing 18 Dec**
- Project Controls at Cavendish Nuclear **Closing 18 Dec**
- Chartered Manager / Food Technical at Samworth Brothers **Closing 19 Dec**
- Building Services Engineer at Smith Consult **Closing 31 Dec**

- Software at MBDA **Closing 23 Jan**
- Quantity Surveying / Construction Management / Civil Engineering at BAM. **Closing 31 Jan**
- Sales at Molson Coors **Closing 31 Jan**
- Engineering: Electro-Mechanical / Civil at AtkinsRealis **Closing 26 Feb**
- Building Services at AtkinsRealis **Closing 26 Feb**
- Construction Site Supervisor / Mineral Products Technician at Hanson Quarry. **Closing 28 Feb**
- Management at Amazon **Closing 28 Feb**
- Aerospace Engineering at Infinity **Closing 28 Feb**
- Engineering: Electrical / Utilities / Air Quality / Building / Civil / Structural / Mechanical / Utilities at Stantec. **Closing 28 Feb**
- Procurement and Supply Chain at BAE Systems **Closing 28 Feb**
- Project Manager / Overhead Lines at National Grid **Closing 28 Feb**
- Site Technician / Quantity Surveying / Design Management / Building Services / Construction Management at Laing O'Rourke **Closing 1 Mar**
- Procurement and Supply Chain / Project Management / Engineering Technician / Transport Planner at Babcock **Closing 12 Mar**

Level 3 (Advanced) Apprenticeships

Ways to Search for Level 3 Vacancies

- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>
- [Apprenticeships | Weston College](#)
- [Apprenticeship Information For Students - City of Bristol College](#)

Selected Level 3 Opportunities (Local, starting from July 2026)

- Technician / Jolter at National Grid **Closing 5 Jan/28 Feb**
- Engineering at Amazon **Closing 28 Feb**
- Production Apprentice / Tech Support at GKN Aerospace **Closing 28 Feb**
- Design Engineer at Babcock **Closing 12 Mar**

STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

NEW Babcock Engineering (Bristol)

<https://surveys.babcockinternational.com/s/MissionSystemsWEX2026/>

There are 2 options: one more professionally based (Engineering, Project Management & Business Operations) and the other more craft based (Production & Manufacturing). The week has not been confirmed but, if not in our WEX week, students can potentially still take part as long as their absence is authorised and they find another placement for the actual week. They will need to apply via the link above by **25 Jan** (but they may close it early if they receive a lot of applications).

NEW Edwards Engineering (Clevedon)

<https://www.edwardsvacuum.com/en-uk>

They have 6 places available in the Year 10 WEX week. Students will need to email Mrs Ball (cball@backwellschool.net) with a CV (downloadable format on the careers page on Frog) and a short paragraph on why the placement interests them. First come first served. Please note this is Monday-Thursday so students will need to find an additional placement for Friday.

ALL STUDENTS

IN-PERSON WORK EXPERIENCE

Careers in The Intelligence Services

<https://uptree.co/events/uks-intelligence-agencies/2637178179/>

26 Feb 10am-3.30pm Cheltenham Years 12 and 13

ALL STUDENTS

INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

NEW A Career as an Entrepreneur

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/1A8037E1-FB75-4DD6-14AF-08DE1AC9C926>

21-22 Jan 10am-3pm Closes 24 Dec

NEW Careers in Palliative Care

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/6585F16D-F4BC-4F32-81D2-08DE07DFE8AA>

27-29 Jan 9.30am-3pm Closes 7 Jan

Careers in Creative Arts and Design

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/1A8037E1-FB75-4DD6-14AF-08DE1AC9C926>

21-22 Jan 10am-3pm Closes 24 Dec Ages 16-19

Careers in Allied Health Professions (NHS)

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

4 Jan Pain Management and Mental Health **Cost £10**

ALL STUDENTS

RECORDED WORK EXPERIENCE

Various Careers

[BBC iPlayer - All in a Days Work](#)

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

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

Insurance [Insurance Careers Work Experience | Springpod](#)

Hospitality [Culinary Innovation Exploration: Virtual Work Experience with Pret \(springpod.com\)](#)

Law [Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod](#)

HR [HR Career Insights: Virtual Work Experience with CIPD and Springpod](#)

Tech [Technology Work Experience \(springpod.com\)](#)

Engineering [Aerospace Work Experience | Springpod](#)

Transport [Rail Virtual Work Experience: Careers with TransPennine Express | Springpod](#)

Publishing [Academic Publishing with Taylor & Francis | Springpod](#)

Science [Genomics, Science and Data Careers with the Wellcome Sanger Institute | Springpod](#)

Retail

McDonalds <https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/teachers/work-experience.html>

John Lewis [John Lewis Partnership - Virtual Work Experience \(getmyfirstjob.co.uk\)](#)

Aldi [Retail Work Experience with Aldi | Springpod](#)

Specsavers [See What's Possible: Business Virtual Work Experience with Specsavers | Springpod](#)

Film/TV

[Getting into the screen industries - ScreenSkills](#)

Five e-learning modules designed to support those looking to work in the screen industries.

[4Skills Work Experience](#)

Channel 4's work experience programme

Architecture and Design

[Halliday Fraser Munro - Work Experience Zone \(hfm.co.uk\)](#)

Law

[Hogan Lovells UK First Steps to Law - Forage \(theforage.com\)](#)

Engineering

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

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

[AtkinsRéalis Virtual Work Experience programme | Springpod](#)

Learn about engineering at AtkinsRealis and receive a certificate of completion.

[Engineering Education Hub | Balfour Beatty Academy](#)

Online library of videos on topic such as sustainability, energy, technology, surveying

Finance

[PwC's Virtual Classroom | Early Careers | PwC UK Careers.](#)

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

['Work Insights' – Your window into work with Coventry Building Society \(springpod.com\)](#)

[Life at Leeds Building Society | Springpod](#)

Digital Media

Digital transformation agency. [Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#)

Social Media Marketing [Social Media Marketing Virtual Work Experience \(springpod.com\)](#)

Medicine

Brighton and Sussex Medical School [Brighton and Sussex Medical School \(thinkific.com\)](#)

Role of a GP [Observe GP \(rcgp.org.uk\)](#)

[Medic Mentor Work Experience - Palliative Care - WEX Library \(yourmedicfamily.org\)](#)

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Dentistry

[Dental Mentor Work Experience - New Patients - WEX Library \(yourmedicfamily.org\)](#)

[Dentistry Work Experience with mydentist | Springpod](#)

Allied Health Professions

Non doctor roles in the NHS ; includes Physiotherapist, Dietitian, Therapists, Radiographer etc.

[Routes into AHP Careers \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)