



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 Young Architects Group

<https://www.ourcreativecommunity.co.uk/sessions/architectural-design-group>

Mondays 6pm-7.30pm UWE Campus, Filton **£10** per session

Backwell School Careers Fair

3 March Lunchtime until 4pm. Years 9 and 11 students will visit during their lessons

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>

NEW Weston College Feb Half Term and Easter Workshops for Years 9, 10 and 11

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/construction-half-term-workshop>

16 Feb Construction

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/knightstone-campus-half-term-workshops>

14 April Hair & Beauty, Hospitality & Catering, Computing or Education & Early Years

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/loxtton-half-term-workshops>

15 April Art, Sports

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
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<https://tinyurl.com/53xd48dy>

4 Feb	Year 10 taster sessions	4.30pm-6pm	City Centre Campus
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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](#)

10-12 Feb	Register for details online		
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Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services, Agriculture)

[Open days | Hartpury College](#)

7 Feb	Must be booked in advance and places fill up quickly so early application advised		
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STUDENTS IN YEARS 11-13

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

NEW University Subject Discovery Fair (Unifrog)

<https://webapp.spotme.com/login/eventspace/subject-discovery-fair>

18 Mar 4pm-6.30pm Online

Intro to Health Psychology (NHS)

[Psychology Taster Session Application – Fill in form](#)

11 Feb 1pm-4.30pm Years 12 and 13 Sign-up by 31 Jan

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/44ejewrp>

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>

21 Jan Why Do We Love Certain Brands? Online
 4 Feb Why is Rap and Drill Music used in Criminal Trials? Online
 11 Feb The Hidden Costs of High Achievement in Sport 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](#)

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)
6 June	UWE, Anglia Ruskin

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://onenhfinance.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 In Law (Charles Russell Speechlys)

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Insight_CRS

12 Jan 5pm-6.30pm Online

Apprenticeships Fair

<https://tinyurl.com/3ubrx3uz>

12 Feb 2.30pm-5.30pm City of Bristol College South Skills Academy, BS14 0DB

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>

	<u>Closing</u>
• Software at MBDA	23 Jan
• Quantity Surveying / Construction Management / Civil Engineering at BAM	31 Jan
• Sales at Molson Coors	31 Jan
• *NEW* Quantity Surveyor / Project Manager at Tetra Tech	14 Feb
• Engineering: Electro-Mechanical / Civil at AtkinsRealis	26 Feb
• Building Services at AtkinsRealis	26 Feb
• Construction Site Supervisor / Mineral Products Technician at Hanson Quarry	28 Feb
• Management at Amazon	28 Feb
• Aerospace Engineering at Infinity	28 Feb
• Engineering: Electrical / Utilities / Air Quality / Building / Civil / Structural / Mechanical / Utilities at Stantec.	28 Feb
• Procurement and Supply Chain at BAE Systems	28 Feb
• *NEW* Design Engineer / Project Manager / Overhead Lines at National Grid	28 Feb
• Site Technician / Quantity Surveying / Design Management / Building Services / Construction Management at Laing O'Rourke	1 Mar
• Procurement and Supply Chain / Project Management / Engineering Technician / Transport Planner at Babcock	12 Mar
• *NEW* Transport Planner at Pegasus	31 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)

	<u>Closing</u>
• Technician / Joliter at National Grid	5 Jan/28 Feb
• Engineering at Amazon	28 Feb
• Production Apprentice / Tech Support at GKN Aerospace	28 Feb
• *NEW* Forklift Truck Engineer at Toyota	28 Feb
• Design Engineer at Babcock	12 Mar

STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

NEW SS Great Britain (Bristol)

<https://tinyurl.com/yh9mt7ps> Closes **15 Jan**

Babcock Engineering (Bristol)

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

Two options: professionally based (Engineering, Project Management & Business Operations) and craft based (Production & Manufacturing). The week is unconfirmed but if not in WEX week, students can still take part if they find another placement for the actual week. Apply by **25 Jan**.

Edwards Engineering (Clevedon)

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

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/2D58A485-C4DA-4E2D-7854-08DE2E5F7897>

16-20 Feb 10am-4pm Closes 16 Jan

NEW Careers in Hospitality

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/3BF7484B-94CE-4915-E5E4-08DE064F969B>

11-12 Feb 10am-2.30pm Closes 21 Jan

NEW Careers in Golf

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/96DE9493-314C-4E58-C58A-08DE25CEDB9E>

18-19 Feb 9.30am-3pm Closes 21 Jan

NEW Careers Helping Others (Charities, Social Enterprises, NGOs)

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/4D3A1B37-DC45-428C-336B-08DDF1F6B731>

5-6 March 9am-1pm Closes 2 Feb

Careers in Allied Health Professions (NHS)

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

1 Feb Title tbc **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 \(getmyfirstjob.co.uk\)](https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/john-lewis-partnership-virtual-work-experience)
Aldi [Retail Work Experience with Aldi | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/retail-work-experience-with-aldi)
Specsavers [See What's Possible: Business Virtual Work Experience with Specsavers | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/see-whats-possible-business-virtual-work-experience-with-specsavers)

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 \(hfm.co.uk\)](https://www.hfm.co.uk/work-experience-zone)

Law

[Hogan Lovells UK First Steps to Law - Forage \(theforage.com\)](https://www.theforage.com/hogan-lovell-uk-first-steps-to-law)

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 \(thinkific.com\)](https://www.thinkific.com/brighton-and-sussex-medical-school)

Role of a GP [Observe GP \(rcgp.org.uk\)](https://www.rcgp.org.uk/observe-gp)

[Medic Mentor Work Experience - Palliative Care - WEX Library \(yourmedicfamily.org\)](https://www.yourmedicfamily.org/medic-mentor-work-experience-palliative-care-wex-library)

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

Dentistry

[Dental Mentor Work Experience - New Patients - WEX Library \(yourmedicfamily.org\)](https://www.yourmedicfamily.org/dental-mentor-work-experience-new-patients-wex-library)

[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 \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/routes-into-ahp-careers)