



CAREERS BULLETIN

MARCH 2026

- CAREERS SUPPORT IN SCHOOL • GAP YEARS
- POST-16 OPTION OPEN DAYS • APPRENTICESHIPS –EVENTS, VACANCIES
- UNIVERSITY INFORMATION • WORK EXPERIENCE- IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL

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 and university applications.

Unifrog Online Courses

UPDATED

[Let's explore: degrees that get you career ready : Unifrog Event](#)

21st April Degrees that get you Career Ready

Individual Guidance

For a 1-1 appointment on career choices, options and applications email Miss Julie Farr at jfarr@backwellschool.net

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.](#)
- [Start with a Subject](#) Careerpilot. Careers linked to subjects you love

Parents' Guide to Talking to Your Child about Careers

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

STUDENTS IN YEAR 10-11 POST-16 OPTION OPEN DAYS

Weston College

[EVENTS | Weston College](#)

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

Weston College Easter Workshops for Years 9, 10 and 11

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

14 April Uniformed Services, Hospitality & Catering, Computing, 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](#)

13 Jun Open Day - All courses 10am-1pm All campuses

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)

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

30 April Open Evening 5.30pm-8pm All Campuses

Bridgwater and Taunton College

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

29 April Open Eve 6pm-8pm Cannington Campus

25 June Open Eve 6pm-8pm Bridgwater Campus

Bath College

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

[Taster Sessions](#)

6th May 4.30 – 6pm City centre and Somer Valley Campus

Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Esports)

[Education - Bristol City FC \(bcfc.co.uk\)](http://bcfc.co.uk)

15 Apr	10am	Taster Session	Imperial Sports Ground
6 May	6.30pm	L2 and L3 Sport Courses	Ashton Gate Stadium

Access Creative College (Games, Music, Media, Esports, Computing)

[Events - Access Creative](#)

27th June	11am-2pm	Open Event	Broadmead Campus
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Boomsatsuma (Media, Photography, Film/TV, Games/VR/VFX)

[College Open Days | boomsatsuma](#)

19-21 May	See website for details and booking
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Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services, Agriculture)

[Open days | Hartpury College](#)

No more open days but can book a campus tour via the link above.

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11-13 UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

UPDATED University Open Days

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

8 Apr	Bournemouth
18 Apr	London Met, Southampton Solent, Suffolk, West London, Worcester
20-22 Apr	Manchester (20 th), LSE, Royal Vet College, Plymouth
25 Apr	Kingston, Hertfordshire, Kent, Plymouth, Nottingham Trent, Portsmouth, Sheffield Hallam, Huddersfield, London Met, Buckingham, Bedfordshire,
5 May	Brighton
9 May	Roehampton, Leeds Arts, Nottingham Trent
3 June	Cranfield, Keele, Plymouth,
6 June	UWE, Anglia Ruskin, Southampton, Bath Spa, Brighton, Southampton
13 June	Harper Adams, Bristol, Leeds, Brighton
20 June	Derby, Plymouth, Chichester, Reading, Sheffield, Lancashire, Huddersfield, Westminster

27 June	Nottingham Trent, Cardiff, Keele, Manchester, Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Chichester, Derby, , Plymouth, Lancaster, Birmingham, Brighton, Southampton
1/2 July	Oxford, Harper Adams, Brighton
4 July	Arts University Bournemouth, Middlesex, Sheffield, Winchester, Wolverhampton, Portsmouth, Aston, Middlesex, Manchester, East Anglia, Leicester, Sheffield
9/10 July	Cambridge, LSE

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://onenhsfinance.nhs.uk/national-finance-academy/nhs-finance-insights-placement-scheme/>

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

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11-13 APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

Engineering Fast-Track Interviews

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/engineering-fast-track-event>

22 April 5pm-6.30pm Bath and Bristol Science Park, Emersons Green

Apprenticeships in Hairdressing and Barbering

<https://www.reflectionstraining.co.uk/open-days-2/>

10 April from 1pm Bristol

Apprenticeship Vacancies

Level 4-6 (Higher, Degree) Apprenticeships

Ways to Search for Level 4-6 Vacancies

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

Selected Level 4-6 Opportunities (Local; Starting from July 2026)

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Closing

➤ • Transport Planner at Pegasus	31 Mar
➤ • Civil Engineering at Concrete Repairs	31 Mar
➤ • Quantity Surveyor at Aecom Ltd	31 Mar
➤ • People Experience Lead at Lifetime Training Group	2 Apr
➤ • *NEW* Project Engineer at NG Bailey	3 April
➤ • Next Generation Apprenticeship at Thatcher's Cider	7 Apr
➤ • Degree Apprenticeship in Geoscience at RSK Geosciences	10 Apr
➤ • Electrical Engineer at National Rail	10 Apr
➤ • Level 5 Nursery Manager	20th Apr
➤ • Level 6 Air Quality Consultant	30 Apr
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➤ • Sales at Johnson Controls	30 Apr
➤ • Environmental Practitioner at Waterman	4 May
➤ • Construction Site Supervisor at Bray and Slaughter	10 May
➤ • *NEW* Transport Planner at Highgate	15 May

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)

Closing

• Sales Advisor at Scania	29 Mar
• Engineering at Royal Mail	30 Mar
• Heavy Vehicle Technician at City West Commercials	1 Apr
• Heavy Vehicle at City West	1 Apr
• Rail Apprenticeship at Arriva Traincare	3 Apr
• Operations Apprenticeship at Thatcher's Cider	7 Apr
• Installation / Design Engineer at Johnson Controls	10 Apr
• Light Vehicle at Enterprise	12 Apr

- *NEW*** • Teaching Assistant at St Chads **13 Apr**
- *NEW*** • Early Years / Teaching Assistant at Ravenswood **30 Apr**
- Civil Engineering at WSP **1 May**
- ***NEW*** Early Years at Jack and Jill Preschool **1 June**
- Insurance and Risk Advisor at Sense Risk Solutions **22 June**
- Heavy Vehicle at Motor Group **30 June**
- ***NEW*** Mechatronics at Oxford Instruments **31 July**
- Electrical Apprenticeship at G&L Electrical **28 Aug**

ALL STUDENTS

INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

See all at <https://finder.futuresforall.org/>

Travel and Tourism (Flamingo Land)

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/BA88127D-A9F7-4590-5869-08DDEB8B1D26>

6-7 May 10am-2pm Apply by **23 Mar**

Sports Media

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/6DAC1003-1763-4A1A-ED62-08DE752962A4>

16-17 June 10am-2.30pm Apply by **26 May**

Energy and Utilities (Siemens Energy)

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/4A089AC3-30E2-4B51-1CAD-08DDF78CA938>

7-9 July 10am-3pm Apply by **5 June**

Military and Security (QinetiQ)

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/4A089AC3-30E2-4B51-1CAD-08DDF78CA938>

6-8 July 10am-3pm Apply by **11 June**

Allied Health Professions (NHS)

[Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme - Allied Healthcare Mentor \(alliedhealthmentor.org\)](https://www.alliedhealthmentor.org/)

12 April Communication and Fractures **Cost £10**

ALL STUDENTS

RECORDED WORK EXPERIENCE

Various Careers

[BBC iPlayer - All in a Days Work https://www.theforage.com/](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 \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)