



# Backwell School

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## CAREERS BULLETIN

2025/26 June Edition

*'The only way to do great work is to love what you do.'* -Steve Jobs

### Careers Support

#### Careers Advisor

- Miss Farr can be contacted via email to make a careers appointment. Please email [jfarr@backwellschool.net](mailto:jfarr@backwellschool.net)

#### Unifrog Careers Platform

<https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> - username is school address & there is 'forgotten your password' link if you need to reset your password

- Wealth of information about all career pathways and post 16 or 18 options
- Students can record their skills and create a CV
- Access Free online courses
- Log Work Experience placements

#### Further Resources for Researching Careers

- Matching interests and skills to careers/options
  - Prospects Planner 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 [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

## Unifrog Webinars

<https://www.unifrog.org/events> - a selection of free Webinars below

1 June	18.30-19.15	How a degree can strengthen your child's future job prospects
2 June	17.30 – 18.15	The Power of an Economics degree: where could it take you
4 June	16.30 17.15	Music taster: how to build a career in the music industry
8 June	16.30 – 17.15	Degree apprenticeships explained
11 June	17.30 – 18.15	What do criminologists actually do?

## Year 10 – 11 & POST – 16 Open Events

### Weston College

[EVENTS | Weston College I](#)

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

23<sup>rd</sup> September 16.30 – 19.30 What next? 2026 Careers Showcase for school leavers

### City of Bristol College

[Events - City of Bristol College](#)

19 June Open Evening 10am- 1pm All Campuses

### South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)

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

### Bridgwater and Taunton College

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

25 June Open Day 6pm-8pm Bridgewater Campus

### Bath College

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

### Bristol City Robins Foundation

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

Follow this link to [Book an Open Event](#)

### Access Creative College

[\(Games, Music, Media, Esports, Computing\) Events - Access Creative](#)

27 June Open Event 11am-2pm Broadmead Campus

Everyday. Meet and Greet sessions [Meet and Greet - Access Creative College](#)

## Year 10 – 11 & POST – 16 Open Events

### Boomsatsuma

[\(Media, Photography, Film/TV, Games/VR/VFX\) College Open Days | boomsatsuma](#)

Follow this [link](#) to book on an open day

### Hartpury College

[\(Equine, Sport, Public Services, Agriculture\) Open days | Hartpury College](#)

## Gap Year Information

### 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](#)

[Prospects: Gap Year](#)

## University Information

**Springpod** – Try a university course before you apply

[Subject Spotlights](#)

**University of Law** - Real World Lectures

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

### University Open Days

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

6 June	UWE, Anglia Ruskin, Southampton, Brighton
12 June	Bournemouth, Queen Mary, University of Bristol, University of Leeds, Portsmouth
13 June	Harper Adams, Bristol, Leeds, Bournemouth, Queen Mary, Swansea, Brighton
17 June	Bournemouth, Nottingham Trent
19 June	Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores, Loughborough, Oxford Brookes, Derby, Reading
20 June	Derby, Plymouth, Chichester, Reading, Sheffield
27 June	Nottingham Trent, Cardiff, Keele, Manchester, Hertfordshire, Suffolk
1/2 July	Oxford
4 July	Arts University Bournemouth, Middlesex, Sheffield, Winchester, Wolverhampton
9/10 July	Cambridge, LSE
15 July	Southampton

## Internship Information

### 12 month Paid Finance Internship (NHS)

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

Register interest for 2027 co-hort

[Management Internships and Work Placements](#)

## Apprenticeship Information

### Apprenticeship Guides

General [Interactive Student Apprenticeship Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Government [Apprenticeships | Civil Service Careers \(civil-service-careers.gov.uk\)](#)

NHS [Apprenticeships - University Hospitals Bristol and Weston \(uhbwcareers.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Search apprenticeships | UCAS](#)

[Higher & Degree Vacancy Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

- 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://www.swast.nhs.uk/paramedic-apprenticeship>
- 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>

#### • Examples of current local Level 4 – 6 on government [Find an Apprenticeship service](#)

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| • Apprentice Ground Engineer (level 6)           | Closes 5 <sup>th</sup> June    |
| • Vehicle Damage Assessor (Level 4)              | Closes 12 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| • Apprentice Chartered Surveyor (Level 6)        | Closes 22 <sup>nd</sup> June   |
| • Software Test Apprentice (Level 4)             | Closes 30 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| • Road Logistics Sales team apprentice (level 4) | Closes 28 <sup>th</sup> August |
| • Hospitality Degree apprentice (Level 6)        | Closes 31 <sup>st</sup> August |

### Level 3 (Advanced) Apprenticeships

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

[Apprenticeships | Weston College](#)

[Apprenticeship Information For Students - City of Bristol College](#)

#### Examples of current local Level 2 – 3 on government [Find an Apprenticeship service](#)

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| • Painter and Decorator (Level 2)      | Closes 30 <sup>th</sup> June |
| • Apprentice Chef (Level 2)            | Closes 2 <sup>nd</sup> July  |
| • Apprentice Ground work (Level 2)     | Closes 19 <sup>th</sup> June |
| • Apprentice Mortgage Broker (Level 3) | Closes 13 <sup>th</sup> June |
| • Vehicle Technician (Level 3)         | Closes 30 <sup>th</sup> June |
| • Early years (Level 3)                | Closes 22 <sup>nd</sup> June |
| • HR Apprenticeship                    | Closes 13 <sup>th</sup> June |

# Work Experience Information

## Interactive Virtual Work Experience

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/>

[Futures for all: Summer Opportunities:](#)

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 – 2.00 Wings to work: RAF Museum Experience

9<sup>th</sup> June 12.00 – 13.00 Caxton CV workshop: Making a winning First Impression

[Springpod](#) Gain experience with top employers and universities with Springpod

Search what available, below are a couple of examples

[Discover Wagamamas:](#) Hospitality Work Experience

[Step inside Accountancy:](#) Virtual Work Experience with ICAEW

[Health Care Science:](#) Virtual WEX with ICAEW

[RAF - Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#) On demand from 13<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> December

## Careers in Allied Health Professions (NHS)

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

Cost £10 or bundle for £50

7 June

5 July

2 August

5 September

## PRE-RECORDED WORK EXPERIENCE

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

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

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

Aldi	<a href="#">Retail Work Experience with Aldi   Springpod</a>
Specsavers	<a href="#">See What's Possible: Business Virtual Work Experience with Specsavers   Springpod</a>
Insurance	<a href="#">Insurance Careers Work Experience   Springpod</a>
Hospitality	<a href="#">Culinary Innovation Exploration: Virtual Work Experience with Pret (springpod.com)</a>
Law	<a href="#">Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod</a>
HR	<a href="#">HR Career Insights: Virtual Work Experience with CIPD and Springpod</a>
Tech	<a href="#">Technology Work Experience (springpod.com)</a>
Engineering	<a href="#">Aerospace Work Experience   Springpod</a>
Transport	<a href="#">Rail Virtual Work Experience: Careers with TransPennine Express   Springpod</a>
Publishing	<a href="#">Academic Publishing with Taylor &amp; Francis   Springpod</a>
Science	<a href="#">Genomics, Science and Data Careers with the Wellcome Sanger Institute   Springpod</a>

## Retail

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

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

# Work Experience Information

## Architecture and Design

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

## Law

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

[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](#)

[\(springpod.com\)](http://springpod.com)

## Medicine

Brighton and Sussex Medical School [Brighton and Sussex Medical School \(thinkific.com\)](http://thinkific.com)

Role of a GP [Observe GP \(rcgp.org.uk\)](http://rcgp.org.uk)

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

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

## Dentistry

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