



Backwell School

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CAREERS BULLETIN

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'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

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>

14th September	18.30 -19.15	A parents guide to University Open Days
15 th September	17.30 – 18.15	Becoming a Doctor
16 th September	16.30 – 17.15	Psychology taster – why smart people make bad decisions
17 th September	16.30 – 17.15	What makes an entrepreneur?
30 th November	16.30 -17.15	Discover how AI is transforming cars and careers

Year 10 – 11 & POST – 16 Open Events

Backwell School 6th form

Meet staff, tour facilities and
and explore course options

October 22nd
17.00 – 19.00

Weston College

What next at
at Weston college

Meet lots of employers and
explore course option and careers

Sept 23rd Register
4.30 – 7.30 [here](#)

October Open Evening

Meet Staff, tour facilities and explore
Courses and careers

October 15th Register
17.30 – 19.30 [here](#)

City of Bristol College

[Events - City of Bristol College](#)

3 October

Open day

10am- 1pm

All Campuses

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)

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

10 October

Open day

10.00 – 3pm

All Campuses

Bridgwater and Taunton College

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

20th October

Open event

6pm-8pm

Bridgewater Campus

Bath College

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

7th October

Open event

16.00 – 19.00 City Centre Campus

21st October

Open event

16.00 – 19.00 Somer Valley Campus

Bristol City Robins Foundation

6th October

Open Event

6.30 – 7.30

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

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

6-8 October

5th December

12th Decemebr

Gap Year Information

Gap Year Industry Placements

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

3 rd October	The University of Manchester
3 rd October	Exeter University
3 rd October	Leeds University
4 th October	Sheffield Hallam University
10 th October	University of Bath
10 th October	Liverpool University
10 th October	Arts University Bournemouth
31 st October	University of Bristol

Internship Information

12 month Paid Finance Internship (NHS)

<https://onenhsfinance.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**

AI and Automation Practitioner	Level 4 5 Values Group	Closes 1 st October
Counter Fraud Investigator	Level 4 Dept for work and pensions	Closes 15 th September
Technical Co-ordinator	Level 4 Framatome	Closes 18 th September
Retail Degree Apprenticeship	Level 6 Morrisons	Closes 1 st December

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

- Mortuary Assistant (Level 3) Dignity Funerals Closes 14th Sept
- Fast track Management (Level 2) Closes 19th Sept
- Early Years (Level 2) Just Childcare Ltd Closes 22nd Sept
- Business Admin (Level 3) DVSA Closes 16th Nov
- Optical apprentice (Level 3) Specsavers Closes 12th Oct
- Sports Coach (Level 2) Shine Closes 22nd Sept

Work Experience Information

Interactive Virtual Work Experience

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/>: **Futures For All** connects young people with **work experience** and talks. Explore programmes, speakers and employer partnerships.

[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 13th April – 11th December

Careers in Allied Health Professions (NHS)

The Only interactive NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience in the UK Run by Healthcare Professionals. Follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home.

[Register here](#) £10 per session or buy a bundle and save

4th Oct

1st Nov

6th Dec

3rd Jan

7th Feb

7th March

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	Retail Work Experience with Aldi Springpod
Specsavers	See What's Possible: Business Virtual Work Experience with Specsavers Springpod
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 \(getmyfirstjob.co.uk\)](#)

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)