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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 - a selection of free Webinars below

2 Nov 16.30-17.15	From classroom to career: where could a degree in business management take you?
2 Nov 17.30-18.15	Nursing taster: how do nurses make life-changing decisions?
4 Nov 18.30-19.15	Post 18 options: alternative routes to top careers – parents and students
9 Nov 17.30-18.15	Let's explore careers in fashion
11 Nov 18.30-19.15	Parents and caregivers session: navigating the UCAS journey from application to acceptance
23 Nov 16.30-19.15	Land your dream job: perfect your CV and written applications

Year 10 – 11 & POST – 16 Open Events

Weston College

Healthcare Academy	Considering a career in Health & Social Care? Register here 8 Dec, 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 9 Mar		
November Open Evening	Meet Staff, tour facilities and explore Courses and careers	19 Nov 17.30 – 19.30	Register here

City of Bristol College

Events - City of Bristol College

19 Nov	Open Event	5.30pm -7.30pm	All Campuses
16 Jan	Open Event	10am - 3pm	All Campuses
10 Mar	Open Event	10am – 3pm	All Campuses

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS)

Latest College Open Days & Shows (sgscol.ac.uk)

14 Nov	Open Day	10am- 3pm	All Campuses
17 Mar	Open Evening	5pm-8pm	All Campuses

Bridgwater and Taunton College

Events Archive - Bridgwater & Taunton College (btc.ac.uk)

14 Nov	Open Day	10am -1pm	Cannington College
12 Jan	Open Evening	6pm-8pm	Taunton College
13 Jan	Open Evening	6pm-8pm	Bridgewater College
19 Jan	Open Evening	6pm-8pm	Strode College

Bath College

Open Events 2026-27 | Bath College

21 Nov	Open event	10am	City Centre

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 December

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

University Subject Discovery Fair (Unifrog)
https://webapp.spotme.com/login/eventspace/subject-discovery-fair

University of Law - Real World Lectures
https://tinyurl.com/5x9hjt3c

Springpod – Try a university course before you apply
Subject Spotlights

University Open Days
Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day
Few highlights:
3 Nov University of Plymouth
6 Nov Liverpool John Moores University
7 Nov Leeds Beckett University, University of Southampton, University of Leicester, University of Portsmouth, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Nottingham Trent University, Swansea University
8 Nov University of Derby
14 No Bournemouth University, Northern School of Art, Falmouth University, Oxford Brookes University, University of Birmingham, University of Brighton
16Nov University of Manchester
21Nov UWE Bristol, University of Southampton, Newcastle University, Leeds Arts University, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Brighton, University of Plymouth, University of Sheffield, University of South Wales
22Nov University of Gloucestershire

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)

Apprenticeship Vacancies
Level 4-6 (Higher, Degree) Apprenticeships
Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.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 4-7 on government Find an Apprenticeship service with a September 2027 start

- Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship – Burges Salmon Level 7 Closes 9 Nov
- Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship – Michelmores LLP Level 7 Closes 5 Nov
- Retail Degree Apprenticeship – Morrisons Level 6 Closes 1 Dec
- Accountancy – Hazelwood Level 4 Closes 29 Jan
- Degree Apprentices Civil Engineer – Santetec UK Ltd Level 6 Closes 18 Dec
- Digital & Technological Solutions – Babcock Level 6 Closes 7 Dec
- Project Management – Babcock Level 6 Closes 7 Dec
- Chartered Surveyor – Dalcour Maclaren Ltd Level 6 Closes 22 Jan
- Sales Degree Apprenticeship – Molson Coors Beverage Co Level 6 Closes 15 Jan

Level 3 (Advanced) Apprenticeships
https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch
Apprenticeships | Weston College
Apprenticeship Information For Students - City of Bristol College
Selected Level 3 Opportunities

- Business Admin (Level 3) DVSA Closes 16 Nov

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

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)

Film and TV

Getting into the screen industries - ScreenSkills

Work Experience Information

Bristol Airport
Early Careers & Work Experience Opportunities/ Bristol Airport
Applications open Monday 2nd November and will close Friday 4th December.

WWT Slimbridge
Applications close 14th December.

Knowle West Media Centre Work Experience
Application Deadline Friday 11 December. This is open to students who live in BS4, BS3, BS13 and BS14.

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.
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)