

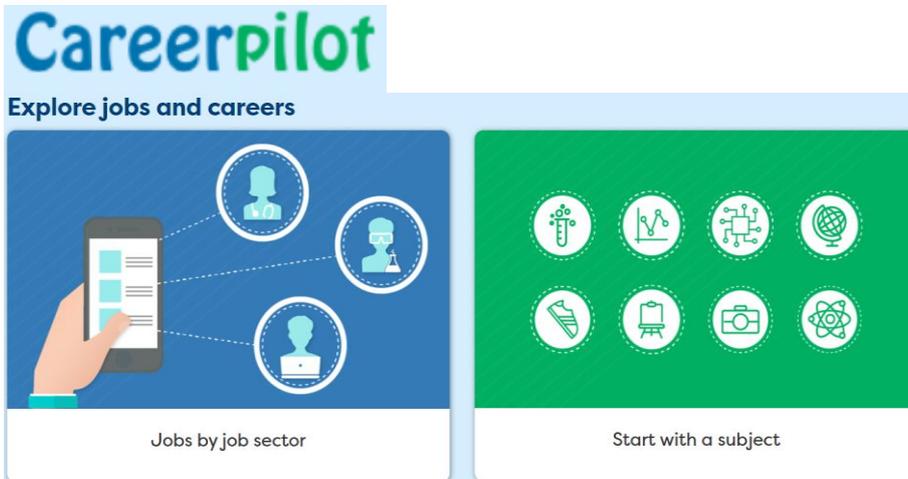
Careers Newsletter

February 2021

The 1st to 6th March is National Careers Week and so this month's newsletter focuses on events and activities during that week as well as a follow-up to the popular Apprenticeship talk we provided for parents and carers earlier this month. Our careers focus this month is on the sports sector.

Explore Careers

Explore Careers and what might suit you by taking a look around the [Careerpilot](#) website and be in with a chance to win Amazon vouchers by taking their survey during National Careers Week (NCW).



One of the best things about Careerpilot is that you can look up Job Profiles by sector and also by school subject. So if you don't know what you want to do for a career, but you love Maths, History or English etc., use this site to explore jobs relating to the subjects you like.

Following on from last month's NHS careers focus, they also have an NHS careers activity for NCW to explore NHS jobs and check if your skills match any of the jobs.

Parents/Carers - we use [Careerpilot](#) at school to support students' careers education and you can encourage your son/daughter to take part in the many free to use [activities](#) and help them to become managers of their own careers. There is also a dedicated Parent Zone where you can watch videos and find out about your child's career choices [here](#).

Apprenticeships Talk for Parents & Carers – follow-up

If you missed this well attended talk about apprenticeships earlier this month, follow the link for the recorded version here [watch the talk](#) and see the below for related further information:

[Institute for Apprenticeships](#) - Use this website to determine what types of apprenticeships are available, the full details of each apprenticeship standard as well as which employers were involved in creating them.

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) - For resources including a monthly 'Parent Pack'

[RateMyApprenticeship](#) - Vacancies, apprenticeship reviews and advice

[Find and Apprenticeship](#) - Search for current vacancies and set alerts for relevant new vacancies.

Careers Focus – Sports

Careers in the sports sector are far ranging. Yes, you might want to be, and, if you're at the top of your game, show perseverance and have some luck on your side, you might make it as a professional football/rugby/tennis player etc., but you should always have a back-up plan and there are many other roles in this sector including those where you don't even need to be doing a physical activity.



[Future Active](#) Follow this link for information on how to become a sports coach/photographer/journalist/ scientist/ nutritionist/ psychologist and many more!

[Careers in Sport YouTube Channel](#) Follow this link for videos giving careers advice from people excelling in different sporting careers, and [visit their website](#) for further information.

We are lucky to have Bristol City Robins Foundation in our region who offer eight sports sector post-16 and higher education courses based at Ashton Gate Stadium and across Bristol. Watch the videos they produced especially for us and get further information at this [Churchill Careers Convention](#) page.

Virtual Work Experience and Employer Insight Activities

Kennedys – Kennedys are a global law firm with 59 offices internationally including in Bristol and Taunton. They have an interactive virtual work experience programme that you can register for here [VWEX info and registration](#)

PwC (Price Waterhouse Coopers) – PwC have over 24,000 employees and provide what we call 'Professional Services' which includes consulting, audit, tax and risk assurance services.

- If you're in year 12 and are passionate about accounting, business, and technology, PwC's [Virtual Insight Week](#) applications are now open. This programme will run across five days from 26th – 30th July and gives students the chance to gain new experiences, skills and confidence, as they take their first steps towards their career. There are also going to be a range of sessions focused on digital skills, innovations in technology, and tech apprenticeships, so Computer Science and Maths students take note! **Applications close on Sunday 14 March.**
- For year 13s, the PwC [School and College Leaver opportunities](#) give students the chance to earn while they learn, and start their career straight from school. Applications are now open and places are limited so apply soon if you're interested.



- Follow the latest instalment of PwC's [Virtual Classroom](#), a programme open to students between Years 10 and 13. This month they are focusing on opportunities at PwC and the application process. They'll also be running a session specifically for parents.

National Careers Week and Upcoming Activities

Weston College Careers Fest - Tues 2nd March 11am-6pm (for years 10 & 11)

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/careersfest-2021>

Access Creative College Virtual Open day – Sat 6th March

<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/virtual-open-day-march-21/>

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair - Weds 17th March 12pm-6pm

The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be returning on March 17th to help students from Years 11, 12 and 13 explore their post 18 options, with over 100 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from across the UK attending. Students will be able to speak directly with admissions teams and recruitment officers from Russell Group, Red Brick, Modern & Specialist universities, along with higher & degree apprenticeship providers. The event will also feature virtual campus tours, so students can explore universities from their laptop. [View the list of exhibitors and register here](#)

For Sixth Form Students:

- **Cardiff University** are running a series of higher education webinars to provide advice and guidance on a range of topics to those interested in going to university. Starting in March, sessions will typically be 30 minutes long followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions [Discover Cardiff Uni](#)
- **UCL** runs a number of free, online Summer Schools every year for Year 12 students. The Summer Schools offer a taste of studying a degree programme and of university life and run from 26th – 30th July. **Applications close on Tues 2nd March** [UCL Summer School](#)
- Sutton Trust Summer Schools offer over 40 different courses for year 12 students at 13 of the UK's top universities. Do you want to try a new subject or check whether your current course choice is actually for you? Keen to visit a university or city you've never been to? Sutton Trust cover the full costs of your travel, accommodation, food and activities at any partner university – not just one that's local to where you live – so choose a Summer School based on your subject interests at a university you'd like to explore. Use the search tool to find a programme that's right for you. **Applications close on Tues 16th March** [Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#)

Churchill Sixth Form – 2021/22 applications remain open

In case you missed it, our Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening can be viewed here along with the prospectus <http://www.churchill-academy.org/Sixth-Form-Open-Evening/>. Send your application to 6thform@churchill-academy.org.

Parent/Carer Careers Advice

As it is NCW next week, and with many people having to reconsider their career choices and next steps due to the Covid-19 impact, the below are couple of useful links for parents and carers looking for careers advice for themselves.

[Get Into Work](#) Thurs 4th March 10am

A live virtual event where you can:

- Meet Bristol employees in a variety of jobs to find out what skills helped them find work
- Career advisors who can answer your questions and advise you about jobs
- Education experts who will help you to find out which courses can help you for work

10 AM THURSDAY 04/03/2021

Find out how to get help with your CV, job search and interviews, meet a careers advisor, and find out what qualifications you need to get work and where to study for free*

[Lifepilot](#) is Careerpilot's sister site where adults can get advice for their career and training needs.

Useful links

Grofar	https://auth.grofar.com/
Careerpilot	https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/
Prospects	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
Find an Apprenticeship	https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Not Going to Uni	https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/
UCAS	https://www.ucas.com/
Barclays Life Skills	https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/

The Academy's careers adviser is Ms McGonigal, email: smg@churchill-academy.org