

Careers Newsletter - Year 13s

May 2023 - A guide specifically for year 13s regarding post-18 planning and preparation for results day.

Results Day – Thursday 17 August

Results will be available to collect in person at the Academy or online on the day. Churchill Academy staff will be available to answer questions, provide advice, and discuss next steps with students and families on results day and the day after.

The run up to results day can be stressful. Follow these articles for advice to help you cope with your feelings [How to Cope on Results Day](#) and [Stay Calm and Reduce Anxiety](#).

Whatever your results are, take pride in the work you have done and the skills you have learnt. Celebrate the end of one era and the beginning of a new one.

Going to University?

It may sound obvious, but make sure you are available and have access to the internet and a (fully charged) phone on results day if you have applied to University.

[UCAS - Results Day what you need to know](#) - this guide includes preparing for results day, what your results mean, how clearing works and tracking your application's progress.

There are many things to sort out before starting at University and this article gives great tips from accommodation and finances to course reading lists and learning to cook!

[10 things to do before starting uni](#)

Not Going to University?

If you have been offered/accepted an apprenticeship, subject to A Level qualifications/grades, contact the employer to confirm your results and the start date. If you haven't met the grade requirements, contact the employer with your grades as there may be some leeway.

If you have not yet secured an apprenticeship, keep looking, but also consider a back-up plan and what you can do meanwhile that can boost your appeal as an applicant. For example, get a part-time job/work experience in a relevant role/sector, take some [MOOCs](#) to learn new skills free of charge.

Search for apprenticeship vacancies at [Find an Apprenticeship](#) and set up an alert to be notified about relevant vacancies as they come up. You should be as proactive as possible in searching for a vacancy and also contact employers of interest directly.

If you plan/hope to go to University in the future, make sure that your subject and general references have been added by your teachers on Unifrog. If not, contact your teachers and/or Mrs Thompson asking them to be added. Then, when you are ready to apply in the future contact us at SixthForm@churchill-academy.org so that we can provide the references etc.



Gap Year

A gap year can be taken for different reasons and at different times. It also often isn't for a full year. You might be deferring a University place or taking a break before applying to University. It could be to give you some time and life experience whilst deciding what you want to do going forward. There are many advantages to taking a gap year but there can also be disadvantages. Read this article for more information and lots of onward links [Should I take a gap year?](#)

Career Exploration

- [SACU Spartan Career Quiz](#) - This free quiz will produce a 'careers cloud', an 'apprenticeship cloud' and a 'degree cloud' of what might suit you based on your answers. You can click on any roles/apprenticeships/degrees you like the sound of in each cloud and it will give you more detailed information
- [Prospects - what can I do with my degree?](#) - Look up careers that relate directly to a degree or are useful/relevant to a degree
- [Prospects - Job Profiles](#) - look up specific job profiles (by name or by sector). Job profiles help you to understand more about a role including any qualifications required.
- [Prospects - Job Sectors](#) - information about sectors you are interested in

You can also use [Unifrog](#) to explore careers, and degree subjects. From the 'Exploring Pathways' area on the home page, go to 'Careers Library' to find roles relating to subjects and from the 'Subjects Library', find degrees relating to subjects.

You can continue to have access to all areas of Unifrog for four years after leaving Churchill Academy. You will need to change your Unifrog login details from your school email address to a personal email address before the end of August.

Post-18 Destinations Information

All schools are required to record the onward destinations of year 18 leavers on behalf and in cooperation with the Local Authority. This includes going on to University or Further Education, gap year, apprenticeships/employment or 'taking a break'. You will be asked to confirm your destination on results day. If we don't have a record of your post-18 destination in September, we will contact students/families to ask for this information and also to offer support/sign-posting if needed as to next steps.

This destination data also allows us to analyse trends as to where our students go on to, allowing us to target future Academy activities, insights and events accordingly.

And finally....

GOOD LUCK FROM EVERYONE AT CHURCHILL!

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