

# Careers Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome to all newcomers to Churchill Academy! This term's newsletter is mainly focused on the upper year groups and sixth form due to events and choices being made at this time of the year. Useful links for all year groups can be found at the end and for advice from the Academy's careers adviser, please email Ms McGonigal on [smg@churchill-academy.org](mailto:smg@churchill-academy.org).



## Year 11s - Post-16 Planning

All 16 year olds in England have to stay in education or training until they are 18 and so year 11s need to start considering their post-16 plans soon. Attending open days/events is one of the best ways to gain inspiration, consider what courses will suit them and to get a feel for the different environments that sixth form, colleges, training providers and apprenticeships have to offer. Some providers also offer taster days/workshops and so do check individual websites for details. Follow the links below for the upcoming open events for main regional providers.

Churchill Academy Sixth Form - [Open Evening Nov 9th](#)

## General FE Colleges

- Weston College - [Open Evening Oct 13th](#)
- Bridgwater and Taunton College - [Open Events Oct 11th, 12th & Nov 12th](#)
- Strode College [Open Evening Oct 20th](#)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College [Open events Oct 1st & 13th](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Day Oct 8th](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Event Oct 15th](#)

## Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Music, Media Games and Software) [Open Evening Oct 24th](#)
- BIMM (Music Production and Performance) [Open Day Oct 8](#)
- Boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VWX) [Open evenings Oct 10th, 11th, 13th & 17th depending on topic](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching, Sport & Exercise Science and Esports) [Open Evening Oct 3rd](#)

Further providers in the Bristol region can be found at this link [Post-16 education - Bristol](#)

## Post-18 planning

Choosing what to do after year 13 can feel daunting, but there is lots of information and support available. Unifrog is a great starting point for exploring options and careers as well as helping to prepare you for the world of work if that is what you're considering next.

### Considering University?



[The Uni Guide - choosing a course](#) - useful article to help with choosing a course and choosing a University, with relevant onward links.

[UCAS course search](#) - search for courses using the filters in the top left to narrow down search criteria.

[Open Days](#) - find out when University open days are happening across the country.

Don't write off going to University because of worries about student debt/loans until you fully understand them. Information for students and parents/carers at this link [Student Finance in England](#)

### Considering an Apprenticeship?

With a degree apprenticeship the employer/government pay all of the tuition fees, but there are key differences between going to University and doing an apprenticeship. Follow this link to understand the key differences [Apprenticeships Pros & Cons](#). Find out more about apprenticeships here [Apprenticeships](#).

### Gap Year Before University?

If you want to consider a deferred start date, make sure you contact the Universities you are interested in to check that they will accept a deferred application. Follow this link for more information [deferred entry](#). If you are not planning on applying to University this year, but hope to apply at a later date, make sure you speak to your tutor or Mrs Thompson this year so that references can be written by your current teachers and held on your file ready for a future application.

### Paid Gap Year Placements

Considering working during a gap year? Get help finding a paid placement with the Engineering Development Trust. Register for their webinar for more information. EDT 'Year in Industry' Placements webinar [Sept 28th 16:00-17:00](#)





### Upcoming Apprenticeship and Employer Insight/Careers Events

- What Next?' Careers Showcase – Weston College [Sept 28th 17:00-19:00](#)
- National Apprenticeship Show – Ashton Gate [Sept 28th 15:30 to 18:00](#)
- IBM Apprenticeship webinar [12th Oct 18:30-19:15](#)
- PwC – Women in STEM webinar (technology and accounting) [Oct 19th 18:30-19:15](#)

### Unifrog

Unifrog partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them. They do this by providing a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school. The below gives a snapshot of the different areas covered.

The screenshot shows the Unifrog website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: HOME, FAVOURITES, LOCKER, APPLY, HELP, a gear icon, an envelope icon, and a SIGN OUT button. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is organized into five columns, each with a header and a list of items:

Exploring Pathways	Recording What you've done	Searching for Opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Subjects library	Competencies	US universities	Classes	Locker
Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
Personality profile		Canadian universities	Writing tool	
Interests profile		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
Read, Watch, Listen		Australasian universities	US recommenders	
Webinars		ME and African universities	Notes for Reference writers	
		Irish universities		
		Special Opportunities		
		Events		

All students will have a Unifrog account and the programme can be used outside of school as well as in lessons where it is particularly used for exploring pathways and careers, recording competencies and activities, and for CV writing.

Parents can also access Unifrog as if they are a student. Follow this link [Unifrog Sign-In](#), click on 'Been given a Sign up Code?', enter the code **CASFParents** plus some further required details to create your own 'student' account.



### Post-14 Technical Education

Parents/carers of year 9 students may have already received a letter from the Local Authority advising that your child can attend a Studio School or University Technical College (UTC) for their education from year 10 onwards. For more information about these options and establishments in our area, follow these links [University Technical Colleges](#), [Studio Schools](#)

### Useful links

Unifrog	<a href="https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in">https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in</a>
Careerpilot	<a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/">https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</a>
Prospects	<a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/</a>
Find an Apprenticeship	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>
UCAS	<a href="https://www.ucas.com/">https://www.ucas.com/</a>
Barclays Life Skills	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/</a>

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