

Careers Newsletter

March 2023

Next week is National Careers Week with resources and events below to help inform and inspire young people about their futures. More apprenticeship vacancies are opening up now that we're coming into Spring and meanwhile, years 10 and 12 are ramping up their efforts to secure work experience placements, with some further opportunities featured.

National Careers Week

Talking Futures - A parents' toolkit for career conversations

Resources to help families have informed and constructive conversations about the different training and education pathways open to them [Talking Futures](#).



Bristol Jobs Show - this weekend (3 & 4 March) 11am to 5pm at Cabot Circus

Meet the region's employers in person, hand in your CV to hiring managers, and ask about work experience. Plus career workshops and seminars! Find out more and register here [Bristol Jobs Show](#).

Unifrog Next Steps Virtual Student Fair - Weds 8 March 16:30

Register at this link for the [Next Steps Student Fair](#) for a free, unique opportunity for students to compare post-16/18 options in one place. Hear from Sophie Pender, the keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club and join live sessions with top UK universities like the University of Manchester and University of Warwick, plus big name employers and apprenticeship providers like the BBC and EY. Ask questions on entry requirements and what a normal day in different industries looks like.

The STEM Hub - Live & Pre-recorded Career Talks - Mon 6 to Fri 10 March

Live and pre-recorded career talks delivered by STEM Ambassadors from a diverse range of STEM industry sectors including science and engineering, conservation, automotive/motorsport, construction and fusion energy. Find out more and register here [The STEM Hub - National Careers Week](#).

Exploring Careers



Unifrog – matching interests and skills to careers

Students of all year groups have a Unifrog account where they can match their interests and skills to careers. Sign in at the link and from the homepage scroll down to the below area for profile quizzes and the careers library [Unifrog sign-in](#)

Exploring pathways

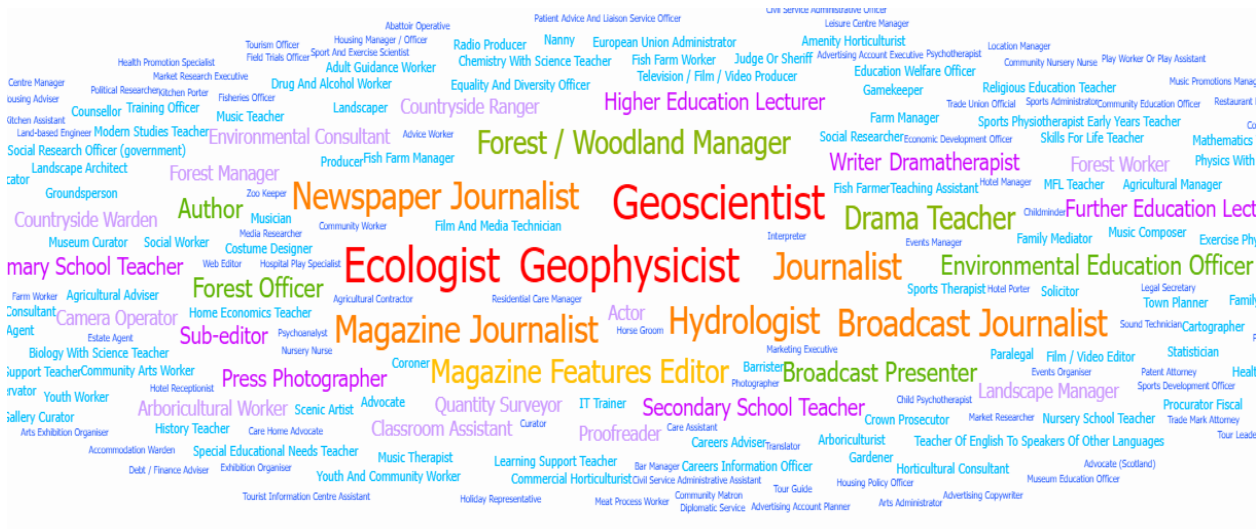
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Parents can create a dummy student account by registering with the sign up Code CASFParents at this link [Unifrog Sign Up](#)

SACU Spartan Quiz

The SACU quiz takes just five minutes and uses images to allow students to identify what best represents them. From this information an interactive ‘career cloud’ is produced where students can simply select any of the roles listed go to a job profile for further exploration. This careers quiz provides inspiration in a unique and visual way [SACU Spartan Quiz](#)

For older year groups, not only is a career cloud produced, but also a ‘degree cloud’ and an ‘apprenticeship cloud’, helping students to consider what might suit them for post 16 and post 18 planning.



Work Experience Year 10s

Any students that haven't yet found a work placement for 3-7 July need to start looking earnestly now, as all students need to find an in-person placement for that week unless they are away on a school trip (in which case they need to find a placement for another week, ideally during non-term time).

Scroll down to 'Work Experience Information' at this link [Careers Education](#) for the full guide and consent form. Please return all consent forms to reception or to Mrs Hill at mh@churchill-academy.org asap and by Monday 15 May (if the placement is 'out of area' then the cut-off is 3pm on Friday 31 March). Mrs Hill can also provide further information and support if needed.

In addition to the 3-7 July placement, some students may be interested in the below.

Interested in technical and engineering roles? Virgin Media O2 are offering a limited number of spaces on a virtual work experience program the first week of the Easter holidays.

VIRGIN MEDIA O2 WORK EXPERIENCE



Virgin Media O2 is launching work experience week from 3rd – 6th April 2023!



Click here [Virgin Media O2](#) for full details to apply and add the code VM02C2



Work Experience Year 12s

Year 12 work experience is for 10 days between the 3 and 21 July or, if at another time, ideally during the holidays. This is arranged by students through [Unifrog](#) using the 'placements' tool and more information can be found here [Careers Education](#).

PwC Career Launch Work Experience Programme (7-11 August 2023)

Students in Year 12 can join PwC in their Belfast or Manchester offices for their Career Launch Work Experience programme. This paid programme will give them the chance to explore what it's like to work at PwC whilst gaining valuable skills and building their network. Participants that perform well could receive a fast-tracked application to one of their 2024 opportunities [Yr 12 Paid Work Experience](#)

Employer Insight Activities

[Google - Technology Apprenticeships Parent's Insight](#) - 9th March, 6:30pm

[PwC Virtual Insight programme](#) - summer 2023, applications close 10 March

Gain an insight into PwC and professional services whilst enhancing your employability skills.

[ACCA - Careers in Business](#) - live on 22 March and on demand until 21 April

Virtual exhibition hosted by ACCA providing information about careers in various areas of business (including finance, accounting, marketing and H), the skills required, how to acquire them and the various entry pathways available.

Considering an apprenticeship?

Following on from the apprenticeship twilight talk for families by Emma Cox, and Academy activities for students, below are resources to help decide if an apprenticeship is right for you and how to secure one.

- [What is an Apprenticeship?](#)
- [Apprenticeships - pros & cons](#)
- [University or an Apprenticeship?](#)
- [How to Find an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Find an Apprenticeship - Vacancies](#)
- [Interview styles, questions and tips](#)
- [Common Apprenticeship interview questions and how to answer them](#)
- [Assessment day tips](#)

Email [Ms McGonigal](#) if you want to be part of the email distribution group relating to apprenticeships (for students and/or supporting family members)

Regional Open Events

General Further Education Colleges

- [City of Bristol College Open Event](#) – 29 March 5pm-8pm
- [Weston College Open Evening](#) – 29 March 5pm-7pm
- [Bridgwater & Taunton College Open Events](#)
 - Cannington campus 26 April 5:30-7pm
 - Bridgwater campus 15 June 6pm-7pm
- [SGS College Open Event](#) – 27 April 5:30-8pm
- [Bath College Open Events](#) – 6 May 10am-1pm

Independent Training Providers

- [Access Creative College Open Day](#) (Music, Media Games and Software) 3 April 4pm-8pm
- [BIMM Open Day](#) (Music Production and Performance) – 11 March 10:30am-1:30pm
- [boomsatsuma Open Days](#)
 - 9 May 6.30pm Photography / Digital Media Engine Shed
 - 10 May 6.30pm Sports Media Production
 - 11 May 6.30pm Film and TV
 - 15 May 6.30pm Games, VR and VFX
- [Bristol City Robins Foundation Open Events](#)
 - 2 May 6.30pm Sports Studies
 - 2 May 6.30pm Esports

Useful links

Unifrog	https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in
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://wwwucas.com/
Barclays Life Skills	https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/

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