

Careers Newsletter

October 2023

This is the first of a termly newsletter that focuses on careers, from exploring and planning, careers events and activities and post-14, 16 and 18 options. Useful links for all year groups can be found at the end and for advice from the Academy's careers adviser, please email Ms (Suzie) McGonigal on smg@churchill-academy.org.

Annual Careers Convention – Thurs 23 November 6pm-8pm

Our Careers Convention is open to all year groups and is the biggest such school event in the region. With over 50 providers ready to inspire and talk to students and their families about careers and pathways to them, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet face to face with future potential employers and educators.

Education providers include local colleges, independent training providers and regional and Russell Group Universities. Employers attending represent engineering and manufacturing, law and business, health and social care, the Armed Forces, aviation, automotive, architecture, retail, veterinary, property, hospitality and leisure - the list goes on!

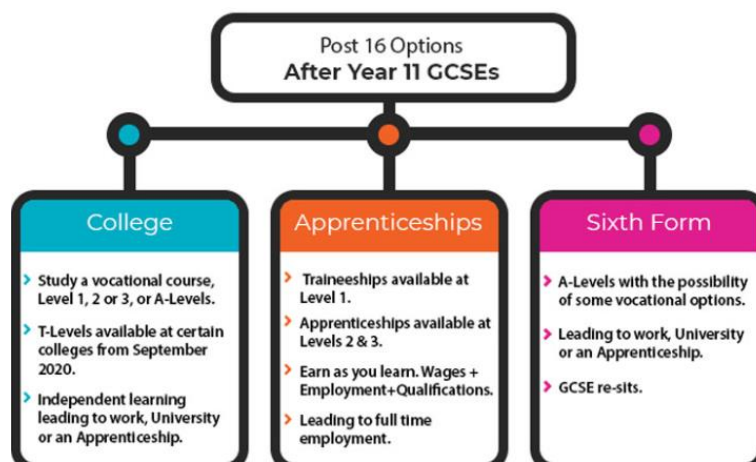


Short talks during the evening include the topics 'going to University', student finance, apprenticeships and specifically on careers in law, architecture, aviation and sports & fitness.

- Follow [this link](#) to find out who will be there and the talk topics
- If you're planning on coming, please register [here](#)

Year 11s - Post-16 Planning

All 16 year olds in England need to stay in education or training until they are 18 and so year 11s need to start exploring and planning their post-16 destinations.



Attending open days/events is one of the best ways to gain inspiration, consider what courses are the best fit and to get a feel for the different environments that sixth form, colleges, independent training providers and apprenticeships have to offer. Some providers also offer taster days/workshops and so check individual websites for details. Follow the below links for the upcoming open events for main regional providers.

LSP Sixth Forms

- Churchill Academy & Sixth Form's open evening was last week – follow this link for more information and to apply [Join Our Sixth Form](#)
- Backwell School Sixth Form [Open Evening 2nd November](#)
- Chew Valley Sixth Form [Open Evening 9 November](#)
- Gordano Sixth Form [Open Evening 9 November](#)

General FE Colleges

- Bath College [Open Event 25 November](#)
- Bridgwater and Taunton College - [Open events 11 November onwards](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Multiple dates in November onwards](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Event 18 November](#)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College [Open Evening 16 November](#)
- Strode College [Open Evening 14 November](#)
- Weston College - [Open evening 15 November](#)

Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day 4 November](#)
- boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VFX) [Week commencing 4 December](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching & Development, Esports) [Open Evening 13 November](#)

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 for the world of work if that is what you're considering next.



Considering University?

[The Uni Guide - choosing a course](#) -

[The Complete University Guide - League Tables](#)

[UCAS course search](#)

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

Thinking about a Gap Year?

- [Independent Gap Year Advice](#)
- [Prospects - Gap Year](#)

How about an Apprenticeship?

The first of the biannual Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing is now available to download at [this link](#). This lists hundreds of current vacancies for level 4 to level 6 apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships

Specific information will be coming out early next term for students and families about apprenticeships which are a post-16 and post-18 option for those ready to enter the world of work. You can find out more at the below links.

- [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- [Apprenticeships.gov.uk](#)
- [How to help your child with job applications](#)
- [Ways to improve your CV](#)
- [Find an Apprenticeship.gov](#) - Most vacancies are advertised on this website



Local employer Thatchers are holding their annual apprenticeship information evening for parents/carers at The Railway Inn, on Monday 4th December 6-8pm. This will provide general information about apprenticeships as well as the programme Thatchers offer. Follow this link to register interest [Thatchers Apprenticeship Information Evening](#)

Employer Insight Events

- [Life as a Solicitor Apprentice - Dentons](#) – 21 November 6:30-7:15pm
- [Discover Apprenticeships at bp!](#) 28 November 6:30-7pm
- [Accenture Apprenticeships - Tech & Consulting](#) – 5 December 6:30-7:15pm

Year 10 Work Experience

All students go on a block work experience placement during year 10 and, unless on a school trip, it will be during the week of 8-12 July this year. Students with parental/carer support need to find a placement and once the consent form is returned to the school reception with the details, we instigate a Health & Safety check and confirm with the employer. We have provided all students with access to a database of employers who have offered placements in the last few years as a good starting point for who to contact. For more information, follow this link and go to [Work Experience Information](#).

Post-14 Technical Education

Parents/carers of Year 9 students are able to apply for a place for their child to start year 10 at a Studio School or University Technical College (UTC). You should have received a letter from the Local Authority with more information about this. For more information follow this link [Studio Schools and UTCs](#).

Unifrog

Unifrog is the online careers platform that we use as a school and all students have an account. All year groups can benefit from using the platform - how about taking one of the below quizzes as a starting point? [Unifrog Login](#)

Interests profile
✓ Quiz last taken 3 Mar 23: S and R and C

Start >

Personality profile
✗ Quiz not taken

Start >

Work environments profile
✓ Quiz last taken 3 Mar 23

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Skills profile
✓ Quiz last taken 23 Mar 23

Start >

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
UCAS	https://www.ucas.com/
Barclays Life Skills	https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/

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