

# Careers Newsletter October 2025

## Unifrog and Career Planning

**Unifrog** - The complete destinations platform. 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 where they can explore interests, record things they have done and skills they have used, find education and training opportunities and draft applications.

Parents can access a dummy student account on unifrog [here](#), by clicking on 'Been given a Sign up Code?' and entering **CASFParents**.

## Upcoming Unifrog Webinars

Multiple webinars can be found in the 'Unifrog Events' tool, found under 'Connecting' on the homepage).

Upcoming interactive sessions include:

- How to design an iconic magazine cover. Norwich University - 22 October 16:30
- Think like a marketer: the power of understanding what customers (really) want. University of Leicester - 22 October 17:30
- Behind the screens: exploring CGI animation and VFX. Norwich University - 3 November 16:30
- Law taster: is Melissa guilty of murder? University of Huddersfield - 6 November 16:30

Job application sessions:

- Top tips for writing the perfect written application - 10 November 17:30
- Top tips for acing an interview - 10 November 17:30
- AI: how to use it successfully in applications - 12 November 16:30

**Allied Health Professions Careers Day** [Saturday 18 October](#) - in person at Southmead Hospital 10am-4pm. A day of talks and information on career routes, including support workers, apprenticeships, degree programmes, patient simulations and a whole lot more!

## **Churchill Academy & Sixth Form Careers Convention** **Thurs 27 November 6pm-8pm**

Our annual Careers Convention is open to all year groups and is one of the biggest such school events in the region. With over 50 providers ready to inspire and talk to students and their families about careers and post-16 and post-18 pathways, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet face to face with future potential employers and educators

Educators include our local colleges and independent training providers as well as regional and Russell Group universities. There will be many apprenticeship employers and training providers attending.

Employers already signed up include those representing law, business, finance, engineering, energy & utilities, veterinary, security services, early years, property, healthcare, catering and aviation, with more to come!

# **CAREERS CONVENTION**

Meet 50 local and national employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges and Universities! Explore careers and your post-16 and post-18 options

 **Thursday 27th  
November**

 **6pm - 8pm**

 **Churchill  
Academy &  
Sixth Form**

 Churchill Academy  
& Sixth Form

If you're planning on coming, please register (per student) [here](#)

## **Post-16 Planning**

Attending open days/events is one of the best ways to gain inspiration, consider what subjects are the best fit and to get a feel for the different environments that sixth forms, colleges, independent training providers and apprenticeships have to offer.

Also see the apprenticeships section below.

## **Post-16 Options - Twilight Talk**

Academy Careers Adviser Suzie McGonigal gave a twilight talk for parents/carers this month to provide independent information about post-16 options. Follow the [link](#) for a recording of the presentation.

## **Churchill Academy & Sixth Form - Join Our Sixth Form!**

Our Sixth Form [Open Evening](#) is on Thursday 16th October 2025 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. See the [Sixth Form pages](#) on our website for more information including subjects on offer.

Follow the below links for the upcoming open and information events at our main regional providers. Further providers in the Bristol region can be found at this link [Post-16 Education - Bristol](#). Some providers also offer taster days/workshops and so check individual websites for details.

## General FE Colleges

- Bath College [Open Events](#) - next events Somer Valley campus 5th November | City Centre campus 22nd November
- City of Bristol College - [Open Events](#) - next event 20th November
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Days](#) - next event 22nd November
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College - [Open Events](#) next event 15th October
- Weston College [Open Events](#) - 14th October and next event 12 November
- UCS College Group (new group that includes what was Bridgwater & Taunton College)
  - Bridgwater College - Open Evening [Wednesday 14 January](#) 6-8pm
  - Cannington College -Open Day [Saturday 8th November](#) 10am-1pm
  - Taunton College -Open Evening [Thursday 15th January](#) 6-8pm
  - Strode College - Open Evening [Thursday 16th October](#) 6-8pm

## Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day](#) - next event 18th October
- boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VFX) [Open Days](#) - next events 21st - 23rd October
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching & Development, Esports) [Open Events](#) - next event Wednesday 11th November
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [Open Days](#) - next event 24th January - limited spaces!

## Post-18, University Information and Events

**What is University Like?** - Wondering what it's really like to study at university? From taster days to student experiences and sample lectures, find out how you can get a flavour of university life – and if it's the right next step for you.

**Subject Tasters** – These subject 'Spotlights' give you the chance to try a university course before you apply. Delivered by the lecturers themselves you will gain insight into what it's like to study the course and give your personal statement a boost.

**University Open Days** – Enter the Uni name or open the calendar to see what's coming up.

**UCAS** - Academy website links to information for students and parents.

- **University of Law Real World Lectures** - next event 15th October 4pm-5pm (online): Can we make our Memories More Powerful?
- **Cambridge Biology Challenge** Gain an understanding of the types of questions asked at Oxbridge (including in interviews). Be part of a nationwide competition, where teams can watch as they climb the leaderboard. Have access to special Biology webinars hosted by Cambridge University scientists and teaching staff. Win prizes, including visits to Cambridge (open to years 10-13).
- **PwC Flying Start Degree Programmes (Accountancy)** Funded degree with placement. Follow the link for details, apply via UCAS.
- **University of Exeter - Scholars Programme** A free programme to develop knowledge in a chosen subject. Online or in-person and a variety of subjects to choose from. Can lead to a reduced offer from the University of Exeter. Apply by 27 October.

## Apprenticeship Information

Students in years 11 and 13 and their parents/carers can receive information about apprenticeship events and vacancies by signing up to the apprenticeship email group. Email Ms McGonigal on [smg@churchill-academy.org](mailto:smg@churchill-academy.org) to request to join.

**Find an Apprenticeship** - Many apprenticeship job vacancies are advertised here. Run a search and create an account to set up an alert for new relevant vacancies.

**UCAS Apprenticeship Search** - Some employers advertise vacancies here, particularly for Higher and Degree apprenticeships.

- **Applying to apprenticeships: the dos and don'ts** (Unifrog webinar) - 11 November 16:30 (sign up via the 'Unifrog Events' tool under 'Connecting' on the homepage).
- **Power your future: Discover National Grid apprenticeships** (Unifrog webinar) - 13 November 16:30 (sign up in the 'Unifrog Events' tool under 'Connecting' on the homepage).
- [Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies](#) - The Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies Listing is now live. This is issued in October and January and showcases thousands of vacancies from a wide range of employers throughout the country.
- [UCAS Apprenticeship Application Guides](#) - covering multiple sectors, these resources provide expert advice from employers on what makes a strong application.

## Work Experience

Work Experience Week for year groups 10 and 12 is **13-17 July 2026**

Year 10 work experience placements need to be in-person and during WEX week

Year 12 work experience may be a blend of in-person and virtual and can take place during WEX week or non term-time.

[Click here](#) for further details relating to Work Experience.

**Year 10 work experience** placements need to be in person and added to unifrog as soon as they are confirmed by the employer.

All year 10 students have access to a list of local employers in their PSHE Google Classroom as a good starting point for who to contact, but any employer can be approached. Details and support is available in the guide at the link under Work Experience [here](#).

**Year 12 work experience** can be in-person or virtual. If during term-time and school hours they must be added to Unifrog in the Placements Tool. If outside of school hours/non-term time they must be added to Unifrog as an Activity.

## Multiple year group opportunities

- Virtual and in-person WEX opportunities (including during non term time) [Success at Schools](#)
- [Legal sector work experience and information days](#) - Links to regional legal firms for year 10 and year 12 students thinking about a business career in the legal sector.
- Virtual WEX programme for Medicine and Dentistry. Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in partnership with Medic Mentor and Dental Mentor - focusing on a different specialty each month. Parent/carer as well as student information is required to register as well as contact details for a teacher (tutor or Chemistry teacher is most applicable).
  - Get into Dentistry - [Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th October](#)
  - Get Into Medicine - [Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th October](#)

### **Useful links**

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>
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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