

Careers Newsletter October 2024

Unifrog

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 .

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form Careers Convention Thurs 28 November 6pm-8pm

Our annual Careers Convention is open to all year groups and is the biggest such school event in the region. With over 50 providers already signed-up, 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.

Education providers include local colleges and independent training providers as well as regional and Russell Group universities.

Employers are representing industries in construction, engineering, manufacturing, business, law, finance, digital, health, social care, the Armed Forces, automotive, property, veterinary, catering - the list goes on and more are still signing up!



CAREERS CONVENTION

Thursday 28th November
6pm - 8pm
Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

Over 50 exhibitors, with representatives from employers, colleges, universities and apprenticeship programmes.

Explore careers and your post-16 and post-18 options!

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

Short talks will also be given during the evening to include an introduction to apprenticeships, why go to university, how to choose a university, and how to decide which course to study, plus a talk from the University of Bristol about careers as a Doctor. More topics will be announced soon.

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.

Follow the below links for the upcoming open 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.

LSP Sixth Forms

- Churchill Academy & Sixth Form's open evening was last week. Don't worry if you missed this event! Slides from the Head of Sixth Form's presentation can be found on our website, and our Be a Sixth Former for a Day is scheduled for 19th November. Follow this link for more information and to apply [Join Our Sixth Form](#).
- Backwell School Sixth Form [Open Evening 24 October](#)
- Chew Valley Sixth Form [Open Evening 14 November](#)
- Gordano Sixth Form [Open Evening 14 November](#)

General FE Colleges

- Bath College [Open Day 23 November](#)
- Bridgwater & Taunton College - [Open Days: Cannington Campus 9 November | Bridgwater Campus 15 January | Taunton Campus 16 January](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Evening 21 November](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Day 23 November](#)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College [Open Evening 14 November](#)
- Strode College [Open Evening 24 October | 19 November](#)
- Weston College - [Open evening 13 November](#)

Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Taster Day 16 November | Open Day 10 December](#)
- boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VFX) [Open Days 3-5 December](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching & Development, Esports) [Open Evening 11 November | Taster Session 30 October](#)
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [25 January \(bookings open 28 October\)](#)

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 Course Search](#) – Open the filters and start searching for courses.

- **STEM Up! Bristol University** - [STEM Up!](#)
Year 12. Four virtual sessions Tue 5-6:30pm in Jan/Feb. Criteria applies. Deadline 24 Nov.
- **Creative Industries Unlocked Bristol University** - [Creative Industries Unlocked](#)
Year 12. Working in the creative and cultural sector and the skills needed to succeed. Criteria applies. Deadline 17 Dec
- **Scholars Programme – Exeter University** - [Scholars Programme](#)
Year 12. On campus and virtual options. Criteria applies. Deadline 28 Oct.

Apprenticeship and Employer Events and 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 to request to join.

[Find an Apprenticeship](#) - Most 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 now advertise vacancies here, particularly for Higher and Degree apprenticeships.

- [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.
- **Applying for Apprenticeships** – go to the unifrog Webinars Section - 12 Nov 4:30pm
- **Apprenticeships - what to expect** – go to the unifrog Webinars Section - 13 Nov 4:30pm

- Apprenticeships with EDF – [26 November webinar](#)
Join the Early Careers team at EDF to learn more about their apprenticeship opportunities and the range of vacancies available, which open for applications in December.
- Apprenticeships in Construction (trades) - On Site Bristol - [Open Evening 26 November](#)
- Careers in Audit with RSM - [Early Careers Insight Evening - 7 November](#)
- Careers in Accountancy – ACCA - [Redefining the Accountant - 4 December webinar](#)
Hear from a range of professionals who have carved out their own career and who will share their journey in accountancy.

Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience takes place 7-11 July and placements should be in-person

Year 12 Work Experience is 14-18 July and may be a blend of in-person and virtual

[Click here](#) for further details relating to Work Experience. Remember, once a placement has been found, it should be added to unifrog using the Placements Tool. Follow [this link](#) for how to do this.

- North Somerset Council is open for year 10 work experience applications until 31 Oct. Students are advised to research the council first, as they will be asked to select up to three departments that they would be interested in working in. Apply here [Application Page](#). For student or parent/carer queries contact workexperience@n-somerset.gov.uk
- NHS Work Experience - Year 10 students interested in becoming a doctor have been advised to email Ms McGonigal at WEX@churchill-academy.org by Friday 25th October for information about the criteria for work experience with our region of the NHS (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Trust).

Useful links

Careerpilot	https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/
Prospects	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
UCAS	https://www.ucas.com/
Barclays Life Skills	https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/

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