

# Careers Newsletter December 2024

## 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 .

- Breaking Barriers - Engineering and Sustainability [15 January 6pm-7pm](#) (at Weston College)  
Hear from Lucinda Blachford and Hannah Smith from Airbus for inspiration to break barriers, challenge expectations, and reimagine the possibilities in engineering and sustainability. This is your chance to connect with pioneers who are shaping the future.
- Venture Into Vets - University of Bristol Faculty of Health & Life Sciences [Full Programme](#)  
Venture into Vets is a series of activities, both in-person and virtual, for students in Year 10 and 11. The programme includes a vet school visit, webinar and support to de-mystify the university application process, life as a vet student and the varied careers the degree courses can lead to. [Venture into Vets Video](#)

## 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.

- How to support your student with post-16 options for Parents/Carers
- Churchill Academy & Sixth Form - Applications are still open [Join our Sixth Form](#)  
For students who have already applied, interviews have now started and will continue into term 3. Students need to check their emails for an invitation that they must accept or decline.

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 Event 5 March](#)
- Bridgwater & Taunton College - [Open Days: Bridgwater Campus 15 January | Taunton Campus 16 January | 25 January Cannington Campus](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Day 18 January](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Day 25 January](#)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College [Open Evening 4 February](#)
- Strode College [Open Evening 13 February](#)
- Weston College - [Open evening 15 January](#)

### Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day 25 January](#)
- boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VFX) [Open Days 4-6 February](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching & Development, Esports) [Open Evening 5 February](#)
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [15 March \(limited places - book online\)](#)

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

- **Employ Autism - [Civil Service internship programme](#)**  
An exciting eight week paid employment opportunity in the Civil Service is being offered to approximately 200 autistic young people aged 18-25
- **[Subject Taster Lectures](#) - University of Sheffield**  
Online or on-campus taster sessions in a variety of subjects to help students experience what it's like to study at the University of Sheffield.
- **Medicine and Dentistry – King's College London [Lecture Series \(Tuesday evenings\)](#)**  
Years 11, 12 and 13. Application Form and Pre-Programme Survey. Apply by 2pm 10 January. Lectures commence 4 February.

## 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](#) - 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.

- **Thatchers Talent Open Day [15th February](#)**  
Students and parents/carers can join Thatchers at Myrtle Farm for an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice there. Talk to current apprentices, the apprenticeship Training Provider, and meet their dedicated team.
- **Careers with Lloyds Banking Group [8 Feb 10am](#) or [8 Feb 2pm](#)**  
Designed for students and parents to look inside one of the UK's largest apprentice employers, learn all about the changing landscape of FinTech, career opportunities and try your hand at different next generation roles at Lloyds Banking Group. Book early to get a place!
- **Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair [12 February 4pm-6:30pm Online](#)**  
Learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers, and network one-on-one with professional experts to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship.
- **Parent & Carers Guide to Apprenticeships and Technical Education - [Choices Magazine](#)**

## 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.

The school holidays are the perfect time to contact employers during working hours by phone, email or dropping in to enquire about a possible placement. Most schools in our region have now launched their work experience programmes meaning that many students are potentially vying for a limited number of placements with in-demand employers. So, year 10 and 12 students shouldn't delay!

- **Burgess Salmon Bright Sparks Law Firm Work Experience**  
Year 10-12, in central Bristol.
  - [17-21 March](#) - applications close 1 Jan, but apply soon!
  - [July 7-11 or 14-18](#) - applications close 3 Feb, but apply soon!

## 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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