

Careers Newsletter April 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 (further info via the 'Unifrog Events' tool on the homepage)
 - Managing your wellbeing during exams and tests - 6 May 17:30
 - Making a difference: careers in early years - 12 May 16:30
 - From concept to creation: careers in food and drink - 12 May 17:30
 - Green careers that tackle climate change - 13 May 16:30
 - Careers in medicine healthcare: making a lasting impact - 13 May 17:30
 - Leading the way: careers in management - 14 May 16:30
 - Becoming a doctor - 20 May 16:30
- Think a Career in Maths is out of reach? Think again. Learn how to turn this self-doubt into self-belief with the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and APR LLP [Imposter Syndrome and How to Overcome it](#) - 13 May 18:30-19:30
- [Generation Logistics](#) Ever considered a career in logistics/wondered what it entails? Generation Logistics is an initiative to find and engage the next generation of logistics talent. Follow the link to find out about the opportunities on offer, from entry-level pathways through to graduate programmes.
- Free online learning courses [National Careers Service](#)

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.

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form - Applications are still open [Join our Sixth Form](#). For students who have applied, interviews are ongoing and students will 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 Events](#) - tba
- Bridgwater & Taunton College - [Open Evenings: 30 April Cannington campus | 24 June Taunton campus | 26 June Bridgwater campus](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Evening 14 June](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Evening 1 May](#) (last open event for this academic year)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College - [Email at this link to request a visit](#) - tba
- Strode College [Open Evening 12 June](#)
- Weston College [Open Events](#) - tba

Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day 21 June](#)
- boomsatsuma (Creative & Digital Media, Photography, Film & TV, Sports Media, Games VR & VFX) [Open Days 13-15 May](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Sports Coaching & Development, Esports) [Open Evening 6 May | Taster Session 29 May](#)
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [Open Days](#) tba for next academic year. Guided tours can be booked via the link.

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.

- Upcoming Unifrog Webinars (further info via the 'Unifrog Events' tool on the homepage)
 - Where could a degree in law take me? - 8 May 16:30
 - Shape the future: where could an education degree take you? - 15 May 16:30
 - The power of an economics degree: where could it take you? - 19 May 16:30
 - Where can a degree in biological sciences take me? - 21 May 16:30
- [University Offers - making the Right Decision](#) - If your application is successful, you’ll receive a conditional or unconditional offer – find out how to make the right choice for you.
- [UCAS Extra: what it is and how it works](#) - If you used all five of your choices on your original application and you’re not holding an offer, you’ll be able to add another choice using Extra. Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between 26 February and 4 July 2025.

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 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.

- [Apprenticeships for Individuals with Additional Needs](#) - 19 May 15:30-16:00. Many students have additional needs and may feel unsure about the support that will be offered by employers and training providers. Join this webinar for parents/carers to hear about the flexibilities that can be offered and the support that apprentices will receive.



- [University of Gloucestershire Cyber Careers Launchpad](#) - 21 May 16:30-19:00 (in-person). Year 13 students hear from local employers about degree apprenticeship roles in Cyber, Data Analysts, Software Engineer and Network Engineering
- [A Day in the Life of an Apprentice](#) - Parent/carer session 14 May 17:30. Find out about apprenticeships, where to find opportunities, and hear from a current apprentice about what a typical day is like
- [Choices Magazine](#) for parents and carers. Tips for aspiring apprentices from a top apprentice, explore the process of becoming an apprentice from a parent's perspective, learn about the benefits of Higher Technical Qualifications, follow one apprentice's journey to becoming his own boss, get inspired by apprenticeships in Project Management.
- [UCAS Apprenticeship Application Guides](#) - covering multiple sectors, these resources provide expert advice from employers on what makes a strong application.

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.

Year 10 work experience placements need to be in person and added to unifrog as soon as possible. All students must go on a placement during the week (7-11 July) and if on the Sicily trip, need to find a placement on an alternative non term-time week.

Many popular or career specific placements will have already been offered to students at this point in the academic year. Whilst it is ideal to have a placement in an area of career interest, all placements provide valuable experience of what it is like to be in the working world. Therefore students/families should broaden the search to include alternative placements where students will gain skills relevant to their career of interest/within the sector they are interested in, or relating to a hobby/interest.

Year 10 students have access to a list of local employers in their 'Work Experience - year 10' Google Classroom as a good starting point, 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 in-person and during term-time they must be added to unifrog in the 'Placements' tool.

- [UCAS](#) - virtual work experience opportunities.



Multiple year group opportunities

- Virtual and in-person WEX opportunities [Success at Schools](#) (including during non term time)
- [Careers in Marketing and PR](#) (virtual) - 27-28 May. Apply by 7 May
- [Careers in Architecture](#) (virtual) - 27-30 May. Apply by 9 May
- [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.
- Allied Healthcare Careers [Virtual Work Experience Programme](#) (note there is a £10 fee per session to register). Multiple weekend sessions [Register here.](#)

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/

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