

Careers Newsletter November 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 .

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form Annual Careers Convention

Last week's Careers Convention was a great success with over 60 exhibitors and well over 300 students and families attending. Encounters with these types of providers are vital for students to help raise aspirations, further understanding of the working world and find out about options and pathways for future careers. They also provide families with information to be able to support students with their education and career decisions and planning. A huge thank you goes out to all exhibitors and speakers, plus the amazing student volunteers who were in the background, but critical to the overall planning and success!

If you attended, please complete a feedback form so that we can improve the event and ensure we continue with what is working well.

- [Parent/Carer Feedback Form](#)
- [Student Feedback Form](#)

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](#)

Careers in Horseracing - Horseracing is the second biggest spectator sport to football and the largest sporting employer! Find out more about apprenticeships and early career programmes [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.

- How to support your student with post-16 options for Parents/Carers [unifrog webinar 3 Dec 5:30-6pm](#)
- 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.
- T Level Information Webinar – Weston College [5 December 6-6:45pm](#)

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](#)
- City of Bristol College - [A Levels 10 December | All Courses 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 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) [Online Q&A Session 9 December | Open Evening 5 February](#)
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [8 February \(limited places - book online\)](#)

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.

- **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.
- **Creative Industries Unlocked University of Bristol** - [Creative Industries Unlocked](#)
Year 12. Working in the creative and cultural sector and the skills needed to succeed. Criteria applies. Deadline 17 Dec
- **Winter Webinars Fair - UK University Search** - [3 December 4:30-6pm Personal Statement & Application](#) | [4 December 4:30-6pm Choosing a course/university](#)
Years 11, 12 and 13. Two informative and inspiring online presentations that cover the key topics of personal statements, applying for university, picking a university to go to, and how to choose a course.

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.

- **Amazing Apprenticeships** [Updated website](#) – lots of resources and now with dedicated student and parent zones.

- **Careers with Rolls Royce for female students** [22 January 4-5pm \(in-person in Filton\)](#)
Open event aimed at females and their parents and carers. Learn about apprenticeships, meet other women doing similar roles, and find out what working at Rolls-Royce is really like.
- **Apprenticeships with Dunelm** webinar – [3 December 4-5pm](#)
Hear from the Early Careers team at Dunelm about their offerings across the business from Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Buying & Merchandising, Insight & Analytics and more.

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.

- **University of Bristol Health & Life Sciences STEM Work Experience** [WEX](#)
Year 10. Application deadline 31 January, but express interest soon!
- **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!
- **Bristol Water Youth Board** [4 February 9:30am–3pm \(Bristol\) - Application Form](#)
Year 12 and 13. Opportunity to join a Youth Board enabling students to get involved in the running of one of the largest businesses in our region. Applications close 19 Dec.

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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