

Careers Newsletter March 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 (accessed from the 'Unifrog Events' tool on the homepage)
 - Business taster: developing an entrepreneurial mindset - 30 April 4:30pm
- [Parents' Podcast: Careers of the future](#) - Hear from the experts on how you can help your student navigate the changing job market and guide them in finding the right path for them.
- Health & Social Care Drop-in Session with the King's Trust (note you must be 18 or over to attend) [15 April](#) (in person in Bristol). Career pathways and employability skills drop in session where you will learn about the health and social care sector and get support with employability skills, CV advice and interview techniques.
- Virtual Criminal Investigation Day [22 April 4pm-5:30pm](#). A virtual session in honour of Stephen Lawrence Day, examining the case that sparked major changes in policing, the law, and society.

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 already applied, interviews have now started and will continue into term 4. 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 23 April](#)
- Bridgwater & Taunton College - [Open Evenings: 30 April Cannington campus | 24 June Taunton campus | 26 June Bridgwater campus](#) (multiple April campus tour dates also available to book at the same link)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Evening 14 June](#)
- SGS (South Gloucestershire and Stroud) College [Open Evening 1 May](#)
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College - next event October 2025 [Email at this link to request a visit](#)
- Strode College [Open Evening 12 June](#)
- Weston College - next open event tbc, [Easter Holidays Workshops](#)

Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day 21 June | Taster Day 29 April](#)
- 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 Sessions 9 Apr & 29 May](#)
- Hartpury College (Equine, Sport, Public Services) [Open Days](#) tbc

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.

- Meet the Russell Group [29 Apr - 1 May](#) - Multiple webinars including on student life, clinical & health professions, researching university options and personal statements and applying to a Russell Group university.
- Zoological Management & Conservation Degree Progression [8 July - 10am - 2:30pm](#) (in person at Bristol Zoo Project)
- [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.

- [UCAS Apprenticeship Application Guides](#) - covering multiple sectors, these resources provide expert advice from employers on what makes a strong application.
- Hairdressing and Barbering - open event with Reflections Training Academy [17 April](#) (in person in central Bristol). Find out from this training provider how to get your pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship hairdressing & barbering career kick-started.

- Business, Marketing, Customer Service, Management & HR Support - open event with Next Level Training [17 April](#) (in person in central Bristol). Discover apprenticeship opportunities with this training provider.

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. The Easter Holidays are the perfect opportunity to approach employers directly by dropping in, phone or email.

All 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 as a placement.

- [Careers in Art](#) In-person weekend work experience 26-27 April and 10-11 May (in Oxford) - note applications close 4 April
- Virtual and in-person WEX opportunities (including during non term time) [Success at Schools](#)

Multiple year group opportunities

- [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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