

# Careers Newsletter February 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** .

It's National Careers Week and careers focused assemblies are being held across all year groups.

- Upcoming Unifrog Webinars (accessed from the 'Unifrog Events' tool on the homepage)
  - How to find the job you want – 4 March 4:30pm
  - Speak with confidence: boost your communication skills - 10 March 16:30
  - Lead the way: essential leadership skills for the future - 10 March 17:30
  - Becoming a forensic scientist: what it's really like - 12 March 17:30
  - How to prepare for exams and tests 2 April 16:30

## 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 5 March | 23 April](#)
- Bridgwater & Taunton College - [Open Evenings: 30 April Cannington campus | 24 June Taunton campus | 26 June Bridgwater campus](#)
- City of Bristol College - [Open Evening 12 March](#)
- 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 - [Open evening 12 March](#), [Easter Holidays Workshops](#)

## Training Providers

- Access Creative College (Esports, Games, Media, Music and Computing) [Open Day 22 March | 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) [Online Q&A session 31 March | Open Evening 6 May](#)
- 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.

- Unifrog Webinars (students can access from the ['Unifrog Events'](#) tool on the homepage)
  - Student Fees and Funding at University 5 March 4:30pm
  - Student budgeting at University 5 March 5.30pm

- Unifrog virtual University Fair: what is university really like? 26 March 4pm
- Subject Taster Lecture - Biomedical science 19 March 5:30pm
- Subject Taster Lecture Psychology 31 March 6:30pm
  
- University of Bristol Virtual Summer School (open to year 12 students)  
Engage online with academics, student ambassadors and other prospective students. [Applications close 9 March 6pm.](#)

## 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.

- What are apprenticeships and how to support applications [11 March 5:30pm](#)  
Webinar via Unifrog for parents/carers - Find out about all things apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, and how to support applications from professional experts from EY, Unilever and Dyson
- Construction Trade Apprenticeships - On Site Bristol Open Evening [11 March 5-7:30pm](#) (in person). On Site Bristol are an apprenticeship Training Provider for seven key construction trades - electrical, carpentry, bench joinery, plastering, gas engineering (inc. plumbing), bricklaying and painting & decorating. Get advice on trades, wages, qualifications and securing employment, plus meet some of the employers, developers and apprentices.
- Engineering Fast Track Apprenticeship Interviews [3 April 2025 3-6:30pm](#) (in person at Weston College). Connect directly with employers in the engineering industry, looking to recruit apprentices. From Level 2 to degree apprenticeships, you'll have the chance to engage with key decision-makers face-to-face.

## 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, confirmed to the student by the employer and then added to unifrog by the end of this term.

- Atkins Realis 7-11 July – Register your interest as soon as possible [at this link](#)  
Explore a wide range of disciplines at this engineering firm, including project management, quantity surveying, NetZero initiatives, building surveying, social value, and much more. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain insight into various career paths and develop their skills in a professional environment.

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.

- Weekend WEX opportunities with InvestIN, either live online or in London - [follow this link to register with InvestIN](#)
  - Doctor | Architect | Entrepreneur | Computer Scientist | Artist - 9 March
  - Lawyer | Dentist | Engineer | Filmmaker | Forensic Scientist - 16 March
  - Banker | Psychologist | International Politics | Fashion Designer | Vet - 23 March
- 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.



- [Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience Programme](#)

If you're a student aged 14 upwards, with aspirations of becoming a doctor or dentist, then the Medic Mentor virtual work experience programme provides a comprehensive and immersive virtual experience that will give you a real insight into the world of medicine. Initial introductory (virtual) conferences:

- [Get Into Medicine](#) - 8 and 23 March 9:30-3:30
- [Get Into Dentistry](#) - 15 March 9:30-3:30

### 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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