

# NEWSLETTER

2024/2025 TERM 3. ISSUE 20



## Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to the Term 3 edition of the "Flourish in the Future Newsletter".

This month we have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week, so this issue is jam packed with insights and opportunities related to apprenticeships. Whether you are considering this route or just want to learn more, there is plenty to explore. Plus, we've got our usual updates, university information, it's your future plan it and the latest announcements from Unifrog. Happy reading!

If you have any other questions regarding Careers or Personal Development, please feel free to email: [hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk) or [jordance@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jordance@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk)

We hope you find the various links in this newsletter useful, whatever stage you are at regarding your career exploration.

Many thanks as always for your support.  
The Careers and Personal Development Team



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)

## GATSBY CAREER BENCHMARKS

<b>1</b>	A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by students, parents, teachers, <u>governors</u> and employers.
<b>2</b>	Learning from career and labour market information	Every student, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.
<b>3</b>	Addressing the needs of each student	Students have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout
<b>4</b>	Linking curriculum learning to careers	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths.
<b>5</b>	Encounters with employers and employees	Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.
<b>6</b>	Experiences of workplaces	Every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities and expand their networks.
<b>7</b>	Encounters with further and higher education	All students should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.
<b>8</b>	Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made.

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

Please use the key in the table above to see where we have mapped activities against the Gatsby Benchmarks.

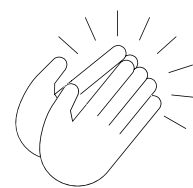
[Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks](#)

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# YEAR 10 FUTURES DAY

Flourish in  
the Future



Year 10 students took another step towards their future careers during Futures Day. The day was designed to support and inspire students as they begin to think about their future education and career paths. During the day, the students:

- Took part in a CV Workshop, learning how to make their applications stand out.
- Enjoyed a presentation on apprenticeship awareness, exploring exciting career pathways and understanding the benefits and opportunities apprenticeships can offer.
- Got hands-on with an interactive workshop from Charlton Athletic Community Trust, focusing on qualifications and skills needed for success.
- Spent valuable time on Unifrog, building and refining their CVs.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day so inspiring! Our students are now another step closer to reaching their goals.

Department for Work and Pensions, Charlton Athletic Community Trust and CXK



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



*Flourish in  
the Future*

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSEMBLIES AND TALKS



## YEAR 10 CHARLIE'S PROMISE

Year 10 students had an assembly delivered by Martin Cosser, Dad of Charlie and founder and CEO of Charlie's Promise Charity.

Charlie Cosser was a 17-year-old who was stabbed at a house party in July 2023 and, 3 days later, lost his life. His dad and the family have pledged that they will raise awareness around knife crime and the impact that this leaves on friends and family.

They have, in addition, made it their passion to educate young people. Charlie's Promise is a charity dedicated to helping the fight against the rising issue of knife crime in Surrey and across the UK, and they aim to help fight against the rising issue of knife crime in the UK by raising awareness of the dangers of both carrying and using a knife, by using their own real-life experience, they educate young people on the immeasurable impact knife crime has on the victim's family and friends, and the wider communities.



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



## UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

### Durham University - Space to Explore Potential (STEP) 2025 are now open!

Our programme offers a dedicated space for Year 12 Black-heritage students to explore their own potential as well as what Durham has to offer them as a university destination.

Students will experience what it's like to be an undergraduate student here at Durham on a five-day summer school. They'll also receive online information throughout Years 12 and 13.

Our STEP five-day residential summer school runs from Monday 18 August 2025 to Friday 22 August 2025. In the lead-up to the summer school, students will also attend online events.

During the summer school, they'll experience student life by staying in one of our 16 undergraduate colleges, participating in academic taster sessions, exploring various extra-curricular activities, and meeting current Durham students.

If they successfully finish the programme, they'll receive a guaranteed alternative offer from Durham if they apply in Year 13.

Applications are open until Thursday 3 April 2025 at 11.59pm (GMT). Apply [HERE](#).

### University of Brighton: Student funding and finance Q&A

Students are encouraged to join this Q&A session all about UK student funding and finance. They'll learn about financial support, including the Brighton Boost which offers up to £1,250 towards their cost of living. [Sign up \(6 Mar or 2 Apr\) and other upcoming events](#)

### Canterbury Campus Information Session

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 - 3:00pm – 6:00pm**

We are excited to invite your students and their parents to our Canterbury Information Session.

There is no need to wait until our summer Open Day— they can join us for our spring information session to get all the details they need.

For more information and to book, click [HERE](#).

### Sutton Trust Summer School

Durham University's Sutton Trust Summer School is designed to give bright students from under-represented backgrounds the chance to experience what it is like to be a student at a leading university.

The summer school is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about applying to university, to meet some of our current students and work with one of our 25 academic departments. Durham is one of the [Sutton Trust's](#) partner institutions, and as such, students will have access to support and resources from the Sutton Trust too, including the Sutton Trust Online platform and the Alumni network. This programme is available for Year 12 students from UK state-maintained schools.

### Changes to Personal Statements

The UCAS personal statement will change for students intending to apply to university through UCAS from September 2025 (for 2026 or 2027 entry).

The personal statement will be broken down into three sections rather than being written as one statement. Students will still be expected to demonstrate why they want to study the chosen course. The three sections are based on the following questions:

1. Why do you want to study this course or subject?
2. How have your qualifications and studies helped you prepare for this course or subject?
3. What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

Click [HERE](#) to see tips for writing personal statements.

### The Essential University Tour Questions

Attending a university open day is the perfect opportunity to ask insightful questions that will give you a clearer picture of the university's academic offerings, student support services, and how they can contribute to your career path.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



## UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

### Target Bath

Target Bath supports Black African and Caribbean heritage students in gaining places at the University of Bath.

Run in partnership with Rare, it offers:

- Insight into life at Bath
- Help with degree choices and UCAS applications, including 1:1 personal statement support
- A guaranteed conditional offer (eligibility applies)
- A spot on Discover Bath, a free summer residential programme

Open to UK-based Year 12 Black African and Caribbean heritage students, it's completely free!

Apply Now [HERE](#).




### UCAS Discovery Events


The aim of a Discovery event is to help you decide on your next steps. At the event, you can:

- chat to unis and colleges about their courses and uni life
- speak to employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available
- speak to qualified careers advisers about your future
- listen to talks from experts in their fields
- hang out with our UCAS experts to get dedicated support about your options.
- Find your nearest Discovery event [HERE](#).

### Step into Bath

Step into Bath is a 2-night residential summer school for Year 12 students considering applying to Bath for 2026 entry.

 Dates: 29th - 31st July 2025

 Cost: £350 (covers accommodation, food & activities)

### What's Included:

- Taster lectures, workshops & employability sessions.
- Personal statement & application advice from admissions tutors.
- Campus stay in student accommodation.
- Social activities led by current students.
- Networking with like-minded peers.

### Who Can Apply:

Year 12 students on track to meet Bath's typical course offers, taking relevant A-levels (or equivalent).

Apply Now [Here](#).



### What are university residential and summer schools?

UniTasterDays are busy gathering details on all university summer schools and residential, offering students a great way to experience university first-hand.

[Find out more and search for a summer school here.](#)

### Uni Guide Podcast – University vs Apprenticeships

Episode 38 is out today! Should students consider university or an apprenticeship? Three expert guests share their insights. Listen now [HERE](#).

[Visit UniTasterDays](#)

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON

## North Kent College

There is still time for students to pre-register or walk-in on the day.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to have an insight into college life and what to expect when they start and answer any questions they have to help them with the process.

**Click the links below which will take you to the specific event pages.**

**27 FEB**
**February Open Event 2025 - Gravesend Campus**

3.30PM - 7PM    Pre-registration now open.

[READ MORE](#)

**4 MAR**
**March Open Event 2025 - Dartford Campus**

3.30PM - 7PM    Pre-registration now open.

[READ MORE](#)

**6 MAR**
**March Open Event 2025 - Tonbridge Campus**

3.30PM - 7PM    Pre-registration now open.

[READ MORE](#)



**WANT TO  
KEEP UP TO  
DATE  
WITH US?**

www.nkc.kent.sch.uk  
01322 629400

**Keep up-to-date**  
If you would like to keep up-to-date with everything NKC fill in the form linked below

[Click Here](#)

### Why should your young person choose MidKent College?

Navigating through the best education options for your young person can be quite challenging.

There are several personal development and practical reasons why your young person may choose to attend MidKent College.

[READ MORE HERE](#)



### March open days!

Discover your future at our March Open Days - explore, learn more, and apply for September. Already applied? Come and take another look around!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



# APPRENTICESHIPS



## Higher & Degree Listing!

The January edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched! Explore an even bigger listing, with over 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship roles from over 80 employers. This edition is a fantastic way to explore the amazing opportunities that apprenticeships can offer. Download [HERE](#)



## Engineering Apprenticeships

- Ready to launch your own exciting engineering career? You're in luck.
- We've currently got over 300 live apprenticeships waiting for you.
- View and apply for various opportunities [HERE](#).

## Business & Marketing Apprenticeships

- Wanna work on some of the coolest marketing campaigns in the world?
- Or get involved with the inner workings of a business?
- We've got over 300 Marketing and Business opportunities available right now.
- View and apply for various opportunities [HERE](#).

## Apprenticeships at Lloyds

Imagine earning, learning, and building an incredible career - all while making a difference to millions. Make it real. That's exactly what our apprenticeships offer.

With around 20 different paths to choose from, you'll find your perfect fit. Dive into Audit to shape our future resilience, strengthen our digital defence through Cyber Security, or transform customer experiences with Data Analytics. Tech Engineering drives our digital evolution, while Customer Services innovates how we connect with millions. Risk, HR, and Finance aren't just back-office roles - they're driving forces behind our transformation, helping us serve customers better every day.



Click [here](#) to explore our apprenticeships

## Tesco's Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship

Are you leaving Year 11 but don't know what to do next? If you fancy earning over £22k while they learn, the Tesco Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship could be for you.

### What's in it for you?

- Earn £22,500 while you learn
- Gain a Level 2 National Standard in Retail, equivalent to 5 GCSE passes
- Job security – get a permanent position after the apprenticeship
- Long-term career opportunities
- Practical, transferable skills for life

### What you'll be doing

The apprenticeship is based in-store and takes a minimum of 12 months to complete. You'll join a supportive and inclusive team, spending time doing a range of activities such as marketing, business and technology. You will also gain hands-on store experience, picking orders, restocking, and supporting customers and community events.

Apply [HERE](#).



## EDF Energy: Apprenticeships across the UK

There are a wide range of roles and levels available based at offices and power stations across the UK, including new developments at Hinkley Point and Sizewell. Students can go into Engineering, Business, Project Management, Cyber Security, and Quality roles. Early applications advised for these popular schemes! [Power up and apply here](#)

## Make an impact at RSM UK

Are you an ambitious student looking to kickstart a rewarding career in the professional services industry?

Apply [HERE](#).

## Thales, Crawley West Sussex - Level 4 Cyber Security Engineer Apprenticeship. Start date - 1st September 2025

Are you a critical thinker? Do you love troubleshooting and finding a solution to complex challenges? New for 2025, this apprenticeship is a fantastic opportunity to learn about cloud assurance and cyber security within a leading UK defence company. [Apply HERE](#).

## Transport & Logistics Apprenticeships

- Got a passion for luxury cars, or trains and planes?
- Or maybe you're just excited about making things happen behind the scenes.
- View and apply for various opportunities [HERE](#).

Mrs C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





## APPRENTICESHIPS WITH BALFOUR BEATTY



Balfour Beatty offers a range of apprenticeship programmes designed to provide hands-on experience, professional development, and a pathway to a rewarding career.

### Why Choose Balfour Beatty?

- **Diverse Opportunities:** We offer apprenticeships at various levels, including Level 2, Level 3, Higher Level, and Degree Apprenticeships, across multiple disciplines.
- **Comprehensive Training:** Engage in structured programmes that combine practical experience with academic learning, ensuring you gain the skills and knowledge needed to excel.
- **Career Progression:** Our apprenticeships are designed to pave the way for exciting opportunities and career advancement within the company.

### Current Opportunities

Applications are now open for our 2025 intake, including roles such as:

- **Business Administrator Apprenticeship:** Develop essential administrative skills in a dynamic environment.
- **CAD Technician Apprenticeship:** Gain expertise in computer-aided design to contribute to innovative projects.
- **Digital Project Delivery Engineer Apprenticeship:** Be at the forefront of digital project management and delivery.
- **Health, Safety & Wellbeing Advisor Apprenticeship:** Promote and manage health and safety protocols across our projects.
- **Quantity Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship:** Combine academic study with practical experience to manage project finances effectively.

[Apply now](#)


Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# APPRENTICESHIPS WITH SIEMENS

SIEMENS

NATIONAL  
APPRENTICESHIP  
WEEK 2025



## New year, new role.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

We have multiple roles across the UK in our apprenticeship, intern placement and student programmes.

APPLY NOW

**Apprenticeships**

- A range of Apprenticeships from level 3 to degree level
- Master the skills you'll need to shape the future
- Earn while you learn

Find out more >


**Internships**

- Summer placements
- 12 month internships
- Experience life at Siemens to help with your degree and future career

Find out more >

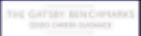
## We're scrapping the CV!


We believe skills can be developed, and potential can be nurtured. We're not so interested in what you've done – we care most about who you are and what you can do. Your CV will not be seen by a hiring manager until after the selection process.



Find out more

siemens.co.uk/earlycareers





Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

From Monday 10th February to Sunday 16th February it was National Apprenticeship Week. There are lots of different resources that you can use to learn more about apprenticeships and what they can offer.



## Apprenticeships are for everyone

### Types of apprenticeships

There are four apprenticeship levels with different entry requirements, leading to different qualifications.

[Find out which one is for you.](#)



## Finding an apprenticeship

So now you know what apprenticeships are – but how do you keep up to date with the most relevant opportunities?

[Check out these 5 ways to stay in the know.](#)



## Webinar - Using Find an Apprenticeship to search and apply

**27th February 2025, 3.30PM**

Join us in this webinar as we discover the new features on the site, including an enhanced application portal.

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

## Get Ready To Apply For Apprenticeships

Wondering where to start? Use this 10 step checklist to get 'application ready' so as soon as you see an apprenticeship that you are interested in you feel equipped to apply quickly and effectively. Please [click here](#) to start getting ready to apply!

## The Ultimate Application Toolkit

Discover everything you need to land a role, from CVs to psychometric tests and interviews. Get the toolkit [HERE](#).

## 2025 Best Paying Apprenticeship Sectors

From banking and engineering to accountancy and law, launch your career with one of the highest paying apprenticeships in the UK. Read more [HERE](#).

## Application Guide

This guide will help you to prepare for the application process and be ready to show you are the right person for the role you want. This guide explores key information to include in your application forms, CV's, cover letters, assessments, interviews and much more! Access the guide [HERE](#).



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

## For Parents and Carers



The Parent Zone is designed to help you support your child through their apprenticeship and technical education journey.

Discover the answers to the most commonly asked questions from parents, and explore rapid read guides that cover 'Apprenticeship levels', 'What is a degree apprenticeship?' and more!  
Explore all things apprenticeships and technical education in Choices magazine, a monthly parent and carer guide.

You can also listen to the Parent Perspective Podcast to hear from our host Rachel Burden about a range of interesting topics, such as 'post-16 options', 'keeping an open mind' and 'what support is available?'.

Explore these brilliant resources in the Parent Zone: <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/>



- [www.instituteofapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards](http://www.instituteofapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards) Here you can find a list of all the current apprenticeship standards (i.e. available training paths).
- [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch) This is a link to the government's FREE apprenticeship matching service, basically a vacancy database for apprenticeships in England. Your teen can register for free to save searches etc. as well as apply to any vacancies they are interested in
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) offers not just information about university, but also on apprenticeships, including a database for vacancies (it focuses on higher and degree apprenticeships only).
- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) has some good resources to help you support your teen under the "influencer" section
- [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk) a website with reviews on employers and apprenticeships, useful articles, and some vacancies.
- Social Media in general can be a useful resource to research possible employers and find vacancies. LinkedIn is probably the most "professional" platform, but others can be useful too, there are some Apprenticeship Facebook groups for example that could be worth exploring.
- And if your teen is ready to start applying, some useful tips for writing a CV [www.youthemployment.org.uk/write-first-cv-tips-students-school-leavers/](http://www.youthemployment.org.uk/write-first-cv-tips-students-school-leavers/)

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





# THE SIXTH FORMERS' GUIDE TO DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS



The 2025 edition of The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is out now and is available to [read online](#).

The free 100-page digital guide includes full details of how degree apprenticeships not only offer an [earn-as-you-learn route](#) to a university degree, but also a guaranteed graduate job in many of the most sought-after careers and professions.

- [Accounting](#) - Read how the UK's top accounting & professional services firms offer masters-level degree apprenticeships that lead to becoming a chartered accountant in just 4 or 5 years.
- [Banking & Finance](#) - See how to become a fully-qualified financial services professional at one of the country's top banking groups.
- [Business & Management](#) - Find out about degree apprenticeships in project management at a global e-commerce company and store management at one of the best-known high-street retailers.
- [Engineering](#) - Hear how engineering degree apprenticeships can lead to careers many different industries, including defence, nuclear, and motor manufacturing.
- [Law](#) - Discover the top law firms that offer solicitor degree apprenticeships, which enables sixth form school-leavers to become a fully qualified solicitor in 5 years, with no university or law school fees.
- [Technology](#) - Read about the latest opportunities that technology degree apprenticeships offer in a wide range of business sectors.

The new guide includes [a foreword from Baroness Jacqui Smith](#), Minister for Skills & Apprenticeships and practical advice and guidance on [how to apply for a degree apprenticeship](#) in 2025.

There is also a special 30-minute programme to watch on The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships. It explains how degree apprenticeships provide a salaried, work-based path to a university degree or professional qualification. The programme includes interviews with current degree apprentices and senior recruiters from well-known employers, offering tips & advice on how to apply for degree apprenticeships. [Watch the programme now](#)

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

## Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

### Catch up on the Progress your Career Webinar

Access the 'Using The Levels Of Apprenticeships To Progress Your Career' ASK webinar recording [here](#), which took place last month and explored how starting as an intermediate or advanced apprentice can assist you in progressing and undertaking further apprenticeships at higher levels.

### ASK: Exploring the range of apprenticeships

Watch [this webinar](#) to hear about some of the known and lesser-known apprenticeship job roles, the different industries and how to explore the different apprenticeship routes to find the right apprenticeship for you.

### Find an Apprenticeship Webinar

Join this webinar to discover the new features on Find an Apprenticeship, including an enhanced application portal. With more than 20,000 vacancies advertised each year, the platform provides a free of charge way to search and apply for apprenticeships throughout England.

**Date:** Thursday 27th February 2025

**Time:** 15:30 – 16:00

Please register to join and receive the recording by clicking [HERE](#).

### Meet the Employer on the Amazing Apprenticeship Website

There are over 15 Meet the Employer profiles! Explore the skills employers look for in their apprentices and learn about application processes, help and support available and apprentice experiences. You can identify employers who have a profile by the heart icon on the Higher & Degree listing. To view all of the latest new profiles, please [click here](#).

### FREE Resource - LinkedIn for students: hints tips and guidance

Watch the recorded webinar [HERE](#).

### FREE Resource - How to Smash your interview

Watch the recorded webinar [HERE](#).

### Unifrog - Meet the Students Fair - Wednesday 26th March

Calling all Year 10 to 12 students who are interested in university! If your students have any questions about what university life is really like, there's no-one better placed to answer than current undergraduate students.

By joining our 'Meet the Students' virtual fair, they'll attend live sessions hosted by both students and admissions staff, and be able to chat directly with students from 30 universities about accommodation, societies, lectures and classes, living away from home, or anything else that could influence their university choices. Sign up [HERE](#).

### How did Unifrog help these alumni?

Meet two Unifrog alumni who took different paths after school and college. Fred is now an apprentice with Waterman Group and Reuben is a second year student at the University of Nottingham. Watch [HERE](#).



### Careers with Animals - FREE event with College of Animal Welfare

Saturday, March 1 - 10am - 3pm

Get tickets [HERE](#).



### Maths Meets Medicine: Exploring Careers in the Pharmaceutical Industry

**Date:** Tuesday 11th March 2025 5pm

This webinar is designed for students, parents and teachers from Year 9 - Year 13, and anyone interested in learning how mathematics plays a critical role in the pharmaceutical industry.

The session aims to inspire young minds and educators with insights into the interdisciplinary world where math and healthcare intersect.

Book [HERE](#).

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

## Webinars, videos, live events and other resources


### All You Need To Know About AWE Nuclear Security Technologies – For Year 10 (In-Person)


Join us for this taster day designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of AWE Nuclear Security Technologies' apprenticeship opportunities and how they can shape future career paths.

Our aim is to ensure all attendees leave with a clear awareness of the apprenticeship roles opening in 2025/26 and the qualifications required to succeed.

The day will feature an overview of AWE's apprenticeship programme, highlighting the diverse roles, levels, and benefits available. Students will also gain insight into the representation of AWE's Skills Academy, which plays a pivotal role in equipping apprentices with the skills and experience needed to thrive in their careers.

#### Event Details<sup>12</sup><sub>34</sub>:

 Date: Friday 21st February

 Time: 10:00 – 12:00


Book [HERE](#).


### Ace Your Applications With Deutsche Bank


Are you a year 13 student or already left school in London or the South East and interested in tech?

This session will be supporting students who have already applied to Deutsche Bank through the later stages of the application process. It will include a focus on the video interview and assessment day stages, as well as understanding commercial awareness. You will also hear from an apprentice about how they prepared for their final interview.

#### Event Details<sup>12</sup><sub>34</sub>:

 Date: Wednesday 26 February

 Time: 18:00 – 19:00

 Location: Virtual

Register Now [HERE](#).



### PwC Virtual Insight Session – Application Skills

Join us for an engaging session designed to help Year 11 and 12 students build essential application skills and enhance their employability.

Discover practical tips to help you stand out when applying for work experience, apprenticeships, or other early career opportunities.

Find out more about PwC's Virtual Insight Programme and how it offers valuable work experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms.

Additionally, hear from current participants about their experiences and get the chance to ask your questions.

#### Event Details<sup>12</sup><sub>34</sub>:

 Date: Thursday 27 February 2025

 Time: 18:00 – 19:00

 Location: Virtual

Register Now [HERE](#).

### Met Office Virtual Application Clinic

Calling all Year 11, 12, and 13 students!

Join us for a special webinar where you'll receive expert guidance on how to navigate the Met Office application process.

The Met Office is the UK's national weather service, providing world-leading climate, weather, and environmental services. It plays a crucial role in protecting lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure through its data and forecasts.

This event aims to promote the wide range of opportunities available at the Met Office, with an emphasis on inclusivity and supporting students from diverse backgrounds.

#### Event Details<sup>12</sup><sub>34</sub>:

 Date: Tuesday 04 March

 Time: 18:00 – 19:00

 Location: Virtual

Register [HERE](#).



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





**Young Mambos**  
Inspiring change

# YOUNG MAMBOS

## CAREERS AND GUIDANCE

### DROP-IN SESSIONS

Scan to book  
an  
appointment







YOUNG MAMBOS CAREERS AND GUIDANCE DROP-IN SESSIONS

**“ENSURING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EMPOWERED WITH AN EFFECTIVE CAREER PATHWAY WITH THE SUPPORT OF PROFESSIONAL AND QUALIFIED STAFF”**

WEDNESDAY 19TH  
FEBRUARY 2025

THURSDAY 20TH  
FEBRUARY 2025

FRIDAY 21ST  
FEBRUARY 2025

10am - 2pm

30 minute allocated time slots

From 10:00 till 12:00 virtual appointments available upon request  
12:00 - 14:00 face to face

Contact: [Youngmamboscic.org](http://Youngmamboscic.org)      Tel: 07539013924

---

THE OBSERVATORY CASTLE HILL DRIVE,  
EBBSFLEET VALLEY, SWANSCOMBE,  
ENGLAND, DA10 1EE

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





# Join our Youth Ambassador Forum

**Aged 16-19? Studying a construction or engineering related course? Help shape our project and our future workforce by joining the Lower Thames Crossing Youth Ambassador Forum.**

**Members of the Lower Thames Crossing Youth Forum will also guide us in engaging with local young people across Kent, Essex and Greater London as the voice of the next generation of industry specialists and road users.**

**As the voice of the next generation of industry specialists and road users you will:**

- Guide us in engaging with local young people across Kent, Essex and Greater London
- Gain visibility of early careers opportunities
- Access mentoring and networking opportunities and learn from our Senior Leadership Team
- Feed into project decision making that impacts young people in your area
- Get help writing your CV and Interview guidance



Fill out an application form here:

Lower Thames Crossing Youth Ambassador Forum



[www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk](http://www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk)



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



# AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGE 14+

Dreaming of a career in aviation? The Air League's 2025 Aviation Scholarship Programme is here! Whether you aspire to be a pilot, engineer, air traffic controller, or work in aviation, this is your chance to kickstart your journey.

## Key Dates:

Applications are open now and close on Sunday, 30th March.

Scholarships Available:

- Gliding Scholarships (ages 14+) – Includes £500 gliding bursary that can be used in the Skills section of a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Flying Scholarships (ages 16+).
- Electric Flying Scholarships.

Courses are held across the UK, with accommodation for recipients over 18 who live far from training centres. To apply for a Scholarship, students must be a member of the Air League, which costs £30 per year. This grants them access to 100+ Scholarship opportunities, volunteering opportunities, and events such as networking receptions, dinners and industry tours and visits:

<https://airleague.co.uk/individual-membership>

## Learn More:

Flying Scholarships: <https://airleague.co.uk/flying-scholarships>

Gliding Scholarships: <https://airleague.co.uk/gliding-scholarships>

Electric Flying Scholarships: <https://airleague.co.uk/our.../electricflyingscholarships>

**Webinar:** Join us on Wednesday, 19th February at 5pm for tips on applying and a Q&A session. Register here: <https://airleague.co.uk/.../2025-scholarships-information...>



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Insight day with National Trust

**Application deadline: 23rd February 2025**

**Ages: 16 - 19**

**19th March 2025 - 19th March 2025**

Applications are open for the virtual insight day with National Trust for 16-19 year-olds. The placement is open to nationwide, but the National Trust site running it is Bateman's and Bodiam Castle so it will be particularly relevant to young people in East Sussex and Kent.

There are many opportunities on offer in the National Trust and events and marketing are key areas. This opportunity will give you an insight into the process from event design through to marketing the event. You will learn;

- the importance of linking events to the property
- the limitations of events in heritage properties
- different ways of marketing
- marketing techniques to reach your audiences

**Apply [HERE](#)**

### Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 11 or 12 searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

**Register [HERE](#).**



### Consultancy Careers Insight Day with AlixPartners

**Tue, 18 Feb - AlixPartners Offices - London**

AlixPartners is a global consulting firm that helps healthy and underperforming companies create value – and preserve it. Come along to learn about how businesses really work!

**\*\*FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS ONLY\*\***

If you have an interest in Business, Finance, Economics or you would like find out and understand how businesses work, come along to our Careers Insight Day hosted by AlixPartners, based in the City of London, to find out.

**Register [HERE](#)**



### Work Experience Opportunities at British Airways

Speedbird-Z is our dedicated student website. This is where you can chat to our digital mentors and complete the work experience pre-learning modules, designed to give you a taste of the different departments within British Airways.

After you've completed the pre-learning content and project work, you'll be able to apply for a placement. Links to apply are featured in the learning modules.

After completing your placement, you'll also have the opportunity to join our voluntary Student Ambassador programme. The programme is a three-day training course designed to develop confidence in promoting British Airways opportunities in the student community.

**Sign up [HERE](#)**

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



## OPPORTUNITIES WITH MEDIC MENTOR

This year Medic Mentor are excited to offer a series of events designed specifically to provide an insight into medicine and dentistry for students in Year 9 to Year 12:

- New Virtual Medical Work Experience - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- New Virtual Dental Work Experience - Paediatric & Dental Surgery
- Virtual Medical Society Webinar - Nutrition and Hydration Week & Career's Week
- Virtual Dental Society Webinar - Braces VS Aligners
- Free Virtual Get Into Medicine conference
- Free Virtual Get Into Dentistry conference

To access these experiences, students need to register for one of the upcoming Get Into conferences.

### For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Sunday 23rd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 1st March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

### For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

- Saturday 22nd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

### During the conference, students can:

- Interact with doctors/dentists LIVE and hear from current medical or dental students
- Gain insight into medically/dentally inclined extracurricular activities to enhance their skills
- Learn where and how to secure valuable work experience
- Updates to the UCAT Entrance Exam
- Strategically selecting universities
- Crafting compelling personal statements
- Navigating the medical and dental school interview process
- Curating extra and supra-curricular activities that are directly related to medicine or dentistry
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine or dentistry at university.



Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





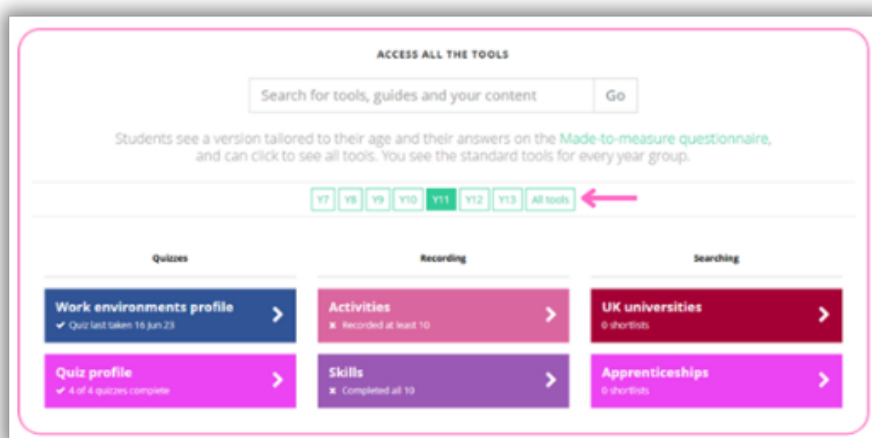
# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UNIFROG



## Improvements to the Homepage

We've made a few updates to the student homepage based on your feedback.

- **Tool list:** The homepage now remembers the last-viewed tab if you stay signed in. The student side retains the view of either the 'Your tools' or 'All tools' tab, while the teacher side retains the last year group viewed.
- **Quiz profile:** This is now accessible directly from the list of tools on the student homepage, making it easier to access all the quizzes as well as the profile itself.
- **Destinations:** Previously, the destinations tool was only visible partway through the year. Now Y13 students can access this tool from the start of the academic year.



## New Course - interdisciplinary learning

Interdisciplinary learning combines knowledge and skills from multiple areas to understand and solve problems that are too complicated for a single subject.

As our world grows more complex, the interdisciplinary learning approach is becoming more popular at university, and could be an interesting pathway for curious students to explore!

This Unifrog course is co-written by the University of Edinburgh. Students will be introduced to interdisciplinary thinking and global challenges that this could help, like biodiversity and wealth distribution.



Preview the course [HERE](#).

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



## PARENTS AND CARERS

We have included below some information received over the last term.  
We hope you find it useful.

### Choices Magazine - February Parent and Carer Guide - Download [HERE](#).

Welcome to the February edition of Choices Magazine.

Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education!

We've revamped our popular Parents' and Carers' Pack with a fresh new look, exciting features and loads of useful content.



### The Parents Guide To...

Please see links below to some apprentice-themed articles:

- [The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2025](#)
- [Is an apprenticeship the right choice for your child?](#)
- [Introducing apprenticeships: a great pathway to career success](#)
- [Support and help for apprentices with a learning difficulty or disability](#)
- [How to help your child apply for an apprenticeship – the application process](#)
- [How to help your child prepare for an apprenticeship interview](#)
- [Getting a degree - is an apprenticeship or university the right choice for your child?](#)

### A-Z of Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships have created an updated version of the A-Z of Apprenticeship Standards, showcasing hundreds of apprenticeship standards! This list, organised alphabetically by routes, helps you to explore the different apprenticeship standards available. Please find the most up to date version available [HERE](#).

### How to search and apply for apprenticeships

The January webinar session for the ASK L&D programme explored 'how to search and apply for apprenticeships'. Watch the recording for a step-by-step guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including Find an Apprenticeship, and tips for the application process. To catch up on the recording, please click [HERE](#).

### Cheerful Careers

If you haven't watched it yet, [here is the replay](#) link to the apprenticeship webinar from a couple of weeks ago.



### What are the Gatsby Benchmarks and why are they important?

In short, the Gatsby Benchmarks are one of the major influences on how we prepare young people in schools and colleges for the world of work. Read more [HERE](#).

Ms C Jordan (Leader of Careers - all through and Personal Development – secondary), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)

