Future NE 2024/20



2024/2025 TERM 1. ISSUE 18





Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to the Term 1 edition of the newly named, "Flourish in the Future Newsletter".

This edition of the newsletter will bring you up to date with what has and will be taking place in the world of Careers and Personal Development, as well as our regular features such as, "University - what's going on ?", "It's Your Future - Plan it !!!"

As usual we have provided lots of information and resources to help students / teaching staff and to help you support your child with their career exploration and in addition we have included a feature on KentChoices for those in year 11 who will soon be making applications for their post-16 choices. We have also included information on some exciting new changes to the student homepage on Unifrog. As many of our year 12 students are starting to apply for part time jobs, there is a page dedicated to interview tips and tricks.

If you have any other questions regarding Careers or Personal Development, please feel free to email: hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk or 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 DevelopmentTeam

GATSBY CAREER BENCHMARKS

	A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded
1		programme of career education and guidance that is known
		and understood by students, parents, teachers, governors and
		employers.
	Learning from career and	Every student, and their parents, should have access to good
2	labour market information	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.
	Addressing the needs of each	Students have different career guidance needs at different
	student	stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be
3		tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers
		programme should embed equality and diversity
		considerations throughout
	Linking curriculum learning to	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM
4	careers	subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM
4		subjects for a wide range of future career paths.
	Encounters with employers and	Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from
	employees	employers about work, employment and the skills that are
5		valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of
		enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and
		enterprise schemes.
	Experiences of workplaces	Every student should have first-hand experiences of the
6		workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work
		experience to help their exploration of career opportunities
		and expand their networks.
	Encounters with further and	All students should understand the full range of learning
7	higher education	opportunities that are available to them. This includes both
		academic and vocational routes and learning in schools,
	-	colleges, universities and in the workplace.
	Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance
8		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 Gastby Benchmarks.

Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks





A MESSAGE FROM MS JORDAN Leader of Careers and Personal Development

I am delighted to welcome you again to the Careers Journey at Saint George's. As ever we have many events for our students to support them in their decision making for Post 16 and 18 as well as to develop the employability skills needed for the future. You can find details of a plan for the year <u>here</u>.

Every Friday, Mrs Hallam will send out the link to the latest bulletin which is a treasure trove of work experiences, webinars, apprenticeships, university information for both students and parents/carers. You can find the link here.

Year 10 and Year 12 students are currently beginning the process of applying for work experience and gaining valuable skills in both resilience and communicating with employers. If you think you may be able to offer a work placement please add your company details <u>here</u>.

We have three careers shows over the course of the year for students in years 3-13, as well as Futures Days for years 9, 10, 12 and 13. If you are able to support any of these events as a guest speaker or participate in employer networking events please add your details <u>here</u>.

We have so many of our current students who proudly tell me that their older siblings or parents and even grandparents attended our school. If you would like to join our alumni please click <u>here</u> and we hope to plan a special event for our former students in the near future.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to helping your child flourish in the future.

Kind regards

Ms Claudia Jordan

Leader of Careers and Personal Development - all through





13th December 2024



SAINT GEORGE'S C of E School INVITE YOU TO THEIR CAREERS SHOW 13th December 2024 from 8am to 12:10pm

CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR CAREERS SHOW?



Evidence shows that children start to form ideas about their future as they start primary school.

Join us at our upcoming School Careers
Show and inspire the next generation!

We're seeking exhibitors from a wide range of industries to engage with our students in Year 7 and our primary phase. By introducing young people to diverse career paths early, we can help break down barriers. challenge stereotypes and improve their future outcomes.

Your participation will provide invaluable insights and open doors to opportunities for our students from all backgrounds. Help shape their aspirations, and make a lasting impact on their future success. We would love you to attend!

If you can support, please contact: hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk
Meadow Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7LS



Flourish in the Future

YEAR 11-13 CAREERS SHOW











On the 2nd October we kicked off the year of careers events with our first Careers Show for Years 11-13! A massive thank you to everyone - students, staff, and over 25 industry professionals - for making it a success. Our students explored diverse career paths, from tech to creative arts, and engaged with enthusiasm.

Special thanks to our amazing exhibitors for sharing their expertise! We couldn't have done it without you!









Aletheia Academies Trust, BAE Systems, Border Force, British College of Osteopathic Medicine
Clarence Place Wealth Management, Darent Valley Hospital, Department for Work and Pension, Ebbsfleet United Football Club, ER
Productions, Escape Studios, Hitachi Solutions Europe, IPS International Ltd, Kent County Council- Gravesend and Dartford Community
Services, Kent Police, National Grid, North Kent College, Pine Brae Beauty Salon, Russell Court Nursing Home, SOAS University of London,
Staffordshire University London, Stantons Solicitors, Teesside University London, The Rochester Bridge Trust, University for the Creative Arts,
University of Essex, University of Greenwich, University of Kent





PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSEMBLIES AND TALKS



Year 6, 7 and 8 Hate Crime Awareness

During National Hate Crime Awareness Week, Kent Police delivered an impactful assembly to students in years 6-8, focusing on the importance of understanding and preventing hate crime. The officers addressed students about the different forms of hate crime. including those based on race, religion, gender, disability, and sexual orientation, and emphasized the need for inclusivity and respect within the community. They highlighted the legal consequences of such offences and the emotional harm they cause to victims, encouraging students to report any incidents they witness or experience. The assembly aimed to foster a culture of tolerance and empathy, reinforcing Kent Police's commitment to tackling hate crime.

Year 13 - Student Finance Talk

The Year 13s were fortunate to have a seminar run by the University of Kent regarding student finance. They undertook group tasks and had the opportunity to ask questions. This session will help the Year 13 students to make an informed decision about their Post 18 options and whether university is the right choice for them.



Year 12 KCC Drive Safe

The Year 12s began a five part course on being a safe driver & passenger. The course has been designed by Kent County Council. The first session was on hazard perception. They will complete the course throughout the year.



Year 12 - Dialogue not Debate

Mrs Parrales has started her skills for effective dialogue sessions with Year 12 students.

By opening up dialogue about controversial issues, we want to support students to QUERY...

Q uestion & challenge with sensitivity and empathy

U nderstand others and themselves

E nable & encourage a heightened awareness of the impact of context

R espect & value diversity and difference

Y es to dialogue!

YuniTasterDays

UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

Top 10 things to do on an Open Day - a checklist for parents and carers

Click HERE.

Canterbury Christ Church University - Canterbury Campus Open Day

Join us on 16 November at our Canterbury Campus and find out what makes Canterbury Christ Church University such a great place to study. Book you place <u>HERE</u>.

Six steps to applying to university

Applying to university can seem a difficult and confusing process at first. But don't worry. We're here to help guide you through the process so you can successfully send off your application without getting too stressed! Click <u>HERE</u> to read more.



Medway School of Arts

Medway School of Arts offers those living in Kent and Medway the opportunity to study creative qualifications in the picturesque Historic Dockyard Chatham.

Choose to study a Foundation Diploma, HNC or Foundation Degree in a range of disciplines including Fashion, Media, Fine Art and Graphic Design.

Whether you aspire to be an artist, fashion designer, graphic designer, photographer or makeup and hair artist for the arts, our experienced tutors will help you every step of the way. To register for one of the open days, click the images below:





What will you study at uni?

With loads of unis and undergraduate courses in the UK, finding your perfect course can be a hassle. Luckily, we've got plenty of ways to help you in your search to find a university course.

- Know what sort of course you want? Pop it into the search bar up there and check out all the unis across the county that have those courses.
- Need a little inspiration? Take a look at the subject areas below, find a course that looks interesting and see the top unis that offer it.
- Thinking about your career? We have a snazzy <u>Career</u>
 <u>Matcher</u> that can help you figure out what you'd need to
 study to get your dream job.

UniTasterDays - Subject Guide Videos

- These impartial videos have one key aim. To support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.
- https://www.unitasterdays.com/university-subject-guidevideos/

The Uni Guide Podcast: UCAS applications for 2025 entry are now open. It might seem early, but we're celebrating with a new podcast featuring Unifrog, offering top tips for students applying for 2025 entry. Listen on all leading streaming platforms or HERE

Event discount platform: Explore a new searchable database of universities offering financial support for attending events like open days. Find travel bursaries, hotel deals, free parking, and more <u>HERE</u>

Events: Search hundreds of events using the <u>event search tool</u>. Featured events include Northeastern University London's <u>virtual taster lectures</u> and the upcoming Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art, and Motion Graphics Taster at Escape Studios.

Queen Mary University of London - Journey to Higher Education

A series of webinars designed to support students from KS4 and KS5 understand the journey to higher education. https://www.qmul.ac.uk/outreach/students/webinars-and-student-panels-/



COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON

Are you Open Day Read?

Going to a School, College, 6th Form, or University Open Day? Check out our "killer questions" so you're best prepared for the event...

https://www.cxk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Are-you-Open-Day-Ready.pdf



North Kent College November Open Event 2024 – Tonbridge Campus - 5th November 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Our open events are a wonderful opportunity to explore our programmes, apprenticeships and professional courses.

Please note that Motor Vehicle, Motor Sport, Motor Cycle and Carpentry and Joinery workshops can be viewed ONLY on Saturday, 9th November at Hadlow College from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. You will unfortunately NOT be able to see the facilities at Tonbridge open evening but will be able to speak to a tutor about these courses.

Register HERE.

North Kent College - School Leavers' Guide 25/26

Click the image below to order the School Leavers' Guide for 2025/26.

NOTE RENT SCHOOL LEGY For School Legyers 2025/26 Individed 8 through 16 through

Keep up-to-date with North Kent College

If you would like to keep up-to-date with everything NKC click <u>HERE</u>.

MidKent College Open Days



Maidstone Campus

6th November 2024 3:30pm to 7pm https://www.midkent.ac.uk/news/events/event/44-novemberopen-event

Medway Campus

13th November 2024 3:30pm to 7pm https://www.midkent.ac.uk/news/events/event/46-novemberopen-event

Medway Campus

23rd November 2024 10am to 1pm https://www.midkent.ac.uk/news/events/event/45-novemberopen-event

Maidstone Campus

30th November 2024 10am to 1pm https://www.midkent.ac.uk/news/events/event/43-novemberopen-event

MidKent College News

If you're thinking about studying Health & Social Care, but want to know more about what it's like to study at MidKent College, how it's different from school and what you can progress to at the end of your programme, Faith has the insider info for you!

She's progressed from Level 1 Health & Social Care right up to Level 3 and is headed to university this September to study Midwifery. Read more <u>HERE</u>.

Football and Education Post-16 Academies

Charlton Athletic Community Trust's (CACT) Post-16 Football and Education Academy is aimed at boys and girls aged 16-19 who are interested in combining their education with the life of a professional footballer. It is a two-year, full-time education and football development programme delivered in partnership with our education provider <u>SCL</u>. We offer Sports Diploma or Alevel options.

To read more and see a list of open days, click HERE.





APPPRENTICESHIPS

New FREE Digital Book: Degree Apprenticeship Application Guide featuring Accenture, Microsoft and Rolls-Royce Access the guide <u>HERE</u>.

Check out the Success at School Apprenticeship page It is updated weekly with new roles from some of the UK's top employers.

You can search for something specific, or filter by Career Zone (Industry), Job Type (such as Intermediate or Degree Apprenticeship) and Location. Explores jobs <u>HERE</u>.

New Guide to Find an Apprenticeship website

You may have noticed the Find an apprenticeship website has had a refresh, with many new exciting features and functions

The registration process has also changed, with a new authentication requirement when you log in.

This brand-new guide provides step-by-step support to set up an account. Use it to support students or individuals to create an account and start searching and applying for apprenticeships today. Download it now <u>HERE</u>.



October Higher & Degree Listing

The latest edition of the listing is now available, with the details of hundreds of apprenticeship vacancies from employers across the country. Expect vacancies from the BBC, Bank of America, British Army, Morrisons, Troup Bywaters + Anders and many more. Access <u>HERE</u>.

Amazing Apprenticeships Vacancies Newsletter

Sign up to this new free mailing list and we'll keep you regularly updated with a variety of interesting roles from a wide range of brilliant apprenticeship employers - and nothing else. Sign up <u>HERE</u>.

Rate My Apprenticeship - Ambassador Programme

RateMyApprenticeship is thrilled to announce Applications are open for our Apprenticeship Ambassador programme

This is an opportunity for students to boost their social media skills, network with the UK's biggest brands and be part of a community, plus they'll earn £13 an hour, all whilst still at school or college.

As an Apprenticeship Ambassador, your role is to promote the companies' apprenticeship programmes, events, and opportunities through your social media platforms and school networks.

To become an Apprenticeship Ambassador, here's how to apply:

- · Answer a few quick questions
- We will review your answers
- One of our friendly team will get in touch with all successful applicants to arrange a video interview.
- Apply HERE.



THE JOB YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

The Apprenticeship Accelerator is back

We've got two bumper virtual sessions filled with Q&As, panel discussions and a truckload of prizes to be won.

Part I - What, actually, is an apprenticeship?

- Explore the world of apprenticeships, what they are and how to nab one. Plus, get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the daily lives of apprentices.
- Thursday 28th November 2024 5:00 7:00pm

Part II - How to land your dream job

- Find out what employers really want and how to wow them in applications. Plus, gain tips for a successful career taking you from student to apprentice to manager.
- Thursday 30th January 2025 5:00 7:00pm

Register HERE.

Careers Team: Ms C Jordan (Careers Lead), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Miss A Cocks (Year 11 and 10), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)



APPPRENTICESHIPS

JOIN OUR FREE STUDENT PROGRAMME!



YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS

JOIN THE 54,000 STUDENTS WE HAVE ON OUR PROGRAMME AND ACCESS:



THE PATHWAY PROGRAMME

- ✓ FREE EMPLOYER EVENTS
- √ 1:2:1 APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION SUPPORT
- ✓ EMPLOYABILITY RESOURCES
- ✓ DIRECT ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES
- **VIDEO LIBRARY**



Did you know?

You are **4 X** more likely to get an apprenticeship by coming through our programme! See for yourself and sign up today!













Careers Team: Ms C Jordan (Careers Lead), Miss M Pye (Sixth Form), Mrs S Lane (Assistant Head Teacher), Miss A Cocks (Year 11 and 10), Mrs A Hallam (Careers Coordinator)





YEAR 11 - POST-16 OPEN DAYS / EVENINGS

Year 11 don't forget to start thinking about your Post 16 choices by visiting open days / evenings.

Please look on Kent Choices, on the **EVENTS** page, for venues and dates.

https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/events

Please also come and see the display board outside the careers room - room 14.



Check out <u>this short video guide</u> to support you with the process of adding a personal statement to your KentChoices account.

Student Guides

https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/resources/detail/student-guides-to-using-kentchoices-671

Parent and Carer Resources

https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/resources/detail/parent-and-carer-resources-668



NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR A-LEVEL SUBJECTS?





Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

Success at School - Upcoming Webinars A Day in the life of an IBM Apprenticeship

12th November 2024 at 6:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

All About Army Foundation College Harrogate (AFC)

19th November 2024 at 6:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

PwC - Virtual Classroom - Exploring your careers options

- degree programmes

21st November 2024 at 4:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

The future is female STEM careers at BP

26th November 2024 at 6:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

PwC - Virtual Classroom - Looking ahead to your career options: Apprenticeships

28th November 2024 at 4:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

A Day in the life of an account apprentice

3rd December 2024 at 6:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

Accountancy and Finance application materclass

10th December 2024 at 6:30pm Register <u>HERE</u>.

Employment Opportunities at South Eastern Railway

Welcome back! We hope you had a good summer. Find out about one of Britain's busiest train operators, employment opportunities and the range of benefits available. Download the newsletter <u>HERE</u>.



NHS England South East Allied Health Professionals Insight Event 24th October 2024 at 6pm

Are you a student in Year 10 to Year 13, a parent, or a teacher in the South East? Passionate about healthcare and considering a career?

Don't miss this chance to gain valuable insights and kickstart your journey! Register <u>HERE</u>.



PwC Taster Day: Explore Your Future Career Journey 31st October 2024 - 10am to 3pm at the PwC Office in London

Are you Yr 13 female student of black heritage and interested in working for a leading global firm?

Dive into the world of PwC with this exciting taster day designed to give black heritage students a comprehensive overview of the diverse career opportunities available. Register <u>HERE</u>.

Accountancy with ACCA

Accountancy opens the door to a wide range of career opportunities, both inside and outside of the finance function. Whilst it might seem like it's just about numbers and spreadsheets, there's so much more to it.

- <u>T Level in Accountancy</u>
- ACCA Apprenticeships
- Foundations in Accountancy
- ACCA Qualification

4th December at 6:30pm come and learn about career options in accountancy beyond just numbers. For parents, guardians, and students, with insights from professionals on guiding young people into this field - hosted by ACCA. Register <u>HERE</u>.



Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

Join PwC in 2025. Applications are now open

We're delighted to let you know that applications for our <u>school and college</u> leaver opportunities starting in 2025 are now open and we have many routes for you to join us.

If you're looking for opportunities to join us straight from school or college, our full-time <u>school and college</u> <u>leaver programmes</u> are designed to help you develop your business skills through real client work, while also completing formal training and studying towards qualifications.

Perhaps you're looking for an opportunity where you can gain a degree and begin your career. Our <u>Flying Start degree programmes</u> offer you the opportunity to kickstart your career and go to university.



Short Courses with Springpod for students who are unsure about University

Apprenticeships Unlocked

- Are you thinking about applying for an apprenticeship but don't know what to expect? Take this short course and see if it's the right pathway for you!
- Access <u>HERE</u>.

Higher Technical Qualifications Unlocked

- Are you thinking about applying for a Higher Technical Qualification but don't know what to expect? Take this short course and see if it's the right pathway for you!
- Access HERE.



Access Apprenticeship's new series of webinars

Access Apprenticeship's new series of webinars is specifically designed for students and young professionals. They aim to provide young people with the insights and guidance they need to excel in today's dynamic industries. Upcoming industries are; September - Accounting, October - Civil Engineering and November - Project Management. Read more and register here.



Unifrog - New course on sustainability for students in Year 10-13 In case you missed it, there's now two versions of the short course 'An introduction to offshore wind'. The beginner level course is suitable for Year 10 and 11 students, whereas the advanced level course is for Year 12 and 13.

Fantastic course if you are interested in sustainability, renewable energy, or engineering! You'll learn about the life cycle of a wind farm and the history of wind energy. You can also choose to be put in touch with RenewableUK (the sponsor of the course) to learn about relevant future opportunities.

Click **HERE** to access the course.



Introducing the National Saturday Club

Across the UK, the National Saturday Club gives 13 to 16-year-olds the opportunity to study subjects they love for free at their local university, college or cultural space. It provides a unique chance for young people to build their skills, develop their confidence, and discover pathways to further study and future careers.

Find your local club and apply HERE.





BAE Systems Women in Engineering Apprentice Insight Experience



Discover pathways to STEM success with our insight experiences

We're one of the UK's leading STEM employers, bringing together 45,700 professionals nationwide across engineering, aeronautics, technology, procurement, project management and many more. Like you, we're passionate about helping young people embrace STEM subjects and discover careers in engineering and technology.

Together we can inspire bright minds from all backgrounds to access opportunities in our industry. At BAE Systems we serve, supply and protect those who serve and protect us – and provide opportunities for our 5,500 apprentices and graduates in learning to find a place to build meaningful careers.

Women in Engineering Insight Experience

Our apprenticeship insight event introduces BAE Systems, engineering, and our early careers programmes.

Taking place over four days throughout January & February 2025, students will have the opportunity to learn more about us, gain hands on experience, and visit our sites. There will also be opportunities to meet our current engineering apprentices, who will provide insights into their role and share their experience. Following the experience, students could be offered a full-time position on one of our engineering apprenticeships, starting in Autumn 2025.

Everyone's welcome. We're committed to recruiting the best and most diverse talent to our team, bringing their unique insights and perspectives to build a better tomorrow.

Join us – and embrace the opportunity for a brighter, better and more secure tomorrow.

Applications close on the 31st October 2021

There are a limited number of slots, scan the QR code to apply





ER Productions Student Open Days



To reserve your place <u>HERE</u> is a link to the registration form Those over 16 can attend individually

Students should only attend if they have a genuine desire to find out more about the live events industry



WORK EXPERIENCE



Virtual Work Experience - EDF

- On 10th June, EDF launched a virtual work experience programme for anyone aged 14+ and based in the UK. There are over 6 hours of content including an introduction to EDF, the different energy sources and finding out about the employability skills to make applicants stand out. At the end of the programme, students will receive a certificate of completion.
- This programme is open to anyone aged 14+ based in the UK
- From an introduction to EDF to an exploration of the exciting careers you could pursue at the company - this programme will teach you it all! Dive into the importance of renewables, discover the importance of technology and innovation, and learn what employability skills will make you stand out.
- Access the EDF programme <u>HERE</u>



Browne Jacobson Virtual Law Work Experience - October Half Term Break

• Tuesday 29th October from 9am - 5pm

This event is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible line-up of speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an inhouse legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers all bases.

This event is your direct access to the brightest minds in law and a chance to gain actionable advice on how to navigate your legal career in the most competitive field. Whether you're aiming for a law firm, chambers, or an in-house role, the Browne Jacobson FAIRE Virtual Insight Event is designed to help you get there faster, smarter, and with confidence.

Reserve your spot <u>HERE</u> today and make this the careerdefining moment of your journey in law!

TUI On Demand Virtual Work Experience

This programme is open to anyone aged 14+

Overview

 Want to help people broaden their horizons? Join us on this immersive virtual work experience as you explore the exciting careers on offer at holiday and airline giant TUI.

What's Included

 Let us introduce you to TUI's brand, range of careers and culture, before you take a deep dive into specific teams and what they offer. From airline and head office positions, to digital, tech and retail roles, you'll discover all there is to know about working - and excelling - at TUI. Brush up on your skills and knowledge with a range of interactive activities and quizzes, and hear directly from TUI colleagues in this programme's Springpod Session series.

Access the TUI programme HERE.



Institution of Chemical Engineers

- This programme is open to anyone aged 13+
- There is a short Sprint (30m to 1 hour) which looks at the role of a Process Design Engineer and why hydrogen is growing in popularity as a clean, more efficient fuel. A longer experience (6 hours) which covers all the various pathways in chemical engineering.
- Access the programmes HERE.





INTERVIEWS

Have you been invited for your first job interview?

Here are some useful resources to help make you stand out from the crowd!

How to smash your interview webinar

Watch <u>this</u> on-demand webinar hosted by Dale Willis on how to absolutely smash your interview.

Interview tips

Calm your interview nerves with <u>this advice</u> on the best ways to prepare for an interview, example interview questions, tips on interview technique, practice psychometric tests, and help with phone and video interviews.

20+ common interview Q&As

These are some of the most common interview questions you will probably encounter during your job hunt, along with advice on how to answer them effectively. Because these questions appear in almost every interview, hiring managers will expect you to have your answers prepared

Top 7 Hardest Interview Q&A

What are some of the hardest interview questions, and how can you prepare for them? Before an interview, you should go over the most common questions and prepare your answers. Review them HERE.

Preparing for job interviews

Watch <u>this short You Tube video</u> to help you to prepare for interviews includes deciding what to wear, what answers to prepare, working out where the interview will be held and how you will get there.

Virtual interview tool

The Virtual Interview Practice tool aims to recreate the experience of attending an interview through digital simulation. It's a chance to prepare and get familiar with what a real interview might be like, and importantly rehearse your answers to a range of questions. Access <u>HERE</u>.

Top 5 job interview mistakes

When it comes to job interviews, first impressions really matter so make sure you plan ahead to avoid making these common interview mistakes





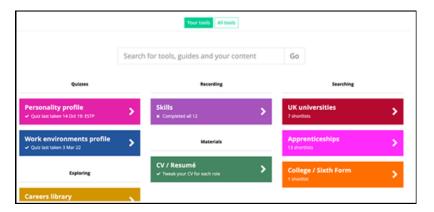
CHANGES TO UNIFROG



There have been some exciting changes to the student homepage of the Unifrog platform. Over the last 11 years, we've expanded and improved the Unifrog platform with a wide range of tools that help students find their best next step. We now have over 40 tools to support them with every step of their career guidance journey!

Given the size and scope of the Unifrog platform now, we've made some changes to the homepage to make it easier for students to get the most out of Unifrog. Students from Year 11 and up can now take a 'made-to-measure' questionnaire that helps us understand their interests:

unifrog			
	Made-to-measure questionnaire Your answers help us personalise Unifrog for you		
Which pathway(s) are you considering after you finish school? Tick all that apply.			
	University in the UK		
	An apprenticeship in the UK		
	College or Further education in the UK		
	University in the US		



Based on their responses, and the year group they're in, we'll then provide them with a tailored homepage that only contains the tools that are most relevant for them at that point in time - making their Unifrog experience easier to navigate and more useful.

If students would still prefer to see our whole range of tools, they can easily toggle across to this by clicking all tools.

For students in younger year groups (Year 10 and below), we'll automatically provide them with a customised homepage based on the year group they're in, without them needing to take a questionnaire.

Last but not least, we've added an awesome new feature that makes it easy for students to pick up things where they left off, whether that's an opportunity search or a course they've signed up to - the 'Unfinished Business' section now sits just below the tasklist.







PARENTS AND CARERS

We have included below some information received over the last term.

We hope you find it useful.

The Parent's Guide to University 2024-2025

The key higher education facts for parents and guardians. Access <u>HERE</u>.

The Parent's Guide to Green Careers Week 2024

Now in its third year, Green Careers Week will take place between 4 and 9 November 2024 to provide young people with an insight into careers that protect the environment. Access HERE.

The Next Step Magazine

The Next Step e-magazine, with information on post-16 education and careers, is now available. Preparing for your GCSEs and making decisions about your future can be daunting - but the Next Step is here to help. Aimed at Kent and Medway pupils in Year 11 who are currently studying for their GCSEs, our Next Step e-edition is full of information and ideas about what the future may hold as they prepare to make some life-changing decisions. From how to get started on the most popular career paths to choosing between college, sixth form and apprenticeships and top tips on getting the best grades, the Next Step has everything that students and parents need to know about this school year, and beyond.

Click <u>HERE</u> to get started on the Next Step and find out how to start shaping your future.

Choices Magazine - September Parent and Carer Guide

Welcome to the first 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. Download <u>HERE</u>.

Army Apprenticeships - Parent and Carer Guide

In this short guide for parents & carers, you can find a range of information about apprenticeships with the British Army. Download <u>HERE</u>.

The Parents Guide To.....

Half term is nearly here, we'd encourage teens to use part of the holiday to check over work they've done so far this year and fit in some revision - especially those who'll be taking finals in the summer. Parents can't study for their teens, but they can help them get into good habits:

- The Parents' Guide to making study easier
- The Parents' Guide to revision timetables
- The Parents' Guide to making study more interesting
- Teach your teen the skills to revise well

National university league tables have just been published, and parents might find our snapshot on <u>Understanding University League Tables</u> handy.

