



Severn Vale School  
An Academy

# Careers Newsletter

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# Apprenticeships

For information on how to find an apprenticeship you can either search via local college apprenticeship vacancy pages, individual company vacancy pages, via the national [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website or via Unifrog.

**During Y10 I feel it is a good idea to have a look at what type of apprenticeship are being advertised so that you can have a think about which ones you might be interested in applying for at the end of Y11.** Please click on the below links for more information on some local apprenticeship vacancies that are currently being advertised

**National Apprentice Show SOUTH** To find out more information about the wide variety of Apprenticeship available please take the time to sign up and attend the National Apprentice Show SOUTH on the 18<sup>th</sup> November – you will be able to attend after school up to 6pm that evening. Please use this link for more information [The National Apprenticeship Show \(vfairs.com\)](https://vfairs.com)

This event highlights Apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from Southern England's top employers and training providers!

Date: **18th November 2021**

Timings: 11am - 6pm

**Register for free by clicking the button below.**



**Register for South**

**Job of the Week:-** Did you know that you could be a 'Post person' for the NHS.... This Customer Service Practitioner level 2 apprenticeship at Gloucestershire Managed Services is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and become part of the Postal Services. The Postal Service undertakes the delivery of all internal and external mail at Cheltenham General and Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals. [Job Advert \(jobs.nhs.uk\)](https://jobs.nhs.uk)

**You can search for apprenticeships via Unifrog**

## Apprenticeships



- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

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We are extremely lucky in Gloucestershire to be served by a wide variety of colleges, all of which have different strengths and focuses. From Hartpury's Countryside Management course through to SGS's Sports Journalism BTEC, no matter what your passion there are Post-16 courses to aid you to get your dream job. Please click on the below college name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

[Cirencester College](#) – Future Friday Zoom on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October and there next openday is:-

Cirencester College	Saturday	In person	16th	October	2021	10am-3pm
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[Gloucestershire College](#) – Future Friday Zoom on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November and there next openday is:-

Gloucestershire College - All Campuses	Monday	In person	8th	November	2021	5pm-8pm
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[Hartpury College](#) – We can't wait to show you more of Hartpury to help you make decisions about your future. Our college open events are ideal for those interested in studying A-levels, a diploma or an Access to Higher Education qualification. You'll find out about Hartpury student life, and how we'll support you to develop the skills and experience you need. You'll meet course managers, support teams, current students and more.

Hartpury College	Sat	Virtual	25th	September	2021	From 9am
Hartpury College	Sat	Virtual	16th	October	2021	From 9am

[Open Days | College | Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#)

[MPCT](#) -

[Stage Door Learning](#) -

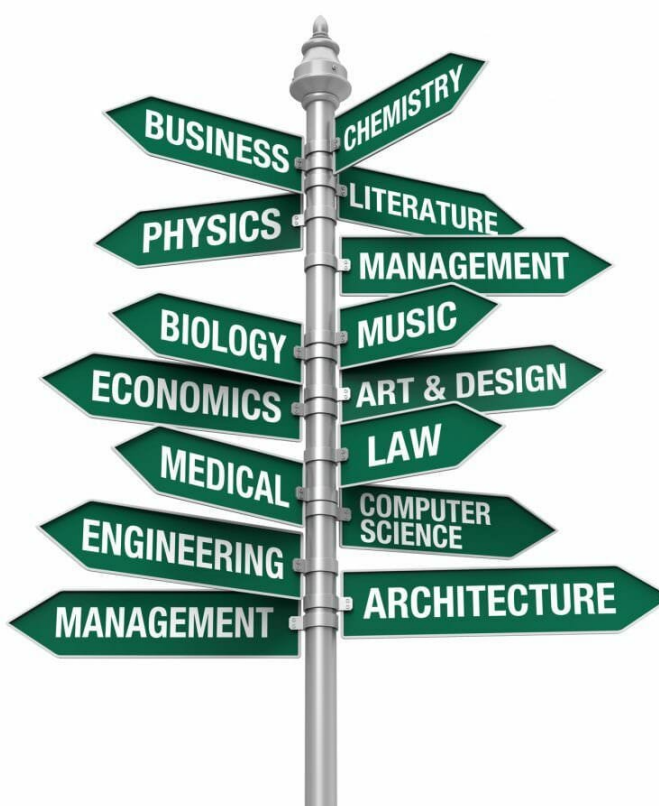
[South Gloucestershire & Stroud \(SGS\)](#) – Future Fridays Zoom on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September and their next open-day is:-

SGS	Saturday	In person	9th	October	2021	10am - 1pm
SGS	Saturday	In person	27th	November	2021	10am - 1pm
SGS	Saturday	In person	22nd	January	2022	10am - 1pm
SGS	Thursday	In person	28th	April	2022	5.30pm-8pm

## Future Friday Careers Zooms

One of the outcomes of having to reorganise the delivery of the careers programme during the various COVID lock-downs is that we had to abandon traditional year group assemblies and move instead to using tutor time more effectively. What we discovered over this period was that 'Zooming' into the tutor groups during tutor-time each Friday and highlighting different careers options to students was a really impactful way of communicating directly to the students. As a result, we are rolling out a full programme of Future Friday Zooms for 2021-22 and we have invited local colleges, 6th forms and businesses to take part. Please see below for what's coming up soon.

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Cirencester College – Post-16 provision
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Hartpury College – Post-16 provision
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Stroud College – Post-16 provision
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Marling – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	The Crypt – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form



# One-to-One Careers Appointments

Independent and unbiased careers guidance is provided by Mrs Georgie Blackburn, a professional careers advisor, who visits the school once a week during term time to meet with students individually and to give group talks. We try to arrange at least one appointment during KS4 for every single Severn Vale student, most will receive two meetings.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email [noakey@severnvaleschool.com](mailto:noakey@severnvaleschool.com)



Just as Gloucestershire has a wide range of colleges it also has a wide range of Sixth Forms, each one having its own strengths and offering unique opportunities. Not all sixth forms are the same, and therefore please make sure you visit as many open-days as possible. Please click on the below Sixth Form name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

[All Saints Academy](#) -

[Archway School Sixth Form](#) -

Open Evening	In person	24th	November	2021	TBC
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[Balcarras School](#) -

Open Evening	In person	13th	January	2022	7pm-9pm
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[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

Thursday	In person -	11th	Nov	2021	4pm-7pm
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[Churchdown School](#) -

Thursday	In person	27th	January	2022	Evening - TBC
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[The Crypt School](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Thursday	TBC if In person or virtual	4th	November	2021	TBC
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[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

Thursday	In person	18th	November	2021	Evening - TBC
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[Marling Sixth Form](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

Tuesday	In person	25th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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**Ribston Hall Sixth Form -**

**Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form –**

TBC	A virtual tour is available on their website				
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**St Peter's RC High School** – Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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**Stroud High School Sixth Form –**

Wednesday	In person	19th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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## Launch of Unifrog

September sees the launch of Unifrog at Seven Vale School. To support our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student (Years 7-11) has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child with their career's choices throughout their time at Severn Vale. Please signup using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)

## Unifrog Half Term Webinars – Free... just sign up using the links below!

### **Demystifying Engineering For Students** Mon 11 Oct @ 17:00 UK time - 45 mins

If you want to innovate and assist mankind in reaching new heights (literally, in the case of Aeronautical Engineering!) Please sign up using the below link.

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-subject-discovery/305-demystifying-engineering>

### **Demystifying Architecture For Students** Mon 11 Oct @ 16:00 UK time - 45 mins

Do you picture yourself designing an iconic building that will last generations? Or perhaps an eco-friendly house or a shopping centre? If so, architecture may be for you..

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-subject-discovery/306-demystifying-architecture>

### **Demystifying Law For Students** Wed 13 Oct @ 17:00 UK time - 45 mins

Are you interested in Law and how it governs our personal, social, economic, and political relationships? Join our expert panellists to find out more.

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-subject-discovery/301-demystifying-law>



While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July (4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> July 2022) work experience is not limited to this one week in July nor is it limited to just Y10s. I would encourage students from Y10 and Y11 to also have a placement in the summer holidays as well as taking advantage of the weekend 'insight into industry' days that are offered by local companies and the GROWS network. Please see below for current work experience / insight into industry days.



**Doctor's Live** are a group of doctors passionate about inspiring the next generation of students into Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health Professions. We delivered virtual workshops throughout the pandemic which received great feedback, so we wanted to reach out to more keen students.

**SurgeryLive** course is an **innovative and interactive virtual course** which gives students a real glimpse of what it's like to be a **surgeon** in an operating theatre, delivered by practising NHS surgeons. The day course includes:

1. A glimpse into the day to day life of a surgeon
2. Solving real life surgical cases including history taking and anonymised scans
3. Live virtual operations - showing step by step how common surgeries are carried out
4. Learning how to suture with a live follow-along demo (students will be sent their own suturing kit, the same ones used by medical students and doctors)
5. A chance for students to interact with practising NHS surgeons and doctors

We aim to make the course as interactive as possible to give students a real taste of what it is like to be a surgeon and to be in the operating room using the latest innovative virtual technology. Students will also get a chance to learn how to suture with their own suturing kit.

These sessions are aimed at students aged 14+ who are interested in a career in Healthcare. Certificates will be provided for participation as virtual work experience. I should be very grateful if you would forward our information on to any students whom you think may be interested.

The next **SurgeryLive** date is **Saturday 25th September 2021**. For more information, please visit our website below. Please note places are limited and are allocated on a first come first serve basis (deadline 18th September 2021):

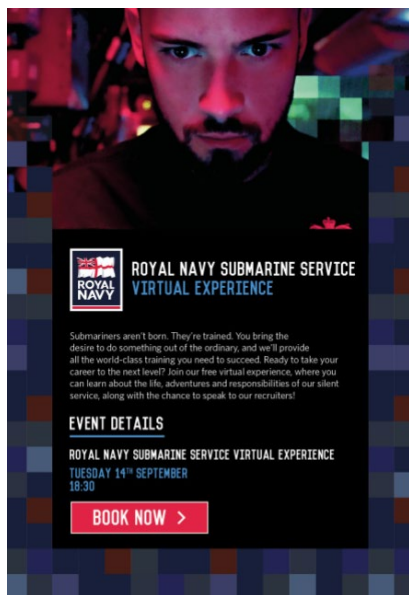
<https://doctorslive.co.uk/surgerylive/>

## **ROYAL NAVY** – Royal Navy Submarine Service Virtual Experience on Tuesday 14th September at 18:30

There's a reason we're called the Silent Service. We operate unseen, unheard and undetected. And only a handful of people know about our missions, even though they make a difference to millions. There's no career quite like it.

Submariners aren't born, they're trained. You bring the desire to do something out of the ordinary, and we'll provide all the world-class training you need to succeed. Ready to go to the next level? Then you won't want to miss the **Royal Navy Submarine Service Virtual Experience on Tuesday 14th September at 18:30** to discover what life is like in this tight-knit team and find out what it takes to become one of us.

Interested? Tickets are free- book your place today.



## **Upcoming Royal Air Force 'Access All Areas' Free Virtual Careers Event - Wednesday 6 October 2021, 1830 - 2030**

RAF have organised an immersive, virtual event with an opportunity to discover information on key roles, as well as chat live with a specialist RAF recruiter. All from the comfort of your own home.

For more information and to book a free ticket to become part of this fabulous opportunity please see the attached posters.

We look forward to seeing you there. [RAF Virtual Event Access All Areas Tickets, Wed 6 Oct 2021 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)



## START SHAPING YOUR FUTURE WITH LLOYDS BANKING GROUP'S "WORLD OF WORK" EXPERIENCE

FROM 1–4PM FRIDAY 22ND & 29TH OCTOBER 2021

We know when it comes to careers, there's more than one way. Lloyds Banking Group's "world of work" experience offers you an inspiring, engaging and interactive afternoon designed to help you understand how to use your strengths and interests to craft a future that's just right for you.

### HOW IT WORKS?

In our live sessions, you'll get the chance to interact with other students and with Lloyds colleagues, exploring the diverse range of roles and opportunities. We'll work with you to discover your strengths, work in a team to use your critical thinking skills, and build confidence in presenting yourself so that when the time comes to put yourself forward you'll feel prepared and ready to go.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During the session we'll look at problem solving and critical thinking, identifying your strengths, presentation skills and developing your personal brand. We'll give you plenty of opportunity to meet colleagues from Lloyds Banking Group so you can learn from them; what they do, how they got started, what it's like to work for a company like Lloyds Banking Group and what trends are shaping the job market in the next few years ahead. You'll find out more about roles that will suit you and your passions and how you can make a difference.

### WHAT IF I AM NOT LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN BANKING?

Like many large companies in the UK, it takes a multitude of skills to power Lloyds Banking Group. As well as front line leadership roles that you see every day in our branch network, we have an exciting range of technical careers from software development, engineering, cyber security, data analytics, product design, finance, audit, retail and commercial banking

**22nd October 2021**

1pm - 4pm

Registration link and further details of the event is here [LBG Early Careers \(explore.lbg.co.uk\)](https://explore.lbg.co.uk)

**29th October 2021**

1pm - 4pm

Registration link and further details of the event is here [LBG Early Careers \(explore.lbg.co.uk\)](https://explore.lbg.co.uk)

# Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications for current Year 11s – please find a guide below: -

**September 2021** - There are lots of school Sixth Forms and Colleges in Gloucestershire and so using the summer holidays to whittle them down to a shortlist may well be a sensible first step in deciding where to go after Severn Vale School. Why not begin researching via Unifrog or 6th Form / Colleges own websites. Aim to compile a short-list of Post-16 choices by the end of September, having checked first that your GCSE estimated grades are on target to meet the course requirements. Following this you need to apply to attend a selection of open-days / open evenings (**Top tip** - If applicable - remember to research what student bursaries are available for you to apply for e.g. travel bursaries).

**Sept - November 2021** - Attend at least two College or Sixth Form open-days (these may be in-person or virtual open-days depending on Covid-19). Most colleges only have a couple of open days a year, while some Sixth Forms only have one a year and so you do need to get organised early. Please note you will find many of the popular colleges open-days get full early. (**Top tip** - Severn Vale School will be issuing all students with a list of open-days at the start of September but some are already being advertised (see Colleges & Sixth Form pages of Newsletter for more information)).

**FLD 25th November 2021** - Severn Vale School will be taking all of Year 11 off timetable for the day to allow them to visit a Post-16 destination of their choice. Transport will be provided by Severn Vale School, however as students are only able to visit one venue, it is important that students choose carefully. As well as getting to see the facilities, an open day is a great opportunity to find out more about the different courses on offer from those who teach and study it - current students and academic staff. (**Top tip** - For many students choosing a college or sixth form is a bit like buying a house - and so you may well find that you end up going with your gut feeling and choosing the college or sixth form that feels like it could be your home for the next 2 years. Remember what is right for your friends might not be right for you).

**November – December 2021 - January 2022** - Submit applications to College / Sixth Forms (**Top tip** - you can submit multiple applications and can also accept courses at more than one provider, and you do not need to decide on where you are going until GCSE Results Day in August 2022)

**December 2021** – Complete, via Unifrog, your Post-16 destination form, remembering to include a Plan A and a Plan B – this information will allow us to be able to review all of Year 11s applications and do a check on suitability and ensure all of Year 11 have the balance right between being aspirational and attainable.

**January - February 2022** - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

**February - May 2022** - If appropriate - apply for apprenticeships via either Unifrog or Find and Apprenticeship website [Find an apprenticeship \(findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

**August 2022** - GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.