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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

KOHLER MIRA: - our apprentice open evenings will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021** and **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Our Open Evening will run from 5-7pm and will be hosted out of our new Space 100 where you will have the opportunity to meet with our apprentices, both current and graduated as well as our apprentice managers. We hope this will provide you with an excellent insight into who we are as a business and learn about our apprenticeships on offer which include:

- **Engineering Apprenticeships**, available to students post-GCSE; and
- **Business Apprenticeships**, available to students post- A-Level

In order to book your place, you will need to email [earlycareers@mirashowers.com](mailto:earlycareers@mirashowers.com) after which we will send you a short booking form. Please can we ask that you register your attendance by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Applications to our apprenticeships can be made online **from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021** through to **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. To apply, visit [www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers](http://www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers). **Please note, that applications are not yet open.**



**Start your career today.**  
Choose an engineering apprenticeship at Kohler Mira.

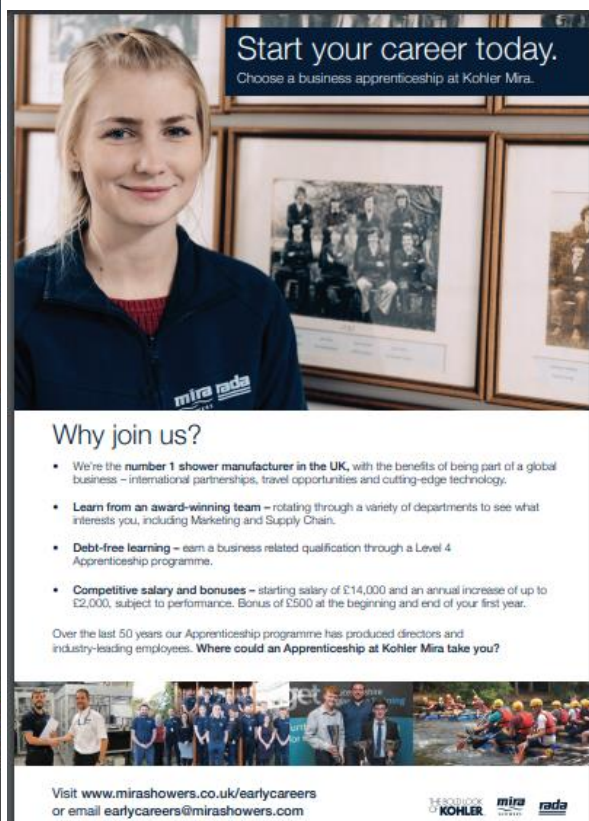
**Why join us?**

- We're the **number 1 shower manufacturer in the UK**, with the benefits of being part of a global business – international partnerships, travel opportunities and cutting-edge technology.
- **Learn from an award-winning team** – rotating through our engineering functions to see what interests you, from Manufacturing to Product Design.
- **Debt-free learning** – earn qualifications over a 4-year programme, including a level 3 apprenticeship plus higher education opportunities.
- **Competitive salary and bonuses** – starting salary of £11,700 and an annual increase of up to £2,000, subject to performance. Bonus of £500 at the beginning and end of your first year.

Over the last 50 years our Apprenticeship programme has produced directors and industry-leading engineers. **Where could an Apprenticeship at Kohler Mira take you?**

Visit [www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers](http://www.mirashowers.co.uk/earlycareers) or email [earlycareers@mirashowers.com](mailto:earlycareers@mirashowers.com)

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**Start your career today.**  
Choose a business apprenticeship at Kohler Mira.

**Why join us?**

- We're the **number 1 shower manufacturer in the UK**, with the benefits of being part of a global business – international partnerships, travel opportunities and cutting-edge technology.
- **Learn from an award-winning team** – rotating through a variety of departments to see what interests you, including Marketing and Supply Chain.
- **Debt-free learning** – earn a business related qualification through a Level 4 Apprenticeship programme.
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# THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

**JUST OVER 2 WEEKS** until the **virtual National Apprenticeship Show - South** goes live!

**Date:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Timings:** 11am – 6pm (**you will be able to attend this show AFTER school**)

- Research exhibitors you're interested in. View the full exhibitor list here - <https://nassouth.vfairs.com/en/#ExhibitorsLogo>
- View our workshop timetable - <https://nassouth.vfairs.com/en/#workshop>
- Think about any questions you have for exhibitors

**We look forward to having you at the virtual National Apprenticeship Show – South!**

As we begin to see applications coming through, can we please ask that you ensure your students and interested applicants remember that **in order for application to be considered, they must include a CV and a covering letter, as detailed in the job descriptions.**

We would also strongly encourage all applicants to ensure they read the job description thoroughly – we have tried to provide as much information as possible to ensure applicants know exactly what we are looking for, and what they need to do as part of the recruitment process.

If you, or anyone interested, has any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via this email address – [Cheltenham.apprenticeships@ge.com](mailto:Cheltenham.apprenticeships@ge.com)

**From:** ~AVIATION Cheltenham Apprenticeships <[Cheltenham.Apprenticeships@ge.com](mailto:Cheltenham.Apprenticeships@ge.com)>

**Subject:** GE Aviation, Cheltenham Apprenticeships 2022: Applications are now OPEN!

**GE Aviation: 2022 Apprenticeship Applications are NOW LIVE.**

As you know, GE Aviation has over 1,600 people at this site, and we are split into two core functions: Supply Chain and Engineering. We have a number of apprenticeships starting in 2022 which we believe may be of interest to some of your students.

**Supply Chain** Apprenticeships are led by **Jodie Broady**, whilst **Engineering** are led by **Tracie Gaston**. For the first time, we are also offering apprenticeships within our **Facilities** department. The successful applicants will spend the duration of their apprenticeship in facilities with a specialist route. **Lizzie Robins** is the point of contact for these apprenticeships. Regardless of course, all apprenticeships will be based from our site in Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham.

**Attached are copies of job descriptions for the AMA, HBA, and EDA schemes for you to review and share. The links below will take you to the relevant application page for all apprenticeships: in order for application to be considered, they must include a CV and a covering letter, as detailed in the job descriptions.**

Apprenticeship	GE Point of contact	Entry Requirements
<b>AMA</b> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599029/GE-Aviation-Advanced-Manufacturing-Apprentice-Cheltenham">Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship</a> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599029/GE-Aviation-Advanced-Manufacturing-Apprentice-Cheltenham">https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599029/GE-Aviation-Advanced-Manufacturing-Apprentice-Cheltenham</a>	Jodie Broady	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above</li></ul>

<b>FM</b> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599842/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Electrical-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham">Facilities, Electrical Apprenticeship</a> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599842/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Electrical-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham">https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599842/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Electrical-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham</a>	Lizzie Robins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above, including English and Maths</li> </ul>
<b>FE</b> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599526/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Maintenance-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham">Facilities, Maintenance Apprenticeship</a> <a href="https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599526/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Maintenance-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham">https://jobs.gecareers.com/global/en/job/R3599526/GE-Aviation-Facilities-Maintenance-Apprenticeship-Cheltenham</a>	Lizzie Robins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 GCSE (or equivalent) at grades C/4 or above, including English and Maths</li> </ul>

## JAGUAR LAND ROVER RETAILER APPRENTICESHIPS

Jaguar Land Rover is a company that brings together two much loved, highly prestigious British car brands. We are looking for people who share our passion to join our highly successful Retailer Apprenticeship Programme.

Stretching the length and breadth of the UK, there are a variety of exciting and challenging apprenticeship opportunities across the network that support our people to reach their full potential.

Jaguar Land Rover have ambitious growth plans and recognise the importance in identifying talented people to become the next generation of professional retailer employees.

<https://www.jaguarlandroverretailerapprenticeships.co.uk/>












**JAGUAR LAND ROVER**  
RETAIL APPRENTICESHIPS

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jaguarlandroverretailerapprenticeships.co.uk

# Job of the Week:- Apprentice Medical Laboratory Assistant - Histology

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This Medical Laboratory Assistant apprenticeship at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and become part of Pathology Services.

## Main duties of the job

The Apprentice Medical Laboratory Assistant will be working alongside and supporting other MLA staff and the scientific staff on the different sections. Duties will include preparing reagents and chemicals, discarding laboratory waste, preparing tissue samples for diagnosis and use of the laboratory computer system

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9318-21-1390>

You can search for apprenticeships via Unifrog

## Apprenticeships

**Histology** - Apprentice - Intermediate Level  
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Starting Point: 20 May 2021

**Key dates**

Event	Date
Deadline	20 May
Interview	Check their site
Start	20 May

**Qualification required**

English and maths at GCSE level (or grade 4 or equivalent) or above.

**Skills and personal qualities required**

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Excel and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident with numbers and have a high level of attention to detail.

- Attention for accuracy
- Professional attitude
- Well organized

**Quick facts**

Category	Value
Competition	Working 9.5-5.30 Monday-Friday
Salary	£10,000 per annum
Duration	12 months
Location	5 miles

**Job description**

The successful candidate will have experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Reception duties
- Sample processing
- Sample storage
- Sample transport
- Allocation of samples
- Reception of samples
- Processing of samples

**Employer description**

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the NHS largest ear, nose and throat (ENT) trusts in the South West. It provides the best and most ear, nose and throat (ENT) services in the South West.

- 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** – their next openday is:-

**Apprenticeship Information Evening**

**Tuesday 8th March 2022**

**17:00 to 20:00**

**Main College Campus**

**Booking for this event will open on Saturday 1st January 2022**

**April Open Day**

**Saturday 2nd April 2022**

**10:00 to 15:00**

**Main College Campus**

**Booking for this event will open on Saturday 1st January 2022**

**Gloucestershire College** - their next openday is:-

DATE	CAMPUS	TIME
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Cheltenham	5.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest of Dean	5.00-8.00pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Gloucester	09:30-12.00
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Gloucester	5.00-8.00pm

I am pleased to confirm their **ON CAMPUS** November Open Events are live and can be booked through our website by following the link <https://www.gloscol.ac.uk/campaigns/open-event/>

**GET**- Gloucestershire Engineering and Training Centre are hoping to have a Recruitment Open Evening on Thursday 20 January 4.30-7.30pm for the September 2022 intake – If you are interested in engineering this evening is a MUST!

**Hartpury College** – 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.

#### Mythbusting - "You need to study A-Levels to go to university"

Did you know that you don't need A-levels to go to university? Our diplomas in our specialist subject areas have the same academic value as A-levels (a 2 year Extended Diploma is equivalent to 3 A-levels) but are more practical and work-related, without missing out on any of the important subject theory.

A-level	Tariff points	BTEC L3	Tariff points
A*	56	D*	28
A	48	D	24
B	40	M	16
C	32	P	8

The BTEC to UCAS point conversion, compared to A-levels.

Whether you choose A-levels or a diploma depends on many factors, from the way you like to learn to the qualifications you hope to achieve and the career direction you want to take. Both qualification types are well recognised by universities and employers alike, so it is up to you to choose which type of qualification may suit you best.

#### Contact us:

[outreach@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@hartpury.ac.uk)

[www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/work-with-us](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/work-with-us)

Hartpury is a great place to be. It's got everything you need – the extensive facilities, the infrastructure, and the outstanding lecturers. The lecturers have invaluable experience and knowledge and they pass all of their knowledge onto the students. Hartpury made me feel like I could better myself by being educated there.

Jacob Anthony  
Level 3 National Diploma Agriculture



**MPCT** – For more information why not look at their recent newsletter [https://mpct.co.uk/mpct-newsletter-17-september-2021/?utm\\_source:marketingcloud&utm\\_medium:email&utm\\_campaign:](https://mpct.co.uk/mpct-newsletter-17-september-2021/?utm_source:marketingcloud&utm_medium:email&utm_campaign:)

**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

## **Year 11 Flexible Learning Day: Post-16 Taster Visit**

**Thursday 25th November 2021**

### **Lunch arrangements:**

Packed lunch

If you normally receive Free School Meals and would like a packed lunch please see contact Mrs Herman immediately.

### **What to wear:**

If you are going to Marling or St Peter's please wear normal school uniform.

If you are going to Hartpury please wear clothes you are happy to do a sport session in (either wear or take trainers with you)

If you are going to GlosCol. SGS Stroud or Cirencester College please wear non-uniform that is acceptable to your chosen taster sessions.

### **End of School day arrangements:**

Please remember to have a text on your phone from your parent / career to enable you to leave school early should your trip return to Severn Vale School before 15.10. Without this consent you will need to stay in the main hall until the end of the school day.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Oakey the Student Support Office.



# 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@severnvaeschool.com](mailto:noakey@severnvaeschool.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 –



**MARLING SIXTH FORM**

**Open Evening 18 November**

**CREATE YOUR FUTURE**

Marling is an aspirational, co-educational and supportive Sixth Form welcoming new students from Gloucestershire and beyond:

- Outstanding teaching
- Ranked top 15% of A Level providers nationally for Value Added
- Wide choice of A Levels
- Personalised curriculum
- Global opportunities

If you're searching for a sixth form to help you achieve your potential, then take a look at what Marling has to offer. Come to our Sixth Form Open Evening on 18 November 2021 to find out about our courses and facilities, meet students and teachers and get a first-hand feeling for our vibrant and exciting learning environment.

Book your place here [www.marlingsixthform.org](http://www.marlingsixthform.org) from 8 October.

**Create Your Future at Marling Sixth Form**

Marling School in Stroud is now a very popular choice for students from Gloucestershire and beyond looking for an aspirational and welcoming co-educational sixth form. This year more than 100 new students joined Year 12 from schools across the area making a year group of over 230 students and a third of sixth formers are girls.

Students opting for the school are attracted by the Outstanding academic performance, exciting extra-curricular opportunities and the mix of students. The most recent A Level Value Added data ranks Marling Sixth Form as the 14<sup>th</sup> highest grammar school out of 164 in the country and in the top 15% of all A Level providers nationally. This means that whether students join with 10 grade 9s or 38 points at GCSE, they stand a better chance of achieving their potential studying at Marling than at most other sixth forms or colleges.

Year 12 students can choose from more than 30 A Levels and Breadth Options, alongside a wealth of opportunities outside the classroom, ranging from debating to drama; music to medical society; particle physics to publishing. Adventures further afield currently include travelling to New York to speak at the Model United Nations Conference; to Geneva to work with non-governmental organisations; and to Borneo to work with local community projects and swim with turtles!

**WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:**

"When I came to Marling's Open Evening it had the best atmosphere out of all the 6th forms I visited and I liked the extra support that it offered students."  
Tabitha Clifford, Kingsdown School

"I'm so pleased that I chose Marling to do my A Levels, it is an exceptional sixth form with amazing academic focus and a community like no other. I've made many new friends and I found it a welcoming and supportive environment in which to study."  
Rufus Wells, Katharine Lady Berkeley School

"The extra-curricular activities at Marling are amazing for giving new opportunities to students."  
Arthur Bury, Sir William Romney

"I'm enjoying the welcoming environment, the friendly teachers and the independence we are given here."  
Jake Dennis, Severn Vale

"I chose Marling Sixth Form because it felt so welcoming. I felt like I was part of the school the very first time I came here."  
Phoebe Laydell, Cirencester Kingshill

"I'm really happy with the help and support I'm being given here by the other students and the teachers."  
Evie Giles, Thomas Keble

**Marling Sixth Form**  
Cainscross Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 4HE  
[www.marlingsixthform.org](http://www.marlingsixthform.org) 01453 760156

## Pates Sixth Form –

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

Thursday	In person	2nd	December	2022	6pm-8pm
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## 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

TBC					
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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 saw 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 sign up using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)

Writing a CV on Unifrog is really easy ... have a go...

### Q2) Why do I need a CV?

Your CV is your opportunity to sell yourself. It is how you market yourself to the world.



You will need a CV to apply for part-time work, apprenticeships, full-time job, some college courses require you to submit a CV

### Q3) How do I write a CV?

#### STEP 1:- Log-onto Unifrog!

PRESS HERE IF YOU NEED TO RESET YOUR PASSWORD – YOU WILL BE SENT AN EMAIL LINK



#### Step 3:- Click on the CV Writing tool

CV Writing tool



#### Step 4 Enter your contact information – you need this so employers can get in touch with you!

If stuck - Look at your application form as it might be on it



## Work Experience & Careers Fairs

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.

### The Young Photographer Challenge: Charity Competition

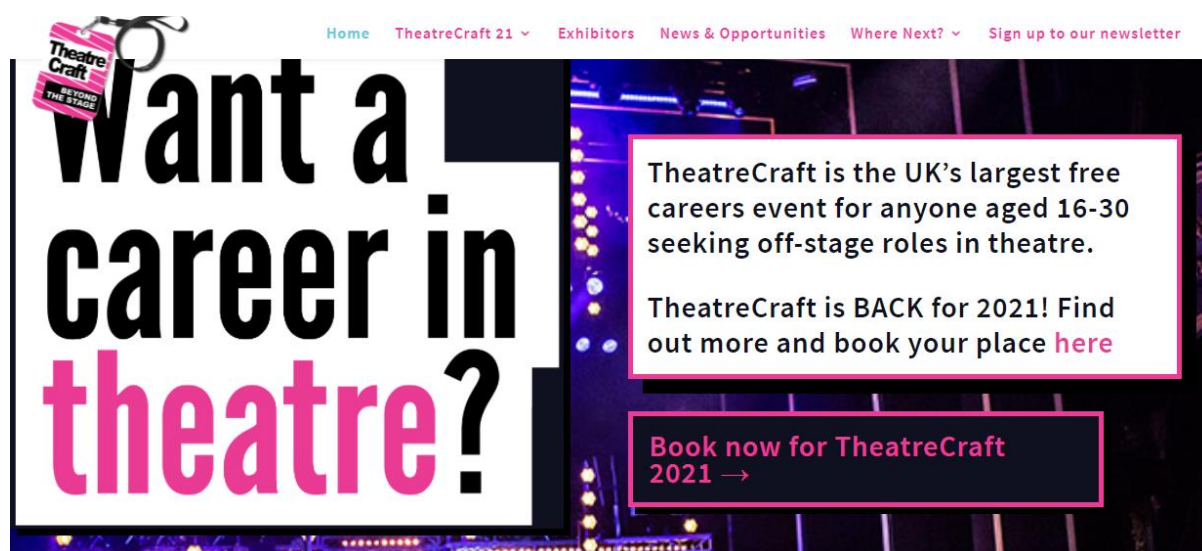


***"Every photo is...a vulnerable act of courage to build empathy." (Bryce Evans)***

Studies show that 60% of young people feel unable to cope with stress induced by the pressure to succeed. Research also shows that the visualisation of a tranquil place can help reduce stress, anxiety and fear.

In honour of this and stress awareness week, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, [The Young Photographer Challenge](https://investin.org/blogs/news/young-photographer-competition). Students should submit a photograph of their 'peaceful place' along with a title and short explanation. Creativity is highly encouraged! <https://investin.org/blogs/news/young-photographer-competition>

**The competition is free to enter and for each entry we shall make a donation to Stem4, a youth mental health charity. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 23rd November.**



It's been a while, but we are delighted to announce that the UK's largest free theatre careers event will return on 22nd November 2021.

Like most things, TheatreCraft will look a little bit different this year; for the first time ever, the event will take place online, via the Whova app. We will be bringing you a day full of:

- Live Streamed Insider Panel Talks
- Q&A sessions
- Over 40 online workshops
- Over 50 universities, theatres & other leading organisations at our virtual marketplace
- Book your free place now! <https://www.theatrecraft.org/registration/>  
(If you would like to be a live audience member you can express your interest on the registration form).



### **RAF LIVE – WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021, 6PM – 9PM**

We are pleased to invite you to our RAF Live event taking place on Wednesday 10 November from 6pm – 9pm.

I have attached details of our live and interactive event for you to distribute to your students and we very much look forward to meeting you during our broadcast.

You will need to register for this event prior to the start time, please use the link <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers/> on the attached poster to register. Thank you.



## RAF Careers

The UK and our allies face threats in an uncertain world, from unauthorised aircraft entering protected airspace, to cyber attacks.

Our Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) Force based at RAF Lossiemouth (north east Scotland), RAF Coningsby (eastern England), and the Falkland Islands (south Atlantic), are ready to scramble state of the art Eurofighter Typhoons in minutes to intercept threats.

We identify and manage threats before they materialise through intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR). We can rapidly deploy aircraft and personnel around the world to deter conflict and defeat our adversaries if necessary.

We are currently active across four continents with significant operations in Eastern Europe, South Atlantic, and the Mediterranean. Our proximity to unstable regions and potential adversaries provides the air power to curb threats and destabilising behaviour.



**Gifted Study Club** has launched its first **Virtual Challenge Days** aimed at high achieving students (Years 10-13) on **November 14 (Literature/Humanities)** and **November 21 (Science/Maths)**

Run by Oxford and Cambridge University post-graduates, it offers students the chance to explore big idea curiosity sessions and experience Oxbridge-type supervisions with our academic experts.

Delivered by Oxford and Cambridge graduates, the Virtual Challenge Day is broken up into a unique combination of **curiosity sessions** and Oxbridge-style **supervisions**, allowing smart students in years 10-13 to extend their thinking around their favourite subjects and topics.

Anyone who enjoys English, history, social sciences, geography, politics, RS and related subjects will find something to make them curious.

*Attendees can choose a combination of options based on their requirements to create a unique timetable for the day.*

### You can book tickets here:

Literature & Humanities: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/186538931967>

Science & Maths: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/186939670587>

Numbers are limited. This is a unique opportunity to experience extended style learning from high quality academic experts. For group bookings, please contact us directly.

# 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.