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Dear Year 10 and Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students,

During the course of Y10 and Y11 this newsletter (via email) will be the main way I will be communicating key dates and information regarding post-16 opportunities and work experience opportunities. I will include 6th Form and College open-days, apprenticeship vacancies and work experience, as well as information Y11 Flexi-Learning Day visits to post-16 providers and destination data collection.

Please note our independent careers advisor will be running a Zoom meeting for Y11 and Y10 Parents on Tuesday 4th October – I do hope as many of you can attend as possible

Topic: SVS Webinar: Supporting your Children with Post 16 Choices and Career Options

Date / Time: Tuesday Oct 4, 2022 6:00-7.00 PM (London)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82881228835?pwd=YmZHejdY1ZZajVnZDhpS1RuNzJmdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8122 8835 Passcode: rN6v0y

If you have any questions please do get in touch vmartin@severnvaeschool.com

Kind regards,

Virginia Martin, Careers Leader

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.

A good starting point is via the national apprenticeship search engine - [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) On this website you can search by Job Title or Employer and narrow it down by putting in your location and how far you are willing to travel.

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

The screenshot shows the 'Find an Apprenticeship' search form. It includes a 'Search' button and a 'Browse' link. The 'Keywords (optional)' section has a dropdown menu set to 'All' and a text input field containing 'Business Administrator'. The 'Your location' section has a text input field containing 'GL4 8AX'. The 'Within' section has a dropdown menu set to '5 miles'. The 'Apprenticeship level' section has a dropdown menu set to 'All levels'. Annotations with arrows point to these fields: 'Search by Job Title or Employer' points to the keywords field, 'Put in your home postcode' points to the location field, and 'How far are you able to travel for work?' points to the distance field.

While vacancies might not come up until Spring 2023 it good idea to have a look at what type of apprenticeships are being advertised so that you can have a think about which ones you might be interested in applying for. **If you are interested in having an apprenticeship, I would recommend you do the following ASAP.**

- 1) If you do not have a personal email account, you will need to create one. Think about what name you are using, for example does [gameboy99@.....](#) really give the right first impression to an employer?
- 2) Please register on Find an Apprenticeship and sign up to have email / text 'alerts' when apprenticeships that you are interested are advertised.
- 3) You will need a CV to apply for any apprenticeship – a good starting point is to visit Unifrog and use their CV / Resume drafting tool [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Drafting application materials' interface of the Unifrog tool. It features five colored boxes: 'UK Personal Statement' (red), 'Academics' (green), 'Subject References' (purple), 'CV / Resume' (blue), and 'Writing test' (orange). The 'CV / Resume' box is highlighted with a blue border and contains the text 'Tweak your CV for each role' and a 'Start >' button. An annotation with an arrow points to this box with the text 'CV / Resume drafting tool'.

Understanding Post-16 Qualifications

There are 4 main choices on how to study Post-16: T'levels, A'levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships and to make it even more complicated within BTECs and Apprenticeships there are different levels of qualifications ranging from Level 1 to Level 3. GCSE estimated grades will give Y11 students some guidance on which of the course might be the best one(s) for them to consider and I would always recommend students have an 'aspirational choice' and a 'safe choice' (similar to how university choices are done).

T'levels – Gloucestershire's Cirencester College has been at the heart of these pioneering qualifications. They are a 2 year technical study programmes designed in partnership with employers that combine class room training and a 45+ day industry placement. Cirencester Collage and Gloucestershire College both have a selection of T-levels that include subjects as diversity as Floristry and Garden Design to Adult Nursing and Events and Venue Technicians. These courses have been devised in close contact with employers to ensure that students have the practical skills to ensure they are 'work ready'.

A'levels – are Level 3 qualifications, are studied across 2 years and students normally study 3 A'levels plus an additional qualification like EPQ or completing DofE Gold etc. Some university courses will expect students to have studied certain subjects at A'level and as a rule of thumb it would be beneficial to have a 6+ at GCSE in order to study a subject at A'level.

BTECs – are practical-based, vocational qualifications. They can be studied at a college or some schools and they provide the opportunity to gain hand-on experience in a field or subject. BTEC Level 1 & 2 are equivalent to GCSEs and Level 3 is equivalent to A'levels. Students can progress from a L1 through to a L3, normally over a 3 year period.

In addition to the above, colleges like Cirencester college offer Access courses (meaning students may spend 3 years rather than 2 at the college) e.g. Access to A'levels, is a foundation year getting students ready to take A'levels and the T-level Transition Programme (see below for more information)

WHICH COURSES ARE RIGHT FOR ME?

A-LEVEL PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I prefer courses which are mainly exam based I will achieve mainly Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs I want to study 3 or 4 subjects in-depth 	T-LEVELS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to incorporate an industry placement in my study programme to keep my options open for employment, university or an apprenticeship I will achieve Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs 	MIXED PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I want to study a combination of A-levels and a vocational course I will achieve mainly Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs 	VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I want to study topics that will directly relate to a specific career I have in mind I will achieve mainly Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs 	ACCESS TO A-LEVELS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will have a spiky GCSE results profile I want to go on to study A-levels 	LEVEL 2 TRANSITION PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will achieve mainly Grade 3s in my GCSEs I want to progress to a Level 3 T-level or Vocational Programme, employment, training or an apprenticeship 	UPGRADE PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will achieve mainly Grades 1 to 2s in my GCSEs I want to progress to a Level 2 Transition to T-level programme, employment, training or an apprenticeship
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BUILDING YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

A-LEVEL PROGRAMME <div> <div>A-LEVEL 1</div> <div>A-LEVEL 2</div> <div>A-LEVEL 3</div> </div> <div>Optional EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) Enrichment Activity Tutorial Study Period/Workshops</div>	T-LEVELS (TECHNICAL LEVELS) <div> <div>T-LEVEL (EQUIVALENT TO 3 A-LEVELS) Including a minimum of 65 days work experience</div> <div>Tutorial Study Period/Workshops</div> </div>	MIXED PROGRAMME <div> <div>A-LEVEL 1</div> <div>A-LEVEL 2</div> <div>Vocational Qualification (Equivalent to 1 A-level)</div> </div> <div>Optional EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) Enrichment Activity Tutorial Study Period/Workshops</div>	VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME <div> <div>EXTENDED DIPLOMA OR APPLIED GENERALS (EQUIVALENT TO 3 A-LEVELS)</div> <div>Optional EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) Enrichment Activity Tutorial Study Period/Workshops</div> </div>	ACCESS TO A-LEVELS <div> <div>Applied Subject</div> <div>Applied Subject</div> <div>Applied Subject</div> <div>Maths and/or English</div> </div> <div>Enrichment Activity Tutorial Study Period/Workshops</div>	LEVEL 2 TRANSITION PROGRAMME <div> <div>Level 2 Technical Qualification</div> <div>GCSE English and Maths</div> <div>HPQ (Higher Project Qualification)</div> <div>Tutorial and Work Skills</div> <div>Work Experience</div> </div>	UPGRADE PROGRAMME <div>Upgrade programme</div>
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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. Below you will also find up-to-date information on college open-days and taster sessions.

During the summer holidays Y10s need to research the different colleges and decide if they are interested or not in any of the courses they have to offer – please note not all of Gloucestershire College's courses are in Gloucester and some of SGS's courses are in fact in Bristol!

Colleges offer students the chance to study different qualifications –T-Levels (Gloucestershire College and Cirencester College), A'levels (Hartpury College & Cirencester College) and BTECs (all of the below)

[Cirencester College](#) – You will need to book onto their open days and register to find out about set courses – Applications opened 22/9/2022

Cirencester College	Saturday	15th	October	2022	10am-3pm
Cirencester College	Saturday	25th	March	2023	10am-3pm
Cirencester College	Thursday	29th	June	2023	5pm - 8pm
Cirencester College	Tuesday	7th	March	2023	Evening TBC

[Gloucestershire College -](#)

Gloucestershire College - Cheltenham Campus	Monday	7th	November	2022	5pm-8pm
Gloucestershire College - Forest of Dean Campus	Wednesday	9th	November	2022	5pm-8pm
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Saturday	12th	November	2022	9am-12pm
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Monday	14th	November	2022	5pm-8pm
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Monday	16th	January	2023	5pm-8pm
Gloucestershire College - Apprenticeship Open Evening	Wednesday	15th	March	2023	5pm-8pm

[GET](#)- Gloucestershire Engineering and Training Centre

[Hartpury College](#) –

Hartpury College	Saturday	19th	November	2022	From 9am	FULLY BOOKED
Hartpury College	Saturday	10th	December	2022	From 9am	In person - need to book, refer to website
Hartpury College	Saturday	21st	January	2023	From 9am	In person - need to book, refer to website
Hartpury College	Saturday	11th	February	2023	From 9am	In person - need to book, refer to website
Hartpury College	Saturday	11th	March	2023	From 9am	In person - need to book, refer to website

[MPCT](#) – Military Preparation College

[Stage Door Learning](#) –

Open evening in October and November – Dates still TBC

[South Gloucestershire & Stroud \(SGS\)](#) –

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) - All sites	Saturday	15th	October	2022	10am
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) - All sites	Saturday	26th	November	2022	10am-1pm
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) - All sites	Saturday	28th	January	2023	10am
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) - All sites	Thursday	27th	April	2023	5.30pm

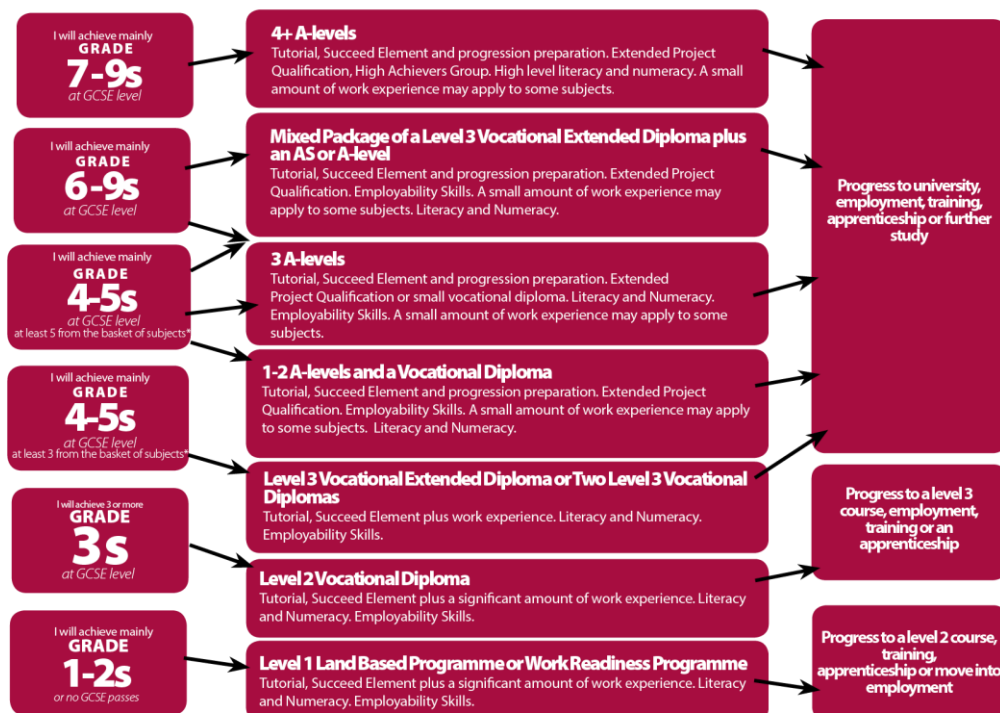
One-to-One Careers Appointments



Independent and unbiased careers guidance is provided by Mrs Georgie Blackburn, a professional careers advisor, who visits the school once / twice 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 Severn Vale student.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email noakey@severnvaletschool.com

This guide will give you an idea of the types of qualifications you should be considering depending on your GCSE estimated grades – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS JUST A GUIDELINE



Sixth Forms

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](#) -

Archway School	Tuesday	22nd	November	2022	6.30pm-8pm
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[Balcarras School](#) -

Balcarras School	Open Evening	12th	January	2023	7pm-9pm
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[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

Cheltenham Bournside School	Thursday	26th	January	2023	Evening TBC
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[Chosen Hill School](#) -

Chosen Hill School	Thursday	24th	November	2022	Time TBC
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[Churchdown School](#) -

[The Crypt School](#) -

The Crypt	Thursday	3rd	November	2022	TBC
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[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) -

Holmleigh Park High School	Thursday	24th	November	2022	5.30-6.30pm
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[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

Katherine Lady Berkley School	Thursday	17th	November	2022	6pm-8pm
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[Marling Sixth Form](#) –

Marling Grammar School	Wednesday	23rd	November	2022	6-9pm
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[Pates Sixth Form](#) –

Pates Grammar School	Tuesday	24th	January	2023	5pm-8pm
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[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) –

Ribston Hall High School	Thursday	1st	December	2022	6pm-8.30pm
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[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) –

Sir Thomas Rich Grammar School	Thursday	2nd	February	2023	7pm-8pm
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[St Peter's RC High School](#) –

St Peter's RC High School	Wednesday	16th	November	2022	5pm-7pm
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[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) –

Stroud High School	Wednesday	18th	January	2023	5pm-8pm
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Launch of Unifrog

Last 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) as our main careers information tool. 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

During Term 1 please can all of Y10s and Y11s check they have access to Unifrog and reset their password if necessary. If you are having a problem identifying what to do for work experience or what you want to do Post-16 please try completing the Interest Quiz or Personality Quiz

The screenshot displays the Unifrog user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, FAVOURITES, LOCKER, APPLY, HELP, and a TEACHER > button. Below the navigation bar, a message says "Hello Virginia, here's a summary of your progress so far...". A circular progress indicator shows "41% complete". To the right, a star icon indicates "1st in year group". Below the progress indicator, a recommendation box says "Want to move things forward? We recommend you..." and "Complete the Interests quiz" with a "40% complete" bar. A link "See all your tasks" is also present.

Below the progress summary, a section titled "ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW" and "Exploring pathways" leads to a grid of nine tool cards:

- Interests profile**: Quiz not taken. Start >
- Personality profile**: Quiz last taken 27 Sep 21: ENFJ. Start >
- Work environments profile**: Quiz not taken. Start >
- Careers library**: Careers favourited. Go to tool >
- Subjects library**: Subjects favourited. Go to tool >
- Know-how library**: Guides favourited. Go to tool >
- MOOC**: Make your first shortlist. Start >
- Webinars**: Hear directly from the experts. Go to tool >
- Read, Watch, Listen**: Profiles favourited. Start >

While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (3rd - 7th July 2023) 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 keep an eye out on the below for current work experience / insight into industry days that are advertised throughout the year.

Kohler Mira – Engineering and Business Work Experience Placements

We are operating a **NEW procedure for Work Experience** this academic year and will be taking applications until **18th November 2022** for work experience until July of 2023. This is to help us manage the number of requests we see come through a little better and hopefully also motivate your students to apply for a work placement sooner rather than later. Students can still request their preferred week in line with any dedicated weeks that you have outlined for them, but will need to have applied by the deadline.

The application form is on the SVS website – work experience page

We request that all applicants submit the Work Experience Application Form which I have attached to this email (and which is available on our website), alongside a short Covering Letter outlining why they wish to do their work experience at Kohler Mira and their interest in the area they have applied for. This may include projects they have worked on and/or hobbies/interests inside or outside of school that support their application. Not only is this good practice for the working world that we want to encourage amongst your students, but it helps us to better understand the motivations and interests of those applying so we can look to tailor the experience as best we can. **All applications should be sent to earlycareers@mirashowers.com by 18th November 2022.**

NHS Work Experience 2nd October DEADLINE to apply – This is an intensive VIRTUAL work experience programme that is accepted by UCAS as medical work experience.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing - Midwifery - Paramedicine - Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy - Dietetics - Radiography - Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy - Pharmacy

Students considering a career in the Allied Health Professions (AHP) are encouraged to secure their place on the programme as soon as possible. This will allow them to complete several sessions of work experience before the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers in January.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5 month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications!

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

NHS Q & A session and Taster Day- MATERNITY

<p>'Save the Date'</p> <p>Maternity Q&A Career Awareness session</p> <p>Monday 10th October 2022, 17:00 - 18:00, Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Watch out for further information for this opportunity. Eventbrite link will be available soon. Places are limited.</p>	<p>The Maternity Q&A session aims to answer all your questions about a career in midwifery. From the subjects to choose for GCSE's, the application process for university, personal statements, what a day in the life of midwife is like and many more. The panel who welcomes you to the event will comprise of newly qualified midwives, senior midwives, recruitment midwives and midwifery students, with a wealth of knowledge between us. Come along and see if we can inspire your career in Midwifery.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity after the Q&A session to apply for our Midwifery Taster day. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to come to our hospital to get hands on with our midwifery training models.</p> <p>For any questions please contact</p> <p>Claire.watson-pople@nhs.net or Zainab.lawal3@nhs.net Lead Midwives for Recruitment and Retention.</p> <p>Open to: students, parents, carers, teachers and career advisors. This is an opportunity to find out more information about a career in midwifery.</p>
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<p>'Save the Date'</p> <p>Maternity Taster Day</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd November 2022, 13:30 – 16:30</p> <p>Watch out for further information for this opportunity. Eventbrite link will be available soon.</p>	<p>Interested in Midwifery?</p> <p>Our midwives will be hosting a Maternity Taster day soon. The event will focus on discussions around birth. Birth related images and discussions will be shared throughout the session. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the role of a midwife and pathways into the profession.</p> <p>Some of the content can be considered of a sensitive nature, therefore some viewers may not wish to participate</p>
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GROWS offer some great careers advice and insight days – please see below for more details including a **Crime Scene Investigation day**.



Welcome to the new academic year from GROWS

Supporting young people and their parents to plan positive futures

To kick off the new academic year, GROWS are offering three events to give young people and their parents the information and support they need, as well as an exciting subject taster for Year 10s!

Crime Scene Investigation – A chance for Year 10s to become a CSI for the day, learn specialist techniques using authentic resources, take part in activities include Fingerprinting, Hair & Fibre and Footwear Analysis and use their new skillset to investigate a crime scene!

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 October (half term) 10.00am – 3.00pm

University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus

For students in Year 10

Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/CSI

Find Your Future – Our popular subject taster day for all the family is back! Join GROWS, colleges, universities, employers, and other enterprise partners and get hands on with a range of subjects you could study after GCSEs. From engineering to music production there will be something for everyone, maybe even a subject or career choice you have never heard of before! Hear from motivational speakers, careers advisors, education providers and find out how your personality could help you choose the right career!

Saturday 26th November @ University of Gloucestershire's Oxstalls Campus

Suitable for students in Years 9, 10 & 11 and other family members

Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/fyf

Supporting Future Choices – A virtual information evening for parents. Local experts will discuss all the educational options available for young people when they leave secondary school, helping you to help your child/young person make an informed decision about their future.

Tuesday 18th or Thursday 20th October 5.45 – 7.45

Suitable for students in Years 10 & 11 and their parents

Virtual event via Zoom. Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/choices *Date will be confirmed by email once booked

For more from GROWS including parent specific resources, events, learner workbooks and newsletters please sign up at www.grows.ac.uk or find us on social media; Instagram and TikTok @growsnetwork / Facebook @growsgloucestershire

Yours sincerely,
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GROWS is a network of higher education providers in Gloucestershire who provide schools with information and activities designed to assist their pupils in making informed decisions about their future educational options. We offer a range of in-school and out of school activities in a range of career areas. These opportunities are FREE and offer you an insight into careers you may never have thought of doing. www.grows.ac.uk for further information.



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InvestIN offer some really unique work experience placement – some are online and other are in person – however please note that there is a cost for these courses (bursaries are available).

[Weekend Programmes: Ages 15-18 – InvestIN Education](#)

Career Opportunities For Ages 12-18

Live & interactive career masterclasses | At UCL or online | November & December 2022



INVESTIN
WEEKEND CAREER EXPERIENCES
INTERACTIVE CAREER MASTERCLASSES FOR STUDENTS AGED 12-18

We are delighted to share with you our autumn term career opportunities, which are available in 19 cutting-edge industries. **Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals - doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers and more** - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience to ages 12-18.

All programmes take place on Sundays at UCL; students can also attend live online if they prefer. **We expect to be fully-booked for our most popular programmes by 30th September so students should register as soon as possible.**

Summer Career Experiences in London



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SUMMER CAREER EXPERIENCES
LIFE-CHANGING, IMMERSIVE CAREER EXPERIENCES IN LONDON FOR AGES 12-18.

Our Summer Experiences offer the ultimate, 360-degree experience of professional life for ages 12-18. They last for up to 15 days and are available in all 19 of our careers. Whilst weekend programmes are classroom-based, our Summer Experiences take place at top industry sites across London - including immersions in hospitals, courtrooms, skyscrapers, film sets and much more.

IGD Employability Skills Webinar – Wednesday 19th October at 13.30

Date for your diary - - Wednesday 19th October for a Employability Skills Webinar during half-term – more details to be emailed out nearer the time.

Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications for current Year 10s – please find a guide below for Current Year 10s:-

July -September 2022 - 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 2022 - 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 24th November 2022 - 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 2022 - January 2023 - 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 2023)

December 2022 – 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 2023 - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

February - May 2023 - 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 2023 - GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.