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

**ALL ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS...** While I do not want to ever sway a student to a certain company or into a set career, I do want to point out the 10 x Level 3 apprenticeships being advertised at Wall's Ice Cream in Gloucester – think Twister, magnum and Ben & Jerry's! I can think of worse places to work! Also, amongst the new apprenticeships being advertised is a Model Finisher working in ARRK's stereolithography department – this is idea for a student interested in working with their hands and learning a craft trade, a Carpentry Apprenticeship at Klibury Construction Ltd and Early Years Apprenticeships

**WORK EXPERIENCE GALORE...** lots of opportunities for work experience included in this edition as well as some taster days at Hartpury in Animal, Equine and Agriculture

If you have any questions please do get in touch [vmartin@severnvaeschool.com](mailto: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

Search

[Browse](#)

**Keywords (optional)**  
Can include job title, employer or reference number

All

Business Administrator

**Your location**  
Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)

GL4 8AX

**Within**

5 miles

**Apprenticeship level**

All levels

Search by Job Title or Employer

Put in your home postcode

How far are you able to travel for work?

**Apprenticeships**  
**Opening doors to a**  
**better future**

**ICE CREAM**  
**APPRENTICESHIP**  
**OPEN EVENINGS**

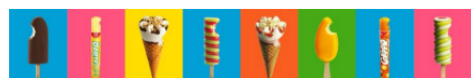


- Do you want to be involved in making the world's most iconic ice creams such as TWISTER, MAGNUM and BEN & JERRY'S?
- You can EARN whilst you LEARN with one of our 3-year Apprenticeships at the amazing Wall's Ice Cream Site in Gloucester
- We are offering x10 Level 3 Food & Drink Technical Operator Apprenticeships
- Entry requirements: English and Maths GCSE grade C or Level 4 or above – gained or predicted

Come to an open evening– feel free to bring your parent(s) or guardian(s)  
Have a look around and see how ice creams are made  
Find out more about the Apprenticeship and meet some of the Team

1<sup>st</sup> June at 1930  
22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1900  
20<sup>th</sup> July at 1830

To book your place Email: [angela.seddon@unilever.com](mailto:angela.seddon@unilever.com)



Walls are delighted to be able to offer x10 Level 3 (Advanced) Food & Drink Technical Operator Apprenticeships here at Unilever Wall's in GLOUCESTER.

They have arranged three open evenings for students aged 16+ (and their parents/guardians) who would like to find out more about this fantastic opportunity.

The open evenings will explain about the apprenticeship and how it works and give a flavour of life in the Ice Cream world!

The NHS also has some great apprenticeships.



## VACANCY at ARRK

Job Title	Company	Location
Trainee Model Finisher	ARRK Europe Ltd	QUEDGELEY

Applications are invited for the full-time, permanent position of Trainee Model Finisher working primarily on SLA parts but covering all finishing departments.

- The primary function is to hand-finish SLA models of various sizes and complexity which have been produced on our stereolithography laser machines. There will also be a requirement to support other departments such as PU Finishing and SLS joining when the workload demands it.

### Who will enjoy this role ?

This role will suit someone who has recently completed their studies in a creative field or has some work experience. This could be anything from studies relating to arts and crafts, wood working and metal working and/or modelmaking. The most critical quality is a passion to learn and a real enthusiasm for helping to make something with your own hands, taking pride in your work.

We have an experienced team of finishers who will mentor our new recruit so that he/she can reach their full potential and become an integral part of the team.

There are no specific qualifications required but the following attributes would be an advantage:

- Excellent hand-to-eye coordination and dexterity
- Craft or artistic interests
- Any personal experience working in a workshop environment
- Problem solving attitude, analytical approach to engineering solutions
- Computer literacy
- Excellent communication skills, good team worker, flexible
- Excellent timekeeping and reliability

Also useful but not essential:

- Recognised engineering or mechanical apprenticeship
- Knowledge of manual machining, centre lathe, vertical mill and/or pillar drill
- Ability to read and understand engineering drawings
- Ability to use measuring equipment such as Verniers

#### Hours of Work

- 7 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday, 37.5 hour week

This position is based at our Quedgeley site and the successful candidate will receive a competitive salary.

If you are personally interested in being considered for this role or know anyone you feel could do the job and would be interested, please contact your team leader or line manager.

HR Team

ARRK Europe Limited


Gloucester Technical Centre

Olympus Park, Quedgeley

Gloucestershire, GL2 4NF

Email: [amanda.fitz@arrkeurope.com](mailto:amanda.fitz@arrkeurope.com), [shelley.tighe@arrkeurope.com](mailto:shelley.tighe@arrkeurope.com)

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**Give your students a fantastic foundation**

Hi Ms J Essex,

At Specsavers, we believe in growing our own.

Our apprenticeships provide firm foundations for lifelong careers in Optometry and Audiology. Fields that are dynamic, rewarding and constantly evolving.

[About Specsavers apprenticeships - Join Specsavers UK & Ireland](#)

**Title:** Maintenance Apprentice  
**Location:** Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

## The Role

The Maintenance Apprentice position is an exciting new role, supporting the Maintenance Engineer with a range of duties, ensuring a smooth, efficient and safe manufacturing operation within the factory. There will be a combination of planned and routine maintenance, including repair of breakdowns and installation of new equipment and processes.

As well as an exciting role within a growing manufacturing business you will also be enrolled to complete a Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Level 2 and Level 3 at Gloucestershire Engineering Training, you will contribute towards the workplace from the second years onwards.

## Responsibilities

To assist the Maintenance Engineer in all aspects of their role, including:

- Assisting with routine and breakdown maintenance of the Factory machinery.
- Assisting in ensuring equipment and the site are maintained efficiently, placing emphasis on total preventative maintenance and recording these in the daily, weekly and monthly logs.
- Liaise with external contractors as and when required.
- Assisting with conducting and recording daily safety checks on all production equipment and reporting any faults.
- Conduct daily checks on the forklift trucks, including fluid top-up and reporting any faults.
- Assisting in conducting press tool changes in line with production requirements.
- Conduct weekly fire point checks and record.
- Assisting with conducting general facilities maintenance as and when required.
- Liaise with the maintenance engineer and manufacturing manager to purchase external services, spare parts and troubleshooting on all equipment as and when required.
- Responsible for ensuring the safety of yourself and others on site at all times, reporting any concerns immediately.
- Assisting with Health and Safety projects.
- Any other duties as reasonably assigned to support the needs of the business.

## Skills and Experience

- Strong technical ability
- Strong number skills
- Strong IT Skills
- Keen attention to detail
- Ability to problem solve
- Upbeat, 'can-do' attitude



- Experience of completing paperwork
- Willingness to work as part of a team.
- Self Motivated
- 5 GCSE's (or equivalent) at grade 9-4, which must be Math's, English and ideally a science subject.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please submit your up-to-date curriculum vitae with an accompanying cover letter detailing your suitability for the position via e-mail to [hr@tricel.co.uk](mailto:hr@tricel.co.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.**



For apprenticeships (especially in the service industries) you need to keep an eye out on Instagram and other social media sights – you need to follow any companies that you are interest in as they will advertise any opportunities that they have on social media 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reflections\_Brockworth is at Reflections, Brockworth.  
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We are hiring at Reflections Brockworth for an apprentice hairdresser 🧑🏻‍🦱 Have you always had a passion for hair? Love being creative? Please send over a cv to [salon15@reflections-hair.co.uk](mailto:salon15@reflections-hair.co.uk) or phone the salon for more information!  
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vaccancy!**

**Please phone for  
more info  
01452 623873**

**Or send a cv to  
[salon15@reflections-hair.co.uk](mailto:salon15@reflections-hair.co.uk)**

Vacancies currently being advertised at Gloucestershire College

VAC1000165019

### Carpentry Apprentice at KILBURY CONSTRUCTION LTD

We are looking for a Carpentry Apprentice to join our busy team, learning all aspects of working in a construction environment whilst studying towards your Carpentry and Joinery Standard qualification. You will interpret and produce relevant information from drawings, plus much more.

**Location:** Gloucestershire  
**Hours:** 40 Per Week

**Salary:** £10,982.40 Per Year  
**Closing Date:** 1 June 2023

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### Early Years Educator Apprentice at Winton House Day Nursery

Are you enthusiastic, cheerful, with more energy than average? Would you like a rewarding and fulfilling career in a nurturing, fun and friendly environment? We are looking for a Childcare apprentice to join our busy team, learning all aspects of working in a nursery environment whilst studying towards your Childcare qualification.

**Location:** Gloucestershire  
**Hours:** 40 Per Week

**Salary:** £10,982.40 Per Year  
**Closing Date:** 5 June 2023

# 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 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'.

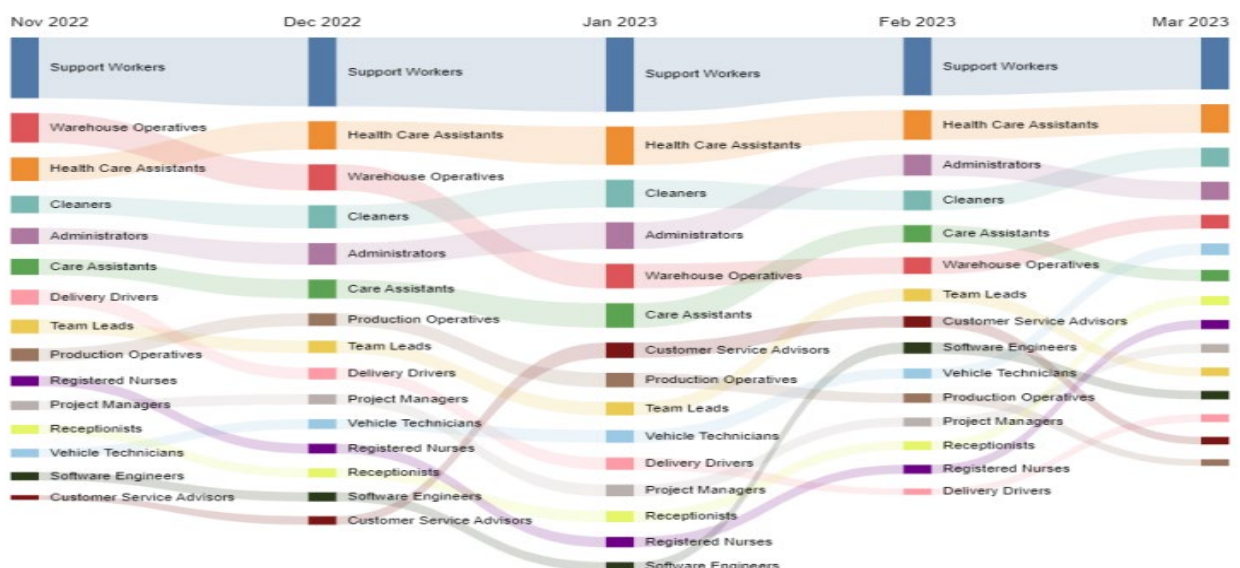
**T'levels** – Gloucestershire's Cirencester College has been at the heart of these pioneering qualifications. They are a 2 year technical study programmes designed in partnership with employers that combine class room training and a 45+ day industry placement. Cirencester Collage and Gloucestershire College both have a selection of T-levels that include subjects as diverse 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, many colleges offer Access courses (meaning students may spend 3 years rather than 2 at the college) e.g. Cirencester College's Access to A'levels, is a foundation year getting students ready to take A'levels.

**These are the top jobs (in terms of number of jobs) that are being advertised in Gloucester**



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. Please note not all of Gloucestershire College's courses are in Gloucester and some of SGS's courses are in fact in Bristol!

[Army Foundation College](#)

## ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE



### 16+ OPTIONS

Find out about what it's like to start Army training as a junior soldier with our **NEW** [video](#). The [Army Foundation College](#) is an experience like no other.

[Cirencester College](#) –

They have a **new** Horticulture T-level which is launching in September. This course is ideal for hands on/practical students, many of whom may not have considered Horticulture as an option before. As well as the work experience placement which is integral to the T-level, our students will also spend a great deal of time undertaking practical tasks when they are at college rather than traditional classroom learning.

## HORTICULTURE

at Cirencester College


### What is Horticulture?

- Habitat Creation** - enhancing biodiversity.
- Science** - plant health and nutrition.
- Design** - creating plans for gardens and landscapes.
- Construction** - how to turn designs into actual gardens and solutions.
- Environmental Protection** - the practice of protecting the natural environment by individuals, groups and governments.

### Why Horticulture?

- £30 Billion** industry.
- The government wants to create more **green spaces**.
- The global environmental crisis is finding solutions in **plant based technology**.
- It is a **'primary'** sector - 'We create things!'

### Ideal for hands on and practical students



Opportunity to **design and build** gardens and garden features.

Visit **historical sites, sports clubs, businesses and parks** to see what, how and why they do what they do.

Grow **plants, fruit and vegetables** in an onsite production facility to market and sell.

**Course Breakdown**


80% Classroom/Polytunnel


20% Placement

Join our new

## T-LEVEL

in Horticulture from September 2023





**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEW LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION

Their next open evening is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 5-8pm. Registrations are open now and there is still good availability. This is a great opportunity for Yr10's to get a first view of the College and get them inspired and motivated for Yr11!

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[Hartpury College](#) – Any Year 10s who are interested in going to Hartpury College please note that you will need to book onto their open-days in June 2023 (when you are in Year 10) for open-days for September 2023 onwards – by the time you come back for Y11 in September most of Hartpury College Open-days for 23/24 will already be fully booked. Hartpury have highlighted a useful form on our website where parents/cares can sign up to be notified when our **college open day** dates go live on our website. As you are all aware, we experienced massive demand for open days this academic year. We recommend that students who are wanting to attend one of these events to get there booking in as soon as possible. Feel free to share this form with parents/carers so they can be notified once the dates are live. [Hartpury College Open Mornings 2023-2024 | Hartpury University \(geckoform.com\)](#).



## Subject Experience Days

### Applications now open

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- *Equine Subject Experience Day - 31 May 2023*
- *Agriculture Subject Experience day - 28 July 2023*

Applications are open now. [Click here](#) or **scan and share the QR code below to** access more information and the **online application form**.



[MPCT](#) – Military Preparation College [MPCT Prospectus 2022/23](#)

[Stage Door Learning](#) –

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

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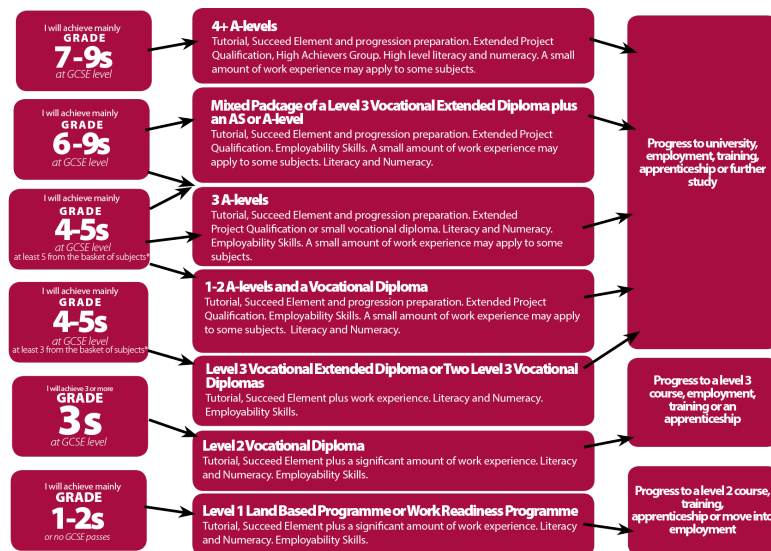
# One-to-One Careers Appointments



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@severnvaleschool.com](mailto:noakey@severnvaleschool.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



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](#) -

[Balcarras School](#) -

[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

[Churchdown School](#) -

[The Crypt School](#) -

[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) -

[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

[Marling Sixth From](#) -

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) -

[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) -

[St Peter's RC High School](#) -

[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) -

# The Crypt Vs Marling

This is just an example but I wanted to highlight the difference in offers a student might get from somewhere like the Crypt vs somewhere like Marling (I am only using these two schools as examples and the below is only to point out a technicality and NOT to recommend a student favours applying to one school or the other).

## For The Crypt

- Students will need **6+** GCSEs at **grade 6** or above
- **Maths and English Language** GCSE at **grade 5** or above

## For Marling

- Students will need **38 Points** across their **best 6 GCSE** grades (grade 7 is 7 points, grade 6 is 6 points etc..)
- **Maths and English Language** GCSE at **grade 5** or above

This means if a student got the below grades they would probably NOT get into The Crypt as they do not have 6+ GCSEs at grade 6 or above but they would get into Marling as they have over 38 points across their best 6 grades (41 points in the example below).

7/6 in Science,  
8 in English Literature,  
5 in Maths,  
7 in Geography,  
8 in Citizenship,  
5 in English Language,  
4 in Spanish



## 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](http://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, the navigation bar includes links for HOME, FAVOURITES, LOCKER, APPLY, HELP, and a TEACHER button. The main content area greets the user with "Hello Virginia, here's a summary of your progress so far...". It features a circular progress indicator showing 41% complete and a star icon indicating the user is 1st in their year group. Below this, a recommendation box suggests completing the "Interests quiz" (40% complete). A section titled "ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW" with the subtitle "Exploring pathways" contains 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 >

## Work Experience & Careers Fairs

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.

**Y10 Work Experience Opportunity** – **Eastgate Shopping Centre** are able to take a student for work experience. This is ideal if you are interested in Fashion & or Hospitality / Restaurants – for more information please visit [The Eastgate Shopping Centre - Great Shopping in the Heart of Gloucester](#) – Please email [vmartin@severnvaeschool.com](mailto:vmartin@severnvaeschool.com) if you are interested in this opportunity

**Y10 Work Experience Opportunity** – **Quedgeley Town Council** are also interested in having a Severn Vale Student on work experience – please email [gblackburn@severnvaeschool.com](mailto:gblackburn@severnvaeschool.com)

**Y10 Work Experience Opportunity** – **Gloucester Library** are also interested in having a Severn Vale Student on work experience – <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries> please email [louise.shapcott@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.shapcott@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Y10 & Y11 Work Experience Opportunity** – **The Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust**



are able to offer work experience placements for Y10 students. Gloucestershire Hospitals don't offer placements until Y11 or 12, so this could be a great opportunity for students in health care and other business support services. The possible departments listed on their application form are:

Admin/Business/IT/Facilities  
Mental Health  
Nursing  
Children's Services  
Physiotherapy  
Occupational Therapy  
Podiatry  
Speech & Language Therapy  
Dental

The placement length and availability will vary by department, but could be up to a full week.

Interested students will need to complete an application form (from [vmartin@severnvaleschool.com](mailto:vmartin@severnvaleschool.com)) and it requires a parent/guardian signature. I have downloaded it via the QR code and attached it here.

NB If students want to access the form through the QR code, the best way I found to access it is to:

1) Click on the code 2) enter "work experience" into the "How can we help you?" search bar at the top of the page. 3) Click on the Application Form link and download.

#### Y10 Taster day Opportunities – Hartpury College

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## Heritage Focus Day

Date	03/06/2023
Time	10:00am to 4:00pm
Cost	Free



We are holding our first ever heritage careers focus day at the Gloucestershire Heritage Hub with key note speaker, Nick Barratt of BBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?'. This event is aimed at people wanting a career in heritage as well as those interested in a less formal arrangement, for example, volunteering. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Get advice and access to relevant contacts and links. Chat to us, learn about training paths and roles, 'have a go' opportunities, demonstrations, films and behind the scenes tour of Gloucestershire Archives.

This event is an excellent opportunity to see what archivists, conservators, museum curators, librarians, archaeologists and other heritage based professionals do on a day to day basis. Come and chat with us and learn about training paths and roles. There will also be 'have a go' opportunities, demonstrations, films and a 'behind the scenes' tour of Gloucestershire Archives.

Booking onto talks and workshops is required due to capacity.

[Heritage Focus Day - Heritage hub](#)

# 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 2023** - 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 2023** - 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 23th November 2023** - 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 2023 - January 2024** - 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 2023** – 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 2024** - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

**February - May 2024** - 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 2024**- GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.