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

During the course of Y10 and Y11 this newsletter, usual via email (hard copies only at the Supporting Your Child through KS4 evening 28th Sept), 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 take time to read through this newsletter as it is the 1st edition for 2023/24 and is a 'bumper' edition with lots of information around post-16 and work experience.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://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 search interface for Find an Apprenticeship. It includes a search bar with 'Search' and 'Browse' buttons. Below the search bar, there are several sections: 'Keywords (optional)' with a dropdown menu set to 'All' and a text input field containing 'Business Administrator'; 'Your location' with a text input field containing 'GL4 8AX'; 'Within' with a dropdown menu set to '5 miles'; and 'Apprenticeship level' with a dropdown menu set to 'All levels'. Three callout boxes with arrows point to these sections: 'Search by Job Title or Employer' points to the Keywords section, 'Put in your home postcode' points to the Your location section, and 'How far are you able to travel for work?' points to the Within section.

While vacancies might not come up until Spring 2024, it is a 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. It features five colored cards: 'UK Personal Statement' (red) with 'Subject added' and a 'Go to tool' button; 'Academics' (green) with 'No Classes selected' and a 'Go to tool' button; 'Subject References' (purple) with '1 References, 1 missing' and a 'Locked' status; 'CV / Resume' (blue) with 'Tweak your CV for each role' and a 'Start' button; and 'Writing tool' (orange) with '0 writing items added' and a 'Start' button. A callout box with an arrow points to the 'CV / Resume' card, containing 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 Level 3 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 to a smaller extent Gloucestershire College and Stroud College) has a selection of T-levels that include subjects as diversity as Accounting to Adult Nursing, Horticulture to Business Management and Broadcast Production to Engineering. These courses have been devised in close contact with employers to ensure that students have the practical skills to ensure they are 'work ready'.

COURSES AVAILABLE IN 2024	
Accounting	Digital
Agriculture, Land Management and Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Services (Data Analysis for Business)• Support Services (Cyber Security)• Support Services (IT Support)• Production, Design and Development (Software Development, Coding and Games Development)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horticulture and Garden Design• Floristry	Engineering
Animal Care and Management NEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and Development• Maintenance, Installation and Repair• Manufacturing, Processing and Control
Business Management and Administration	Finance
Childcare and Education	Health and Science
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Nursing• Supporting Mental Health Teams• Healthcare Science• Laboratory Science and Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Services and Engineering• Design, Surveying and Planning (Civil Engineering option included)	Legal Services
Craft and Design NEW	Media, Broadcast and Production NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceramics• Fashion and Textiles• Furniture Maker• Jewellery Maker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Media Technician• Events and Venues Technician• Content Creation and Production

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. Students are able to study A'levels at Cirencester and Hartpury College and school 6th Forms.

BTECs – are practical-based, vocational qualifications. They can be studied at a college or some school 6th forms 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 Foundation Year courses, meaning students spend 3 years rather than 2 at the college. These are for students who are not quite ready for T'levels or A'levels and include work experience, GCSE resits, project qualifications.

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 are now open.

Cirencester College	Saturday	14th	Oct	2023	10am-4pm	Booking for this event is live NOW
Cirencester College	Saturday	16th	March	2024	10am-3.30pm	Booking for this event will open on 11th Dec
Cirencester College	Thursday	5 th	March	2024	TBC	TBC
Cirencester College	Thursday	27th	June	2024	10am-4pm	Booking for this event will open on 22nd April



Gloucestershire College - You will need to apply by March to get your first choice of venue for post-16 courses, remember not all of Gloucestershire College sites are in Gloucester

Gloucestershire College - Cheltenham Campus	Monday	13th	Nov	2023	5pm - 8pm	Register interest on Website
Gloucestershire College - Forest of Dean Campus	Wednesday	15th	Nov	2023	5pm - 8pm	Register interest on Website
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Saturday	18th	Nov	2023	10.00am-1.00pm	Register interest on Website
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Monday	20th	Nov	2023	5pm - 8pm	Register interest on Website
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus	Monday	15th	Jan	2024	5pm - 8pm	
Gloucestershire College - Gloucester Campus & Apprenticeship Evening	Wednesday	6th	Mar	2024	5pm - 8pm	

GET- Gloucestershire Engineering and Training Centre – Open evening is normally in February.

Hartpury College –

Hartpury College	Saturday	23rd	Sep	2023	From 9am	FULLY BOOKED
Hartpury College	Saturday	14th	Oct	2023	From 9am	FULLY BOOKED
Hartpury College	Saturday	11th	Nov	2023	From 9am	FULLY BOOKED
Hartpury College	Saturday	9th	Dec	2023	From 9am	Book on Website Now

Book now ▶

- Saturday 23 September 2023 – **fully booked**
- Saturday 14 October 2023 – **fully booked**
- Saturday 11 November 2023 – **fully booked**
- Saturday 9 December 2023

Don't worry if you can't make these dates, we'll be holding more events in February and March 2024. These will be available to book towards the end of the year.

MPCT – Military Preparation College – please see website for more information on what this college has to offer

Gloucester

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 Messenger House
 35 St Michael's Square
 Gloucester
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PLAN MY ROUTE



VIEW MAP



Stage Door Learning –

Open evening in October and November –



STAGE DOOR learning **OPEN EVENINGS FOR 2024 ENTRY**

Wednesday 18th October 5pm – 7pm
Monday 27th November 6pm – 8pm

65 Lansdown Crescent Lane, Cheltenham. GL50 2LD
Email stagedoorlearning@gmail.com for more information or to register your interest.

EVERYMAN

The poster features a group of diverse young people in various poses, some sitting, some standing, and some in dynamic, dance-like movements. The background is dark, making the people stand out. The text is in white and yellow, with a red jacket worn by one of the people in the top right.

South Gloucestershire & Stroud (SGS) –



SGS OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 28th September 2023
17:30 - 20:00 (A LEVELS ONLY)

Saturday 7th October 2023 - 10:00 - 13:00

Saturday 18th November 2023 - 10:00 - 13:00

Saturday 27th January 2024 - 10:00 - 13:00

Thursday 25th April 2024 - 17:30 - 20:00

Register Online:
www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events

FIND OUT MORE
FREEPHONE: 0800 0567 253



The poster has a vibrant background with pink, blue, and green geometric shapes. The SGS logo is in the top right corner. The event dates and times are listed in a white rounded rectangle. Social media icons are at the bottom right.

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 rjordansteele@severnvaeschool.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. **Please double check open evening dates and times on the venues website.**

[All Saints Academy](#) -

[Archway School Sixth Form](#) -

Archway School	Tuesday	14th	November	2023	5.30-7.30
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[Balcarras School](#) -

Balcarras School	Open Evening	TBC	January	2024	7pm-9pm
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[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

Cheltenham Bournside School	Open Evening	TBC	January	2024	Evening TBC
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[Chosen Hill School](#) -

Chosen Hill School	Monday	15th	January	2024	Time TBC
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[Churchdown School](#) -

[The Crypt School](#) -

The Crypt	Wednesday	8th	November	2023	6.30-8.00
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[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) -

Holmleigh Park High School	Thursday	23rd	November	2023	6.30-8pm
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[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

Katherine Lady Berkley School	Thursday	16th	November	2023	6pm-8pm
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[Marling Sixth Form](#) –

Marling Grammar School	Wednesday	22rd	November	2023	TBC
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[Pates Sixth Form](#) –

Pates Grammar School	Tuesday	23rd	January	2024	5pm-8pm
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[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) –

Ribston Hall High School	Thursday	25th	January	2024	6pm-8.30pm
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[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) –

Sir Thomas Rich Grammar School			February	2024	
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[St Peter's RC High School](#) –

St Peter's RC High School	Wednesday	15th	November	2023	5.30pm-7pm
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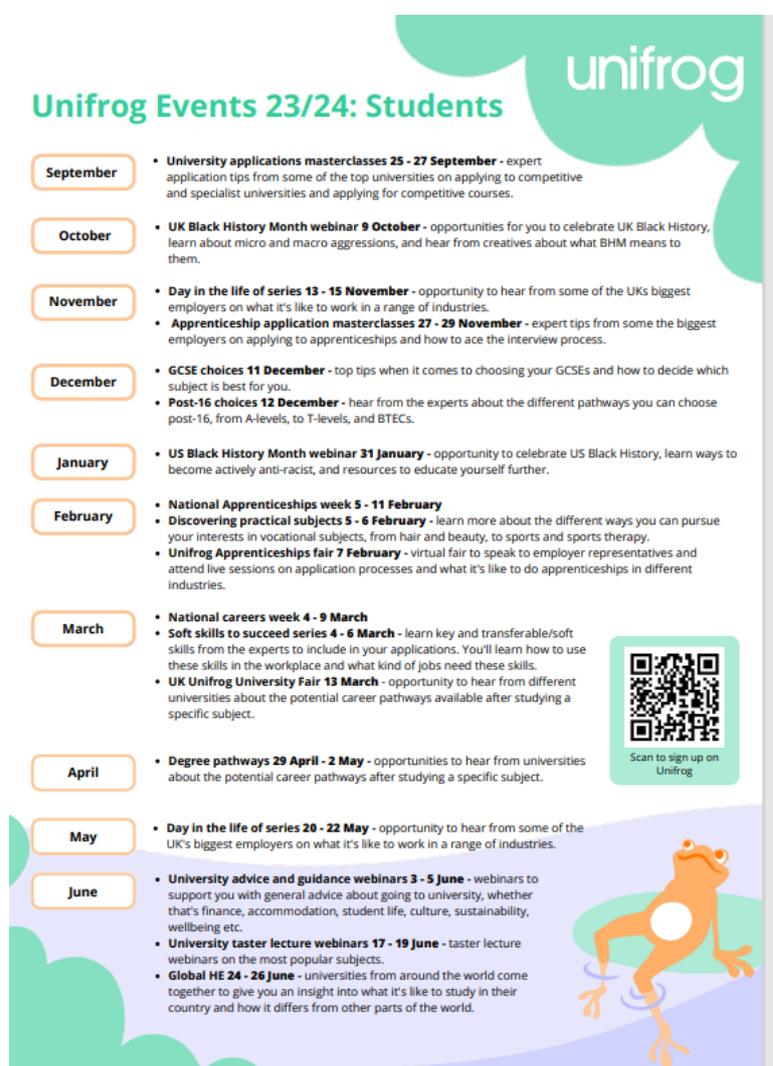
[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) –

Stroud High School	Wednesday	24th	January	2024	TBC
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Launch of Unifrog

September 2021 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 sign up using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at <https://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. Unifrog also has a number of webinars for students which are free to attend.



The poster features the Unifrog logo at the top right and a list of events from September to June. Each event is listed with a date and a brief description. A QR code is provided for signing up, with the text 'Scan to sign up on Unifrog' below it. An illustration of a frog is at the bottom right.

Unifrog Events 23/24: Students

- September**
 - University applications masterclasses 25 - 27 September** - expert application tips from some of the top universities on applying to competitive and specialist universities and applying for competitive courses.
- October**
 - UK Black History Month webinar 9 October** - opportunities for you to celebrate UK Black History, learn about micro and macro aggressions, and hear from creatives about what BHM means to them.
- November**
 - Day in the life of series 13 - 15 November** - opportunity to hear from some of the UK's biggest employers on what it's like to work in a range of industries.
 - Apprenticeship application masterclasses 27 - 29 November** - expert tips from some of the biggest employers on applying to apprenticeships and how to ace the interview process.
- December**
 - GCSE choices 11 December** - top tips when it comes to choosing your GCSEs and how to decide which subject is best for you.
 - Post-16 choices 12 December** - hear from the experts about the different pathways you can choose post-16, from A-levels, to T-levels, and BTECs.
- January**
 - US Black History Month webinar 31 January** - opportunity to celebrate US Black History, learn ways to become actively anti-racist, and resources to educate yourself further.
- February**
 - National Apprenticeships week 5 - 11 February**
 - Discovering practical subjects 5 - 6 February** - learn more about the different ways you can pursue your interests in vocational subjects, from hair and beauty, to sports and sports therapy.
 - Unifrog Apprenticeships fair 7 February** - virtual fair to speak to employer representatives and attend live sessions on application processes and what it's like to do apprenticeships in different industries.
- March**
 - National careers week 4 - 9 March**
 - Soft skills to succeed series 4 - 6 March** - learn key and transferable/soft skills from the experts to include in your applications. You'll learn how to use these skills in the workplace and what kind of jobs need these skills.
 - UK Unifrog University Fair 13 March** - opportunity to hear from different universities about the potential career pathways available after studying a specific subject.
- April**
 - Degree pathways 29 April - 2 May** - opportunities to hear from universities about the potential career pathways after studying a specific subject.
- May**
 - Day in the life of series 20 - 22 May** - opportunity to hear from some of the UK's biggest employers on what it's like to work in a range of industries.
- June**
 - University advice and guidance webinars 3 - 5 June** - webinars to support you with general advice about going to university, whether that's finance, accommodation, student life, culture, sustainability, wellbeing etc.
 - University taster lecture webinars 17 - 19 June** - taster lecture webinars on the most popular subjects.
 - Global HE 24 - 26 June** - universities from around the world come together to give you an insight into what it's like to study in their country and how it differs from other parts of the world.

Scan to sign up on Unifrog

Work Experience & Careers Fairs

While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (1st -5th 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.



NURSING Q&A SESSION

<https://shorturl.at/yK079>

 Wednesday 4th October 2023
 17:00-18:00
 Microsoft Teams



DIETETICS TASTER DAY

Email gln-tr.careers@nhs.net to express interest.

Wednesday 18th October 2023 
09:30-16:15 
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 

RADIOTHERAPY OPEN MORNING

Email gln-tr.oncologyradiotherapy@nhs.net to express interest.

 Saturday 7th October
 10:00-14:00 TBC
 Cheltenham General Hospital



Take the NHS Careers Quiz

Follow the link below to the NHS Health Careers site to complete a short quiz which aims to match you with your ideal career route. Information on various different opportunities including apprenticeships is also available: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>





NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED UPCOMING WEBINARS



The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce upcoming webinars showcasing some more of the great jobs available in the NHS

Careers in Medicine	Careers in Digital Healthcare
<u>27th September 2023: 16:30-18:00</u>	<u>19th October 2023: 16:30-18:00</u>
Online via Zoom	Online via Zoom
For anyone interested in medicine, this webinar will showcase the variety of roles available including paediatric medicine, surgery and general practice	Spotlighting some of the exciting roles in digital healthcare, this webinar will introduce careers in analytics, social media, web development and more
Click here to register or scan below	Click here to register or scan below



Future career webinar dates for your diary include: Nursing & Midwifery on 14th November 2023, Primary Care on 6th December 2023, Allied Health Professions & Healthcare Science on 25th January 2024 and Mental Health on 5th March 2024

NHS
Gloucestershire Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Radiotherapy Open Morning

**SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023
CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL**



Are you interested in science? Do you have a caring nature? Do you want to work in healthcare, but not as a doctor or nurse?

Then come along to the Radiotherapy Open Day at the Oncology Centre. Here you can follow a cancer patient's pathway from diagnosis, to planning of treatment to delivering treatment. There will be professionals to show you around the department and explain what happens during the patient journey.

Please email ghn-tr.oncologyradiotherapy@nhs.net to express interest.

NHS
Gloucestershire Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Apprenticeships and Careers

Open Day

Nursing, Midwifery & AHP Careers Fair and Open Day

Find out on how you could kickstart your career at Gloucestershire Hospitals!

What will the day include?

- Tour our Wards and Departments
- Lecture Theatre: Speciality Marketplace
- Learning Zone: application writing
- Learning Zone: Interview preparation
- Learning Zone: Meet our Professional Education team to discuss career opportunities
- Opportunity for **on-the-day Interviews** - secure your next exciting role on the day!

Everyone welcome!

Register your interest today!
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Work Experience Placements 2023/2024

We will continue to offer work experience in both Business and Engineering and placements will take place between Monday to Friday.

Given the number of requests we have received this year, we will still be implementing an application procedure, which continues to help us accommodate your students. As such, we would kindly request that all applications for work experience placements in the academic year 2023/2024 are sent to us no later than **Friday 24th November 2023**.

We will then be able to review all applications and confirm preferred dates with you and your students before the Christmas break. Should your allocated work experience week be between September and December, or should your students be allowed to book their own work experience, we will accommodate where we can.

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 24th November 2023.

Please be aware that, whilst we would love to be able to accommodate everyone, due to resource, we will not be able to do so, but I hope that an early application deadline will leave your students more than enough time to find a suitable alternative.

[Partner events](#) | [Unilever live online career challenges](#)

Join our Unilever live online career challenges

digdata
a Data Application Group programme



Gain FREE virtual work experience

NEXT STEP CAREER CHALLENGE – Wednesday 4th October at 5pm:

YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE , YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (Northern Ireland) & YEAR GROUPS S4-S6 (Scotland)

Are you a sunrise or a sunset ice cream lover? – Help Magnum get to know their customers.

Overview:

Magnum, one of the most internationally recognisable Unilever ice cream brands, have released two limited edition flavours this summer: Starchaser & Sunlover. Unilever are interested in understanding more about what people are saying about these flavours and how the ice cream lovers in the UK differ to their other global markets. This information will help our strategy team to deliver and launch new limited ice cream products.

Next Step Challenge:

Working with Unilever's Magnum Ice Cream data you will be tasked with deciding whether the public like the Starchaser and / or Sunlover flavours and how they compare to Magnum's all-time best sellers. This will involve exploring reviews, ratings, deal offers and the relationship between price, vegan offerings / conventional options. In summary, uncover the hidden insights within Magnum's world of frozen delights.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)





Welcome to the new academic year with GROWS! Supporting young people and their parents/guardians to plan positive futures.

A big hello from the GROWS team! We work with a small group of schools, including your school to help both parents and students to get the most from their education, and to make informed choices about their futures.

This year we will be coming into your young person's school to run workshops and assemblies, as well as organising trips for your young person to visit a local university campus to find out more about what life as a student might be like. Look out for letters from school to find out if your young person is invited to one of these exciting events! We also run a series of subject taster events which take place at weekends and in school holidays, keep an eye on www.grows.ac.uk/events for all the latest things we have on offer.

You may hear from us directly and / or via school, and you can also come to us direct for [resources](#), early information about our [events](#), and [newsletters](#) that help you understand each academic year step by step.

Visit and register @ www.grows.ac.uk

Get social with GROWS

Instagram and TikTok @[growsnetwork](#)

Facebook @[qrowsgloucestershire](#)

Get up to speed and book one of our autumn term events today!

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, discover 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 18th 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 providers will showcase the range of educational options available for young people after GCSEs, helping you to help your child/young person make an informed decision about their future. You'll also hear from current students studying on the range of qualification routes.

Wednesday December the 6th @ 5:45

Suitable for parents of students in Years 10 & 11 and their child.

Online event via Zoom. Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/choices

We look forward to seeing you in school or at one of our fantastic events!

The GROWS Team

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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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Is your child ready to embark on an exciting journey exploring the world of healthcare? Join us for the NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience on Sunday 1st October, 9am - 5pm and get ready to be amazed!

This opportunity is for students of all year groups! Whether your student dreams of becoming a nurse, a paramedic, or any other healthcare professional, this work experience is their ticket to gaining valuable insight and making an informed decision about their future career.

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

Our next session on Sunday 1st October, 9am - 5pm is focused on "Communication and Fractures," presenting students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of Allied Healthcare Professionals.

During the work experience day, they will follow two patients from their initial presentation to recovery, gaining a unique and unforgettable insight into the world of healthcare. They will interact with a variety of NHS healthcare professionals, including:

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

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout the day, empowering them to make informed career decisions and demonstrating their passion for healthcare in their UCAS application. Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

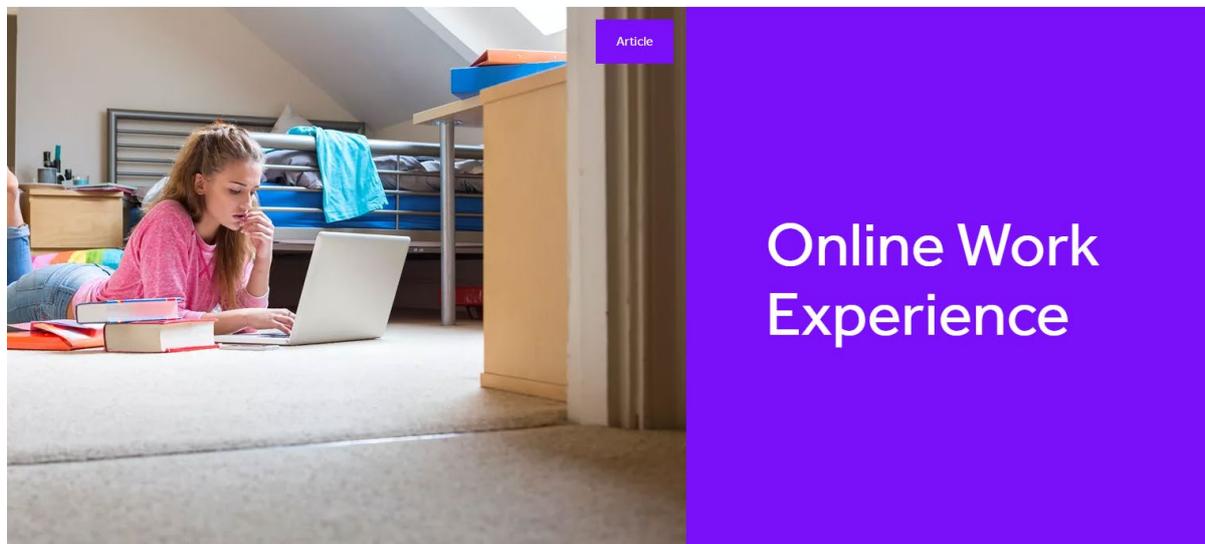
Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

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/>

Please note there is a £10 charge for these types of events and oftern students will need a adult in the room with them while they are on a zoom session.

Barclays LifeSkills Online work experience is taking place starting Monday 23 October 2023



Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in financial services? Find out about a range of job roles and what skills are used within a bank by joining Barclays LifeSkills online work experience placement. Work experience can help prepare you for the world of work by building key skills needed and valuable insight into the workplace. This opportunity isn't limited to those thinking about a career in financial services, the knowledge and skills you can be transferred to other industries and taking part would be a great addition to your CV.

The placement includes 5 live webinars, activities to test and deepen your learning, and the chance to complete a project. You will hear from Barclays employees, with the opportunity to ask questions and explore a variety of topics including:

- Early Careers at Barclays and working in financial services.
- Self-confidence and resilience
- Developing a growth mindset and understanding your personal strengths.
- CVs and preparing for interviews.

Barclays LifeSkills Online work experience is taking place starting Monday 23 October, the deadline to register is **19 October 2023** and the placement (you will require your own technology to join).

The placement is available for young people in the UK aged 14-19. This typically includes Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 (England and Wales), S3, S4, S5 and (Scotland) and Year 11, 12, 13, 15 (Northern Ireland).

Head to the Springpod website to apply by clicking the button below.

Register now

Why not start preparing for the workplace now by exploring the LifeSkills activities below, or visit our [virtual work experience page?](#)

Work experience weeks

Step into the world of work and join Renishaw for a work experience week

About our work experience

Our work experience is for students in years 10 to 13 (or equivalent), local to our headquarters site in Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire and our Miskin manufacturing site near Cardiff in South Wales. We offer three schemes:

Engineering

Placements available in Gloucestershire and South Wales

- Design and build a concept model
- Learn about Renishaw's product development process
- Gain a greater understanding of what a career in engineering entails
- Work alongside our engineers

Software

Placements available in Gloucestershire

- Develop your own programme as part of a team
- Operate as part of a software team
- Learn programming and network communications
- Design and test your software to meet the brief

Business and Marketing

Placements available in Gloucestershire

- Explore different aspects of the commercial side of the business, including HR, Finance, Marketing, Legal, Purchasing and Sales
- Work on a business plan for your own team's project



Work experience

At Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust we aim to provide a wide range of learning experiences, particularly for those individuals who are interested in gaining a better understanding of the NHS and wish to pursue a career within the organisation.

There are more than 350 different careers within the NHS – not just doctors and nurses – and we are keen to assist individuals in providing invaluable experiences to help their decision making.

If you are seeking a work experience placement within one of our services then please complete the form below or email workexperience@ghc.nhs.uk with the following information:

- ▶ Your name and age
- ▶ Where you live in the county
- ▶ What service or team you're looking to complete work experience with
- ▶ When you would like to complete work experience and for how long

While we will do our best to support your request, we're unable to guarantee you a placement.

For more information on apprenticeship and work experience opportunities within the Trust, please call the Apprenticeship and Widening Access Team on 0300 421 8216, or email apprenticeships@ghc.nhs.uk

Gloucestershire Constabulary's work experience programme was open for applications for only a few days before it shut earlier than advertised... you need to keep an eye out for any work experience placements you are interested in and apply straight away.

Work Experience

Applications for our Work Experience programme are now closed.

Due to high demand we have reluctantly had to close applications earlier than expected.

For those who did not get a chance to apply, we do offer other opportunities that allow you to experience and be involved with policing in Gloucestershire, such as our [Police Cadets scheme](#) and [Ride Along scheme](#).



Gloucestershire Engineering Training (GET)

- GET is the training centre for many engineering apprenticeships
- They offer work experience placements to year 10 students, with several people usually gaining a place from Severn Vale in previous years
- Website here: <https://get-trained.org>
- Location: Barnwood Point, Gloucester
- Awaiting number of places and application process, but an expression of interest email should be sent to Mr Jordan-Steele: rjordansteele@severnvaleschool.com
- Places will not be allocated until after January.

Stroud District Council

- Work experience for Year 10s across departments such as Tax, Environmental Health, Sports centres (e.g. The Pulse, Dursley), Housing, Benefits, Planning
- Most placements at their Ebley Mill, Stroud, site.
- Apply through an application form – waiting for 2024 form to be sent
- NOTE: first come first served and most did not apply early enough in 2023.
- Further details through this website link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/work-experience-placements-for-students>



WORK EXPERIENCE

FREE Work Experience for young people who are interested in finding out more about a potential career in the British Army.



Work Experience With A Difference

Students keen to explore careers in the Army can book onto our four-day residential work experience. For 14-18 year olds, the programme develops teamwork, leadership, confidence and resilience.

This is a great way for students to get a taste of Army life and fully appreciate the wealth of career opportunities.





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WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2024 WILL OPEN IN DECEMBER 2023.



Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications – please find a guide below for Current Year 11s (leaving SVS in June 2024):-

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 23rd 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 2024)

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 - July 2024 - If appropriate - apply for apprenticeships via either Unifrog or Find and Apprenticeship website [Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

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