



Future Focus



Tewkesbury Academy Careers Newsletter

The following slides will share with you careers information for opportunities, events and new experiences available.

These are designed to support you in making choices and decisions for YOUR FUTURE.



Worcestershire
Acute Hospitals
NHS Trust

WORK EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL NHS

Register your interest NOW!



Worcestershire
Acute Hospitals
NHS Trust

If you would like to register your interest work experience programme, get in touch with the Work Experience Team to express your interest.

wah-tr.workexperience@nhs.net

<https://www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/work-for-us/work-experience/>

Exciting work experience programmes at our Trust

Work experience in the NHS is a fantastic way to gain insight into a particular career, role or department you are interested in pursuing. Not only does it provide you with an opportunity to gain real life insight into your chosen career, but we aim to provide you with opportunities that will inspire you to take up a career in the NHS.

It's never too early to start thinking about your career and we are pleased to announce that future plans are underway for our work experience programme to open up from 2024.

At Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust our work experience placements are offered in a variety of ways, from one-day, to one-week block placements. Days are usually 7.5 hours long, dependent on the placement.

Starting your work experience

Work experience opportunities start when you are 14 -15 years old and are offered in a non-clinical setting. These types of placements can be in corporate services such as Finance, Human Resources, Learning and Development, Estates and Governance.

When you are 16 years old you can apply for clinical hospital placements. These placements can be quite varied and may include Physio, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Nursing Wards, Midwifery and Medicine – including the opportunity to shadow a consultant.

All work experience students have to be fully supervised by a placement supervisor at all times. These are shadowing and observation opportunities in the main (due to the risks involved) which allow you to get a feel for the role and ask questions. We will not expect you to learn the role or do it unsupervised.

Options Advice for Year 9 Students

Careerpilot

**Thinking about
which GCSEs to
choose?**



www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-14

[Career Pilot Options Advice \(Click Here\)](#)



Year 9 GCSE

Option Choices

[Click here for access to Tewkesbury Academy's Options Information on the School Website](#)

Electrical Engineering Work Experience

at GE Aerospace

Learn about the Aerospace Industry

Site and Lab Tours

- We will provide a tour of our engineering facilities, including the laboratory spaces where technology for new planes is being developed, tested and repaired.

Shadowing Sessions

- Spend time getting to know the individual engineers within the company that are working on live projects and get an insight on how their careers have developed thus far.

Introduction to GE Products

- At the start of the week, we will give you a brief introduction to current GE products and the aircraft that they are in to give you context for when you see them during the site tour.

Develop yourself professionally

Week-long Electronics Project

- Every day of the week you will be given time to develop your electronics skills with a project that involves hardware and software aspect, combining it under systems engineering.

Systems Engineering and CAD Design Sessions

- To provide you with the necessary skills to develop your project, sessions will be provided for you to learn how to design an electronic system and how to design a case for it in CAD.

Soft Skills Workshops

- Aside from the hard skills, we also provide you with various sessions focused more on developing the soft skills such as interview practice, learning about social styles and understanding how to provide and receive feedback effectively.

How it is structured

We will be running 4 identical weeks that will have a set structure of workshops, presentations and time to work on your electronics project based on a brief given to you. At the end of the week, you will perform a presentation of your finished project, learnings and reflections.

Who can apply?

To apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Currently planning to take A-Levels, one of which must be Maths.
- Must be 16 or older by June 2025.

How to apply

For further instructions on how to apply for our work experience weeks, register your interest in an email to the following email address:

engineering.workexperience@ge.com

The dates of the weeks are:

- 23rd to 27th June
- 7th to 11th July
- 4th to 8th August
- 18th to 22nd August

Our application window is open until **May 9th**!



GE Aerospace

At GE Aerospace Cheltenham, we are excited to share 4 opportunities for a week-long engineering work experience with an industry leader in Aerospace, taking place this summer holidays.

For the students on our Work Experience Program, we plan to showcase major international projects developing critical aircraft systems that will be relied on for decades to come, demonstrating the scale and complexity of what we do at GE Aerospace. To properly illustrate this to the students, we have planned several different activities for them to take part in over the course of their week with us

Email: engineering.workexperience@ge.com to enquire



Mechanical or Electrical Engineering Apprenticeships at Ontic are live (closing date 31/1/25)

**Level 3 or Level 4
(age 16 or age 18 school leavers)**

[Ontic Apprenticeship Vacancy \(click here\)](#)

- Best Youth Development - Manufacturing Awards 2023
- Top 100 Manufacturing Companies in the South West - Insider Media 2023
- 9th Best Manufacturing Company - Best Companies Q3 2023 Rankings (as voted for by employees)
- Best Global Aircraft Parts Manufacturer - Business Excellence Awards 2023

What does an Ontic Apprentice do?

Whilst working for Ontic and gaining hands-on experience you'll work towards completing either a Level 3 or 4 qualification in either Mechanical or Electronic Engineering, building a solid foundation and developing a range of knowledge and practical skills. You'll spend your first year at Gloucestershire Engineering Training (GET) to support your on the job training, and then join the business full-time in years 2 & 3.

What will you need to apply?

To join us on a Level 3 Apprenticeship

- 5 GCSE's or equivalent, including Maths & English at a level 4 or above or be predicted to achieve this

To join us on a Level 4 Apprenticeship

- An existing Level 3 qualification in Engineering

OR

- A-Level Maths and Physics at grade C or above

Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship (Vehicle Mechanics)

Location: Gloucester, GB, GL20 8LZ 📍 Kensington, London, GB, W10 6BD

Onsite or Hybrid: OnSite

Programme title: Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship (Vehicle Mechanics)

Salary: £18,707 (Year 1) increasing to £23,551 (Year 3)

Level: 3

Location: Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire

Application closing date: March 2025

Programme start date: September 2025

[Click Here for Vacancy Details and Link to Apply](#)

Childcare Apprenticeships

Our Vision

Cleeve /Toddington Day Nursery are run by dedicated, qualified staff who are passionate about caring for and developing each individual child.

We provide a safe, homely environment where all children will be given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Apprenticeship information

An apprenticeship is an excellent opportunity for you to gain your qualification alongside real-life experience.

If you are aged 16 years old or above, you are self-motivated, energetic, and able to work as part of a team, an apprenticeship might be for you.

We are looking for candidates who would like to gain knowledge and experience whilst working towards completing their NVQ Level 2 apprenticeship.

Main duties consist of:

- Working towards and completing your NVQ 2 qualification
- Ensure the care of the children is always maintained.
- Support play and engage in children's learning.
- Adhere to children's routines.
- To work across all age groups.
- To have weekly meetings with your mentor to discuss your progress.
- To undertake domestic duties.

If you are successful following your interview, you will be offered a position subject to references. If you choose to accept, you will be issued a contract of employment and we will apply for your DBS.

The NVQ 2 qualification on average takes 12-18 months to complete, and once you have completed this there are several options available to you:

1. Accept a position as a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner at Cleeve or Toddington Day Nursery if a position is available.
2. To work as a Level 2 practitioner, whilst studying towards your level 3 qualification.
3. Work in another childcare environment.

Benefits of working with our team:

- 30 Days holiday if full time (pro rata part time)
- 1 week off at Christmas (included in the 30-day allowance)
- Extra day off for your birthday
- Free lunch
- Support Manager on site to help to support and develop you within your role.
- Flexibility with appointments
- 30mins to 1-hour lunch break
- Rotating shift patterns (25.5 - 34 hours over 3/4 days)
- Time out with your dedicated assessor
- Time out to complete set work
- Option to join the pension scheme if age appropriate
- Staff social events twice a year
- Staff referral bonus

Other training available to you:

- Manual Handling
- Health and Safety
- Fire Awareness
- COSHH
- Child Protection / Safeguarding /FGM
- First Aid training

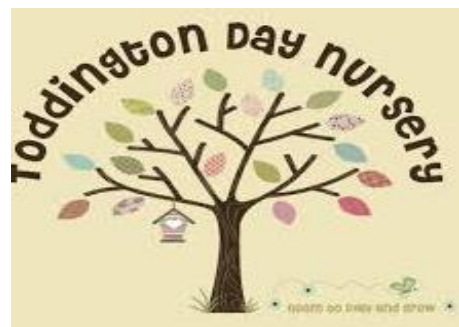
A training provider will provide your academic training, and we aim to start this within 6-8 weeks of your start date. During this time, it will give you an insight of a childcare setting and ensure an apprenticeship is the right career path for you. Once you are signed up for your qualification your dedicated assessor will meet with you every 6 weeks and set work to be completed. They will also observe your practise, your interaction with both children and team members and support your development.

Cleeve or Toddington Day Nursery will provide 'on the job training' which will cover many aspects of childcare and development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which is the framework we follow from Birth until the end of the reception year. Your role within the setting will be to work with children between the ages of 3months - 5 Years alongside qualified staff who will support you.

We would like to offer £8.00 an hour (much higher than the government apprenticeship wage of £6.40)

If you would like to apply for a position, please send your CV to either:

info@cleevedaynursery.co.uk or toddingtondaynursery@gmail.com



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Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link.



Think you can catch a killer? Dive into offender profiling

For students

Perfect for criminology or policing enthusiasts, this interactive session blends real-world insights with hands-on learning. Join Dr Annie Marsland, Lecturer in Policing at the University of Huddersfield, to hear expert insights on psychological offender profiling. Discover core profiling principles, analyse criminal behaviour, and test your knowledge with a mock investigation. Are you ready to challenge your detective skills?

When Thursday 16 January @ 16:30 UK time

Duration 45 mins

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What's your personality type?

Take the quiz to find out what personality traits you have and how to make the most of them.



Answer all of the questions and find out which animal might best reflect you & how you can make more of your strengths in your Work, Education and Life.

[Click to take the Buzz Quiz](#)



NHS Cadets



St John
Ambulance

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEAR 9 AND ABOVE

14-16 years sign-up



16-18 years sign-up



Scan the QR codes above to register

Register your interest today for the Gloucestershire January 2024 intake!

Unlock your potential by becoming an NHS Cadet. Developed by St John Ambulance in collaboration with the NHS, this program offers a unique chance to explore the various areas of health and social care.

The NHS Cadets programme provides two options for young people aged 14 to 18; a foundation pathway for young people aged 14 to 16 and an advanced pathway for those aged 16 to 18.

Joining NHS Cadets means you'll have 2-hour virtual sessions every week for 36 weeks. It's a cool way to learn a lot about health and social care. The best part? It won't cost you anything! So, you can explore, have fun, and learn new skills without worrying about money.

Throughout your journey, the dedicated NHS Cadets Team will be by your side, offering you support and guidance. Regardless of your background, NHS Cadets welcomes a diverse array of individuals—there's no such thing as a 'typical' NHS Cadet. So, grab the chance to broaden your horizons, gain essential skills and enjoy getting to know other NHS Cadets!

Your NHS Cadets experience also fits seamlessly into the volunteering or skills sections for bronze, silver, or gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). It's a versatile opportunity that not only meets the criteria but also adds a meaningful dimension to your DofE journey.

If you wish to discuss NHS cadets, please don't hesitate to email one of our friendly team at nhscadets@sjambulance.org.uk

Open the door to opportunity.



Open Events 2024/25

Gloucester Campus

Saturday 9 November
Monday 11 November
Monday 20 January
Monday 12 May

Cheltenham Campus

Monday 18 November
Wednesday 29 January

Forest of Dean Campus

Wednesday 13 November
Monday 27 January

Apprenticeship Open Evening Gloucester Campus

Wednesday 26 February

[Click here to book onto a January Open Evening](#)

gloscol.ac.uk/events

Learning that works.

YEAR 9 AND ABOVE



Renishaw's early careers virtual event

Date and time: 21st January 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

This event will give students in year 9 and above the opportunity to find out more about how to begin a career in STEM.

We will outline our work experience opportunities, and our range of apprenticeships, summer and industrial placements and graduate schemes.

People are at the heart of Renishaw's success and that's why we want to help you find a rewarding career in STEM.

During this event, we will explore the different pathways Renishaw offers to help you make those important future career decisions.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Year 12 Students

Interested in Real Estate?

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us; shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and the surrounding countryside all have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth?



Pathways to Property is a charitable programme run by Henley Business School that's designed to raise awareness about the vast range of careers available within the Real Estate industry.

Applications for **Year 12** students are now open for our March 2025 Insight Days in Birmingham, Cambridge and Bristol. These are fully funded, day events held in our sponsors city offices. Applications will also open on 20th January for our 4 day residential on 8th – 11th July at University of Reading. Applications for our Insight days will close on 16th February.

[Click here to find out more](#)

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

***TASTER SESSIONS FOR
YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS
INTERESTED IN CREATIVE
COURSES.***



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CSI EXPERIENCE

PULSECSI

**CRIME SCENE
INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY
FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10.**

find your future
GROWS.AC.UK

The poster features a background image of a crime scene with yellow evidence markers numbered 5, 3, and 7. A green thought bubble is overlaid on the scene, containing the main text. The GROWS.AC.UK logo is in the top left, and the PULSECSI logo is in the top right. A circular logo with the text 'find your future' and 'GROWS.AC.UK' is in the bottom right.

[Find out more here and register interest](#)

Year 10 and 11 Students

Mar 2025

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Explore Law (Virtual Event)

Our Explore Series events are designed to introduce students to career paths across our subject areas (Law, Psychology, Business, Criminology, Policing, and Computer Science) through a combination of talks, practical tasks and other activities such as a Q&A panel sessions. These events are aimed at students in years 10 and 11.

Time

16:00 - 17:00

Study Level

Undergraduate

Event Type

Explore Law

Location

Online

[Click here to register](#)



- At Tewkesbury Academy the vision within our careers programme is to enable our students to make aspirational, realistic and informed choices for their future – helping every young person to find their best next step.
- Through our careers related learning programme, all students will be supported to develop the skills, abilities and attitudes to achieve their personal best and are well prepared for post 16/18 pathways and the world of work. All students will be given opportunity to participate in a range of meaningful careers activities, introducing them to a wide range of careers, meeting with employers and further and higher education providers.
- To help our students make these important choices, we organise a range of experiences with external providers.
- A provider wishing to request access should contact Sarah Baird (Careers Lead) @ sarah.baird@clf.uk.
- An effective careers guidance programme has never been more important. Education, training and employment opportunities can be complex to navigate and are more challenging than ever before. The Tewkesbury Academy Careers Programme provides our students with the knowledge, inspiration and ability to manage their personal career plans in order for them to succeed in their chosen pathway.
- At each transition stage students will receive additional support and guidance from their Teachers, Tutors, our Careers Leader and the relevant Key Stage Teams and Heads of Year. Students are supported in making choices and decisions by giving access to impartial information and guidance as to the range of options available (including academic, vocational/technical pathways and apprenticeships).
- Our programme has been developed and mapped against the [Gatsby Benchmarks](#) and the latest [CDI](#) (Careers Development Institute) Framework.

From work experience to university course taster experiences, the Springpod platform is the destination for young people to explore, interact and learn about the world of work and university before they apply.

FREE FOR EVERY STUDENT, Springpod is funded through university and employer partnerships and school & college premium memberships.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE OPPORTUNITIES AND TO REGISTER](#)



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Let's care for tomorrow, with Allianz



Discover wagamama Early Careers: Hospitality Work Experience
WAGAMAMA

VIRTUAL START NOW

Discover early careers with wagamama. Gain invaluable experience and launch your career in the world of hospitality!



Accountancy Work Experience with BDO
BDO

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Enter the world of accountancy and advisory services with BDO. Develop your knowledge and understanding of careers through...



Grow Your Sustainable Career - Work Experience in Farming
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Grow Your Sustainable Career - Work Experience in Farming



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Engineering Work Experience with ICE
INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Be a part of building a better world through civil engineering!



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STEM Work Experience with the Institute of Acoustics
INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS

VIRTUAL START NOW

Discover acoustics careers. Engage in interactive activities & hear from pros. Unlock your potential in this programme.



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Routes into Rail: Virtual Work Experience
NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY FOR RAIL

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Discover the rail industry & diverse roles. Build strong foundations, explore careers & gain insights through a cumulative project.



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HACHETTE UK

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Online Virtual Work Experience

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over **1 MILLION**
young people

We work with
over **700**
top employers

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WITH SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS](#)

THE LEADER IN WORLD-CLASS VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Our aim as a charity is to level the playing field for young people across the UK when it comes to accessing high quality work experience to help them plan for their future careers.

Many young people struggle to access traditional in-person work experience, especially those from harder to reach areas or from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Through our Virtual Work Experience programme (VWEX), we remove the twin barriers of cost and geographical location for young people from state schools and colleges across the UK. This enables more young people to engage with employers to develop their understanding of the world of work in a meaningful way. It also allows employers to increase the number of placements they can run to accommodate a more diverse range of young people from any of the four UK nations.



SACU SPARTAN TEST

A free online 'student subject matching quiz' to get you started on finding the right course for you. Take a 5 minute self assessment quiz to receive a customised subject or careers cloud and links to course listing pages and careers information.

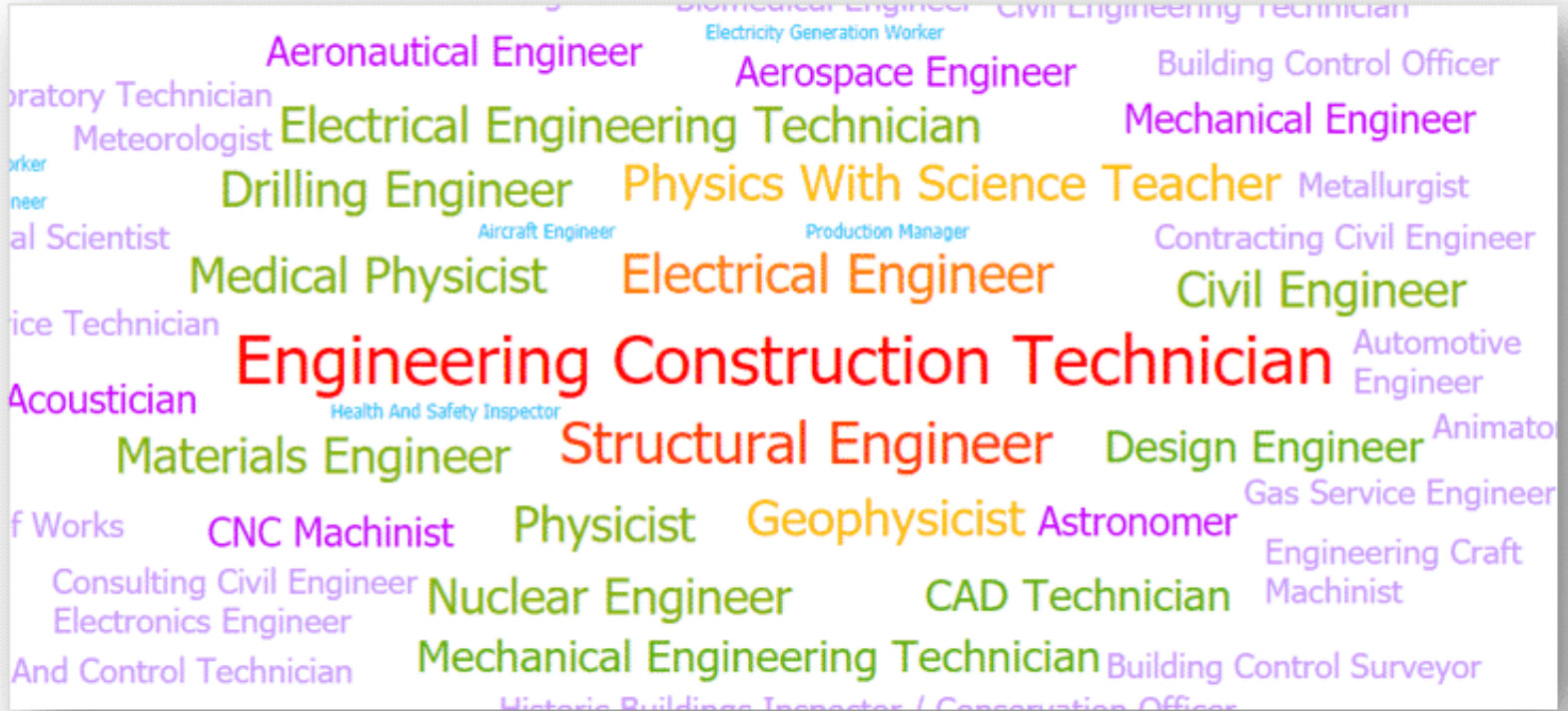
<https://www.grows.ac.uk/resources/sacu-spartan-test>



Based on your answers, you will be able to view your own personalised career cloud.

Click on each of the suggested professions to discover the pathways into these areas.

For those considering University, match A Level courses to see what courses students progressed on to.



SACU is a personality quiz which suggests careers, university courses and apprenticeships which may suit you. It is a great tool if you are really unsure about what you want to do as it will create a number of different suggestions that might suit you. It can be equally as useful even if you do know what you want to do as you might discover something you never thought of before!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND TAKE THE SACU CAREERS CLOUD QUIZ](#)

RUSSELL GROUP

What you study at Sixth Form or College can affect your options at University and Future Career.



Informed Choices

Choosing the right subjects to study post-16 is very important in helping you to get into university, particularly a Russell Group university.

If you don't know what degree subject you want to study, it's important to choose A Levels (or equivalent qualifications) that keep as many options open to you.

Whatever your situation, Informed Choices can give you the start you need in deciding what to do next.

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

Use Informed Choices to help you understand which subjects open up different degrees, particularly at Russell Group Universities

The Russell Group consists of 24 universities and is the term for a group of universities with a shared focus on research for academic achievement. The group includes the original six 'red brick' universities, with its member universities usually spotted near the top of the university league tables. Informed Choices brings together guidance from admissions teams at Russell Group Universities to give students clear information about the subjects they should consider if they are hoping to progress onto a competitive university

Careers Advice and Guidance at Tewkesbury Academy



- **Help with career planning**
- **One to one career advice and guidance**
- **Support with college and university applications**
- **Employability advice**
- **Information on apprenticeships and T Levels**
- **CV writing**
- **Interview skills**
- **Work experience advice and support**



If you need help or support with making choices and decisions for your future, contact Mrs Baird to arrange a careers guidance session.



Either drop into the Library where Mrs Baird is located.



Or email sarah.baird@clf.uk to ask any questions you may have or to request an appointment

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

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Unifrog is an online careers information platform that helps students and teachers make decisions about post-school options. Designed to help students explore their interests, compare options, and apply for courses.

Students can use Unifrog to:

- **Discover career and subject-related video content**
- **Take quizzes and psychometric tests**
- **Compare universities, colleges, apprenticeships, and work experience opportunities**
- **Draft applications, such as CVs and personal statements**
- **Record achievements and activities**

Every student at Tewkesbury Academy has access to Unifrog from Year 7 up to Year 13

Students just need to login with their personal school email address as their login and click on "reset password" for a password link to be sent to their school email.

Students may log on to Unifrog at any time during their time at Tewkesbury Academy, either in school or at home. A quick link can be found on the CLF/Tewkesbury Academy landing page.

