

Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter.

We hope you are enjoying the "weekly futures bulletin" and that you are finding it useful. It feels amazing to be able to share all of the valuable resources we receive with the school community and to have it all in one place.

As it was National Apprenticeship week last week, there is a heavy focus on Apprenticeships in this edition.

We are really looking forward to the Careers Show in March for Years 7-10 and 12.

As always, we are keen to hear your thoughts about our careers programme and any ideas or suggestions you may have about how it could be developed. Please also feel free to get in touch if you would like to support any of our careers events or can offer a work experience placement by completing this short <u>Google Form</u>.

If you have any other questions regarding Careers, please feel free to email: jordanc@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk (Careers Lead) or hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk (Careers Administration)

Many thanks as always for your support and have a wonderful half term break. The Careers Team

GATSBY CAREER BENCHMARKS

	A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded
	A stable careers programme	programme of career education and guidance that is known
1		and understood by students, parents, teachers, governors and
		employers.
	Learning from career and	Every student, and their parents, should have access to good
2	labour market information	quality information about future study options and labour
		market opportunities. They will need the support of an
		informed adviser to make best use of available information.
3	Addressing the needs of each	Students have different career guidance needs at different
	student	stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be
	Student	tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers
		programme should embed equality and diversity
		considerations throughout
	Linking curriculum learning to	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM
4	careers	subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM
		subjects for a wide range of future career paths.
5	Encounters with employers and	Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from
	employees	employers about work, employment and the skills that are
		valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of
		enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and
		enterprise schemes.
6	Experiences of workplaces	Every student should have first-hand experiences of the
		workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work
		experience to help their exploration of career opportunities
		and expand their networks.
7	Encounters with further and	All students should understand the full range of learning
	higher education	opportunities that are available to them. This includes both
		academic and vocational routes and learning in schools,
		colleges, universities and in the workplace.
8	Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance
		interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a
		member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained
		to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever
		significant study or career choices are being made.

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

Please use the key in the table above to see where we have mapped activities against the Gastby Benchmarks.

Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks

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HIGHLIGHTS: LOOKING BACK!



Year 10 Futures Day

Year 10 experienced "**Futures Day**", students received talks and workshops on writing CV's, Apprenticeships and post-16 options in order to help them think about their future pathways. From discussing the unexpected creative job roles, to building towers in a team building exercise, the students learnt a range of information to help them **#FlourishInTheFuture**



We took the opportunity of our "Futures Day" guest speakers from Construction Youth and our Independent Careers Advisor to arrange several smaller targeted workshops for some year 11 students. They had a tailored session on writing their CV and also learnt about different job roles within the construction industry and how to apply and search for college courses and apprenticeships. They also discussed the college interview process and the importance of having a good CV.



British Army Assembly

We hosted a viewing of the live stream (British Army Live Assembly: Developing Character for the Future Broadcast), to some of our Year 9 and 8 students who already have an interest in this career pathway. If you would like to watch this you can on demand <u>HERE</u>.



Year 12 received their first of "Where next Talk" hosted by University of Kent

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LinkedIn Workshop for Year 12

Year 12 received an interactive session, from our Independent Careers Advisor, Lis McGuire, on how to create an account and get the best out of LinkedIn, including setting up their personal branding on LinkedIn.



Year 12 - James Gardner

James Gardner, entrepreneur and business owner, came back to meet with some of our Year 12 students. He presented a Q and A seminar and discussed different opportunities that students wished to pursue in their career and how to get to them.



Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Awareness Seminar for Year 12

Year 12 received a seminar on Higher & Degree Apprenticeships. This was hosted by the lovely Tammy from CXK.



Year 11 Business Students developed two team production lines for Christmas cakes including Christmas tree, reindeers and gingerbread men applying their knowledge of operations, quality and marketing in order to maximise efficiency and profits. Year 13 Business students supported and coached year 11 students ensuring they were applying theory to their processes. All students participating did an incredible job and raised £196 for the Elliott Holmes Memorial Fund.

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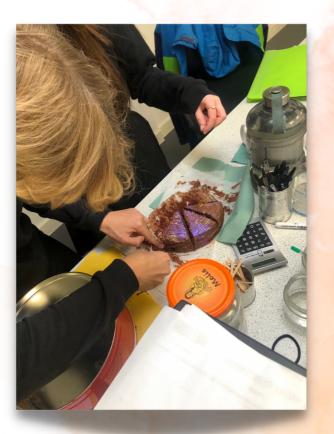
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Year 11 OPERATIONS IN BUSINESS linking curriculum to careers in quality operations and marketing







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LOOKING FORWARD!

Year 7 / 8 - Introduction to University

In terms 3 and 4 Canterbury Christ Church University and The University of Kent will be coming into to speak to Year 7 and 8 and give them an introduction to university life.



Years 7/8/9/10 and 12 Careers Show

This event will feature many organisations including businesses, higher education, further education and apprenticeship providers. The careers show will provide access to good-quality information about future study options and labour market

The Careers show will take place in March 2023.



Year 7

We are **super excited** to have booked a fantastic STEM Roadshow for Year 7. This will be delivered jointly by BAE Systems, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Aligned to the National Curriculum, this roadshow includes a 50-minute performance to inspire and engage students. The theme of the 2023 show is 'From the depths of the oceans to outer space.' Students will examine the engineering challenges that are faced when travelling to the most inhospitable places and discover some of the innovative solutions to these problems.





Year 8 - Introduction to Apprenticeships

In term 6 we are planning to have someone come into to speak to Year 8 and give them an introduction to the world of apprenticeships.



University of Kent - World Languages Day

In term 6 some of our Year 8 students will have the opportunity to Visit The University of Kent as part of World Languages Day.



North Kent College - Hair And Beauty Taster

We will be rebooking Clare, the Head of Hair and Beauty at NKC to come in and meet some of our Year 10 and 11 students. Students will be lucky enough to receive a taster session to give them an idea of the college courses. Unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the snow.



Careers Show - March 2023

We have been in full *Careers Show* mode and have managed to confirm some incredible companies and educational providers who will be exhibiting to our students. Students in years 7,8,9,10 and 12 will have the opportunity to meet and talk with various professionals and help with their future choices!



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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

HOW SUSTAINABLE IS YOUR UNIVERSITY?

Picking the right university can be exciting, but how confident are you that their course is future-proof?

Top employers - in a highly competitive employment market - are looking for much more than grades.

They're looking for action-takers with life-long skills, motivation and networks to positively impact the workplace.

And that's why we've put together The People & Planet University League -

The only comprehensive and independent league which ranks 153 UK universities by environmental and ethical performance.

Invest wisely in your education and future-proof your career by making an informed decision TODAY.

Click <u>here</u> for more information.



University of Exeter's Discover University Conference An online conference for Year 12 students on Saturday 18 February, 13:00-16:00

This conference from the University of Exeter, 'Your Journey to Higher Education', will help your Year 12 students get a feel for applying for and studying at university. They'll learn how to choose a course, how to navigate the UCAS application process, and what student life is like.

They'll also get the chance to ask the university's staff and students their questions directly.

Click here to register.

Russell Group Informed Choices

What you study at sixth form or college can affect your options at university and your future career. Use Informed Choices to help you understand which subjects open up different degrees, particularly at Russell Group universities.

Click here to see more.



Swansea University Current News Series is Back!

Unsure of what subject you'd like to study at university? Or want to find out more about the subject you're interested in. Our Current News Webinar Series give you a flavour of the subjects we offer and are a great way to get a feel for what university lectures are like.

Sessions will include:

- Film and Visual Culture,
- History,
- · Leadership for Global Challenges,
- Media, Communication and Public Relations,
- Politics,
- Business,
- Sociology and Social Policy.



Click <u>here</u> to register for the sessions. Click <u>here</u> to see past recordings.

Applying to university when you've missed the UCAS deadline

Click here to access this informative blog

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FREE Creative Saturday Clubs at the University for the Creative Arts

These are FREE programmes taking place in March 2023 at our Epsom & Canterbury campuses. See the individual pages for the dates. They will meet a practicing artist and our UCA ambassadors. These are great opportunities to give young people an experience of creative arts activities in a higher education setting.

<u>Main page</u>

Canterbury (Years 9,10 & 11)

•<u>Fashion & Textiles</u> •<u>Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes: Sculpting the body</u> •<u>Photography</u>

Epsom

<u>•Fashion (Years 9, 10 & 11)</u> <u>•Print & Press (Years 7 & 8)</u> <u>•Exploring Form (Years 10, 11 & 12)</u> <u>•Still life in motion (Years 8 & 9)</u>

Year 12 Discover Bath Programme

Discover Bath is a summer programme which aims to give prospective students a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath. You'll also have the opportunity to gain an reduced offer (see details below).

Discover Bath is free-of-charge, including on-campus accommodation, free meals for the duration of your stay, a programme of academic sessions (lectures, seminars, workshops) and fun social activities. Your travel to the University can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only).

Click <u>here</u> to apply



If you're exploring a career in **aerospace engineering**, this course will give you an insight into modern aircraft design and help your ambitions take flight. Grab this opportunity to speak to Virgin Atlantic engineers, use the Lear Jet Lab at Kingston University, and learn the basics of aircraft flight. This course is for Year 10 in England and Wales, S4 in Scotland and Year 11 in Northern Ireland.

Our courses combine fun, interactive learning in a university setting with access to engineers who have been in your shoes and are currently following a path you're interested in taking yourself. This is a great opportunity to understand what a career as an engineer is really like.

For more information and to book the course, click <u>here</u>.



University Subject Spotlights

Canine Therapy with Lauren Hunt - Trailer - Subject Spotlights Click <u>here</u> for more information

Equine Performance Science with Jaime Finch Click <u>here</u> for more information

Veterinary Physiotherapy with Claire Styles Click <u>here</u> for more information

Animal Management & Science with Dr Eleanor Drinkwater & Darren Veitch Click here for more information

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University of Surrey - Our summer schools are free to attend and will take place across June and July 2023.

The residential summer schools run over five days and four nights on-campus and our virtual summer schools run over five days. During all our summer schools, you'll get to meet our academic staff and wonderful team of student ambassadors who are currently studying the courses that you are considering.

Taking place across Monday 26 June until Friday 21 July 2023, we are delivering 4 different summer school programmes for eligible participants:

- Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences (June 26th-30th)
- Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences Residential Summer School (July 3rd-7th)
- Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (July 3rd-7th)
- Virtual Summer School (July 17th-21st)

Apply <u>here</u>.



University of York

Support your student to reach their uni goals. Free summer school at York.

Discover more here.



Applications to the UK and Apprenticeship summer schools are now open.

What are the UK Summer School programmes? The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers school-age students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers.

Students will apply to one of our 13 top-tier UK university partners where they will take part in:

- Social activities
- Taster academic sessions
- Application skills workshops

Alongside the in-person programme, every student will have access to long-term support with university applications via our online portal STO.

What is the Apprenticeship Summer School programme?

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder. The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential where students can meet leading employers and like-minded peers and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships.

Click <u>here</u> for more information on the programmes.



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COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON

Are you interested in a career in the "Fashion Retail" industry? Well, the "Fashion Retail Academy" might be exactly what you are looking for! **The Fashion Retail Academy** is a unique, industry-led

college. Founded by fashion and retail giants, they offer a range of specialist fashion courses with unparalleled industry involvement. They will make sure you graduate with the skills and brand contacts you need to successfully start your career in fashion. They offer a range of courses: Level 2, 3, 4 and Undergraduate.

Register <u>HERE</u> for one of their open days to learn more. These are Open Days for students applying for September 2023 onwards.



North Kent College Open Events Don't forget the February Open Events 2023

Visit our Open Events from 3:30pm - 7:00pm on the 21st, 23rd & 28th of February 2023. Get ready to start with us this September! Pre-register your interest now <u>here</u>!

Did you know that the **Leigh Academy** is a **STEM** Specialist school (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), click here to see more -<u>https://leighacademy.org.uk</u>/

Check out the <u>T Level- Construction 3</u> at Midkent College.

Our new T Level in Construction is a brilliant new technical qualification that's equivalent to 3.5 A Levels. It's a 2-year course developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to make sure that the course content meets the skills needs of the construction industry and prepares students for work.

Tottenham Hotspur Further Education Progammes

Are you looking to kick-start a career? We are delighted to host a special event at our iconic, worldfamous stadium alongside our college partners. Our Football Development Centres and Education Programmes are for 16 to 19-year-olds.

These courses are available for students who are due to complete their GCSEs by June 2023 or for those who have already completed them.

The 16-19 Further Education Programme is perfect for those who have a passion for progressing their career in sports or in sports science. Students on this pathway are able to select from a number of full-time academic qualifications to study ranging from BTEC Level 1, 2, 3 or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, A Level packages, NVQ Level 2 in Activity Leadership (Coaching), YMCA Personal Training and Gym Instruction Courses and limited Business courses.

Click <u>here to see more.</u>



It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

ON DEMAND WEBINARS

Why Students Need LinkedIn - And How To Use It Click <u>here to request access</u>

LinkedIn for Students Click here to request access

How To Write a Great First CV Click <u>here</u> to request access

How To SMASH Your Interview! Click <u>here to request access</u>

Huh! What's a Cover Letter? Click here to request access

Woah! What's All This Legal Stuff? Click here to request access

Degree Apprenticeships - What Are they All About? Click <u>here to request access</u>

Guide To Diverse Early Career Pathways at Barratt Developments Click here to see the recording

Royal Navy Logistics Virtual Experience Click <u>here to see the recording</u>

An Introduction to Actuaries Click <u>here to see the recording</u>

Our **Spotlight on Careers series** shines a light on skills for today and tomorrow. In a new 45-minute format, available on demand, these four inspirational episodes help students future-proof their careers. Click <u>here</u> to access

The National Apprenticeships Show

Wednesday 1 March 2023 15:30 – 18:00 The National Apprenticeship Show – London & South East is the perfect event for School and College leavers, as well as young adults, to discover more about Apprenticeships across the region. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Virtual Careers With Animals Day – Saturday 4th March 2023

Virtual Careers With Animals Day is a free, online event for those interested in working with animals. Hosted virtually you'll get the chance to listen to career talks from key organisations within the animal care and veterinary industry, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Visit <u>this page</u> on Saturday 4th March for an attendance link. If you would like us to send you an email to remind you of this event, register your interest below.

https://www.careerswithanimals.co.uk/register-yourinterest-in-virtual-careers-with-animals-day/

Click here to watch last years virtual talks.



Unifrog's virtual Next Steps Fair

Wednesday 8 March @ 16:30 UK time Join Sophie Pender, our keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club at our annual Fair! As well as hearing from her, you'll have the chance to learn about leading employers and universities in live sessions and drop by their virtual booths to chat with them directly. Sign up <u>here</u>.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 and 12

Don't forget that your Work Experience Agreement form needs to be fully completed and brought back to room 14 before Thursday 30th March 2023.





Virtual Work Experience

Explore the latest placements on offer from hundreds of employers across a wide range of industries with Speakers for Schools.

Search for a specific employer or use the filters to help you find online placements based on your age or the industry you're interested in. Then simply click on the 'Read more' button to see a more detailed overview and go through to our portal to apply.

https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience/

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APPPRENTICESHIPS

From Monday 6th February to Sunday 12th February it was National Apprenticeship Week. There are lots of different resources that you can use to learn more about apprenticeships and what they can offer.





During lessons, students were show videos about apprenticeships link to their subject. This helps students understand what apprenticeships are available in the subjects they enjoy.

These videos are available on the Amazing Apprenticeship website and can be found <u>here</u>.

In form time all students had access t the Apprenticeship Arcade - a new resource designed by Amazing Apprenticeships. In the arcade there are lots of interactive games, which ask students all about apprenticeships. You can try the arcade for yourself <u>here</u>.



One of the biggest barriers to students taking up an apprenticeship is the application process. Unlike college or 6th form, there is not a set date to apply by or a set date to start. It is more like applying for a job.

This new booklet is a step by step guide on how to apply for an apprenticeship.

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APPPRENTICESHIPS

Get Your Facts Straight

There's been a lot of hearsay about apprenticeships over the years. We don't do rumours, so here's the real tea...

Access the "Get Your Facts Straight" poster here

Apprenticeship Story - BP

Meet Isaac. He chose the apprenticeship route to avoid the pressure of paying back student loads. From apprentice to Service Analytics & Problem Management Specialist. Isaac shares his story with us Click <u>here to see Isaac's story</u>.

Getting Ahead with Apprenticeships

Listen to our <u>live studio podcasts</u> about all things degree apprenticeships, including how they differ from traditional degrees, why you might be suitable for one, and where they're available.

Apprenticeship in the Spotlight

<u>Chocolate Research & Development (R&D)</u> <u>Apprenticeship with Mondelēz International</u>

Interested in chocolate? Want to study a degree that lets you work with chocolate?

Regional Employers 2022

Who are the best companies to work for in your area? How many of the Top 100 have job opportunities there? And how much could you earn as an apprentice? Navigate your way around the map to find the answers..

Youth Employment UK

Check out all that this website has to offer for National Apprenticeship Week. Find a host of guides, tips and resources to help you get to grips with how apprenticeships work and what's in it for you. <u>https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/national-</u> <u>apprenticeship-week/</u>

NEW Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing

The February 2023 edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched. Click <u>here</u> to download.

Explore 300+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies

from 70 employers, including Balfour Beatty, Ofcom, Goldman Sachs, Government Economic Service (GES), MBDA, Ford Motor and Jaguar Land Rover!

THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF APPPENTICESHIPS

INTERMEDIATE

What qualifications can I get? Level 2 NVQ, Diploma, National Certificate

ADVANCED

Like 2 A-levels

What qualifications can I get? Level 3 NVQ, National Certificate, BTEC

HIGHER

Like a foundation degree or above

What qualifications can I get? Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's

Higher National Diploma

DEGREE

Like a Bachelor's/ Master's degree

What qualifications can I get?

Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4–7 NVQ, Higher National Diploma

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CELEBRITIES WHO STARTED THEIR CAREERS AS APPRENTICES



Stella McCartney

Whilst her upbringing was different to the other celebrities on this list having grown up with Paul McCartney as her father, Stella McCartney always had an eye for fashion. She took up an Apprenticeship with Saville Row tailor Edward Sexton, and it was here where she learned about the more elegant side of tailoring. This no doubt influenced the fashion pieces she has created since, which has given her great success and fame. Since then, Stella has designed Team GB's kit for the 2012 Olympics and her collections are distributed in 50 countries around the world.

https://brooksandkirk.co.uk/11-celebrities-apprentices/? fbclid=IwAR1FTWbHsBuYLkBy7EXIvVsJrmflbVkNiSTDhVoHnpmAQ2zzwtV2I9rBUzw

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH!

Teachers at Saint George's love to hear how students are getting on after leaving us! We also love to inspire our younger students and are in the process of collecting information from many of our ex-students to create a **brand new, shiny** Alumni Board in the school.

Junior Project Coordinator

Apprenticeship

RILEY GOATHAM

My Favourite subject was Finance

My Advice

My best advice would be to revise whenever you can, as it is very beneficial. Revision tips such as Topic Doses for your classes where you create a double sided page on the topic/unit you're currently learning in class to help you revise. You can perform topic doses on past topics as well, this refreshes your knowledge of the topics. Revision cards is the go to, and it can be very helpful in terms of learning the definitions of key terms, you can do this in pairs with other people as well to help benefit each other.

PARENTS / CARERS

Dear Parent / Carer

The latest episode of **The Parent Perspective Podcast** Episode is now available - "Episode 7 – The Minister – Robert Halfon MP and National Apprenticeships Week".

Rachel Burden is joined by Anna Morrison from Amazing Apprenticeships and the newly (re-)appointed Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, Robert Halfon in a special episode to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week 2023.

Rachel and Anna talk to Robert about his plans for apprenticeships, ask why 'degree apprenticeships' are his two favourite words, and find out how he plans to increase achievement rates. You can access the podcast <u>here</u>.

Parents' & Carers' Pack January

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency is now available to access. The January edition helps your child search and apply for apprenticeships and includes the following:

- Apprentice insights: Life as an apprentice at Vodafone 3
- Apprenticeships uncovered
- National Apprenticeship Week 2023
- Post-16 and Post-18 education options
- New Year, New Start
- Supported Internships
- Understanding apprenticeships in events
- Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers
- Dates for your diary

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-carers-pack-january-2/

Talking Futures

We're looking to hear from confident and passionate parents of 11-18 year olds about what influenced their career choices.

If this sounds like you, and you are willing to discuss your own experiences with the media, please complete this 2-minute form <u>https://form.typeform.com/to/FxDqsr75</u>

If your story is used, we'll gift you a £100 voucher to say thanks.

=(4)= PARENTS, WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR TEEN THE SAME CAREERS ADVICE YOU WERE GIVEN?

PARENTS / CARERS



Virtual & Hybrid Work Experience Session for Parents/Carers of 14-19 yr old - 1st March 2023 18:30 - 19:15 Join our virtual open evening to hear about fully funded work experience placements your child can access this year from anywhere in the UK.

We know how hard it is to help your child weigh up future career options when the job market has changed so massively, and there are so many different pathways into employment you might not be aware of. Speakers for Schools are a youth charity that offers FULLY FUNDED work experience opportunities with big-name national employers like Tesco, the NHS and Bentley Motors, offering thousands of placements across the whole of the UK.

We offer both virtual and in person placements, so wherever you live will not be a barrier. We want to make sure that every young person from a state school or college can face their future with confidence. During our session, we will clearly signpost how your child can access eye-opening work experience. All placements are offered at no cost to either the young person or their school/college. **Click <u>here</u> to register.**

Career Pilot - What do you want to know?

Information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decision about study and work <u>https://careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone</u>

Don't forget to log in to check your child's Unifrog

All parents and carers can access Unifrog, where you can support your child and find out more about the different paths available for the futures. Go to <u>www.unifrog.org/code</u> and the form code you need is SNTGPARENTS

There are some great resources currently available on Unifrog to support National Apprenticeship week:

- An introduction to apprenticeships
- Skills and Enterprise Week webinar series with employer panels
- 'How I got in': A Dyson degree apprentice's story
- <u>An apprenticeships introduction for parents and carers</u>