

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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DREAM BIG

Event Success

Year 10 Mock Interviews

29 February was our Year 10 Mock Interview day and we are so pleased with the efforts of all the students involved. 35 employers from a wide range of companies attended. Here are just a few of the comments we received:

- *“Edwards have attended the Mock Interview Day for a number of years now and we are consistently impressed with the schools and students’ preparation towards it. The standard of CVs is great and it is fantastic to see a school making this learning a priority for their students. The students themselves are great to talk to and we really do feel we make a difference for them in the short amount of time they have with us”* **Aaron Bowen, Edwards**
- *“Thanks so much for yesterday! The event was well organised and I was really impressed by the calibre of interviews! You have some incredible students. Polite, confident and passionate about their futures!”* **Sarah Baghotra, Onsite Apprenticeships**
- *“The students I had the pleasure of interviewing were all both incredibly mature and articulate, not to mention more prepared than some of the adults I’ve interviewed in the past! The level of the clarity with which they could describe not just the activities they’d completed, but the various stages (design, implementation & review) of a project showed a real depth of learning and understanding that should prepare them well for the bright futures that I’m sure are ahead of them.”* **Aaron Denyer, Baker Hughes**

We would like to thank all Year 10 students who attended their interviews and took the time to prepare and impress the employers. We are very proud of them.



Post 18 Apprenticeship Evening

It was great to welcome so many families to this event. The evening kicked off with two talks on apprenticeships followed by the opportunity to speak to a number of employers who offer apprenticeship opportunities. In particular, it was lovely to hear from a former student who is now an apprentice with Evelyn Partners. She explained how it was a result of attending the event whilst in sixth that led her to directly to applying for the Level 6 Apprenticeship scheme she is now on.



Year 9 Employer Talk

Last Friday Year 9 students heard from a current apprentice at Thatchers. He talked about his apprentice journey so far on their Talent Programme



Career Spotlight... Veterinary Nursing

Our final careers event this term was delivered by Katie Norris who is a qualified Veterinary at Langford Veterinary Hospital. She provide a fantastic insight into the role and students were able to practice their bandaging skills



Upcoming Events

Target Audience Y9-13

Teatime Networking – the final event for this academic year will take place in May on Creative Industries. Further details to follow after the Easter break.

Target Audience Y7 - 11

Careers Programme – Friday Tutor Time. Year 7 will be introduced to Unifrog as well as a session on 'Future Careers'. Meanwhile Year 8 will look at 'Their Dream Jobs' and will receive a session from Weston college on future pathways - Technical Education. Year 10 will receive a session on 'Higher Education' delivered by UWE and interested Y11 students will be able to receive support on how to apply for an apprenticeship.

Target Audience Y11

Post 16 applications. Most students should have applied to Sixth Form, College or both by now, however there is still time for late applications. If your child is hoping to do an Apprenticeship they still also need to have applied for a college course as a back up. You can find out more about Apprenticeships further into this newsletter.

Target Audience Y10

Year 10 Work Experience 1-5 July

We currently have just over 200 students who have secured a work Experience placement and we know that there are quite a few who will have a placement but not yet entered it onto Unifrog and others who are waiting to hear from employers. There is still plenty of time to find a work experience placement so please keep searching. If your child is struggling to find something please look at [Tips to Find a Work Experience Placement](#) If your child is having any problems using Unifrog or would like any help or advice about finding a placement please ask them to come to the Careers Office or email careers@gordanoschool.org.uk

College Open Events

Target Audience: Y10+

- City of Bristol College: [FULL DETAILS](#)
8 June – Open event 10.00 - 01.00pm
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College(SGS): 25 April 5.30 – 8.00pm: All Campuses: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Weston College: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Bridgwater and Taunton College: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Media, Esports) [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Boomsatsuma: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Access Creative: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- On Site Bristol: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Reflections Training Academy Open Day - 12 April – AM (10-12:30 or PM (1-3:30pm). Call 01179221440 to register attendance.



Apprenticeship information

Apprenticeships are becoming a much more popular choice for students At Post 16 and Post 18 levels. We have had a series of talks and workshops So far this year with Year 11 and Year 13 students and we will be working With other year groups later next year. Here is some useful information All about Apprenticeships

Target Audience: Y10 onwards

- Parents Apprenticeship zone – <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>
- Search for current vacancies - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Post 18 Apprenticeships - If you are in Y13 there are a number of degree apprenticeships currently being advertised. Use both the gov.uk website and www.notgoingtouni.co.uk to explore these opportunities.



Apprenticeship Vacancies of the month

Degree Level Apprenticeships – There are lots of Degree level apprenticeships currently available including Engineering, Civil Engineering, Town Planning, Project Management, Rail and Building Services [Search Here](#) for current degree apprenticeship vacancies.

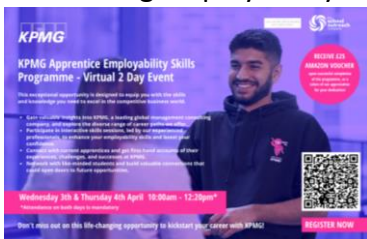
Babcock International. Are currently recruiting for a number of positions both from Apprentice Welder (Post 16) to Project Management (Degree Level) further details can be found [LINK](#) Closing date 31st March

BEMA - currently have 23 Engineering apprenticeship vacancies with 11 different companies. For more information look at [BEMA](#)

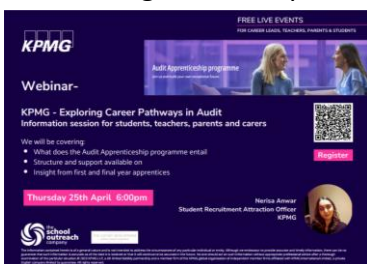
Insight Opportunities

Target Audience Year 11-13

KPMG are holding Employability Skills insight days on 3 and 4 April from 10 – 12.30.



Plus an Audit insight on 25 April:



AON work experience opportunity

Target Audience Year 12

AON, a global professional services firm, are offering a 3-day programme that will give 40 work-experience placements to Year 12-13 students in their offices in Bristol on 3 - 5th July 2024.

[Summer 'Work Insight' programmes AON](#)

University Information

Target Audience Y12+



Remember all universities are running events so please do check out their webpage for listings or visit <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Interested in Medicine?

A couple of really interesting links on applying for medicine and overview of the universities that offer medicine.

Year 11/12- [Statistical Overview of Applying to Medical School in the UK](#)

Year 12/13 - [All UK Medical Schools Interview Processes](#)

Gap Year/Internship Information:

Target Audience Y12/13

- Industrial Placement Schemes IBM Careers Placements (age 17 & over) https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/#Futures_12_Month_Placement_Scheme
- EDT (etrust.org.uk) Ideas <https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>
- Independent Gap Advice <https://independentgapadvice.org/>
- Yipiyap – Gap Year Employment Opportunity (tutoring) [INFO](#)

Labour Market Information



Target Audience All Years

Labour Market Information is key to making good Career choices as it researches and explains what job sectors are growing or declining. The following resources are useful to explore local and national LMI:

[Careerpilot : Jobs](#)

[Explore LMI data – LMI For All](#)

[West of England – Labour Market Intelligence](#)

[North Somerset Employment and Skills Strategy](#)

LMI Focus – Creative Industries

Bristol is fast becoming a major hub for the Creative Industries with a growing number of studios, production and design companies. Here are some links where you can get more information about this growth area locally and nationally:

[Cultural Compact - West of England Combined Authority \(westofengland-ca.gov.uk\)](#)

[Bristol's Creative Membership Network | Bristol Creative Industries](#)

[Creative studios to check out in Bristol | Creative Lives in Progress](#)

[Overview of the UK's creative arts sector | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[01.Media-LMI-cmp.pdf \(bigcreative.education\)](#)

[Creative & Digital - Skills Connect](#)

The Careers Team -Who's who?

Mrs Fairs – Strategic lead for Careers

Mrs Van Den Eekhaute-Jones – Teacher Lead for Careers

Mrs Gardiner – Careers Adviser

Ms Jones – Careers Adviser

If you would like to discuss your career ideas please contact careers@gordanoschool.org.uk for an appointment.



All students in Years 7 – 13 have a Unifrog log in

Students can email

careers@gordanoschool.org.uk if their log in needs renewing.

Parent login: **GDSCParents**

How can Unifrog help me?

- Explore what subjects you would be interested in studying Post 16/18
- Explore different job profiles.
- Explore universities/apprenticeship opportunities.
- Discover and sign up for online courses
- Record all your key activities and achievements

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