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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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DREAM BIG

Welcome to our January Careers Newsletter. A bumper edition to kick start 2023 with lots of careers events happening over the next few weeks.

Event success

Year 10 Employability morning – 11th January

Year 10 students have been developing their employability skills in readiness for their mock interview with an employer on **Wednesday 22nd February**. Students chose a job role they would like to be interviewed for and participated in three workshops: CV Writing, interview preparation and a skills session to ensure they are 'job ready' and fully prepared for the interview. Students and staff really enjoyed the morning and students commented on how useful it had been and how they feel more confident and equipped for future interviews.

Note for diary: The Mock Interview Day is on Wednesday 22nd February.

If you would like to be part of this or similar future events please email careers@gordanoschool.org.uk

Dates for Diary

ALL YEARS Teatime Networking 'Careers in the Civil Service'. Taking place on Thursday 9th February in Sixth form Hall at 3:30 – 4:15pm. [FULL DETAILS](#)

Year 11/12/13 Apprenticeships & Technical Education Roadshows – for parents/carers

The roadshows will have a panel of experts, to include an employer, an apprentice, a training provider and where possible a parent. They will be able to provide that 'lived' experience and answer questions to help bust myths and dispel some of the misconceptions that surround apprenticeships & technical education. Follow this [link](#) for full details and dates. The one that venue closest to Portishead will be hosted on **Tuesday 7th Feb** at Backwell School

Dates for Diary (continued)

Year 10+ Thatcher's Early Careers Open Day – Saturday 4th February. Visit Thatcher's to see all the apprenticeships they offer. [Full details](#)

Year 10 Mock Interview Day students will be taking part in a mock interview on Wednesday 22nd February. Please send your child in business attire for the day (if possible, if they do not possess anything of this nature please attend in school uniform)

Y11/12/13 Post 18 Apprenticeship and School Leaver Evening – Wednesday 15th March (New Date) Great opportunity to find out about apprenticeships including degree apprenticeships and visit stands(including alumni) that offer apprenticeships/school leaver schemes

College Open Events

Target Audience: Y10+

- Weston College: 9th February 4pm-7pm : Apprenticeship Evening [FULL DETAILS](#) and Taster Workshops Feb Half term. Sign up now places fill up fast: [Half Term Workshops for Year 10 & 11s | Weston College](#)
- City of Bristol College: 29 March 5pm-8pm: All Campuses: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College(SGS): 28 Jan 10am-1pm: Filton Campus: [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Bridgwater and Taunton College: [FULL DETAILS](#)
28 Jan 10am-1pm Cannington Campus
- Bristol City Robins Foundation (Sport, Media, Esports)Post-16 Open Events | Bristol City (bcfc.co.uk): 1st February 6:30pm [FULL DETAILS](#)
- BIMM Institute (Music Production and Performance) 28 Jan 10.30am-1pm Bristol [FULL DETAILS](#)
- Boomsatsuma [FULL DETAILS](#)
6 Feb Games, VR and VFX Engine Shed, Temple Meads
7 Feb Photography / Digital Media Engine Shed, Temple Meads
8 Feb Sports Media Production Ashton Gate Stadium
9 Feb Film and TV Bottleyard Studios, Hengrove
- Access Creative: 4 Feb [FULL DETAILS](#)

Apprenticeship information

- **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.



Saffrey Champness Apprenticeship Open Event – Thursday 9th February

Target Audience Y12 & Y13 Interested in a career in Finance Post A Levels. Saffrey Champness are holding an open event to talk about their opportunities. They are currently recruiting for September 2023. [FULL DETAILS](#)

Latest Vacancies

RPC Legal Apprenticeship Scheme – [FULL DETAILS](#)

Vacancy of the month

National Grid Electricity Distribution Craft Apprenticeship opens to applicants on 16th January 2023, the application close date is 12th February 2023 [FULL DETAILS](#)

LSP – Apprentice Accounting Technician applications open now. Based in the Central Team at Gordano School you will train towards the AAT qualification. Please contact careers@gordanoschool.org.uk for full details.

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/>

University Information

Target Audience Y12+

Looking to expand your knowledge for your EPQ or wanting to further develop your interest area. Gresham College run free virtual session at university level in a range of different subject areas <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

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](#)

Y10 Work Experience

Target Audience Y10

All students will undertake one week of work experience from **3 – 7th July 2023**. This is a great opportunity for your son/daughter to discover what working life is like.

The deadline for securing a placement is Friday 10th February as all placements will then undergo a health and safety assessment to ensure they are suitable.

If you need any further help please use Firefly (students /careers) for all the work experience documents or contact dcrosby@gordanoschool.org.uk

Virtual Work Experience

Virtual work experience is a great addition to our week placement and can further develop knowledge and skill set.

Springpod offer some great virtual opportunities in a range of subject areas. Please visit their [website](#) for a full overview



Coming Soon - Employer Podcasts. Let us know which careers you'd like to hear about or if you would like to be interviewed for one yourself. Please complete this [FORM](#)

The Careers Team -Who's who?

Mrs Fairs – Strategic lead for Careers

Dr Beer – Teacher Lead for Careers

Mrs Gardiner – Careers Adviser

Mrs Crosby - Careers Co-ordinator

If you would like to discuss your career ideas please contact Mrs Gardiner on lgardiner@gordanoschool.org.uk for an appointment.

All students in Years 7 – 13 have a Unifrog log in
Students can email lgardiner@gordanoschool.org.uk if their log in needs renewing.
Parent login: **GDSCPparents**



Speaker for Schools Virtual events.

Lots going on in June – follow this link for [FULL DETAILS](#)

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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