



WELCOME TO OUR 1ST ISSUE OF THE CAREERS NEWSLETTER FOR 2023 / 2024.

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For all new parents to this Newsletter, we will start off with:

'Who are we? What do we do? Where can students find us?'

The Careers Hub consists of Ms Lesley Pollard who is the schools Careers leader as well as the Careers advisor, and Mrs Charlotte Wilson, the Careers Co-Ordinator.

We deliver an aspirational Careers programme for all years which meets the eight Gatsby Benchmarks, and is tailored to each year group, as their Careers needs are different at every stage. We offer Careers guidance meetings for all year groups, as well as mentoring sessions for students who may need some extra support or guidance.

Students can find our office upstairs in the Garden Block (English), where we have an open-door policy so students can just call in and see us. Students can arrange a Careers meeting by popping in to see us when they are in the Garden Block, sending Mrs Wilson a Teams message, or asking their form tutor to request one on their behalf. Parents/Carers can contact us via email - careers@abbey.college
Please do keep a look out in the parent bulletin for any up-and-coming Careers events.

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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO IN CAREERS SINCE WE RETURNED IN SEPTEMBER?

We have started seeing Year 11 students for their Careers Guidance interviews, all Year 11 students will be seen between October 2023 and January 2024. For students that are wanting to study courses at college, just a reminder that you can apply from now, you will still have a meeting with Ms. Pollard, but it is best to send in your application as soon as possible. It can be a weight off your mind to have sent your applications, and even get replies confirming your place, early in the year. *If you require help applying to college or are not yet sure what you want to do, then please send Mrs Wilson a Teams message and I will book you in for a priority meeting with Ms. Pollard.*

WHAT ARE CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEWS?

These are confidential, 1:1 impartial guidance sessions for all Year 11 students. We can also help with college applications if needed (we just need a note from a Parent/ Carer to say they are happy for us to help).

WHY DO WE HAVE THEM?

To discuss every student's Post 16 options and to support them in making decisions about their next steps.

WHO PERFORMS THE INTERVIEW?

All guidance interviews are performed by our qualified Careers Advisor- Ms Pollard

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INTERVIEW?

Ms Pollard will type up notes of the discussion and then Mrs Wilson will send the student a copy of these notes for reference. Any follow up actions will be included in the notes.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES HELD SO FAR....

YEAR 11 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER



YEAR 9, 11 AND SIXTH FORM AIM APPRENTICESHIP TALK



YEAR 11 MINI OPTIONS EVENT



YEAR 11 MINI OPTIONS EVENT



YEAR 7 GUESS THE PROFESSIONAL EVENT



ALL YEARS NEXT STEPS CAREERS FAIR



OPPORTUNITIES & USEFUL INFO

<https://www.eastofengland.coop/careers>

<https://successatschool.org/jobs>

[Careers in Design](#)

[Careers in all creative industries](#)

[Careers in photography](#)

[Military preparation college for training](#)

[Creative industry sector](#)

[Careers in Deloitte](#)

OPTIONS AT THE END OF YEAR 11

For those of you who may choose to spend time over your Christmas break thinking about what you want to do after Year 11, it is important to remember that, as well as the academic subjects you are studying now, there are a lot of other subjects you can consider which are more vocational or technical including Diplomas and T levels. You can find out more about these options by checking out the websites of the schools and colleges in your area as well as visiting the Government's website called "[Get the jump](#)" which provides you with lots of information about each option. Don't forget that as well as staying on at Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form or moving to somewhere new to continue in full time education you can carry on learning through an Apprenticeship which allows you to both get qualifications and earn an income. You can out more about this option at the Government's "[Find an Apprenticeship](#)" website

APPLYING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Many of you may be putting your finishing touches to your UCAS applications over the Christmas break. Don't forget that as well as being a system to process your application UCAS also offers a lot of advice on HE. It now also provides the opportunity to undertake national searches for Apprenticeships. You can find out more about UCAS and their support for Apprenticeships [By clicking here](#)

KICK-START YOUR STEM CAREER IN 2024

In2STEM programme (formerly In2science summer programme) will offer 16-19 years old students the opportunity to participate in both online and in-person activities. These activities help you gain the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to take the next steps in your STEM journey. Students taking part can expect to take part in:- • A practical, hands-on work experience placement . • Online skills, employability and careers workshops throughout the summer • Public engagement competitions, find out more and start an application here: [In2STEM](#)

UNIFROG

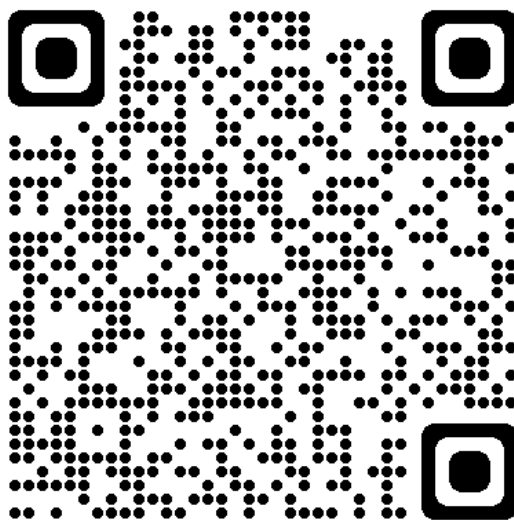
All students have access to the Unifrog platform. We know that students' interests and aspirations can sometimes change, so it is advised that they regularly visit their profile to keep their careers plan up to date. If they are having problems accessing the platform, please ask them to see Mrs Wilson in the Careers Hub.

LEADER BOARD - Top Form groups for accessing Unifrog



- Year 7 - 7KWI 49%
- Year 8 - 8GAA 40%
- Year 9 - 9VSI + 9CPA 43%
- Year 10 - 10LSH 37%
- Year 11 - 11SSI 43%
- Year 12 - 12HSH 32%
- Year 13 - 13SIH 50%

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE WHATS NEW ON
UNIFROG



I'M NEW TO UNIFROG! WHAT SHALL I DO ONCE LOGGED ON?

? Skills quiz - assess skills like problem-solving, numeracy, and critical thinking

🐸 Personality quiz - uses Myers-Briggs' theory of personality types

🏢 Work environments quiz

💬 Interests quiz - uses the Holland Code system

By completing these, you will start to receive **tailored suggestions for future pathways** and relevant opportunities based on your closest-matched subjects and careers.



UNIFROG APPRENTICESHIP FAIR 2024

Get involved with National Apprenticeship Week! Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers including KPMG, Lloyds Banking Group and Unilever, and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship.

Wednesday 7 February @ 16:30 UK time - 2hrs 30 mins **SIGN UP NOW ON UNIFROG**



UNIFROG UK UNIVERSITY FAIR 2024

Get to know more about university and join our virtual fair where you can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. We'll be joined by top universities including the Universities of Exeter, Portsmouth, Sussex, Cardiff University, Manchester Metropolitan University, and many more! You'll have the chance to get your questions answered and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply to your dream university course.

Wednesday 13 March @ 16:30 UK time - 3hrs SIGN UP NOW ON UNIFROG

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO HELP THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

We are always looking for parent/carers to support with our Careers provision in school, some of the events include

- Mock interviews,
- Meet the professional,
- Guess the professional,
- Employer stands at our annual career's fairs,
- Subject/Apprenticeship talks,
- Or anything else you think we maybe interested in.
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If you would like to offer any help or you would like more information on our events please contact Mrs Wilson at careers@abbey.college



Year 10 Work Experience has now been launched, with our first assembly and Work Experience packs being handed out. If you were absent and do not have a pack, please come to the Careers Hub to collect one. Deadline for these to be returned is 8th March 2024.

Work experience will take place on 10 - 14 June 2024

**AND FINALLY, WE HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR— WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN IN 2024!**

