



Careers Christmas Newsletter 2024

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This has been an enjoyable term for the Careers Team which started back in September with a trip to the National Centre for Food Manufacturing for Year 10 Food Technology pupils, the Super Learning Day in November and the trip to Lincolnshire University for the NHS careers day. This newsletter highlights some of the activities that our pupils have participated in for this term.

Careers Section on the School Website

For any careers related information we have a careers section on the school website, this can be found at [UALS careers](#) The careers information is up to date and saves pupils, parents, carers and teaching staff the time searching for information. If there is anything additional for the website that you feel could be useful please email Mrs Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk

PARENT AND CARER FEEDBACK

In order to improve our careers provision in school, could we please ask parents/carers to provide feedback by using the link below;

[Parents and carers feedback](#)



Welcome to Year 7 pupils, parents and carers

Year 7

Super Learning Day April

The careers team would like to wish a warm welcome to our Year 7 pupils, parents and carers.

Throughout the 5 years that your son/daughter spends at the Academy they will participate in a number of careers activities that will enable them to make the right choice for them when they leave school.

Over the next 5 years activities that your child will have the chance to participate in include our bi-annual careers fair, a number of Super Learning Days where pupils will participate in workshops that include a number of employers, Post 16 providers and universities. There will be a number of careers trips including visits to universities, local businesses and colleges.

Parents and carers input is important to us and if you or your employers are able to contribute with any of our careers events in school please email Jacqui Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk





The Mercians



Back in September ahead of their concert at The Leicester O2, The Mercians made a live appearance at UALS to play some of their songs and to talk to Year 7-10 about a range of topics including mental health and misogyny with the lead singer Matt Cominotto talking about his own struggles with Multiple sclerosis and Harry, bassist and songwriter, talked about his experience with discrimination, he said “Be kind – there’s no excuse to not be kind. You never know what’s going on in someone’s life.”

The Mercians are an up and coming band who have supported former front man from Kasabian Tom Meighan at his homecoming tour in Leicester back in 2022. If you are interested in following the band their website is <https://www.themercians.co.uk/>



Super Learning Day November 2024

Year 8

It was a busy day for Year 8 who participated in a number of careers related workshops including the National Grid, Emily Doherty from Channel 4 who fronted workshops around TV and social media. The Lincolnshire Community Health Team who engaged the pupils in an interactive session with the chance to find out more about careers in the NHS and Amber and her team from the Music Bus who worked their magic on the pupils who formed their own UALS rock band for the day.

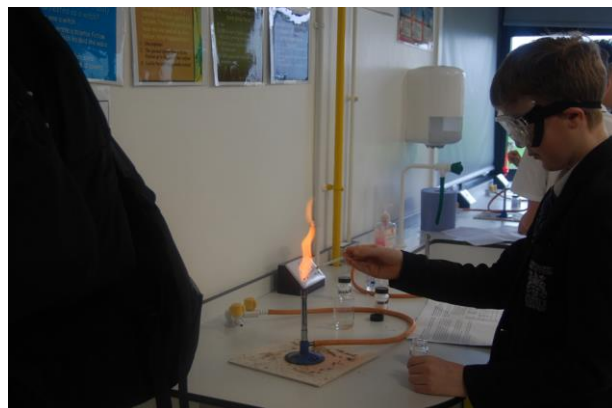




Year 9



The Science department ran a brilliant interactive Forensics Day for Year 9. The day involved a real life crime scene with the opportunity to use real life forensic techniques to nail the suspect. Careers played a part in the sessions as pupils found out more about careers in forensics.





Year 10

Keeping up with the crime theme, Year 10 spent the day with Lisa Norris and five of her trained search dogs from the K9 classroom. Workpays offered the pupils the chance to find out more about apprenticeships and where to search for them on the Government website. The T Level department from UAH brought along 12 of their T Level students to offer our pupils the chance to find out more about T Levels in Engineering, Childcare, IT and Business. Sara from the NHS Talent Academy brought along Filippo Natalini a Senior Diagnostic Radiographer to talk to the pupils about careers in the NHS and Emily Kirk from LinHigher ahead of work experience helped the pupils to brush up on their CV and Interview skills.



Multi-agency days



During the November Super Learning Day, Year 7 and Year 11 spent the day with a multi-agency team from a range of organisations including, Lincolnshire Police, Turning Point, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, SOLDAS and Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse team.

The 'Stay Safe Days' programme is important as it aims to improve personal safety by making pupils aware of the consequences of their actions on themselves, their families, and the community.

As there are a number of organisations involved, pupils have the opportunity during these sessions to find out more about careers with the agencies involved.

To access support for any of these agencies please contact ssp@lincolnshire.gov.uk



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Careers trips



Port and Logistics Trip Boston United

Back in July, Year 9 pupils who are keen Geographers, spent the day at Boston United finding out more about Port and Logistics one of the largest growth careers sectors in Lincolnshire. The day which was organised by the Greater Lincolnshire LEP enabled pupils to spend the day with employers including the Port of Boston, Feshlinc, Culina and East Midlands Railway. The day included a free lunch in the hospitality suite at Boston United and a tour around the stadium with the opportunity to find out more about careers and facilities with the club.



NHS Careers Day The Engine Shed Lincoln University



Back in November, Year 10 were offered the opportunity to attend the annual NHS careers day at Lincoln University. Pupils participated in a range of workshops including Social Care, Nursing, Medicine and Paramedic. The career fair involved over 50 stands with organisations who are all involved in supporting the NHS. This is always a brilliant day and an eye opener to how many careers there are in the NHS. For more information about NHS careers please use the link below;

[NHS Careers](#)





unifrog

For the first time this year we are using the impartial careers advice website Unifrog. Unifrog is an online tool that each pupil can access to support them in preparing for the next steps in their educational pathway towards employment, informing them about varying careers and a full range of options available to them. Pupils can easily find and apply for every course and apprenticeship in the UK – including choices from sixth form and college, university courses and apprenticeships. There is an extensive careers library for pupils to browse, research and ‘favourite’ in their discovery of the fast-changing professional world they are preparing to enter.

Unifrog helps to enable students to consider and plan for their transition to the right destinations. Students can compare side-by-side every post-16 and post-18 opportunity in the UK. They can rank on lots of factors, such as starting salary, distance from home, drop out rate, and weekly study hours.

We have already launched Unifrog to our Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils and we plan to launch the platform to Years 7 and 8 straight after Christmas. Parents and carers of all year groups can access Unifrog and an email with the parents Unifrog code has been sent out via email, if you missed the email please contact Mrs Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk

Unifrog are hosting a webinar to find out how, as a parent or carer, you can use Unifrog to support conversations about your child’s post-16 options and post-18 progression routes, including apprenticeships, universities, and careers. Delivered by Unifrog staff, the session will give you an overview of the key student tools for different year groups, highlight the resources, and show you where you can find out information about upcoming events.

The online event will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 17:30pm. To sign up for this event please use the link below;

<https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/upcoming/1223-parents-and-caregivers-session-unifrog-basics>





UALS School Alumni

One of the joys of my job as a Careers Adviser is speaking to previous pupils and finding out what they are doing once they have left UALS, this is why the school alumni is important as it allows previous pupils and their parents/carers the chance to reconnect with the school. We have had a number of past pupils supporting us with events, back in November for the GCSE Awards Night, we were joined by Seb Ivanov who spoke about his time in school and his journey to a career in Audit Transformation for Pricewaterhouse Cooper. We want our pupils to learn more about a variety of careers and there is no better way than speaking to our previous pupils.

If you are interested in supporting us with our school alumni please use the QR code below, we look forward to hearing from you.



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Virtual Work Experience

Below are two websites where pupils can access virtual work experience opportunities for over the holidays. Both organisations work with large national companies to offer industry placements.

[speakers for schools](#)



Speakers for Schools offer some excellent online work experience and insight opportunities for pupils, to search and access opportunities use the link above.

[Springpod](#)



Springpod also offer a range of virtual work experience opportunities which are available during the school term and over the holidays. To access opportunities please use the link above.

TALENT ACADEMY
Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

The NHS Talent Academy offer a number of virtual work experience opportunities, these include;

- E-Placement – Introduction to Pharmacy
- E-Placement – Introduction to Occupational Therapy
- E-Placement – Introduction to Physiotherapy
- Brighton Sussex Medical School Virtual Work Experience
- E-Placement – Introduction to Nursing

Click here to find out more [Talent Academy](#)





Below are confirmed careers events for the rest of the academic year. If parents/carers and older siblings are able to offer any workshops or come in to speak to pupils about their career that would be much appreciated. If you would like any further information please contact Jacqui Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk or 01406 362120

Super Learning Day 2 Tuesday 28th January 2025

**Agri-careers Day at The Lincolnshire Showground
Year 9 only – Tuesday 4th February 2025**

National Apprenticeship week 5-11th February 2025

National Careers week 4-9th March 2025

Super Learning Day 3 Wednesday 30th April 2025

Work Experience Year 10 19th-23rd May 2025

**The College of West Anglia Taster Day Year 10 only
Monday 23rd June 2025**





The Careers Team wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

