



Spring Careers Newsletter

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The careers team wish you all a warm welcome back after the Easter holidays. Last term was yet again a busy term with the launch of Unifrog our careers platform to Year 7 and 8, the Super Learning Day in January, GCSE options assembly and evening for Year 9, careers assemblies for Years 8, 9 and 10, the Year 9 trip to The Lincolnshire Showground and the trip to Christ's College Cambridge. Please see this newsletter for more information.

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;

[Parental survey](#)



Super Learning Day January 2025

Year 7

Year 7 started the new year with an assembly from Mrs Gilman to introduce Unifrog. Tutors and pupils then spent their tutor times completing the online quizzes which will encourage pupils to find out more about their skills and interests and how these link to future careers.

Please see information later on in the newsletter for a parental log in to Unifrog.

On the Super Learning Day in January Year 7 spent their time with Humanities which included solving a historic forensic science case.

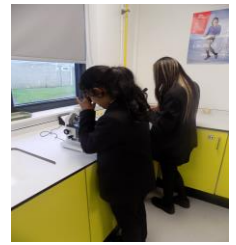


There are currently in the UK seven Universities who offer both Archaeology and Forensic Science as a Combined Degree. This shows the link between both of these subjects.

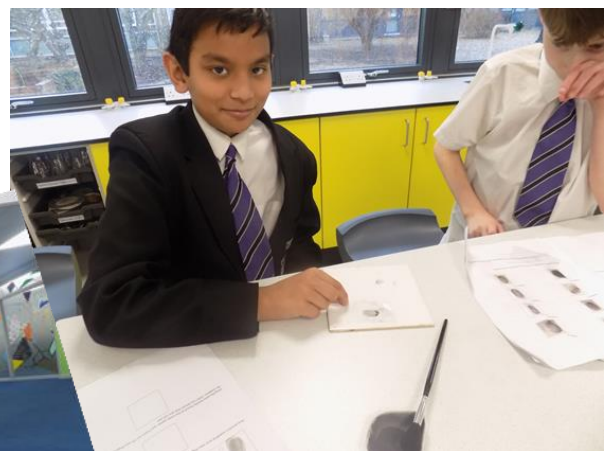




Year 8



During the Super Learning Day, Year 8 spent a Forensics Science day with the Science department, working out a crime scene murder case. During the sessions the pupils had to work out the modus operandi of the crime and the suspect, there was also the chance for pupils to find out more about careers in Forensic Science industry for which there are currently approximately 3,400 Forensic Science practitioners in the UK, with the Forensic Science Service employing 2,500, LGC 700, Forensic Alliance 140, the Police 900, Fire Service 190 and Educational Institutions 60 (**University of Kent 2023**).



Year 9

Year 9 spent the day with The Stay Safe Partnership which involved various topics including Knife Crime, Drug Awareness, Cyber Stalking, Fire Safety and Online Safety. These days are run by a number of different organisations including Lincolnshire Police and Fire Service, The Road Safety Partnership, Turning Point and South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service.

There Stay Safe days are really important for the wellbeing of the pupils and parents can find out more information about the Stay Safe Team by using the email address and/or link below

ssp@lincolnshire.gov.uk

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/stay-safe-partnership>

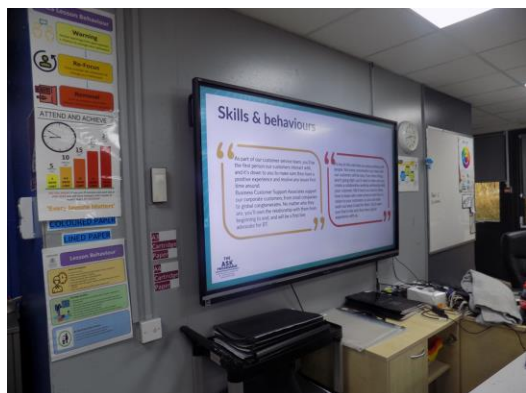
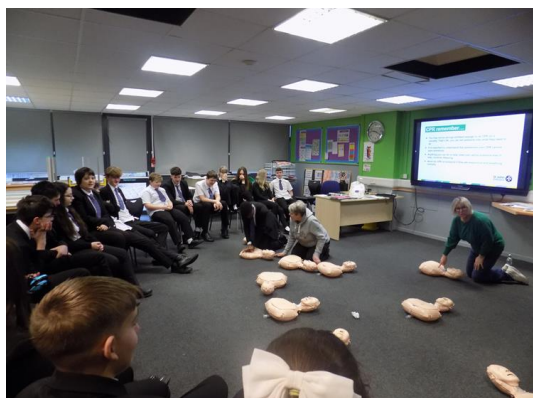
Parents/carers can also access the team via X Twitter, Facebook and YouTube



Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership
Preventative Education in Collaboration

Year 10

During Super Learning Day, Year 10 spent their sessions with Mrs Herbert and Mrs Thorpe refreshing their knowledge of First Aid. There was a selection panel from Work Pays which allowed the pupils to brush up on their interview skills. Carrying on with the nursing theme, The College of West Anglia sent their T Level Nursing Team and Uniform Services Team over to run sessions and there was an excellent session run by Emily from Channel 4 around understanding personal skills. Mr Smith and Miss Frost enabled the pupils to spend some downtime playing team sports and leaning how to work proactively in a team.



Year 11

During Super Learning Day, Year 11 spent the first session of the day with Emily from LincHigher who helped pupils to brush up on their employability skills. This was followed by the Exams Made Easy sessions which were fronted by Joe Rowntree from Made Training. Joe is a professional comedian, actor and writer for the Weakest Link TV show. Joe helped the pupils to learn and master a range of effective revision strategies. Pupils were given the chance to build confidence in their own abilities and potential. The opportunity to increase motivation to study and revise plus the chance to find out how to use revision time efficiently and to identify at least one new revision strategy that will be incorporated into their revision plan.

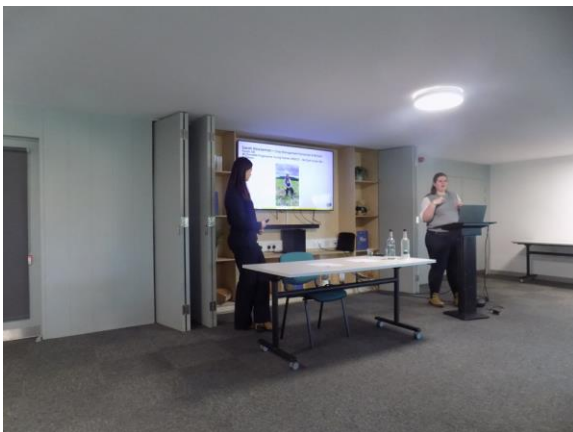


unifrog
The universal careers platform

Unifrog also offers support for pupils with revision skills and techniques. Pupils can access these resources by logging in to their Unifrog account at <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> and looking for the Know How Library. Pupil can reset their password if they forgotten this by asking Unifrog to send a link to their school email account.

Careers trips

In February Year 9 were offered the opportunity to travel to The Lincolnshire Showground for the Agra-Food Event. The trip enabled pupils to find out more about the food industry. Whilst there pupils selected a range of workshops from companies including McCains and Dyson Farming plus they experienced the chance to talk to a number of employers attending the event in the form of an interactive careers fair. Amongst the employers attending were Branston Potatoes, Manor Fresh, Chandlers and Lincoln University who brought along their robots and edible bugs.



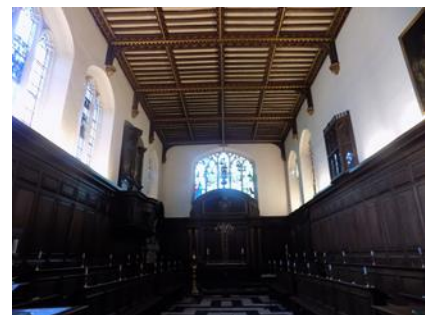
Trip to Christ's College Cambridge



Back in March, 9 of our Year 10 pupils attended a taster day at Christ's College Cambridge. Christ's Church College is one of the oldest campuses dating back to 1525 with its alumni including Charles Darwin and Sasha Baron Cohen (Ali G).

The day comprised of workshops including an Introduction to Higher Education, the facilities at Christ's College and how to select Post 16 options plus how they have an impact on Degree entry to Cambridge and other universities. There was a meet the Cambridge University students and a tour around the campus which was led by a local student who lives in the Wisbech area. The pupils enjoyed a buffet lunch and the opportunity to ask the Cambridge University students questions.

It was an excellent chance for the pupils to look around one of top five universities in the world plus gain a valuable insight into what degrees are available and where these degrees lead to in the future. Pupils were also amazed by the number of societies that the university offer including a Taylor Swift Appreciation Society which highlighted to them that although an important part of education, university is not all about studying.





For the first time this year we are using the impartial careers advice website Unifrog. An online tool 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 pupils to consider and plan for their transition to the right destinations. Pupils 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 all of the pupils and parents and carers of all year groups can access Unifrog, 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

The range of topics and information offered to pupils and parents/carers

The screenshot displays the Unifrog website interface, organized into several sections:

- Exploring**
 - Work environments profile**: Quiz not taken
 - Activities**: Recorded at least 10
 - UK universities**: 0 shortlists
 - Quiz profile**: 0 of 4 quizzes complete
 - Skills**: Completed all 12
 - Apprenticeships**: 0 shortlists
 - Interactions**: Missing 5 Interaction types
 - College / Sixth Form**: 0 shortlists
- Careers library**: Careers favoured
- Subjects library**: Subjects favoured
- Know-how library**: Guides favoured
- Materials**
 - CV / Resumé**: Tweak your CV for each role
- Connecting**
 - No tools in this category are tailored to you this year - click 'All tools' to see everything
- Applications**
 - Post 16 Intentions**

The URL unifrog.org/student/furthereducation/start is visible in the bottom left corner.

Attention Parents/Carers



We are looking for parents/carers, past pupils and companies to support us with our careers events in school for the next academic year. This may only be for an hour when parents/carers have time to come and speak to smaller groups of pupils about their career path.

Please find below a list of dates for our Careers Fair and Super Learning days which will be taking place for the 2025/2026 academic year. If you are able to attend any of these dates, please email Jacqui Gilman Careers Adviser at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk for further information. We really appreciate the support that we receive in school from companies and volunteers to enable us to make careers education real for our pupils.

Examples of previous sessions in school

STEM sessions with Siemens Engineering and The National Grid. Construction hands on workshops with The Youth Shed, Burmour Construction and The National Construction College. Creative careers workshops with Channel 4. Logistics workshops with Culina and LNER. NHS careers and interview skills with the NHS and The Department of Work and Pensions. If you wish to discuss ideas for workshops, please email Jacqui Gilman gilmanj@uolat.co.uk

Careers Fair Wednesday 12th November 2025 9:50-3:20pm

Promote your organisation and attract the next generation of your workforce by engaging with young people who are looking to plan their next steps ready for their future career. This is for Year 7-11 plus parents and carers.

Super Learning Day (1) Wednesday 28th January 2026 – 8:50-3:20pm

This is an off timetable day for pupils in Years **7,8,10 and 11**. As Year 11 will be focusing on their Post 16 applications support would be appreciated from organisations who can offer support with transition.

Super Learning Day (2) Thursday 30th April 2026 – 8:50-3:20pm

The structure for the above will be the same but this will be for Years 7-10 only.

Other support in school

In addition to the above, we would really appreciate any support with our lessons in school, this could be the takeover, support of a lesson or a careers talk about how a subject links to a business or an organisation. We welcome assembly or small group talks from employers and organisations. If you can support with any of these activities, please email or phone Jacqui Gilman.

We would also appreciate the chance for small numbers of pupils to visit local businesses as this will enable pupils to find out more about the local labour market.

We also run a week's programme of work experience for Year 10 this will be **Monday 18th- Friday 22nd May 2026**.

Virtual Work Experience

Below are some websites where pupils can access virtual work experience opportunities, some of these are on demand and can be accessed at any time. These 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 offers a range of virtual work experience opportunities which are available during the school term and over the holidays these include the companies below;

Amazon, Aldi, The Met Office, FUJITSU, My Dentist, Direct Line plus many more.

TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

The NHS Talent Academy offer a number of virtual and in person 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 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

College of West Anglia assembly Year 10 Thursday 24th April 2025

Channel 4 virtual assembly for Year 7 Thursday 24th April 2025

Super Learning Day Wednesday 30th April 2025

Bishop Grosseteste Visit for Year 9 Wednesday 7th May 2025

Work Experience Year 10 19th-23rd May 2025

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