



Careers Christmas Newsletter 2025

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This term has been an exciting and rewarding one for the Careers Team. We began in September with a visit to Guttridge Engineering in Spalding for our BTEC Engineering students, followed by a Sustainable Careers event in Wisbech for DT pupils. November saw the return of our biennial Careers Fair, and most recently, Year 10 Child Development and BTEC Sport pupils attended the NHS Careers Event at Lincoln University. This newsletter showcases just some of the opportunities and experiences our pupils have taken part in 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 [Careers at UALS](#) 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/Carers Feedback](#)



Welcome to Year 7 pupils, parents and carers

Year 7

The Careers Team would like to extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 pupils, parents, and carers. During the five years your child spends at the Academy, they will take part in a wide range of careers activities designed to help them make informed choices about their future pathways. Across these years, pupils will have opportunities to attend our biennial Careers Fair, engage in Super Learning Days featuring workshops with employers, Post-16 providers, and universities, and participate in various careers trips to universities, local businesses, 6th Forms and colleges. We greatly value the involvement of parents and carers. If you or your employer are able to support any of our careers events, please contact Jacqui Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk





A Visit to Guttridge Open Eyes-and Doors

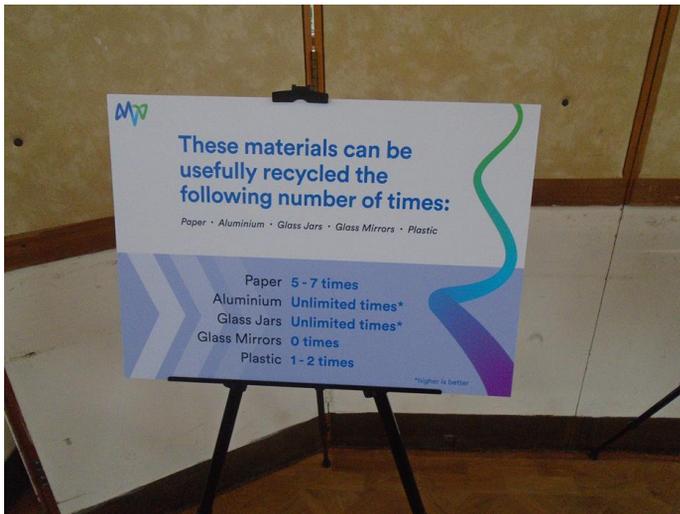
Back in September, our Year 11 Engineering pupils stepped into the world of engineering and manufacturing — thanks to a fantastic visit to Guttridge, a leading UK company based in Spalding, Lincolnshire. Guttridge is a global specialist in bulk materials handling, producing everything from conveyors and bucket elevators to bespoke processing and handling systems that are used around the world. Pupils were able to see first-hand how raw materials are transformed into sophisticated handling solutions. They went behind the scenes — into the workshop where fabrication, welding, assembly and final testing take place — and learned how design, engineering, and manufacturing combine to make durable, reliable equipment used across continents. The company offers real career pathways for young people — from apprenticeships (for roles such as fabricator/welder, assembly fitter, or technician) to graduate engineering opportunities.





Sustainable Futures

Before October Half-term the Design and Technology pupils attended the Sustainable Futures event in Wisbech which was a careers fair aimed at pupils. The event focused on careers in construction, engineering, and other roles related to sustainability, green skills, and the environment. The event was organized by MVV Environment Ltd in collaboration with various companies and provided a platform for pupils to meet employers and learn about potential career paths.





Study Skills



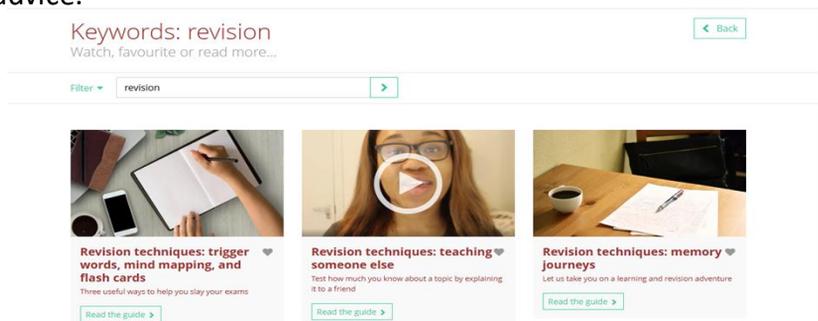
Year 11 students recently had the opportunity to boost their revision techniques during a dynamic Study Skills session led by Joe Rowntree from Made Training. Known for his work as a stand-up comedian and his appearances on *Brainiac* and in pantomime, Joe brought an infectious energy to the session that kept pupils engaged from start to finish.

The workshop focused on practical strategies to make revision more effective and enjoyable. Pupils explored the power of mind mapping, learning how visually organising information can make complex topics easier to remember. Joe also introduced other valuable techniques, including active recall, spaced repetition, and the use of memory aids, giving students a versatile toolkit for approaching their studies.

What set this session apart was Joe’s unique delivery. Drawing on his background in comedy and performance, he turned the learning process into an interactive experience, using humour and storytelling to illustrate key points. Pupils were encouraged to participate, share ideas, and even try out some of the techniques in real time, making the session both educational and fun.

Pupil Feedback from the session

- “Helped me understand more techniques clearly.”
- “I found it an extremely useful way to revise, made me want to be a better man”
- “It helped me understand revision. This workshop has helped me find effective methods of revision that work for me”
- “ I can now revise easier with the range of useful techniques, helped me see how and what I should revise.”
- “Learn how to revise properly made me realise revision can be easy”
- Motivated me to revise more it was very engaging and entertaining made me laugh lots and took a lot of advice.”



There is a brilliant section on Unifrog packed with revision techniques; simply log in and explore the ‘Know How’ library.” [log in Unifrog](#)

Royal Navy Inspires Year 9 and 10



Through Hands-On STEM Workshops and Career Insights Pupils in Years 9 and 10 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit from the Royal Navy Engagement Team, who delivered a dynamic day of STEM-based activities and career exploration. The highlight for many was the radio transmission tower challenge, where students worked in teams to assemble a functioning communications structure. Guided by Royal Navy personnel, pupils experimented with real-world principles of engineering, problem-solving, and communication under pressure. The practical task didn't end once the tower was up—pupils were also required to pack the equipment away in the correct operational order, mirroring the accuracy and discipline expected of Navy engineers in the field. The hands-on workshop not only sparked curiosity but helped students understand how STEM subjects translate into real military operations. Teachers noted impressive teamwork, leadership, and resilience emerging throughout the session.



For more information about careers in the Armed Forces please use this link;
[Armed Forces Careers](#)



A World of Possibilities at the School Careers Fair

The UALS Leisure Centre came alive in November as pupils explored the incredible possibilities of the future at the biennial Careers Fair. From engineering to hairdressing every stall offered a hands-on experience that made careers come alive. Visitors raced through interactive challenges and got a taste of skills used in real-world jobs. Technology buzzed, creativity flowed, and the atmosphere was electric with curiosity. The fair showcased pathways for every interest—apprenticeships, vocational courses, and university options—turning what might have seemed like far-off dreams into tangible steps pupils can take today. By the end of the day, the hall was buzzing with excitement and inspiration, as young minds discovered that the future is not just something to imagine—it’s something they can shape.

List of Exhibitors

NHS
Holbeach United FEA
Boston United
University of Lincoln
University of Lincoln Medical School
Royal Agricultural University
Bishop Grosseteste University
LincHigher
College of West Anglia
UAH
Thomas Clarkson Academy
Boston College
Access to Music
Cambridgeshire Regional College
Bowmer + Kirkland
Hawkins Ryan LLP
Terrington Vet Clinic
MillHouse Vets
Manor Fresh
Coveris
Morrisons
Worldwide Fruit
DWP
Lincolnshire Police
The Army
RAF
Bakkavor
MVV Environment Ltd.
We are Landbased Engineering
Guttridge Engineering
Del Monte
British Sugar
Leicestershire STEM EB

Photos and Feedback From The Careers Fair

"I liked the College of West Anglia stand as it was informative"

"I liked the British Sugar stand as it was fun too learn about sugar"



"I loved the ESPA stand as I really want to work in Performing Arts in the future"



"I loved the Pitstop Challenge as I want to be a mechanic"



"I loved the Vets stands as I want to be a Zookeeper"



"I liked the UAH stand as my sister was on there"

"I liked the RAF stand as it was decorative and fun"

"I liked the UAH stand as I loved the Plumbing challenge and finding out more about Business"

"I loved the Engineering stalls as they were really cool"

NHS Careers Day The Engine Shed University of Lincoln

In November, the Year 10 Child Development and BTEC Sport had the opportunity to attend the annual NHS Careers Day at Lincoln University. Whilst there, the Pupils took part in a Social Care and Midwifery workshop. The careers fair featured over 50 stands from organisations that support the NHS, providing valuable insight into the range of careers available. This event is always an excellent experience and a real eye-opener to the many opportunities within the NHS. For more information about NHS careers, please follow the link below:

[NHS Careers](#)

For more information about the courses at the University of Lincoln Medical School please use the link Below;

<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/medicalschool/>





unifrog

We use the impartial careers advice platform, Unifrog. This online tool is available to all pupils to help them prepare for the next steps in their educational journey and future employment and is currently used by over 3000 schools in the UK. It provides information on a wide range of careers and options, allowing pupils to explore and make informed decisions. Through Unifrog, pupils can easily search for and apply to every course and apprenticeship in the UK, including sixth form and college courses, university programs, and apprenticeships. The platform also features an extensive careers library, where pupils can browse, research, and save opportunities as they explore the evolving professional world they are preparing to enter. Unifrog supports students in planning and considering their transition to the right post-16 and post-18 destinations. Pupils can compare opportunities side-by-side using factors such as starting salary, distance from home, dropout rates, and weekly study hours, helping them make choices that best suit their goals and aspirations.

Parents and carers can also have their own Unifrog login, providing access to information on how to support your child in their careers exploration. If you would like a Unifrog access code, please email Mrs Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk.



During National Apprenticeship Week, Unifrog are hosting their annual virtual apprenticeship fair. To sign up for this event please use the link below;

[Sign up here](#)





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 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 email Jacqui Gilman at gilmanj@uals.org.uk

Our alumni Seb Ivanov and Dr. Harley Fuller who presented awards to our GCSE pupils. Summer Rostron, Jodie Rhodes and Jordan Nyang came in to support with our Super Learning Days





Virtual Work Experience for Age 13+

For many young people, gaining work experience can be challenging due to age restrictions and limited opportunities nearby. Virtual work experience provides a flexible alternative, allowing students aged 13+ to participate after school, on weekends, or during holidays. Springpod offers a wide variety of programmes and activities created by both regional and national employers. For more information, please use the link below:

[Springpod](#)

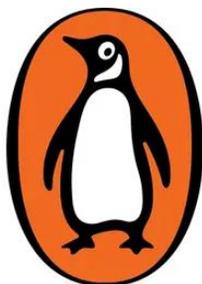
For Year 10 pupils, please note that an in-person work experience placement is still required. However, they are welcome to complete these virtual opportunities in their own time as an additional experience.

Please see the below for some of the current companies offering virtual in demand placement opportunities for pupils who are 13+

MARRIOTT
BONVOY

prime

NetworkRail



JD Group





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

Please note that UAH are in the school library every Wednesday for a drop in session for all year groups.

College of West Anglia Assembly Year 10 (11th December 2025)

Medical Workshop and Assembly with Dr Rob Callum Year 9 (7th January 2026)

Super Learning Day (28th January 2026)

College of West Anglia Assembly Year 9 (4th March 2026)

Options Evening Year 9 (5th March 2026)

National Apprenticeship week (9-15th February 2026)

Boston College apprenticeship drop in (9th February 2026 lunchtime)

College of West Anglia apprenticeship drop in (12th February 2026 lunchtime)

Unifrog Virtual Apprenticeship Fair (11th February 2026 4-6pm)

National Careers week (2-7th March 2026)

College of West Anglia Assembly Year 8 (3rd March 2026)

Boston College drop in (6th March 2026 lunchtime)

Trip to Christ's College Cambridge Year 10 (20th March 2026)

Work Experience Year 10 (18th-22nd May 2026)

Multi Agency Day Year 7 (18th May 2026)

Trip to Lincoln Bishop University for Year 9 dates tbc.

The College of West Anglia Taster Day Year 10 only (24th June 2026)





The Careers Team wish you all

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!