



Spring Careers Newsletter

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Last term was packed with exciting opportunities and inspiring experiences for our pupils.

We were delighted to welcome Dr Rob Callum, who delivered an engaging medical workshop for pupils aspiring to become doctors, as well as leading a Year 9 assembly exploring the wide range of careers within the NHS. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 also took part in special assemblies celebrating National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, helping them to think about their future pathways.

Our Super Learning Day was a real highlight, alongside hands-on workshops for Year 7 delivered by Outer Dowsing Wind Farm, giving pupils a fascinating insight into renewable energy. Year 10 students enjoyed a memorable visit to Christ's College, Cambridge, offering a glimpse into university life and raising aspirations for the future. We were also thrilled to host recording artist Joel Foster, who shared his journey and inspired pupils through music.

There's so much more to share—please read on to find out more about these fantastic experiences.

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/Carers Survey](#)

Year 7

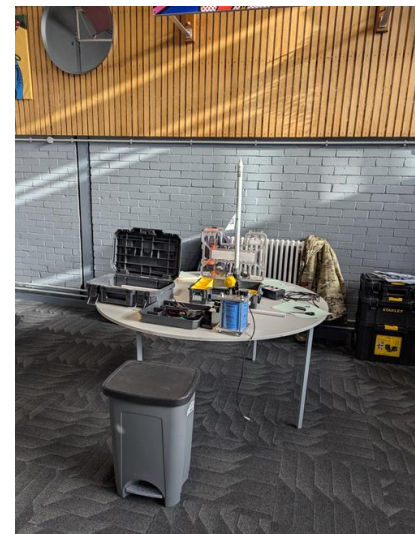
A standout highlight of the year has been Super Learning Day 2026—a vibrant and inspiring event where pupils immersed themselves in a variety of career-focused activities. The day was particularly exciting for our Year 7 pupils, who experienced a diverse range of industries in engaging and practical ways.

Year 7 pupils took part in an interactive workshop with Willmott Dixon, a leading construction company, where they explored careers in the building industry. Pupils worked collaboratively to problem-solve and demonstrate teamwork as they designed and built an impressive tower. The K9 Deployment Team also delivered a fascinating session, introducing pupils to careers in the canine sector and showcasing the remarkable search skills of their highly trained dogs.

In addition, pupils developed valuable life-saving skills during beginner first aid sessions led by Mrs Herbert and Mrs Thorpe, where they practised essential techniques such as resuscitation. Creativity and communication were inspired by Emily from Channel 4, who spoke about careers in media and highlighted apprenticeship opportunities within the industry.

Our Year 7s also embraced a STEM challenge led by the Royal Navy, working together to design and build rockets—an activity that sparked curiosity and innovation. Meanwhile, some pupils took part in a business enterprise workshop with the Talent Foundry, where they planned, costed, and designed their very own music festival, developing entrepreneurial thinking and financial awareness.

Experiences like these are invaluable in helping students connect their learning to real-world opportunities, while building confidence, teamwork, and aspiration.



There are currently 2000-2,500 Police Dog Handlers in the UK. 135 RAF Dog Handlers and 200 Specialist Dog Teams.

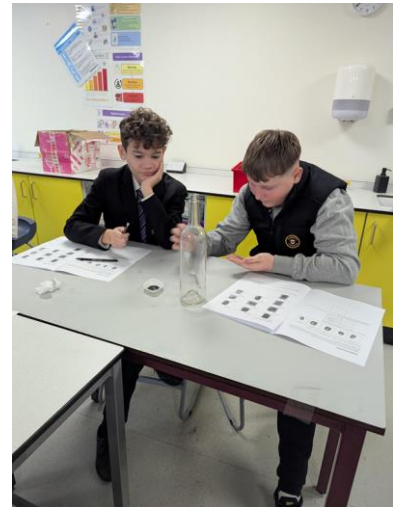


Uncovering Futures: A Forensic Journey for Year 8



During Super Learning Day our Year 8 pupils stepped into the role of real-life investigators, immersing themselves in an unforgettable Forensic Science Day led by our dedicated Science department. This wasn't just a lesson—it was a full-scale crime scene experience designed to challenge minds, spark curiosity, and inspire future career ambitions.

Faced with a complex "murder investigation," pupils worked collaboratively to examine evidence, analyse clues, and determine the *modus operandi* of the crime. With every piece of evidence uncovered, pupils developed critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills—just like professionals in the field. The excitement in the room was matched only by the determination to solve the case.



There are currently around 3,400 forensic science practitioners working across a range of sectors. This includes approximately 900 within police services, 700 at Local Government Chemist, 190 in fire services, and many more across specialist organisations and educational institutions.

Year 9

Year 9 spent the day with The Stay Safe Partnership which involved various topics including Knife Crime, Drug Awareness, Harmful Behaviour in Relationships, 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

During Super Learning Day, our Year 10 students embraced a wide range of exciting opportunities to explore future career paths. They tackled Elite Challenges with the Army, discovered hands-on skills in workshops with the College of West Anglia including Media Production, Animal Care, and Hair & Beauty, and sharpened their Presentation Skills with LincHigher in preparation for Year 11 work experience and interviews. Bowmer + Kirkland inspired curiosity in STEM, exploring careers linked to our new school building, while Dr. Rob Callum from Lincoln Medical School and the NHS Talent Academy opened pupils' eyes to the wide range of opportunities within healthcare. To top it off, a group of Year 10 pupils left feeling motivated and empowered after a dynamic workshop led by Giles Abban from Sharp Edged. It was a day full of inspiration, practical learning, and a glimpse into the exciting futures that await them.



There are over 100 roles in the British Army to find out more for more information use [Find Out More](#)

There are currently between 78,000 and 79,200 people employed in the Animal Care sector in the UK. To find out more about careers working with animals use [Find out more](#)

To find out more about courses run by The College of West Anglia use [Find out more](#)

For course information for UAH 6th Form use [find out more](#)



For their final Super Learning Day at UALS, Year 11 spent an eye-opening and empowering day with the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership, engaging in sessions designed to equip them with vital life skills. From learning about Cyber Stalking and Online Safety to exploring Fire Safety, understanding how Emotions Can Turn Into Violence, and gaining awareness about Drugs, students left the day more informed, confident, and prepared to make safe and responsible choices. It was a powerful reminder that knowledge is the first step toward protecting themselves and others, helping them navigate the world with awareness and resilience.

Important Information for Year 11

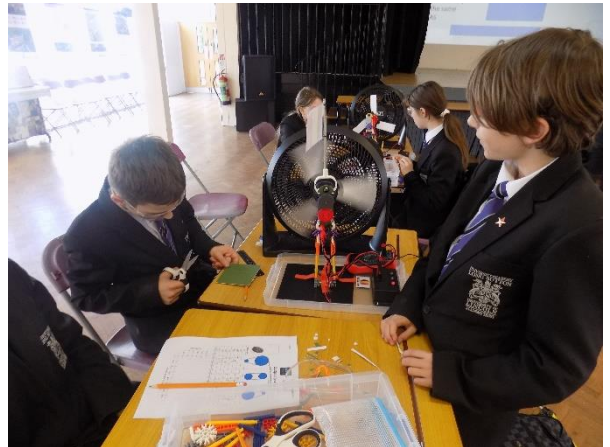
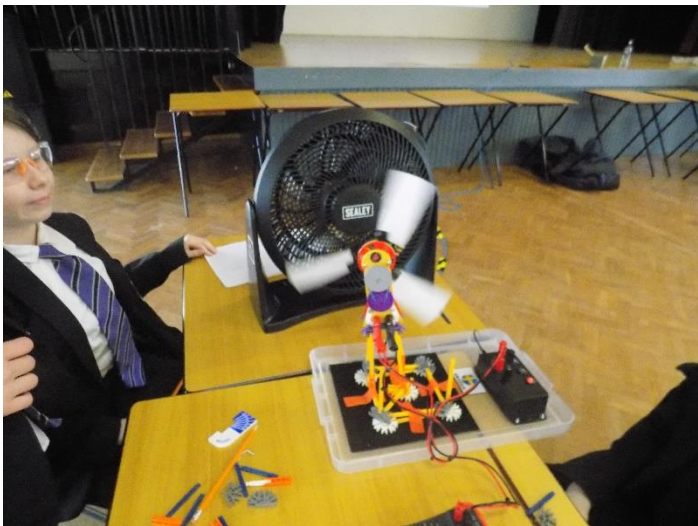
For any Year 11 pupils who have not yet applied to a local provider for their post-16 education or have not yet had an interview, please speak to Mrs Gilman as soon as possible. Parents and carers are also very welcome to email Mrs Gilman at gilmanj@uolat.co.uk with any questions or for further guidance.



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.

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm

Thirty Year 7 Geography pupils spent an exciting and inspiring day with a team from Outer Dowsing Wind Farm, discovering the wide range of careers in the renewable energy sector. Pupils had the chance to get hands-on with two hours of interactive fun, building their own wind turbines and competing to see which could generate the most energy. Each group of three represented a different country, with Ireland taking the top spot. The team from Outer Dowsing were impressed by how engaged the pupils were and the maturity of the questions they asked, showing curiosity, creativity, and a real enthusiasm for learning about the future of sustainable energy.





Trip to Christ's College Cambridge



Back in March, 12 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. 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 which highlighted to them that although an important part of education, university is not all about studying.



For more information use this link [here](#)



Years 7, 8 and 9 recently enjoyed an inspiring visit from Joel Foster, a 23-year-old artist from Burton-upon-Trent who blends Classic Rock, Indie and Alternative influences. Joel, who first appeared on The Voice Kids UK in 2017, has gone on to perform over 250 live shows. During his visit, he shared not only his musical journey but also his personal experiences with bullying and mental health challenges. Speaking openly and appropriately, Joel encouraged honest conversations and helped pupils feel more comfortable discussing these important topics. His visit was both engaging and thought-provoking, leaving a positive and lasting impression on everyone involved. Please take a moment to check out the links below to learn more about his work.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8R1LdwYP8Y&scrlybrkr=0b644d31>



This is our second year of using 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, teachers, parents and carers of all year groups can also access Unifrog, to sign up for a parents account use <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> and in the right hand side of this page look for **Are you a parent/guardian wanting to create an account?**

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

The screenshot displays the Unifrog dashboard with the following sections and tools:

- Work environments profile** (Blue): Quiz not taken
- Activities** (Pink): Recorded at least 10
- UK universities** (Red): 0 shortlists
- Quiz profile** (Purple): 0 of 4 quizzes complete
- Skills** (Purple): Completed all 12
- Apprenticeships** (Pink): 0 shortlists
- Interactions** (Blue): Missing 5 Interaction types
- College / Sixth Form** (Brown): 0 shortlists
- Exploring** (Section Header)
- Careers library** (Yellow): Careers favourited
- Subjects library** (Purple): Subjects favourited
- Know-how library** (Red): Guides favourited
- Materials** (Section Header)
- CV / Resumé** (Green): Tweak your CV for each role
- Connecting** (Section Header)
- Applications** (Section Header)
- Post 16 Intentions** (Red)

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Reminder Work Experience 18th -22nd May 2026 for Year 10

Work experience is fast approaching and there are still a number of pupils in Year 10 who are not sorted. If you are having difficulty organising a placement for your son/daughter please email Mrs Gilman at gilmanj@uals.org.uk

Although this does not replace Year 10 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 are mainly for 16 plus for the in person placements but for the virtual placements the age is 14+ Placements are added on a regular basis.

Click here to find out more [NHS Work Experience/](#)



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

RAF Assembly Year 10 Thursday 30th April 2026

Work Experience Year 10 18th-22nd May 2026

The College of West Anglia Taster Day Year 10 only Wednesday 24th June 2026. Information to follow.

Unifrog Virtual Parents Talk Wednesday 1st July 6-6:30pm (Link to Follow)

The Young Carers Festival at Lincoln Bishop University Friday 10th July 2026 10-2pm (Invites to follow)

Due to the move to the new school at the start of June there will be no April Super Learning Day this year.

Have a good Easter break
From The Careers team

