

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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DREAM BIG

March – April 2025

Event Success

Tea-time Networking:

We were delighted to host three of the big law firms, Sheridans, Irwin Mitchell and Burges Salmon, at our Tea-time Networking session this term. Two of the staff who attended were Gordano School alumni and it was a pleasure to welcome them back. Representatives talked about the different routes into law and the kind of work they do on a day-to-day basis. We thank Weston College for also taking part in this event and explaining about the different courses available for students wishing to pursue a career in law. (A levels, T levels and Apprenticeships). This was a well attended event and offered our students an opportunity to ask lots of thoughtful and interesting questions



Careers Spotlight – Bristol Airport:



A further thank you goes out to Bristol Airport for our Careers Spotlight Session this term which covered the wide range of different careers available at the airport; the airport is expanding again and they were also able to signpost how other organisations will be providing the essential services that enable the airport to run. A member of Bristol Airport's Fire Service team explained how they operate within the airport and one of our students tried on all the equipment they need to wear when attending an emergency. It was a fascinating event and highlighted an area for our students to investigate as the airport is one of the largest employers in the local area. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session with some staying after the talk to ask more questions

National Apprenticeship Week 10-16 February:

Apprenticeships are a fantastic way for students who are ready for full time work to be able to study and gain qualifications at the same time as working and earning a wage. During National Apprenticeship Week House Assemblies gave lots of information about apprenticeships and our annual **Post 18 Apprenticeship Evening** was well attended. It was great to see so many former Gordano student now attending this event, fully qualified and as exhibitors



Upcoming Events

Target Audience: Y10+

Year 10 Employability Programme – Mock Interview Day - Wednesday 26th March This day is proceeded with a dedicated extended Tutor time in how to prepare for the interview. This year there will be additional support for students who are particularly anxious about their interview including conducting the interview at a quieter time and a member of our SEND team present throughout the day to assist with communication.

We have a lot of employers who thoroughly enjoy taking part in this process and many who return to support the mock interviews every year and we are very grateful for their involvement.

College Open Events

Target Audience: Y10+

- **City of Bristol College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
12 March All Campuses 5.30-7.30pm
14 June All Campuses and courses 10-1pm
- **South Gloucestershire and Stroud College(SGS):** [FULL DETAILS](#)
1 May 5.30-8pm: All Campuses
- **Weston College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
12 March 5-7pm all campuses
- **Bridgwater and Taunton College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
24 June 6-8pm Main Campus
- **Bristol City Robins Foundation:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
6 May 6:30pm
- **Boomsatsuma:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
13-15 May
- **Access Creative:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
Open Day Saturday 22 March 11am



Y11 Parent Announcement

We encourage all Year 11 students to apply for their chosen Post 16 pathway by January 2025. Please explore all options with your child. It is important that students have at least a Plan A and a Plan B for pathways post GCSE results day. For example it is fully acceptable to put in applications for both Sixth Form and College and then decide later in Year 11 which route to accept.

There is still time to apply for a place at College but be sure to get your application in as quickly as possible as course are filling up.



Calling Budding Film and TV Makers!

Inside Screen 2025 is a special event at Bristol Watershed Saturday 15 March 12 – 5.15pm. Cost £4.50. For more details and to book look [HERE](#)

Apprenticeship information

Target Audience: Y10 onwards

- Parents Apprenticeship zone –
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>
- A guide on how to apply for Apprenticeships:
[PDF-a-guide-to-apprenticeship-applications \(ctfassets.net\)](#)
- [Choices](#) Magazine from Amazing Apprenticeships – a guide for Parents and Carers



Degree Level Apprenticeships:

Target Audience: Y12 onwards

There are lots of Degree level apprenticeships currently available within a 10 mile radius of Portishead. [Search Here](#) for current degree apprenticeship vacancies.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

A lot of major employers will be opening their Apprenticeship schemes for applications now and over the next few months for students to start in September. Here are some websites to check for vacancies:

[Opportunities - Pathway CTM](#)

[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](#)

[482 Apprenticeship Job Opportunities \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Apprenticeship Vacancies

LMCL Global, Clevedon: Here is an exciting Apprenticeship opportunity as a trainee Surveyor with LMCL Global, based in Clevedon, [Land and Minerals Consulting Limited | DroneSurv | Quarry Design](#)

If you are interested at all in any of the following this could be a perfect opportunity for you: Surveying, technology, drones, being outdoors, geography, maths, science, IT and getting to work in some really cool places! Starting salary £19,500. You can apply by sending a CV and cover letter to adrian.wilkinson@lmcl.global by 31 March.

Tesco Strong Starts Apprenticeship Programme is now open for applications [Stronger Starts Retail | Tesco Apprenticeships & Graduates](#)

Work Experience

Target Audience Year 10

Work Experience Week 30 June – 5 July 2025

Our work experience week last year was a fantastic success with the vast majority of students working with an employer in the community. We had some wonderful feedback from parents and employers about our students and we are hoping to replicate that success this year. Work experience is a great opportunity for students to experience what it is like to be in a working environment and learn about the attitudes and behaviours expected. This is a compulsory part of our employability programme which will develop through year 10 with units on applying for jobs and writing a CV, Mock Interviews and work experience. There will be a programme in place for students who do not secure a placement but it is no substitute for an actual placement. We have sent out lots of information about finding a placement and how to enter the details on Unifrog. If you have not received this please email the Careers Team on careers@gordanoschool.org.uk Deadline for entering placements is **Monday 31 March 2025**



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Gap Year/Internship Information:

Target Audience Y12/13

- Industrial Placement Schemes IBM Careers Placements (age 17 & over) https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/#Futures_12_Month_Placement_Scheme
- Independent Gap Advice <https://independentgapadvice.org/>
- Yipiyap – Gap Year Employment Opportunity (tutoring) [INFO](#)



University Information

Target Audience Y12+

Looking to expand your knowledge for your EPQ or wanting to further develop your interest area? Gresham College run free virtual session at university level in a range of different subject areas

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

Remember all universities are running events so please do check out their webpage for listings or visit

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Interested in Medicine?

See below a couple of interesting links on applying for medicine and an overview of the universities that offer medicine.

Year 11/12- [Statistical Overview of Applying to Medical School in the UK](#)

Year 12/13 - [All UK Medical Schools Interview Processes](#)

A guide to all Medical School entry requirements for 2025: [Entry requirements | Medical Schools Council \(medschools.ac.uk\)](#)

A guide to all Dental School entry requirements for 2025: [DSC-Entry-Requirements-entry-2025.pdf \(dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk\)](#)

Labour Market Information

Target Audience All Years

Labour Market Information is key to making good Career choices as it researches and explains what job sectors are growing or declining. The following resources are useful to explore local and national LMI:

[Careerpilot : Jobs](#)

[Explore LMI data – LMI For All](#)

[West of England – Labour Market Inteligence](#)

[North Somerset Employment and Skills Strategy](#)

[Career Insights - Skills Connect](#) – West of England specific



LMI Focus – Aviation

After a decline during the pandemic, the aviation industry is in recovery with a high demand for new talent in every area. As well as Airline Pilots there are many other roles available in aviation such as Cabin Crew, Security, Air Traffic Control, Engineers, Fire Officers, Mechanics, Baggage Handlers plus many more. Locally there will be around 800 new jobs created at Bristol International Airport over the next few years as it looks to expand.

Training for Pilots is expensive however British Airways have launched their Speedbird Pilot Training Academy which is a funded training scheme. Look [HERE](#) for more information.

To learn more about the wide range of job roles in Aviation look [HERE](#)



INCLUSION

The Careers Team work on an individual basis with students and liaise closely with the SEND Department regarding student needs to ensure students receive appropriate advice. We add useful website links here that may be helpful. If you have any questions please contact the Careers Team.

[Neurodiversity Hub - Resources for Students, Employers & More](#)

[Your Future Black Country](#) – focused on the Midlands but job profiles presented in accessible format for SEND students

[Success at School](#) – straightforward, easy to understand advice and information

[Youth Employment UK](#) – useful for entry level roles – comprehensive job and sector information

[Career guidance | Dyslexia Scotland - Dyslexia Scotland](#) – a useful guide you can download

The Careers Team -Who's who?

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If you would like to discuss your career ideas please contact careers@gordanoschool.org.uk for an appointment.



All students in Years 7 – 13 have a Unifrog log in
Students can email careers@gordanoschool.org.uk if their log in needs renewing.
Parent login: **GDSCParents**

How can Unifrog help me?

- Explore what subjects you would be interested in studying Post 16/18
- Explore different job profiles.
- Explore universities/apprenticeship opportunities.
- Discover and sign up for online courses
- Record all your key activities and achievements

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