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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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DREAM BIG

Welcome to the first Careers Newsletter of 2025.

Event Success

Tea-time Networking Event - Sport

In November we had the first Tea-time Networking event of the academic year which was focussed on the Sport Sector. We would like to thank SGS College, Academy of Gymnastics – Portishead and Bristol City Robins Foundation. Students were able to learn all about the courses on offer, apprenticeship opportunities and future employment.

Next Event - Wednesday 29 January (3:30-4:30pm) The focus will be Law.

Upcoming Events

Target Audience: Y9+

Teatime Networking Event - Law Industries - Wednesday 29 January (3:30-4:30pm) The focus will be Law. Please use this [LINK](#) to register for the event. This event is open to all students Y9 upwards. Students will get to speak to a number of professionals working in Law. They will rotate round each table 'speed dating' style to get a better understanding of working in Law.

Target Audience: Y7+

Careers in Data and Analytics in the NHS. Join Dig Data for a virtual online experience exploring data analytical careers in the NHS

- Tuesday 14th January – 4:30pm (Years 7 – 9) [NHS Career Challenge First Step - Registration Form - Digdata - a Data Inspiration Group programme](#)
- Wednesday 15th January - 5pm (Years 10 – 13) [NHS Career Challenge Next Step - Registration Form - Digdata - a Data Inspiration Group programme](#)

Upcoming Events - continued

Target Audience: Y10+

Year 10 Employability sessions will start at the end of January. These are sessions where students will get to pick a job specification and then write a CV based around applying for that job. They will look at different CVs and discuss what details are important to include. The CV's will then be used later in the year when students will have a mock interview with a local employer. This event is always very popular with students and our employers are very understanding that students may be feeling nervous. We will also take care to make special arrangements for anyone with SEND needs. We have a fantastic group of employers who love the opportunity to come in and talk to our students and every year we receive wonderful feedback about how impressed they are. All this eventually leads to the Work Experience week 30 June – 4 July.

College Open Events

Target Audience: Y10+

- **City of Bristol College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
18 January All Campuses 10am-1pm
18 February All Campuses and courses 5-7pm
- **South Gloucestershire and Stroud College(SGS):** [FULL DETAILS](#)
25 January 10am -1pm: All Campuses
- **Weston College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
15 January 5-7pm all campuses
- **Bridgwater and Taunton College:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
15 January 6-8pm Main Campus
- **Bristol City Robins Foundation:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
5 February 6:30pm
- **Boomsatsuma:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
4-6 February
- **Access Creative:** [FULL DETAILS](#)
Taster Day Saturday 25 January 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's important that students have at least a Plan A and a Plan B. 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 is most suitable.

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:

There are lots of Degree level apprenticeships currently available including Engineering, Civil Engineering, Town Planning, Project Management, Rail and Building Services [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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

BAE Higher/Degree Apprenticeship Webinar - Monday 10th Feb (5:30-6:30pm) find out about apprenticeships available and how to apply to those within BAE Systems Submarines. [BAE Apprenticeships live webinar in National Apprenticeship Week - tickets](#)

EDF Apprenticeships Vacancies Are Open Now!

EDF are open for applications in many different areas, covering lots of different roles, including:

Nuclear Engineering, Cyber degree apprenticeships, Countryside Ranger and **Worker** roles, **Chemistry degree apprenticeships**, Associate **Project Management, HR** and **Construction** roles - plus many more! [Apprenticeship schemes in the UK energy industry | EDF](#)

TLT Solicitors Apprenticeship Open Evening: 21 January 5-8.30.

Sign up using this [link](#)

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/>

UCAS

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 \(dentschoolscouncil.ac.uk\)](#)

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 Intelligence](#)

[North Somerset Employment and Skills Strategy](#)

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

LMI

LMI Focus – Professional Services

The professional service employees deliver specialist services to their customers. Many employees within the sector have completed specific degrees, training or hold licenses (for example Lawyers and Architects) to allow them to work in their chosen industry.

[Professional services - Skills Connect](#)

INCLUSION

The Careers Team work on an individual basis with students and also liaise closely with the SEND Department regarding student needs to ensure students receive appropriate advice. We will 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.



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

www.unifrog.org

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**