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Apprenticeships

For information on how to find an apprenticeship you can either search via local college apprenticeship vacancy pages, individual company vacancy pages, via the national [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website or via Unifrog.

During Y10 I feel it is a good idea to have a look at what type of apprenticeship are being advertised so that you can have a think about which ones you might be interested in applying for at the end of Y11. Please click on the below links for more information on some local apprenticeship vacancies that are currently being advertised

National Apprentice Show SOUTH To find out more information about the wide variety of Apprenticeship available please take the time to sign up and attend the National Apprentice Show SOUTH on the 18th November – you will be able to attend after school up to 6pm that evening. Please use this link for more information [The National Apprenticeship Show \(vfairs.com\)](https://vfairs.com)

This event highlights Apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from Southern England's top employers and training providers!

Date: **18th November 2021**

Timings: 11am - 6pm

Register for free by clicking the button below.



Register for South

Job of the Week:- Rumseys Handmade Chocolates is looking for a real foodie - someone passionate about food and cooking who has excellent attention to detail and a passion for creating delicious products – on www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk they are advertising for a Junior Chocolate and Patisserie Chef – Production Chef Apprenticeship...

You can search for apprenticeships via Unifrog

Apprenticeships



- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

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We are extremely lucky in Gloucestershire to be served by a wide variety of colleges, all of which have different strengths and focuses. From Hartpury's Countryside Management course through to SGS's Sports Journalism BTEC, no matter what your passion there are Post-16 courses to aid you to get your dream job. Please click on the below college name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

Cirencester College – Future Friday Zoom on Thursday 16th October and their next openday is:-

Cirencester College	Saturday	In person	16th	October	2021	10am-3pm
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Gloucestershire College – Future Friday Zoom on Friday 5th November and their next openday is:-

DATE	CAMPUS	TIME
Monday 8 th November	Cheltenham	5.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 10 th November	Forest of Dean	5.00-8.00pm
Saturday 13 th November	Gloucester	09:30-12.00
Monday 15 th November	Gloucester	5.00-8.00pm

I am pleased to confirm their **ON CAMPUS** November Open Events are live and can be booked through our website by following the link <https://www.gloscol.ac.uk/campaigns/open-event/>

Hartpury College – We can't wait to show you more of Hartpury to help you make decisions about your future. Our college open events are ideal for those interested in studying A-levels, a diploma or an Access to Higher Education qualification. You'll find out about Hartpury student life, and how we'll support you to develop the skills and experience you need. You'll meet course managers, support teams, current students and more.

Hartpury College	Sat	Virtual	25th	September	2021	From 9am
Hartpury College	Sat	Virtual	16th	October	2021	From 9am

A-level and BTEC options

Hartpury College offers a range of qualifications for those aged 16 upwards, designed to suit different learning styles and abilities. All of our courses offer clear progression routes through to university courses and the world of work.

A-levels offer a more traditional and academic learning route. You can choose from our 14 different A-level qualifications, ranging from Biology, English and Maths to Economics, Environmental Science and Psychology. Our results put us in the top 10% of providers nationally for value added.

Diplomas offer a more hands-on approach to learning. Our diplomas are offered at different levels across our specialist industries of agriculture, animal, equine, sport, outdoor adventure and uniformed public services. If you would like any more information about our courses, you can visit our website: www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/course-areas

[Open Days](#) | [College](#) | [Hartpury University and Hartpury College](#)

JOB ROLES WITHIN THE ARMY

Courtesy of Capita Defence Recruiting Services



I WANT TO CARE FOR PEOPLE, WHAT COULD I DO IN THE ARMY?



IN COOPERATION WITH



Combat Medical Technician

Working on the front line, our Combat Medical Technicians provide emergency treatment and organise medical evacuations. They supply medical support on all kinds of operations and exercises, as well as providing medical training to the Army.

Healthcare Assistant

Working closely with Army nurses and clinicians, Healthcare Assistants support the delivery of healthcare in field hospitals, medical centres and NHS hospitals. There are opportunities to specialise in areas such as phlebotomy.

Army Nurse

Specialising in either adult nursing or mental health, our nurses are trained to provide the right medical care in any environment, whoever they are treating. If you are interested in nursing, you can complete your nursing degree with the Army, with tuition fees fully paid as a soldier student nurse.

Stage Door Learning -

South Gloucestershire & Stroud (SGS) – Future Fridays Zoom on Friday 24th September and their next open-day is:-

SGS	Saturday	In person	9th	October	2021	10am - 1pm
SGS	Saturday	In person	27th	November	2021	10am - 1pm
SGS	Saturday	In person	22nd	January	2022	10am - 1pm
SGS	Thursday	In person	28th	April	2022	5.30pm- 8pm

Future Friday Careers Zooms

One of the outcomes of having to reorganise the delivery of the careers programme during the various COVID lock-downs is that we had to abandon traditional year group assemblies and move instead to using tutor time more effectively. What we discovered over this period was that 'Zooming' into the tutor groups during tutor-time each Friday and highlighting different careers options to students was a really impactful way of communicating directly to the students. As a result, we are rolling out a full programme of Future Friday Zooms for 2021-22 and we have invited local colleges, 6th forms and businesses to take part. Please see below for what's coming up soon.

Thursday 16 th September	Cirencester College – Post-16 provision
Thursday 23 rd September	Hartpury College – Post-16 provision
Friday 24 th September	Stroud College – Post-16 provision
Thursday 30 th September	Marling – 6 th Form
Friday 1 st October	The Crypt – 6 th Form



Independent and unbiased careers guidance is provided by Mrs Georgie Blackburn, a professional careers advisor, who visits the school once a week during term time to meet with students individually and to give group talks. We try to arrange at least one appointment during KS4 for every single Severn Vale student, most will receive two meetings.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email noakey@severnvaleschool.com



Just as Gloucestershire has a wide range of colleges it also has a wide range of Sixth Forms, each one having its own strengths and offering unique opportunities. Not all sixth forms are the same, and therefore please make sure you visit as many open-days as possible. Please click on the below Sixth Form name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

[All Saints Academy](#) -

[Archway School Sixth Form](#) -

Open Evening	In person	24th	November	2021	TBC
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[Balcarras School](#) -

Open Evening	In person	13th	January	2022	7pm-9pm
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[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

Thursday	In person -	11th	Nov	2021	4pm-7pm
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[Churchdown School](#) -

Thursday	In person	27th	January	2022	Evening - TBC
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[The Crypt School](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 1st October

Thursday	TBC if In person or virtual	4th	November	2021	TBC
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[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 12th November

[Katherine Lady Berkley School](#) -

Thursday	In person	18th	November	2021	Evening - TBC
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[Marling Sixth Form](#) - Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 30th September

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

Tuesday	In person	25th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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Ribston Hall Sixth Form -

Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form –

TBC	A virtual tour is available on their website				
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St Peter's RC High School – Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 7th October

TBC					
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Stroud High School Sixth Form –

Wednesday	In person	19th	January	2022	5pm-8pm
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Launch of Unifrog

September sees the launch of Unifrog at Seven Vale School. To support our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student (Years 7-11) has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child with their career's choices throughout their time at Severn Vale. Please signup using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at www.unifrog.org/code

Watch of the week



Got a student who's interested in studying English Literature, but not sure where the degree could take them?

This TED Talk from a creative writing professor and poet laureate, featured on our Read Watch Listen tool, argues for the relevance of a literature degree, showing how it can help students develop empathy.

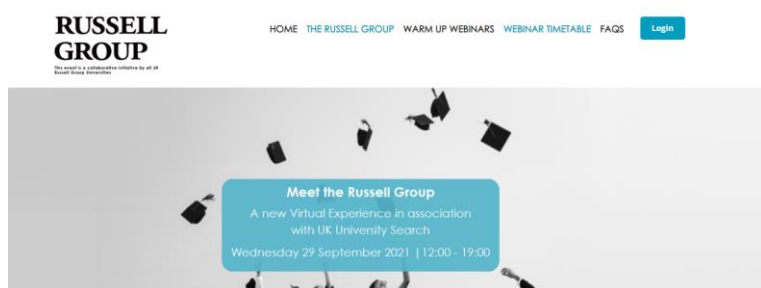
> [Watch the talk](#) (must be signed in as a student)

Link on Unifrog is - https://www.unifrog.org/student/read-watch-listen/arts-and-media/how-literature-can-help-us-develop-empathy?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Gazette%20136%20UK&utm_content=Gazette%20136%20UK+CID_8e8d47ade3f6ee94fd9972302e42fa8c&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Watch%20the%20talk

Work Experience & Careers Fairs

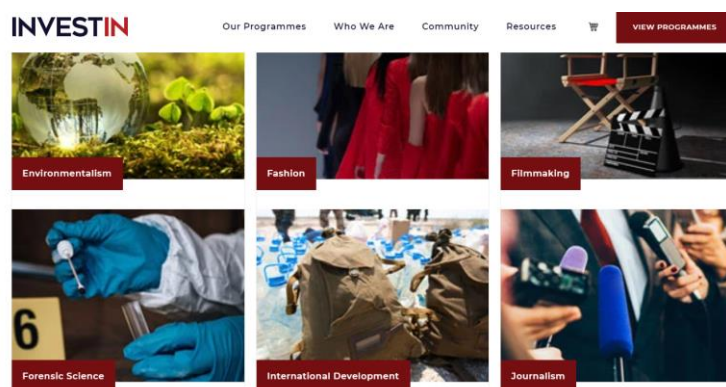
While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (4th -8th July 2022) work experience is not limited to this one week in July nor is it limited to just Y10s. I would encourage students from Y10 and Y11 to also have a placement in the summer holidays as well as taking advantage of the weekend 'insight into industry' days that are offered by local companies and the GROWS network. Please see below for current work experience / insight into industry days.

Russell Group Careers Fair Wednesday 29th September from 12.00 – 19.00 – a chance to meet the Russell Group of Universities – view campus tours, take part in live webinars in the virtual auditorium – if you are considering going to university then this is a good opportunity to find out more information regarding Russell Group universities – for more information visit <https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>



InvestIN Work Experience Programmes (Please note these do have costs attached to them). Our programmes empower students aged 12-18 to take charge of their futures through live, interactive and hands-on sessions with top professionals. Students can choose from 28 careers and attend either in-person across 5 UK cities or live online. **What is InvestIN?**

InvestIN programmes offer students an immersive experience of their dream career, giving them the confidence to choose the right career and maximise their potential. Attendees gain unique insight through simulations, seminars, Q&As with industry leaders and personalised career coaching.



Welcome to the new academic year from GROWS Supporting parents and learners to plan positive futures

To kick off the new academic year GROWS are offering three events to make sure parents and learners have all the information and support they need to get the most from education this year.

Future Forward – A fun performance-based event which sees three students ask themselves the daunting question “where will you be in 10 years’ time” This event is suitable for parents and young people and aims to motivate learners to plan for their futures, while raising awareness of post 16 study and routes into further and higher education.

Tuesday 12 October 5:45 – 7.00pm @ University of Gloucestershire’s Oxstalls Campus Gloucester
Suitable for students in Years 10 & 11 and their parents

Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/futureforward

Find Your Future – Our popular subject taster day is back as a face to face event for all the family! Join GROWS, colleges, universities and other enterprise partners and get hands on with a range of subjects you could study after GCSEs. From engineering to music production there will be something for everyone, maybe even a subject or career choice you have never heard of before! Hear from motivational speakers, careers advisors, education providers and find out more about your personality and how that could help you choose the right career!

Saturday 20 November @ University of Gloucestershire’s Oxstalls Campus
Suitable for students in Years 9, 10 & 11 and other family members

Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/fyf

Supporting Future Choices – A virtual information evening for parents. Local experts will discuss all of the educational options available for young people when they leave secondary school, helping you to help your child/young person make an informed decision about their future.

Tuesday 30 November

Suitable for students in Years 10 & 11 and their parents

Virtual event via Zoom. Book now at www.grows.ac.uk/choices

For more from GROWS including parent specific resources, events, learner workbooks and newsletters please sign up at www.grows.ac.uk or find us on social media;

Instagram and TikTok [@growsnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/growsnetwork)

Facebook [@growsgloucestershire](https://www.facebook.com/growsgloucestershire)

Yours sincerely,

GROWS TEAM

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GROWS is a network of higher education providers in Gloucestershire who provide schools with information and activities designed to assist their pupils in making informed decisions about their future educational options. We offer a range of in-school and out of school activities in a range of career areas. These opportunities are FREE and offer you an insight into careers you may never have thought of doing. www.grows.ac.uk for further information.

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Atkins Future Innovators

25 October 2021

 Virtual

 10 hours

 Apply Now



Atkins are a world-leading design, engineering and project-management consultancy with extensive experience in all STEM fields, delivering some of the largest and most complicated projects around the world. In this programme, you'll gain an insight into everything that goes on at Atkins, from building a better world through engineering and construction to their world-leading technology in aerospace, defence and security and how they look after their employees through fantastic staff networks.

As a future innovator, you'll get to dive deep into sustainability, energy, aerospace and social housing with immersing case studies. You'll find out how projects are approached and managed, and you'll try on many different hats as we take you through the multidisciplinary roles Atkins offer. You'll also have the chance to meet industry professionals during live webinars, as well as take part in activities and quizzes along the way.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/atkins-future-innovators>



The job market for students leaving school or university can be tricky and now more than ever we need to help them as much as we can to secure the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to you for our very first parent / carers information evening event.

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance & Capgemini coming to talk to you about how your son / daughter or young person under your care can navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience / internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CV's, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your child / young person for the workplace / university.

This event is free of charge and it will be running on Thursday 30th September, 6pm – 7:30pm. You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son / daughter / and or young person, ask questions you want directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. The booking link can be found below here.

Booking Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>

Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications for current Year 11s – please find a guide below:-

September 2021 - There are lots of school Sixth Forms and Colleges in Gloucestershire and so using the summer holidays to whittle them down to a shortlist may well be a sensible first step in deciding where to go after Severn Vale School. Why not begin researching via Unifrog or 6th Form / Colleges own websites. Aim to compile a short-list of Post-16 choices by the end of September, having checked first that your GCSE estimated grades are on target to meet the course requirements. Following this you need to apply to attend a selection of open-days / open evenings (**Top tip** - If applicable - remember to research what student bursaries are available for you to apply for e.g. travel bursaries).

Sept - November 2021 - Attend at least two College or Sixth Form open-days (these may be in-person or virtual open-days depending on Covid-19). Most colleges only have a couple of open days a year, while some Sixth Forms only have one a year and so you do need to get organised early. Please note you will find many of the popular colleges open-days get full early. (**Top tip** - Severn Vale School will be issuing all students with a list of open-days at the start of September but some are already being advertised (see Colleges & Sixth Form pages of Newsletter for more information)).

FLD 25th November 2021 - Severn Vale School will be taking all of Year 11 off timetable for the day to allow them to visit a Post-16 destination of their choice. Transport will be provided by Severn Vale School, however as students are only able to visit one venue, it is important that students choose carefully. As well as getting to see the facilities, an open day is a great opportunity to find out more about the different courses on offer from those who teach and study it - current students and academic staff. (**Top tip** - For many students choosing a college or sixth form is a bit like buying a house - and so you may well find that you end up going with your gut feeling and choosing the college or sixth form that feels like it could be your home for the next 2 years. Remember what is right for your friends might not be right for you).

November – December 2021 - January 2022 - Submit applications to College / Sixth Forms (**Top tip** - you can submit multiple applications and can also accept courses at more than one provider, and you do not need to decide on where you are going until GCSE Results Day in August 2022)

December 2021 – Complete, via Unifrog, your Post-16 destination form, remembering to include a Plan A and a Plan B – this information will allow us to be able to review all of Year 11s applications and do a check on suitability and ensure all of Year 11 have the balance right between being aspirational and attainable.

January - February 2022 - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

February - May 2022 - If appropriate - apply for apprenticeships via either Unifrog or Find and Apprenticeship website [Find an apprenticeship \(findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

August 2022 - GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.