



Severn Vale School
An Academy

Careers Newsletter

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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 or via the national [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website.

Please click on the below links for more information on some local apprenticeship vacancies that are currently being advertised: -

* **Trainee Bathroom Fitter** for Severn Vale Bathrooms - for more information please email Julia Lomax at julialomax@btconnect.com

* **[Customer Service Practitioner Apprentice - Apprenticeships & Careers](#)**

* **Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Gloucester** - Job Title: Customer Service Practitioner Apprentice Level 2 Hours: 37.5 hours per week to work flexibly between Monday to Friday Contract: GHNHSFT Apprenticeship Terms and Conditions, Fixed term contract 15 months' Salary: £5.18 per hour, £10,132 pa Department/Area: ACT Team

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](#) - [Information Evening](#) on 1st July 5- 8pm - booking is essential. There will be subject presentations for the huge choice of subjects that we do here, also you will have the opportunity to book an enrichment slot including the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, our High Achievers' Academy, a guidance interview or an appointment with an advisor or the Academic Support Team.

[Gloucestershire College](#) -

[Hartpury College](#) - Hartpury have developed a [virtual campus tour](#) this will give you a good insight into what studying at Hartpury is all about.

[MPCT](#) -

[Stage Door Learning](#) -

[South Gloucestershire & Stroud \(SGS\)](#) - There is a [Late Applicants Open Event](#) on 4th September 2021 from 10-4.00 for Year 11 students who have not got a Post-16 place for the coming year.

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.

Friday 2nd July's Zoom is about the upcoming Year 10 Flex-Learning day when all of Year 10 will be off timetable for the day and will be taking part in a series of events. These will include: - Interview skills practice, finding out about apprenticeships with Mira Showers, taking part in a Virtual work experience Session and talking to industry experts about different electricity generation methods to find out which is 'best'. They will also learn about what it takes to be an entrepreneur.

One-to-One Careers Appointments

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@severnvaeschool.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](#) -

[Balcarras School](#) -

[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

[Churchdown School](#) -

[The Crypt School](#) -

[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

[Holmleigh Park Sixth Form](#) -

[Marling Sixth From](#) -

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) -

[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) -

[St Peter's RC High School](#) -

[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) -

Unifrog brings careers information into one single, impartial, user-friendly platform that helps students to make the best choices, from deciding on which subjects to study at GCSE to building a CV, through to submitting the strongest Post-16 application. The platform encompasses apprenticeships, further educational colleges as well as focusing on wellbeing.

Every Severn Vale Student, from Year 7 to Year 11, will be issued an Unifrog account in September 2021 and they can gain access to the site via <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> Please see below for information on what is being highlighted on Unifrog this week.

Work Experience

Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July during Term 6 of Year 10. Every Year 10 student is encouraged to take part in the July work experience however, work experience is not limited to this one week in July. I would encourage students to also have a placement in the Year 10 summer holidays as well as the Year 11 summer holidays and take 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.

* **Cyber First Defenders** - this is a free online course aimed at attracting a diverse range of students currently in Y10 with a real passion and interest in computing. Places are limited so don't delay in signing up.

* **InvestIN work experience programmes** - These programmes give students aged 12-18 an immersive experience of their dream career. You will learn from top professionals through a series of role-plays, seminars, simulations and networking sessions. Please note there is a cost attached to these programmes

* **Virtual Work Experience in Business, Accounting & Finance** for current Y11s only - This summer Young Professionals are back with their brand new Virtual Work Experience for students in schools / colleges nationwide looking to get into Business, Accounting & Finance. The dates for your diary are 8th & 9th July 9am - 4pm.

* **The GSK Virtual Summer Work Experience** is available to Year 11. They are giving you a unique access all areas to one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. Listen from some of the world's leading scientists and leading industry professionals in the STEM / pharmaceuticals world!