



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, 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

LIVE NOW:	Level	Closing Date	Start Date	Further Info
Apprentice Healthcare Assistant – Cheltenham https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9318-21-0973	Level 2	8 th July	13 th Sept 2021	This vacancy will suit anyone who is interested in health care and possibly starting their journey onto the nursing pathway.
Apprentice Healthcare Assistant – Paediatrics https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9318-21-4745	Level 2	8 th July	13 th Sept 2021	If you enjoy being around children and young people and would like to take the first step into healthcare, then please look at this vacancy.
Apprentice Healthcare Assistant – Maternity https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9318-21-1617	Level 2	9 th July	To be confirmed	If you would like to take the first step into the Women's Centre as an Apprentice Health Assistant, then please look at this vacancy.

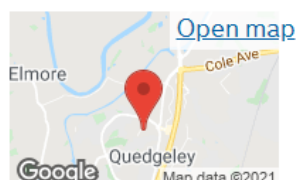
(Added 4 days ago - 2 positions available)

We are looking for a Dental Nursing apprentice to join our busy team, learning all aspects of working in a Dental environment whilst studying towards your Dental Nursing qualification.

Distance: 0.3 miles ▶ [Journey time](#)

Closing date: 28 Jul 2021

Possible start date: 01 Oct 2021



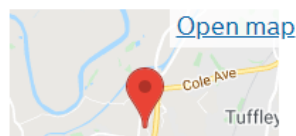
(Added 6 days ago - 1 position available)

Join Miller and Carter, the home of the Steak Geeks. We take the bull by the horns. Picture perfect steaks, butchered, aged and cooked to perfection. We add a special touch to every occasion. If you fancy yourself as a steak geek, we want to hear from you.

Distance: 0.7 miles ▶ [Journey time](#)

Closing date: 03 Aug 2021

Possible start date: 10 Aug 2021




ACT Apprenticeship - Intermediate Level


Apprenticeship: Network Model Group
 Learning Experience: Delivered by Network College

Key dates

Deadline	26 May
Interview	Check their site
Start	26 May

Qualification required

English and maths at GCSE level: 5 (grade for equivalent) or above.

Skills and personal qualities required

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Word and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident to communicate and have a high level of attention to detail.

- A passion for accounting
- Professional attitude
- Well organised

Quick facts

 Role Accounts Manager	 Work a week Working 9.30-5.30 Monday-Friday	 Apprenticeship Intermediate	 Duration 12 months	 Available to see home 1 video
Competence				

Job description

The apprentice will gain experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Processing tax
- Credit Control
- Invoice Processing
- Raising Invoices
- Allocation of Payments
- Customer enquiries
- Processing Transactions

Employer description

Network College is one of the UK's largest, not-for-profit members. Established in 1996 Network College Group is the largest

- 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

[Gloucestershire College](#) – Future Friday Zoom on Friday 5th November

[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.

- **25 September 2021** – College Open Morning on campus (physical event)
- **16 October 2021** – College Open Morning on campus (physical event)
- **13 November 2021** – College Open Morning on campus (physical event)
- **11 December 2021** – College Open Day (virtual event)

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

[MPCT](#) -

[Stage Door Learning](#) -

[South Gloucestershire & Stroud \(SGS\)](#) – welcome to our virtual open-day! We are disappointed not to be welcoming you onsite, but we hope thought this showcase you will get a feel for our campuses, courses and what to expect at SGS – come September there should be in-person events being advertised for SGS

[Virtual Open Day \(sgscol.ac.uk\)](https://sgscol.ac.uk)

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



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@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](#) -

[Balcarras School](#) -

[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) -

[Chosen Hill School](#) -

[Churchdown School](#) -

[The Crypt School](#) – Future Friday's Zoom on Friday 1st October

[Denmark Road Sixth Form](#) -

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

[Marling Sixth Form](#) – Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 30th September

[Pates Sixth Form](#) -

[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) -

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

[St Peter's RC High School](#) – Future Friday's Zoom on Thursday 7th October

[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) -

In keeping with 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. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 will have access to this excellent website from September, however we have done an early launch with Year 10 so that they can access it during the school holidays.

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 has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Students access the platform by clicking a link in their welcome email, where they create a password and can begin using the platform. They login to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

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 throughout the process. The form code you need is:

SVRVPParents and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact Mrs Martin at vmartin@severnvaleschool.com

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.

CYBERFIRST DEFENDERS

CyberFirst Defenders is a valuable introduction on how to build and protect small networks and personal devices. It helps increase student's awareness of cyber security, whilst also equipping them with a set of relevant practical skills they can apply in their own lives. Then we go a step further to help students visualise themselves in a cyber security career, guiding them to the technology-related qualifications they'll need.

Each course will run over 10 half-day structured sessions where the content will be delivered in our usual fun and interesting way. Students will be automatically assigned either a morning or afternoon session when their place is confirmed. This CyberFirst Defenders course have been certified by the NCSC.

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Post-16 Timeline

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

July - 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.