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Dear Year 10 and Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students,

Y11:- November and December is ALL about open-days / open-evening for Y11s. It is really important that they visit at least 2 post-16 venues so that they can compare what is on offer and make an informed decision about what is the right choice for them. Questions they need to consider:-

- 1) Are they getting good value for their 'money' and time spent on the course – e.g. will the qualification get them the job / university place that they are aiming towards.
- 2) Are they studying in a way they like to study – E.g. T'levels (with huge work experience element) vs A'levels vs Apprenticeship (on the job).
- 3) Are they able to get to college / apprenticeship E.g. does the Cirencester Bus have a stop near to home, and is it possible to apply for a bursary to help towards the cost?

Y10:- Please continue to hunt for work experience placements – there are some great ones being advertised at the moment.

If you have any questions please do get in touch vmartin@severnvaleschool.com

Kind regards,

Virginia Martin, Careers Leader

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.

A good starting point is via the national apprenticeship search engine - [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship) On this website you can search by Job Title or Employer and narrow it down by putting in your location and how far you are willing to travel.

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

The screenshot shows the 'Find an Apprenticeship' search form. Annotations with arrows point to specific fields:

- Search by Job Title or Employer:** Points to the 'Keywords (optional)' section, which includes a dropdown menu set to 'All' and a text input field containing 'Business Administrator'.
- Put in your home postcode:** Points to the 'Your location' section, which includes a text input field containing 'GL4 8AX'.
- How far are you able to travel for work?:** Points to the 'Within' section, which includes a dropdown menu set to '5 miles'.

Other visible fields include 'Apprenticeship level' set to 'All levels' and a 'Browse' link next to the search bar.

While vacancies might not come up until Spring 2024, it is a good idea to have a look at what type of apprenticeships are being advertised so that you can have a think about which ones you might be interested in applying for. **If you are interested in having an apprenticeship, I would recommend you do the following ASAP.**

- 1) If you do not have a personal email account, you will need to create one. Think about what name you are using, for example does gameboy99@..... really give the right first impression to an employer?
- 2) Please register on Find an Apprenticeship and sign up to have email / text 'alerts' when apprenticeships that you are interested are advertised.
- 3) You will need a CV to apply for any apprenticeship – a good starting point is to visit Unifrog and use their CV / Resume drafting tool [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Drafting application materials' dashboard on the Unifrog website. Annotations with arrows point to specific tools:

- CV / Resume drafting tool:** Points to the 'CV / Resume' card, which shows '1 tweak your CV for each role' and a 'Start >' button.

Other cards visible include 'UK Personal Statement' (Subject added), 'Academics' (No classes selected), 'Subject References' (1 reference missing), and 'Writing tool' (0 writing items added).

Understanding Post-16 Qualifications

There are 4 main choices on how to study Post-16: T'levels, A'levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships and to make it even more complicated within BTECs and Apprenticeships there are different levels of qualifications ranging from Level 1 to Level 3. GCSE estimated grades will give Y11 students some guidance on which of the course might be the best one(s) for them to consider and I would always recommend students have an 'aspirational choice' and a 'safe choice' (similar to how university choices are done).

T'levels – Gloucestershire's **Cirencester College** has been at the heart of these pioneering Level 3 qualifications. They are a 2-year technical study programmes designed in partnership with employers that combine class room training and a 45+ day industry placement. Cirencester Collage (and to a smaller extent Gloucestershire College and Stroud College) has a selection of T-levels that include subjects as diversity as Accounting to Adult Nursing, Horticulture to Business Management and Broadcast Production to Engineering. These courses have been devised in close contact with employers to ensure that students have the practical skills to ensure they are 'work ready'.

COURSES AVAILABLE IN 2024	
Accounting	Digital
Agriculture, Land Management and Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Services (Data Analysis for Business)• Support Services (Cyber Security)• Support Services (IT Support)• Production, Design and Development (Software Development, Coding and Games Development)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horticulture and Garden Design• Floristry	Engineering
Animal Care and Management NEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and Development• Maintenance, Installation and Repair• Manufacturing, Processing and Control
Business Management and Administration	Finance
Childcare and Education	Health and Science
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Nursing• Supporting Mental Health Teams• Healthcare Science• Laboratory Science and Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Services and Engineering• Design, Surveying and Planning (Civil Engineering option included)	Legal Services
Craft and Design NEW	Media, Broadcast and Production NEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceramics• Fashion and Textiles• Furniture Maker• Jewellery Maker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Media Technician• Events and Venues Technician• Content Creation and Production

A'levels – are Level 3 qualifications, are studied across 2 years and students normally study 3 A'levels plus an additional qualification like EPQ or completing DofE Gold etc. Some university courses will expect students to have studied certain subjects at A'level and as a rule of thumb it would be beneficial to have a 6+ at GCSE in order to study a subject at A'level. Students are able to study A'levels at Cirencester and Hartpury College and school 6th Forms.

BTECs – are practical-based, vocational qualifications. They can be studied at a college or some school 6th forms and they provide the opportunity to gain hand-on experience in a field or subject. BTEC Level 1 & 2 are equivalent to GCSEs and Level 3 is equivalent to A'levels. Students can progress from a L1 through to a L3, normally over a 3-year period.

In addition to the above, colleges like Cirencester College offer Foundation Year courses, meaning students spend 3 years rather than 2 at the college. These are for students who are not quite ready for T'levels or A'levels and include work experience, GCSE resits, project qualifications.

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. Below you will also find up-to-date information on college open-days and taster sessions.

During the summer holidays Y10s need to research the different colleges and decide if they are interested or not in any of the courses they have to offer – please note not all of Gloucestershire College's courses are in Gloucester and some of SGS's courses are in fact in Bristol!

Colleges offer students the chance to study different qualifications –T-Levels (Gloucestershire College and Cirencester College), A'levels (Hartpury College & Cirencester College) and BTECs (all of the below)

[Cirencester College](#) – You will need to book onto their open days and register to find out about set courses – Applications are now open.

Event Listing

Guided Tours 2023 - 2024

Multiple dates available

16:15 to 17:15

[Click Here to Book](#)

Open Day: March 2024

Saturday 16th March 2024

10:00 to 15:30

Main College Campus

Booking for this event will open on Monday 15th January 2024

Open Evening: June 2024

Thursday 27th June 2024

17:00 to 20:00

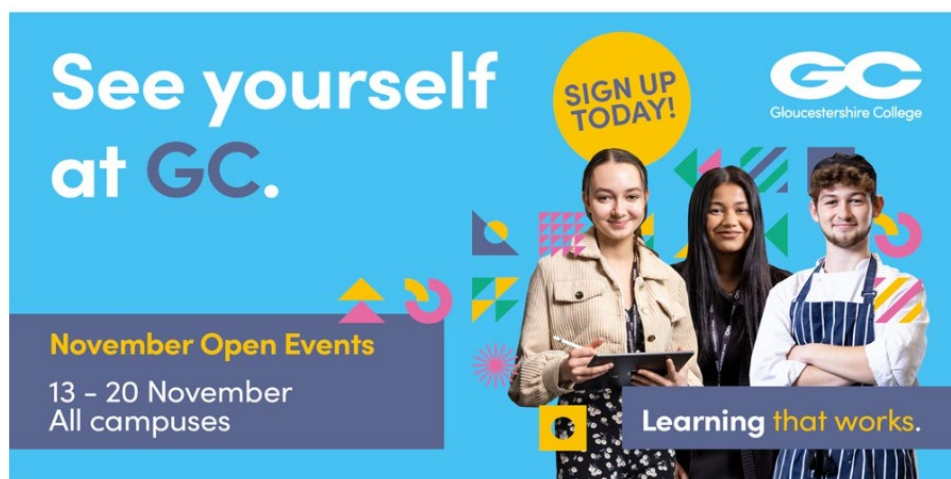
Main College Campus

Booking for this event will open on Monday 22nd April 2024

[Gloucestershire College](#) - You will need to apply by March to get your first choice of venue for post-16 courses, remember not all of Gloucestershire College sites are in Gloucester

November Open Events

13 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 17:00 UNTIL 20 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 20:00





Employer Recruitment Evening

Tuesday 14th November 2023

3:30pm to 6:30pm

Are you interested in a career in Engineering?

Do you want to find out more about what's involved?

Then come along to our recruitment event.....

There will be a range of people available to support you, including:

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| Employers | - | to discuss their current apprenticeship vacancies |
| Delivery Staff | - | to discuss the programme content |
| Learner Services Staff | - | to explain the application and recruitment process |

**Please note booking is essential and
must be booked in advance using this link**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-employer-recruitment-evening-tuesday-14th-november-2023-tickets-647091166097>

or using the QR code below



**We look forward to welcoming you to GET
Gloucestershire Engineering Training**

Barnwood Point, Corinium Avenue

Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3HX

Any questions please contact apply@get-trained.org

Book your open day

Looking to join us in September 2024?

Our college open days are ideal for those interested in studying A-levels, diplomas, T Levels or an Access to Higher Education qualification. Meet staff, tour campus and find out everything you need to know about life at Hartpury College.

Our events are popular and spaces fill up fast. We'll be holding more in February and March 2024, which will be available to book towards the end of 2023.

- Saturday 11 November 2023 - **fully booked**
- Saturday 9 December 2023 - **fully booked**

 [Booking form](#)



[MPCT](#) – Military Preparation College – please see website for more information on what this college has to offer

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Stage Door Learning –

Open evening in October and November –



STAGE DOOR learning

**OPEN EVENINGS
FOR 2024 ENTRY**

Wednesday 18th October 5pm – 7pm
Monday 27th November 6pm – 8pm

65 Lansdown Crescent Lane, Cheltenham. GL50 2LD
Email stagedoorlearning@gmail.com for more information or
to register your interest.

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South Gloucestershire & Stroud (SGS) –



**SGS
OPEN
EVENTS**

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South Gloucestershire
and Stroud College

Thursday 28th September 2023
17:30 - 20:00 (A LEVELS ONLY)

Saturday 7th October 2023 - 10:00 - 13:00

Saturday 18th November 2023 - 10:00 - 13:00

Saturday 27th January 2024 - 10:00 - 13:00

Thursday 25th April 2024 - 17:30 - 20:00

Register Online:
www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events

FIND OUT MORE
FREEPHONE: 0800 0567 253



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 / twice 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 Severn Vale student.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email rjordansteele@severnvaeschool.com



This guide will give you an idea of the types of qualifications you should be considering depending on your GCSE estimated grades – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS JUST A GUIDELINE

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. **Please double check open evening dates and times on the venues website.**

[All Saints Academy](#) -

[Archway School Sixth Form](#) -



Archway Sixth Form

Your route to a great future

Come along to our Open Evening on Tuesday 14 November at 6.30 pm



- Pathways to all degree-level courses and apprenticeships, offering both BTEC and A-Level options.
- High quality, small group teaching and strong pastoral support.

For more information visit archwayschool.net

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[Balcarras School](#) –

2024 Sixth Form Admissions

Open Evening

Our open evening for 2024 admissions will be held on Thursday 18th January, from 7-9pm. It is not necessary to make an appointment however please check back here nearer the time for further information on the evening.

[Cheltenham Bournside School](#) –

Cheltenham Bournside School	Open Evening	25th	January	2024	Evening TBC
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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING & PROSPECTUS

Cheltenham Bournside Sixth Form Open Evening - 2024 entry

Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our open evening on Thursday 25th January 2024.

You will be able to:

- Hear from our Headteacher, Mr Jefferies, Head of Sixth Form, Mr Warren and our Senior House Captains
- Meet our outstanding teaching team
- Understand our extensive A level and BTEC offer, our three pathways and their entry requirements
- Explore our excellent resources, facilities and enrichment options
- Enjoy a coffee in our Sixth Form cafe
- Find out more about what is it like to be a part of our school community

From January 2024: If you would like to book a tour with a senior member of the Sixth Form team, please email admissions@bournside-gloucs.sch.uk. Tours usually take place at the end of the school day.

Chosen Hill School –

Chosen Hill School	Monday	15th	January	2024	Time TBC
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Churchdown School –

The Crypt School –

The Crypt	Wednesday	8th	November	2023	6.30-8.00
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Our highly popular Sixth Form Open Evening will be held in school on Wednesday 8th November. Talks from the Headmaster at 5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.15 p.m. in the Main Hall.

◇ Current Y11 Crypt students: 5.30pm-6.30pm

◇ Y11 students new to the school: 6.30pm-8pm

Students new to the school are asked to register for the event. Registration will open in October, please email Sue Wales, Admissions Officer swales@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk if you want to be notified when registration opens.

Denmark Road Sixth Form -

Holmleigh Park Sixth Form –

Holmleigh Park High School	Thursday	23rd	November	2023	6.30-8pm
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OPEN EVENING 2023

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 23rd November 2023, from 18:30-20:00.

For further information on our Sixth Form, please click [here](#).

Joining Us

Whether you are joining from Year 11 at KLB School or from Year 11 in another school, you will receive the same warm welcome and the same chance to become who you want to be – in Sixth Form and beyond.

Open Evening 2023
Thursday 16 November, 6pm-8pm

There are many opportunities to find out about the courses you can study in the Sixth Form. You can also read about courses in the Sixth Form prospectus, look around the Sixth Form website, speak to staff in school if you are currently a KLB student, or contact us to arrange a phone call or a visit if you are looking to join us from elsewhere. Once you have decided which courses you would like to study, you are ready to apply.

[Marling Sixth Form](#) –

BOOK OPEN EVENING - 22ND NOV

Please book your place at Marling Sixth Form's Open Evening on 22nd November via this link: [BOOK OPEN EVENING](#)

The Open Evening

During the evening you will be able to visit subject departments and talk to subject teachers as well current Sixth Form students.

In addition to seeing the subjects on offer you will have the opportunity to attend presentations delivered by staff and students.

'Intro to Marling sixth Form' in the Music Hall focuses on what the sixth form offers and tells the story of students' journey through the two years.

'The Sixth Form Curriculum' in the Lecture Theatre looks at what you study in sixth form and why it is important to choose the right combination of subjects.

There is a limited capacity in the talks (albeit in the region of 160-200). If you are not able to get in to either of the talks, the presentations will be available on the website after the event and we're always happy to answer bespoke questions that you may have via follow-up enquiries.

Please note that subject areas will close by 8pm, so there will be no opportunity to visit departments after the final talk. Science demonstrations will be finishing by 7.30pm.

[Pates Sixth Form](#) –

Sixth Form Open Evening

We will be holding our annual Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 from 5pm – 8pm. Headteacher presentations will take place at 5.30pm & 7pm. There's no need to book, please just turn up.

September 2024 Entry

Applications for Sixth Form will open from Monday January 22nd at 10am and will close on Friday 23rd February at 12 noon. A link to apply will appear on this webpage from Monday 22nd January 2024.

Please note that applications cannot be accepted after the closing date. If you miss this date the only other route in is to call us on the morning of GCSE results day, Thursday 22nd August, when any available places will be re-allocated.

[Ribston Hall Sixth Form](#) –

Ribston Hall High School	Thursday	25th	January	2024	6pm-8.30pm
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Thursday, 7 December



Sixth Form Open Evening

Whether you are a current Ribston student, or studying elsewhere, this is a fantastic opportunity to come and explore our Sixth Form offer.



By Ribston Hall High School
14 followers

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General Admission – 1 +
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Reserve a spot

Date and time

🕒 Thu, 7 Dec 2023 18:00 - 20:00 GMT

[Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form](#) –

Sir Thomas Rich Grammar School	Thursday	1st	February	2024	
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Year 12 Open Evening - 1 February 2024

Our next Sixth Form Opening Evening takes place on *Thursday 1 February 2024*, with information talks in the main School Hall at 6pm and 7pm.

Registration opens four weeks before on this page, but please be assured that we don't cap numbers and everyone is welcome.

The updated Sixth Form Prospectus for 2024 entry will be published online by the end of January. More information about studying in the Sixth Form at Rich's, including a link to the Prospectus for 2023 entry, is available in the Sixth Form section of this website.

[St Peter's RC High School](#) –

St Peter's RC High School	Wednesday	15th	November	2023	5.30pm-7pm
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[Stroud High School Sixth Form](#) –

Stroud High School	Wednesday	24th	January	2024	TBC
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SHSF Open Evening Weds 24 January 2024

It's such an exciting time at Stroud High. We've got lots of amazing experiences and opportunities on offer and our brilliant team of friendly teachers are here to help ensure that your time with us is rewarding, challenging and full of possibilities.

We will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening for September 2024 entry on Wednesday 24 January 2024 between 5pm and 8pm. If you would like to attend please complete the following registration form:

[SHSF Open Evening - Wed 24 Jan 2024 - Registration Form](#)

Launch of Unifrog

September 2021 saw 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) as our main careers information tool. 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 sign up using the form code **SVRVP** and you can sign up at <https://www.unifrog.org/code>

During Term 1 please can all of Y10s and Y11s check they have access to Unifrog and reset their password if necessary. If you are having a problem identifying what to do for work experience or what you want to do Post-16 please try completing the Interest Quiz or Personality Quiz. Unifrog also has a number of webinars for students which are free to attend.

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Unifrog Events 23/24: Students

September

- University applications masterclasses 25 - 27 September - expert application tips from some of the top universities on applying to competitive and specialist universities and applying for competitive courses.

October

- UK Black History Month webinar 9 October - opportunities for you to celebrate UK Black History, learn about micro and macro aggressions, and hear from creatives about what BHM means to them.

November

- Day in the life of series 13 - 15 November - opportunity to hear from some of the UK's biggest employers on what it's like to work in a range of industries.
- Apprenticeship application masterclasses 27 - 29 November - expert tips from some of the biggest employers on applying to apprenticeships and how to ace the interview process.

December

- GCSE choices 11 December - top tips when it comes to choosing your GCSEs and how to decide which subject is best for you.
- Post-16 choices 12 December - hear from the experts about the different pathways you can choose post-16, from A-levels, to T-levels, and BTECs.

January

- US Black History Month webinar 31 January - opportunity to celebrate US Black History, learn ways to become actively anti-racist, and resources to educate yourself further.

February

- National Apprenticeships week 5 - 11 February
- Discovering practical subjects 5 - 6 February - learn more about the different ways you can pursue your interests in vocational subjects, from hair and beauty, to sports and sports therapy.
- Unifrog Apprenticeships fair 7 February - virtual fair to speak to employer representatives and attend live sessions on application processes and what it's like to do apprenticeships in different industries.

March

- National careers week 4 - 9 March
- Soft skills to succeed series 4 - 6 March - learn key and transferable/soft skills from the experts to include in your applications. You'll learn how to use these skills in the workplace and what kind of jobs need these skills.
- UK Unifrog University Fair 13 March - opportunity to hear from different universities about the potential career pathways available after studying a specific subject.

April

- Degree pathways 29 April - 2 May - opportunities to hear from universities about the potential career pathways after studying a specific subject.

May

- Day in the life of series 20 - 22 May - opportunity to hear from some of the UK's biggest employers on what it's like to work in a range of industries.

June

- University advice and guidance webinars 3 - 5 June - webinars to support you with general advice about going to university, whether that's finance, accommodation, student life, culture, sustainability, wellbeing etc.
- University taster lecture webinars 17 - 19 June - taster lecture webinars on the most popular subjects.
- Global HE 24 - 26 June - universities from around the world come together to give you an insight into what it's like to study in their country and how it differs from other parts of the world.

Scan to sign up on Unifrog

Work Experience & Careers Fairs

While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (1st -5th July 2023) 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 keep an eye out on the below for current work experience / insight into industry days that are advertised throughout the year.



Take the NHS Careers Quiz

Follow the link below to the NHS Health Careers site to complete a short quiz which aims to match you with your ideal career route. Information on various different opportunities including apprenticeships is also available: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>



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Work Experience Placements 2023/2024

We will continue to offer work experience in both Business and Engineering and placements will take place between Monday to Friday.

Given the number of requests we have received this year, we will still be implementing an application procedure, which continues to help us accommodate your students. As such, we would kindly request that all applications for work experience placements in the academic year 2023/2024 are sent to us no later than **Friday 24th November 2023**.

We will then be able to review all applications and confirm preferred dates with you and your students before the Christmas break. Should your allocated work experience week be between September and December, or should your students be allowed to book their own work experience, we will accommodate where we can.

We request that all applicants submit the **Work Experience Application Form** which I have attached to this email (and which is available on our website), alongside a short **Covering Letter** outlining why they wish to do their work experience at Kohler Mira and their interest in the area they have applied for.

This may include projects they have worked on and/or hobbies/interests inside or outside of school that support their application. Not only is this good practice for the working world that we want to encourage amongst your students, but it helps us to better understand the motivations and interests of those applying so we can look to tailor the experience as best we can. All applications should be sent to earlycareers@mirashowers.com by 24th November 2023.

Please be aware that, whilst we would love to be able to accommodate everyone, due to resource, we will not be able to do so, but I hope that an early application deadline will leave your students more than enough time to find a suitable alternative.



Welcome to the new academic year with GROWS! Supporting young people and their parents/guardians to plan positive futures.

A big hello from the GROWS team! We work with a small group of schools, including your school to help both parents and students to get the most from their education, and to make informed choices about their futures.

This year we will be coming into your young person's school to run workshops and assemblies, as well as organising trips for your young person to visit a local university campus to find out more about what life as a student might be like. Look out for letters from school to find out if your young person is invited to one of these exciting events! We also run a series of subject taster events which take place at weekends and in school holidays, keep an eye on www.grows.ac.uk/events for all the latest things we have on offer.

You may hear from us directly and / or via school, and you can also come to us direct for [resources](#), early information about our [events](#), and [newsletters](#) that help you understand each academic year step by step.

Visit and register @ www.grows.ac.uk

Get social with GROWS

Instagram and TikTok @[growsnetwork](#)

Facebook @[growsgloucestershire](#)

Get up to speed and book one of our autumn term events today!

Find Your Future – Our popular subject taster day for all the family is back! Join GROWS, colleges, universities, employers, 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, discover a subject or career choice you have never heard of before! Hear from motivational speakers, careers advisors, education providers and find out how your personality could help you choose the right career!

Saturday 18th 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 providers will showcase the range of educational options available for young people after GCSEs, helping you to help your child/young person make an informed decision about their future. You'll also hear from current students studying on the range of qualification routes.

Wednesday December the 6th @ 5:45

Suitable for parents of students in Years 10 & 11 and their child.

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

We look forward to seeing you in school or at one of our fantastic events!

The 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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Work experience weeks

Step into the world of work and join Renishaw for a work experience week

About our work experience

Our work experience is for students in years 10 to 13 (or equivalent), local to our headquarters site in Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire and our Miskin manufacturing site near Cardiff in South Wales. We offer three schemes:

Engineering

Placements available in Gloucestershire and South Wales

- Design and build a concept model
- Learn about Renishaw's product development process
- Gain a greater understanding of what a career in engineering entails
- Work alongside our engineers

Software

Placements available in Gloucestershire

- Develop your own programme as part of a team
- Operate as part of a software team
- Learn programming and network communications
- Design and test your software to meet the brief

Business and Marketing

Placements available in Gloucestershire

- Explore different aspects of the commercial side of the business, including HR, Finance, Marketing, Legal, Purchasing and Sales
- Work on a business plan for your own team's project



Work experience

At Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust we aim to provide a wide range of learning experiences, particularly for those individuals who are interested in gaining a better understanding of the NHS and wish to pursue a career within the organisation.

There are more than 350 different careers within the NHS – not just doctors and nurses – and we are keen to assist individuals in providing invaluable experiences to help their decision making.

If you are seeking a work experience placement within one of our services then please complete the form below or email workexperience@ghc.nhs.uk with the following information:

- ▶ Your name and age
- ▶ Where you live in the county
- ▶ What service or team you're looking to complete work experience with
- ▶ When you would like to complete work experience and for how long

While we will do our best to support your request, we're unable to guarantee you a placement.

For more information on apprenticeship and work experience opportunities within the Trust, please call the Apprenticeship and Widening Access Team on 0300 421 8216, or email apprenticeships@ghc.nhs.uk

Gloucestershire Engineering Training (GET)

- GET is the training centre for many engineering apprenticeships
- They offer work experience placements to year 10 students, with several people usually gaining a place from Severn Vale in previous years
- Website here: <https://get-trained.org>
- Location: Barnwood Point, Gloucester
- Awaiting number of places and application process, but an expression of interest email should be sent to Mr Jordan-Steele: rjordansteele@severnvaleschool.com
- Places will not be allocated until after January.



Stroud District Council

- Work experience for Year 10s across departments such as Tax, Environmental Health, Sports centres (e.g. The Pulse, Dursley), Housing, Benefits, Planning
- Most placements at their Ebley Mill, Stroud, site.
- Apply through an application form – waiting for 2024 form to be sent
- NOTE: first come first served and most did not apply early enough in 2023.
- Further details through this website link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/work-experience-placements-for-students>



Work Experience at WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

At WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre, we are launching our exciting work experience programme for 2024!

Attached is an information booklet about WWT and the specific departments that are offering placements this year. Students can apply for any of the following teams:

Customer Service and Hospitality
Grounds - Horticulture
Learning and Engagement
Living Collections – Birds
Living Collections - Presentations
Reserves
Scott House Museum

To be considered for a placement, we need students to complete an application form (attached). As you can imagine, competition for our placements is high so we are looking for candidates who can demonstrate enthusiasm for our work and dedication to making the most of their placement, should they be successful.

We will be holding a work experience application review meeting in the week beginning 18th December 2023 so **completed applications must be with us by 15th December 2023** in order to be considered. All shortlisted students must undergo an interview before placements will be offered. It is our policy to contact all candidates, whether successful or not. Ideally, we will contact candidates within two weeks from the closing date. Please bear with us if it does take a bit longer, sometimes we just receive so many good applicants!

Work Experience Placements

WWT Slimbridge owes much thanks to its volunteers and work experience students for the day-to-day running. Their help and dedication help us to provide excellent customer care for our visitors and maintenance of the grounds and reserve areas.

At Slimbridge, we offer work experience placements in the following areas:

- **Living Collection - Birds**
- **Living Collection - Presentations**
- **Learning and Engagement**
- **Reserves**
- **Customer Service and Hospitality**
- **Grounds—Horticulture**
- **Scott House Museum**

More information about what is involved in a placement in each of these departments can be found on the following pages.

*Please note that our Work Experience students must be **over 14 years old** and placements last one week only (**Monday-Friday**) for Reserves, Learning and Engagement, Grounds, Scott House and Customer Service and Hospitality. Work Experience placements last 2 weeks (Monday—Friday) for Living Collections. Students must be 16 years old for Presentations and 18 years old for Birds.*



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Work Experience With A Difference

Students keen to explore careers in the Army can book onto our four-day residential work experience. For 14-18 year olds, the programme develops teamwork, leadership, confidence and resilience.

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WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2024 WILL OPEN IN DECEMBER 2023.

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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 for Current Year 11s (leaving SVS in June 2024):-

July -September 2023 - 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 2023 - 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 23rd November 2023 - 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 2023 - January 2024 - 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 2024)

December 2023 – 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 2024- If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

February - July 2024 - 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 2024- GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.