

<u>Careers and Destinations Update – September 2025</u>

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you now to give you an idea of some of the activities your child can expect to cover in their Careers Education this year and some of the resources available to you. The school website includes details of our Careers Programme across the Trust should you wish to see an overview.

PSHCE Programme

Our curriculum is designed to ensure coverage of the Career Development Institute learning aims and covers the following

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Year 9	What are my skills? What comes after school?
	Key Stage 4 choices. Careers journeys
	Managing money
	Labour Market Information (LMI)
Year 10	Work experience preparation. Using Unifrog
	CVs and letters of application
	Career journeys. Employer profiles.
	The right career for me. Workplace wellbeing
	Self-assessment – interests and skills
Year 11	Employment skills
	Post-16 pathways
	o Apprenticeships
	o Further Education
	Career goals

Work Experience - Year 10

Our work experience information evening will take place on **Wednesday 17th September.** The week of work experience will begin on Monday 29th June. We will use Unifrog to record each stage of the process.



Apprenticeship/Employment Mentoring Programme - Year 11

We anticipate approximately 20% of our students will look to obtain an apprenticeship this year. We have engaged Rebecca Jordan from "Watch Your Caree Grow" to run a programme supporting

students to identify opportunities and understand the skills needed to obtain an apprenticeship. We will shortly be asking students to identify their current "Intended Destination" at the end of Year 11 to identify the students suited for this support



Independent Careers Guidance - Year 10/11

We also engage as our Independent Careers Adviser Rebecca to undertake 1-2-1 interviews with students and help create a career plan



Parent/Carer Evenings - Year 9-11

We will be joined by Rebecca for each evening, who will be able to talk to you about careers related matters should you wish

Events and activities

Whilst more will be announced across the year, we already have the following events confirmed in school

Year 9	Employer networking event in lead up to KS4 options choices
Year 10	 Employer networking event in lead up to work experience week
	Careers Fair (end of October)
Year 11	Careers Fair (end of October)
	Employment workshop (January)

<u>Unifrog</u>

Unifrog is the main tool your son/daughter has available to them for careers and destinations information. It has a huge range of information about specific careers, local college courses, apprenticeships and universities as well as a whole host of advice on CVs, interviews and application letters.



We would like to make this available to you as parents and carers to use. Please follow the instructions below to set up an account.



Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/student and click on 'sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a sign up code. Make sure you use your email address, not your child's. The sign up code is:

WOLYparents

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password, via the student sign-in page.

Unifrog Events

Please take a look at some of the online opportunities currently available. This page is updated on a weekly basis - https://www.unifroq.org/events

Microsoft Teams

All students will be able to access a Careers Team for more information on upcoming events, information, advice and guidance



Careers events bulletins

We will share with you upcoming events, webinars and resources that you might wish to access out of school

How could you get involved?

We would love to invite people in from different careers and professions to talk about what they do, how they got in to it and what a career might look like in their given area. If you feel you could spare an hour to talk with a small group of students, we would love to hear from you at careers@wootton.beds.sch.uk

To contact us about careers or work experience matters please use the following emails

- workexperience@wootton.beds.sch.uk
- <u>careers@wootton.beds.sch.uk</u>

Yours faithfully

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