

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our Summer newsletter for parents. Last term we hosted the hugely successful Careers Day & Progression Fair. Our aim with this newsletter is to remind you of the support we are offering to students and inform you of any opportunities and events that are available.

Higher Education Support & Information

L6 - After May half term students will receive information and support to help start their university application via [UCAS](#). This will be in tutorial, along with lots of optional talks during June and July, to help explore options and discover how their current subjects link to careers & degree courses. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from a university in May, as part of our Future Options Session, which will include new personal statement changes coming into effect. More information will follow shortly by email.

U6 - The majority of students should now be receiving offers. UCAS has a dedicated [parents section & guide](#), which explains the application process and replying to offers. Most students should receive their last offers by mid May, which means they need to reply back to UCAS by **5 June 2025**.

Please encourage your child to not rush this decision, but to spend time understanding the conditions of the offer they have received, research further and visit institutions and seek advice/support from the Careers Department.

Higher Technical Qualifications

If your child is looking for a post-18 qualification that is flexible, job-focussed and an excellent way to progress to a higher/degree apprenticeship, a full degree or a highly-skilled job, discover more about HTQs by downloading this [parent and carers guide](#)

All universities are delivering [open days](#), [taster days](#), webinars and summer schools. Topics include areas such as choosing your university course; applying to UCAS, writing a personal statement, student finance and preparing for university study and student life. Students can sign up for alerts/events via the links.

Applying to UCAS as an Ex-student -The college is happy to support ex-students with applying to UCAS, up to 4 years after they have left. Students are not classed as ex-students until September 2025, so please encourage U6 students to continue to access the Careers Department until then. All U6 students will receive information before they leave on the process of applying and the new **college buzzword that they must use**. There is still time for U6 students to apply to UCAS for 2025 entry, please do encourage them to visit the Careers Department if they are considering this. Further information can also be found on the [college website ex-student page](#).

Results Day - Thursday 14 August 2025
Careers will be open over the results period to help and support students. Please support them in not arranging holidays over this period, to ensure they have time and availability to speak to universities if required.



The college has held this national quality award for careers education, information, advice & guidance for a number of years. We are working towards reassessment in the summer of 2025, demonstrating our commitment to maintaining our high level of service to students.

Student Finance

If your child is planning to start higher education this autumn, the application is now open for Student Finance.

Further information can be found at [Student Finance webpage](#), [What Uni website](#) and students apply [here](#).

Parents can still access the recording of our HE Funding Advice evening for parents delivered back in January via the Parent Portal. Most universities are delivering virtual student & parents sessions on finance. Visit their website for further details and to discover more on their scholarships & bursaries which students may be eligible for.

UNIFROG - Reminder of this really useful one stop shop careers platform for students. Parents can access using the **sign up code: PSCfamily**

Useful student guides include:

Special Opportunities section: Scholarships & University summer residential programmes

Know-how library: Preparing for university open days & A guide to assessment days

Other sections you and your child may find helpful: UK University search tool, Career library & Subject library (this refers to university subjects)

Work Experience

Spending time in the world of work is an invaluable experience for students, as it offers a taste of a certain profession and makes a meaningful contribution to their career planning and to the development of employability skills. As a college we encourage all students to take part in some work experience while at college, either virtually or physically.

Organising a period of relevant work experience or work shadowing will help students if:

- applying to higher education - particularly if applying for vocational courses
- applying for a job - it will give an insight into a career area before applying for a job; will impress employers and could provide a good reference or link for the future

Family and friends can be a rich source of work experience opportunities. We are currently advertising some excellent virtual opportunities on the Careers Intranet, students can search for some virtual & in-person experience using the links below:

- [Speakers for School](#)
- [Springpod](#)
- [Uptree](#)

If you are a local employer who can offer work experience to our students, please email placement@psc.ac.uk

Forthcoming Events

Future Options L6 Parents Advice evening - Tuesday 20 May 2025

To help you with supporting your child with their next steps, we will be holding an advice evening for parents/carers of Lower Sixth students at the college. The evening will include a talk, along with a mini fair, with a particular focus on higher education. Further details will be circulated shortly via email.

Apprenticeship Information Evening for Parents - Wednesday 4 June 2025

With many misconceptions regarding apprenticeships, we are keen to increase awareness about the excellent opportunities and vacancies available. This information evening is for any parents/carers & students wanting to discover more, with a formal presentation in Varley Theatre and the opportunity to speak to employers and providers before and after, as part of a mini fair. Further details will be available soon.

Useful websites to help you support your child when thinking about their next steps:

[Talking Futures](#)
[Parental Guidance for Careers](#)
[Careermag for Parents & Guardians](#)
[Apprenticeship Choices Magazine for Parents](#)

Vacancies

Via the Careers Intranet, we advertise opportunities for students, which includes apprenticeships and some excellent virtual work experience. Current opportunities include:

Part Time - Social Media Content Creator
[Apprenticeship - Network Rail](#), [Various Work Experience - STEM at Roke](#)

Feedback - In order for us to continuously improve our Programme & Support to students, please use this [link](#) for feedback or comments.