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CAN YOUR FAMILY HELP?

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE 15-19TH MARCH

YEAR 9 WORK EXPERIENCE 28-29TH JUNE

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 28-30TH JUNE



Please email me if you have any questions
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CAREERS ADVICE

The higher and degree apprenticeship listing is LIVE! This is a list of level 4-7 apprenticeships for Year 13s, looking for a place in September.
Click here to see the list:
IMPORTANT:

1. Not every higher or degree apprenticeship is on this list.
2. Year 11 and 12 students should also look to see what is available and also help them create their timeline for sixth form.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Year 10 students will have an assembly this week, introducing them to CVs.
Then, their next careers sessions (over the next couple of weeks) will give them time to create their own!
If you could have a conversation with them about yours and how/when you use it, that would be so supportive!

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National Care Leavers' Month exists for the public, professionals, carers, decision-makers and the media to come together, celebrate care leavers and raise awareness of the issues in the care system.

Care-experienced and want to understand more about UCAS and how to apply to University? This free online workshop delivered by Become's Propel into Education team will explain:

- An in-depth look at UCAS applications.
- Specific guidance for care-experienced students.
- Concerns or questions care-experienced students may have.

Taking place online on Wednesday 18th November from 6pm.



Starting or continuing university can be exciting, but it can also feel overwhelming at times. This free online workshop will cover:

- Tips for managing stress, staying organised and looking after your wellbeing.
- Where to find support from your university, including wellbeing, counselling and academic support.
- Student networks, communities and ways to connect with other care-experienced students.
- Additional grants, bursaries and financial support available to care-experienced students.

The free support available from Propel into Education and Become. Taking place online on Wednesday 25th November from 6pm.



Care Leaver Covenant is an opportunities directory that includes graduate schemes, internships, entry-level jobs, apprenticeships and work experience, with employers committed to supporting care leavers. Current examples include Sky's 2027 graduate and summer internship programmes, Ringway's infrastructure careers and NHS-related opportunities.



Connects is a dedicated platform for care leavers and support workers. It provides exclusive access to opportunities in education, work, wellbeing, money and your home. As a valued member of Connects, you will be kept up to date with opportunities and offers as well as the information and support available to you.



Watch the University of Bath's videos featuring care-experienced students sharing their stories, challenges, and successes at university. From overcoming challenges before and during university life to finding a sense of belonging within our community, their stories shine a light on both the barriers they have faced and the support that has helped them succeed.

If you join any of these, please email me to have it added to your career records ahollinshead@wrotham.kent.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Futurist

A futurist (or futurologist) is someone who systematically studies current trends, patterns, and data to explore possible, probable, and preferable futures for human society and organisations.

Rather than crystal-ball "prediction," futurists use strategic frameworks, signal scanning, and trend identification to map out multiple potential scenarios over 10-to-100+ year horizons.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

You may be wondering why National Care Leavers Month and supporting students who have been in care is so important. Well, 15% of young people from a care background in England go to university by age 19, compared to 46% of their non-care-experienced peers, so it is about equality and ensuring everyone has support to be successful.
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The GCSE Revision Masterclass is led by Harry and Joe, co-founders of The Degree Gap. The session will cover:

- How to turn mock exam results into a clear plan for improvement
- How to identify which subjects and topics need the most attention
- Simple, effective revision techniques students can use at home
- How to recognise and manage exam stress before it becomes overwhelming
- How parents can support revision without arguments or added pressure

It is a 30-minute masterclass followed by 30 minutes of live Q&A taking place on Tuesday 1st December, 7-8pm.



Practise a real-style interview by speaking your answers out loud, then get feedback to help you improve. It's not a real job interview, so there's no pressure, and you can have as many goes as you like. You can pick an employer to practice with: RAF, Rolls-Royce, Coventry Building Society or Vistry. Read the full guide and give it a go here.



For those interested in hair, beauty and barbering apprenticeships, Kleek is a leading training provider and they have a centre in Maidstone. Their open events are coming up on 10th March, but you need to get booked in ASAP because spaces go fast. For the booking form (and more info) click here.

EY's Apprenticeship Application Bootcamp is running on 25th November from 4–4:45pm. You are invited to discover EY's apprenticeship programmes and hear directly from recruiters about the application process, useful tips and what employers look for.



Amazing Apprenticeships are running a free webinar on 2nd December, 18:30-19:15, and the topic will be 'How to stand out in the application process'. They are an impartial guidance organisation that can give advice on the whole process and they're not trying to sell or promote their own programme. Click to book here. Their website is awesome.



Join KPMG to discover a Career in Tax. This event runs on 26th November from 4–5pm. Find out what working in tax involves, hear from industry professionals and learn about apprenticeship and graduate pathways.

BAE Systems are running a session on Aerospace Careers and Apprenticeships, taking place on 25th November from 6–8pm. Interested in engineering, technology or aerospace? Find out about apprenticeships, meet current apprentices and explore your future career options.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Capgemini is a global technology and consulting company that helps organisations use technology to solve problems and improve how they work. Its employees work across areas such as software, cloud computing, cyber security, data, artificial intelligence and business consulting. Early career opportunities can include apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and graduate programmes, allowing young people to build valuable digital and professional skills while working with major organisations.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

Durham University is a historic university in North East England with a distinctive collegiate system. Students belong to a college alongside their academic department, creating opportunities to participate in sports, societies and social activities within a smaller community. Courses span sciences, humanities, social sciences and business. Durham could particularly suit students attracted to a traditional university environment that combines academic study with a strong sense of community.

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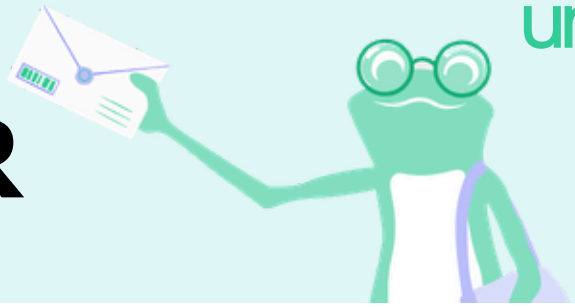

Our school has invested in the Unifrog platform, which allows you to explore the worlds of work and education, make the best choices, and submit the strongest applications.

Access your account

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Rising star scholarships at London Met open now!

This scholarship could cover your full tuition fees, worth up to £10,050 per year in subjects like journalism, film, TV, music, and creative writing.

> Find out more here!



Apply for the scholarship once you receive your offer

KNOW-HOW SPOTLIGHT



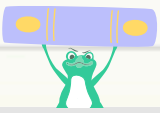
Virtual work experience

sign up from Mon 23 Nov

Deloitte Career Shapers programme: Inspiring Women (16-17 Feb 2027)

Sign up for this free, two-day virtual programme for Year 12 students. Discover opportunities in finance, consulting, and tech, and build your skills. What a cool thing to put on your CV and applications!

> Find out how to sign up here!



University webinar

Weds 2 Dec 17:30-18:00

Applying to university as a first-generation student

First in your family to go to university? The University of Roehampton are here to help. Get practical advice and guidance so you can feel confident about applying to university.

> Sign up here!





View all events



KNOWING STUFF IS COOL

According to the Future of Jobs Report 2025, big data specialists are the top fastest-growing jobs for 2025-2030. Maybe you could join their ranks?