

## National Apprenticeship Week Special

**D**eveloping 'Career Management Skills' like the ones in the CDI infographic below can help pupils to better navigate their journey through 'life, learning & work'.



Welcome to the February edition of our career's newsletter. As always, I hope you find the information both useful and informative. Details of careers events, resources and opportunities are detailed below. National

Apprenticeship Week is 5-11 February, and you can find events, resources and opportunities listed in this month's edition. Please contact me using the details at the end of the newsletter if I can be of any further help or support.

## Apprenticeship Fair-Monday 26th February

I am both pleased and excited to share this with you. Primarily aimed at Year 10 and 12, so far, we have over 20 employers, colleges or universities signed up to attend including:

- The Army
- The London Fire Brigade
- NHS East London
- HSBC
- CGI
- ASK Apprenticeships
- London Borough of Redbridge
- JKS Restaurants
- North London Loft Rooms
- TfL
- Network Rail
- BBC
- Jerram Falkus
- Waltham Forest College
- Access Creative College
- Queen Mary University
- University of Essex

We have asked stallholders to bring along some apprentices, and have asked some to deliver a talk after the fair; it promises to be an informative and engaging event for our pupils. I will update you on how it went in next month's bulletin.

# Unifrog Apprenticeship Events and Opportunities (for pupils in Years 10 to 13)

Unifrog's Apprenticeship tool is the most comprehensive database of apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships in the UK. They also have over 30 guides and video interviews with apprentices on the platform to inspire pupils to do independent research and learn how to craft their applications and ace their interviews! Pupils and parents are invited to [join our virtual Apprenticeship Fair](#) (7 Feb) to learn about apprenticeships and network with top employers including BBC, NHS, Lloyds Banking Group, and the British Army.



## Year 11 updates

A reminder of the steps that your child should be taking to secure their post-16 options can be found on the Connexions next steps timeline on the next page. Our target is for Year 11 pupils to have applied for two courses by February Half Term.

Pupils can research post-16 course options through Unifrog and the National Careers Service Course Finder:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course>

## Careers appointments

All pupils in Year 11 will have an appointment with our Prospects advisor (some will be seen by the Borough's Connexions advisor) to help them with their post-16 options and choices. This began in the summer term, and we aim for all pupils in the year group to have had an appointment no later than the Easter break next year. If your child would like a priority or urgent appointment, please contact Mr Langford or your child's tutor, who can make an appointment for them.

## Upcoming local college open days \*All offer apprenticeship courses\*

- [Waltham Forest College](#) - 27th January and 13th March
- [Big Creative Education](#) - 7th February-open interview evening

- [Access Creative College](#) - Dates from February to April
- [Capel Manor College](#) - 23rd March (offer apprenticeship courses)
- [New City College](#) - 1st February (Redbridge Campus)
- [Newham College](#) -16th March

## Year 12 updates Work experience

A reminder that the deadline for the BEP own placement form and copy of employer liability insurance is Friday 9th February.

If you or the company/business that you work for are able to offer a placement please complete this form:

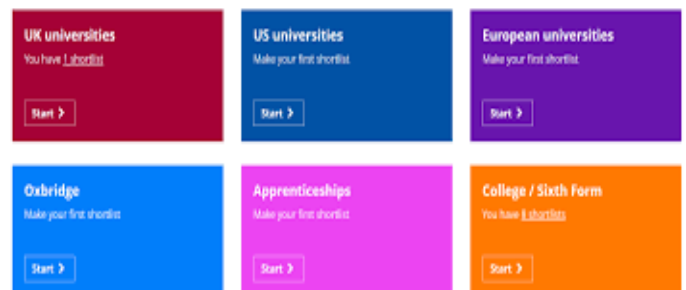
<https://forms.gle/paVSytPHav9WDFzP8>

## Year 13 updates Looking for a Degree Apprenticeship?

Sign up to:

- [Young-professionals.uk](#)
- [Apprenticeship.co.uk](#)
- Search Unifrog (go to the Apprenticeship Tool)

Searching for opportunities



- AUGUST - Finish here!**  
Check your options in the light of your results
- Enrol with your college or sixth form
  - Make sure you now have your national insurance number or ring 0300 200 3500 if you have not got one yet
  - If you still have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

- Start from September
- Finish in August

### JULY

- If going to college, check out date and time for when you need to enrol and what you might need to take to enrolment
- Your exams will now be all over so time to relax and get ready for September
- If you have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

### SEPTEMBER - Start here...

- Think: what do I really want to get out of this year and am I achieving my full potential?
- Find out about the different options you can take. Look on <https://nationalcareersservice.dfe.gov.uk/JobProfiles>, for careers information
- Your Careers Leader / Careers Adviser can help you find all the details you need to help plan your next steps/talk to the right people
- You may be able to speak to a Redbridge Connexions Personal Adviser who can support you with looking at your options and provide more intensive support with your next steps - if you need it. Talk to your Careers Leader to find out when they are in

### OCTOBER

- Go on-line, look at sixth form/college courses and apprenticeship/training provider information – apply well before application deadlines
- Start visiting sixth forms/college/ apprenticeship providers at their open days/evenings
- Talk to tutors and students at these events to find out what's on offer and what learning there will really be like!

### NOVEMBER

- Use your predicted grades, interests, learning styles and your Career Action Plan to help make your choices
- Talk to your subject teachers about what studying specific subjects at Post 16 will be like
- Weigh up the pros and cons of the different options
- Begin applications for courses at 6<sup>th</sup> form/college
- If you're interested in apprenticeships then register with [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk) and explore / apply to vacancies with after June start dates**

### JUNE

- Remember - official school leaving date is the last Friday in June so you can't start an apprenticeship until after then
- Continue revising for exams
- If you have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

### MAY

- Have you received an offer for the options you want after Year 11? If you haven't heard from your interview, ring up!
- Due to the 'raising participation age' you will need to stay in education/training until you are 18, so it is very important you secure a suitable Education /Employment/ Training place for September

### APRIL

- Create a revision plan that works for you and stick to it
- Make sure you have at least one offer for sixth form/ college by now
- Check if there are any additional costs to courses (some might require you to buy equipment or materials) and discuss any support you might need with student advisors

### MARCH

- Are you clear about your plans for next year? If not, speak to your Careers Leader to get help from your Careers Adviser / Redbridge Connexions Personal Adviser
- It is still not too late to apply to some 6<sup>th</sup> forms & colleges but places will be filling up!

### FEBRUARY

- Start applying for apprenticeships if this is your main plan
- Check start dates are after June
- Have a sixth form/college place as back-up - just in case you don't get one by end of Aug
- Check School leaver vacancies via [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk), apply on employer websites, contact training providers, etc
- Lots of colleges support with finding apprenticeships too

### DECEMBER

- Continue finding out about courses and apprenticeships - check out dates of open days/evenings - start attending them
- Revise well for mock exams to get best grades - these grades will be used as 'predicted grades' for sixth form/college references

### JANUARY

- Review your mock exam results against your option choices
- Is your original idea still realistic?
- Visit sixth form/college open events, make applications if you haven't already done so
- Make sure you have a back-up plan in case your first choice does not work out
- Check Sixth Form closing dates – they are likely to be Jan/Feb but they can vary

## Next Steps Timeline for Year 11 Pupils

## Would you like to be a Solicitor? Are you interested in an Apprenticeship in London?

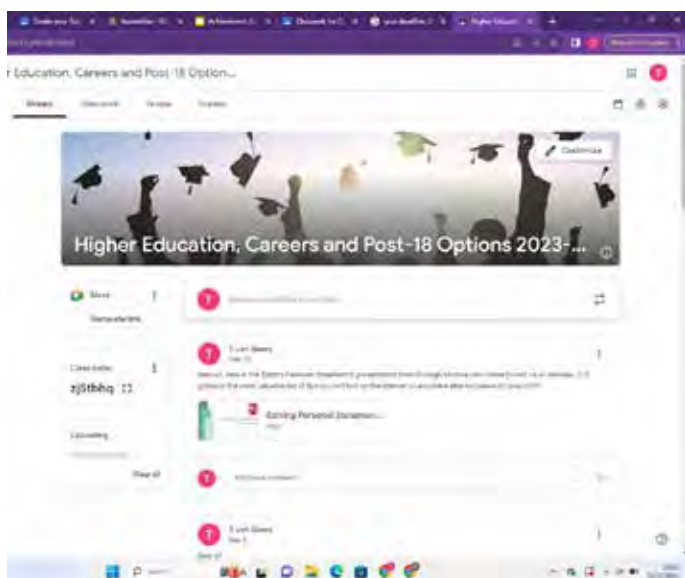


Please check out our Year 13 Google Classroom page.

The apprenticeship is suitable for Year 13 pupils and will begin in September 2024 with a working pattern of 4 days in Fenchurch Law's London Office and one study day.

At the end of the six-year programme, the candidate will obtain a LLB Law Degree and an SQE Qualification to become an England and Wales Solicitor.

## UCAS Applications Year 13



**UCAS external deadline Wednesday 31st January 18:00**

We have a **week and a half** to apply. Please sign up for an appointment if you would like support.

Only make an appointment with Ms van Beers or Ms Bray if you have completed **ALL SECTIONS** of the application and have a **draft of your personal statement printed out**.

Please pay the application fee to speed up the process: we can still edit your application after this.

Further tips for your personal statement can be found Google Classroom HE and Post 18 page code: **zj5tbhq**

All A level pupils studying Maths, Biology, Chemistry,

Physics, Economics and Psychology have been registered to UpLearn. This is an amazing online learning resource the school has purchased. At present, this platform only includes the subjects mentioned unfortunately.

To activate their registration, you need to go to your school email address, find the email and follow the instructions. It is an expectation that all relevant pupils register for this ASAP.

## Careers Events and Opportunities



### Springpod Virtual Work Experience (for Year 10 pupils and up)

In-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

10-hour placements that you can complete in your own time (within 2 weeks), consisting of engaging talks from industry experts and mini workplace-based activities, projects and quizzes. You will receive a certificate upon completion.

Find out more, sign up for the platform and a placement here: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

## Oxford Brookes University

### Undergraduate Open Day - Saturday 17 February 2023

Join us in person and get a real feel for Oxford Brookes University. Experience for yourself what student life is really like during our Open Day. Our Open Day is a great opportunity to find out about our courses, explore our accommodation, meet our support services teams and hear from our wonderful academic staff and incredible students. **Book now** for Saturday 17 February.

## Unibuddy Webinar Series

Find out more about University life and studying at Oxford Brookes University with a series of webinars running until Clearing.

These sessions aim to support you through your journey of applying to University. From making your application and preparing to visit us at an Open Day, to the support available at Oxford Brookes and top tips for preparing for University - there are sessions for every step of the way.

You will need to create an account with Unibuddy to access the webinars, but once you are registered you can also chat to our current students, and if you receive a UCAS offer will be invited to the Unibuddy Community to

meet your future cohort.

## Creative Industries Research and Innovation Network (CIRIN)

Online Taster Sessions - January 2024

Can you imagine a world without the arts? What would our civilisation look like without books, stories, films or plays? How would we learn about human society, culture and relations, pass knowledge to future generations and ensure our survival?

The Creative Industries Research and Innovation Network (CIRIN) at Oxford Brookes University invites you to explore the value of the subjects nurturing creativity, sharpening problem-solving skills, cultivating empathy, enhancing critical thinking, and contributing to a deeper understanding of the human experience, which enriches our perspective on the world.

Join us in January 2024 to celebrate a world WITH the key disciplines that have shaped history, culture and society as we know them! **Each online event** will include a taster session from a different discipline and a wider conversation about the world-leading place of Oxford Brookes in the specific field.



## TfL Apprenticeships Fair Kensington Town Hall Hornton Street London, W8 7NX 6 February 2024 - 10:00-15:00

We are looking for motivated candidates who are interested in a career in the transportation, engineering and construction industries and wish to apply for apprenticeships and job opportunities with TfL, its suppliers, and our key partners.

Apprenticeships offer an excellent route into a rewarding and professional career, with many apprentices progressing on to higher qualifications, being sponsored through a degree and gaining professional membership.

This fair presents a fantastic opportunity to discover the breadth of exciting careers within the transportation, engineering, and construction sectors as well as those in the GLA and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. There will be over 20 employers and partners offering apprenticeships in a variety of areas as well as entry level roles and pre-employment training opportunities.

This is an in-person event with a morning and afternoon slot. You can select your time slot during registration.

You must register for the event no later than 12pm on

the 5 February. We look forward to meeting you at the fair.

If you have any questions, contact the team at [ApprenticeshipFair@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:ApprenticeshipFair@tfl.gov.uk)

Best of luck from the TfL Supplier Skills Team.

Register [here](#).



## Apprenticeship Job Opportunity

We are an award-winning boutique law firm specialising in exclusively protecting the interests of policyholders in the insurance market and have an exciting opportunity that has arisen which we think could be of interest to your students.

We have an opening for a Solicitor Apprenticeship which we hope will attract new talent into the legal industry through a non-traditional route.

The apprenticeship is suitable for year 13 pupils (or equivalent) and school leavers who have not completed a degree and will begin in September 2024 with a working pattern of 4 days in our London Office and one study day.

At the end of the six-year programme, the candidate will obtain a LLB Law Degree and an SQE Qualification to become an England and Wales Solicitor.

If you are interested in applying to join our team at Fenchurch Law, please find further details [here](#).

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.



**Metropolitan Police Service**  
**Asian Female Careers Insight Session**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
 Tower Hamlets Town Hall  
 160 Whitechapel Rd. E1 1BJ  
 18:45 – 19:30 hours

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Eligibility: You must be 18+ to join. Apply from 173 typically the upper age limit is 51. British Citizens, Indefinite Leave to Remain / EU settled status. Lived continuously in UK for 1 year period (foreign applications)

Metropolitan Police logo and QR code.

Pupils aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or carer, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

**Medical Registration Link:** <https://airtable.com/appgX-nyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZytt3MGPjvO>

**Dental Registration Link:** <https://airtable.com/appgX-nyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email [education@medicmentorfamily.org](mailto:education@medicmentorfamily.org) or call our team on 01530 417299.

## Opportunities from the Local London Careers Hub East National Book Competition - 2024

The Academy are very excited to launch their third an-



nual student essay competition – “In 2050, Cities Will Be”

The Academy of Real Assets National Essay competition occurs annually during the academic year and is designed to encourage students from across the UK to produce a short piece of writing related to a specific prompt, related to real estate and real assets. Each year, they publish these student submissions in print and online and send them to 4,000 schools, leading employers, universities, and the media.

Winners will be published in a physical book or have their films showcased online. All pupil entrants will be invited to a launch party in Central London, where they can meet other successful entrants and celebrate with family, friends and teachers. For more information and to apply [click here](#).



## National Apprenticeship Week Webinars

**Monday 5th February-Apprenticeship Awareness,** evening session (17.30): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw-2024-awareness-of-technical-vocational-pathways-webinar-live-530pm-tickets-77624894077>

**Tuesday 6th February-Apprentice Panel Discussion,** evening session (17.30): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw-2024-awareness-of-technical-vocational-pathways-webinar-live-530pm-tickets-77624894077>

## Engineering Development Trust-Routes into STEM-For pupils in Year 9 and 10

The live session timetable which details the sessions that will be taking place over the half term and beyond can be found here [Virtual Routes into STEM Live Session Timetable](#).



## Medicmentor-Get Into Medicine and Dentistry free conferences

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Saturday 27th January, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Saturday 3rd February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Sunday 4th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Sunday 28th January, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Pupils and parents can register for free at these links:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

Throughout these conferences, pupils will have the chance to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students LIVE. They'll gain critical information to make a competitive application to study medicine or dentistry at university.

[al-pathways-webinar-live-530pm-tickets-776248940477](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/naw)

Join our online webinar to hear top tips from a range of

employers about how to get an apprenticeship.

If you're a parent or carer, register for the evening session:

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Join our online webinar to hear from London's top uni-

versities about the pros and cons of degree level apprenticeships.

If you're a parent or carer, register for the evening session:

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Join our online webinar to find out how and where to

apply for apprenticeships.

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## Speakers for Schools

Recorded talks in the Speakers for Schools Inspirational Talks Library can be found here.

The autumn newsletter, with a range of virtual work experience opportunities, can be found here.

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