

Welcome to the September edition of our career's newsletter. This month's edition will be a National T Level Week Special, which takes place from 3rd to 6th October. As always, I hope you find the information both useful and informative.

Details of careers events, including our arrangements for National T Level Week, resources and opportunities are detailed below. Please contact me using the details at the end of the newsletter if I can be of any further help or support.

T Levels Week Special



Equivalent in size to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help pupils into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. T Level pupils spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, and 20% on a meaningful industry placement.

If your child is interested in this post-16 pathway, they can find out more through these links: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

Schools and colleges offering colleges can be found here: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find>

Tutor Time Programme Updates

I am both pleased and excited to inform you that each year group will have a tutor time session dedicated to careers education, information and guidance each week. This will enable the school to build on our strong planned careers programme and implement a progressive careers curriculum.

The new curriculum will be based around the Careers Development Institute (CDI) framework. Developing 'Career Management Skills' like the ones in the CDI infographic below can help pupils to better navigate their journey through 'life, learning & work'.



Skills Builder and Unifrog will be the primary platforms through which the new curriculum is delivered.

Skills Builder-Years 7 to 9

The Skills Builder programme, based around essential employability skills, was successfully implemented as an element of the Year 8 pastoral programme last year, resulting in the achievement of the Skills Builder Bronze Award. You can read our case study [here](#). It has now been implemented across Key Stage 3, and each year group will focus on an essential skill per half term. Year 7 will be focusing on listening, Year 8 speaking and Year 9 creativity. You can find out more about the programme here: <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>

To reflect on their skills development, each pupil will be required to complete a self-assessment on Skills Builder Benchmark in tutor time. You can find out more about this and how to use it through these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGLRvohzhkU>

<https://www.loom.com/share/6806e677457a4d-11b780a020cce988e0>

I will write to parents when the self-assessments have been set, and we would ask parents to complete these with their child to support their reflections.



Unifrog-Years 10 to 13

Unifrog is a universal destinations platform through which pupils can explore their interests, research subject and careers and access high quality information and guidance that can help inform their next steps, from GCSE to university options. It was implemented last year in Years 12 to 13, and in Year 9 to support the options process using the subject's library. In addition to using and exploring the platform independently, pupils in Years 10 to 13 will be following the Unifrog spiral curriculum, based around the CDI framework outlined above.

Parents and carers can browse the platform by creating a parent log in. Either scan this QR code:



Or go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time' You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code: WAHSpaents

The new tutor time programme will be used to support National T Level week, with a tutor time session dedicated to explaining what T Levels are, before an online talk from a speaker from Waltham Forest College on their T Level offer the following week.

Careers appointments

All pupils in Year 11 will have an appointment with our Prospects advisor. 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.

Local colleges offering T Levels and their open events

[Waltham Forest College](#) - range of T Levels (no open events upcoming)

[Big Creative Education](#) - offer 2 T Levels (no events upcoming)

[George Monoux College](#) - offer 2 T Levels (no events upcoming)

[Newham College](#) - offer 3 T Levels ([register here](#))

Dates in November and December - [Access Creative \(offer 1 T Level\)](#)

7th October - [Capel Manor \(offer 1 T Level\)](#)

18th November - [New City College \(NCC\)-offer a range of T Levels](#)

Year 13 updates

Early Applicants

If you are intending on taking a pre-admissions test for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine or Dentistry in school, please can you check that you have completed a registration form (pick up from Ms van Beers) and handed it to the exam's office ASAP. We can run the following tests (and more) at school:

- BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)
- Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)
- Engineering Admissions Assessment (ENGAA)
- Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment (NSAA)
- Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) Oxford
- Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) Oxford - Section 1

Early applicants: please start by giving Ms van Beers a draft copy of your personal statement for feedback.

From next week there will be a sign-up sheet on the HOY office door for 1:1 appointment for Early Applicants.

UCAS Deadlines

Please be advised that we have the following deadlines for UCAS applications:

External deadline dates

- 2nd October 2023, 18:00 (UK time) – for music conservatoires

- 16th October 2023, 18:00 (UK time) – for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses 31st January 2024, 18:00 (UK time) – the main UCAS deadline for the majority of all other courses.

Some Art and Design foundation courses have later deadlines so it is important for each pupil to check with the institution.

Internal Deadline Dates

To ensure that we can support you with completing your UCAS application and have time to check through for errors, we set the following internal deadline dates for pupils:

- Friday 22nd September 2023 - Wanstead Internal UCAS application deadline for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Oxford or Cambridge applicants.
- Friday 3rd November 2023 – Wanstead Internal UCAS application deadline for all other applicants.
- 1st week of December 2023 - Oxbridge interviews

Our aim is to ensure all applications are sent before the Christmas break as universities begin sending out offers in November.

Personal Statement and HE resources

All pupils have been registered for UCAS and have been supported to write a first draft of their Personal Statement. Further guidance and resources can be found on the Google Classrooms 'HE, Careers and Post 18 Options' page (see below) and of course Unifrog is an invaluable support for writing Personal statements too. We have issued all pupils a hard copy of the booklet 'University Admissions for Pupils and Parents' which was previously given to you in person during our HE Parent Information Evening in March. The booklet contains valuable information, a range of further links and will answer any questions you may have over the next few months. A copy of the booklet can also be found on the Google Classroom 'HE, Careers and Post 18 Options' page using code zj5tbhq.

Ms van Beers, Head of Year 13

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 Schools Outreach

Brookes Engage Access Programme - Applications now open

Are you a Year 12 / 1st Year College pupil studying in a state school / college in England? If so, we're really excited to announce that applications for our free 'Brookes Engage' access programme are open! The deadline to apply is 6.00pm on Sunday 30 October. You can apply and find out more [here](#).

Apply for the subject stream of your choices and you'll get the opportunity to visit the Oxford Brookes campus for a series of subject conference days. These days will allow you to:

- Learn more about your chosen subject with sessions delivered by our academics and Student Ambassadors
- Make use of state-of-the-art facilities and equipment
- Get expert-led information, advice, and guidance related to your subject area

In addition to the on-campus sessions, you'll be able to access a set of 'pick and mix' online content in your own time and take part in online discussion via a new Brookes Engage hub. You will also get the chance to work with our academics on a small subject-based project that will look great on your university application.

All transport costs will be covered and food will be provided for all on-campus sessions.

Please see [our website](#) for more information or contact us via our direct email address brookesengage@brookes.ac.uk. Please note if you have received an email from us recently with more information on Brookes Engage, another email address was provided, please discard this and contact us via our direct email above.

Undergraduate Open Days - 7 October and 18 November

Our Open Days start next month and offer you and your parents & carers the perfect opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer. You can book your place [here](#).

- You will be able to join us for the following:
- Subject taster sessions
- Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Chat with current students

- Talks from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation

Did you know that you may also be eligible for an Open Day travel bursary? You can find out more about the travel bursary on our [website](#).

Online Art Portfolio Preparation Course - Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

Are you looking at an Arts degree and need to develop your portfolio?

Our exciting Portfolio Preparation course provides students studying Level 3 courses with the opportunity to work on experimental and collaborative art and design briefs, whilst exploring a broad range of techniques. As well as giving advice on how to present a portfolio for application to further studies, we will inspire students to develop confidence in their practice and ideas.

You will research artists and designers, produce collaborative illustrations, develop these into 3D pieces, and produce photographic works.

There will be fully interactive online sessions, featuring live and guided activities with one of our friendly Art and Design academics and a student currently studying at Oxford Brookes. Participants will also get access to lots of different online resources and activities throughout the course, and our academic will be providing 1:1 sessions for individual feedback.



Spaces are limited and applications are restricted to students attending state schools and colleges. To apply, pupils should [complete this form](#) by 5pm on Friday 6 October.

London School of Economics and Political Science and Queen Mary University - Pathways to Law and Pathways to Banking and Finance

Applications for Pathways to Law (London) and Pathways to Banking and Finance programmes are now open! Eligible pupils in Year 12 or equivalent at your institution are invited to submit an application, by clicking [here](#), before the deadlines on Monday 23 October 2023 at 09:00AM (Pathways to Law (London)) and Monday 30 October on 09:00AM (Pathways to Banking and Finance).

Both programmes run from the start of Year 12 until March/April of Year 13.

Pathways to Law (London):

Pathways to Law (London) runs at LSE and Queen Mary University of London. The programme aims to give pupils the information, advice and guidance they need to succeed in a career in Law through a regular, engaging programme of activities including lectures, seminars, mock trials, law in practice sessions and university advice sessions. Pupils can also to apply for a work experience placement, an undergraduate law mentor and a National Conference in the summer.

Pathways to Banking and Finance:

Pathways to Banking and Finance is a programme run at LSE for pupils interested in studying finance or a career in the financial sector. Modelled on the format of the successful Pathways to Law programme, pupils will be provided with information, advice and guidance needed to succeed in a career in financial services and will attend academic sessions and university support activities. Pupils can also apply for an insight programme at one of London's leading financial service providers, an undergraduate mentor and a National Conference in the summer.

To find out more about the **full eligibility criteria** for the Pathways programmes please see [here](#).

To find out more about the **application process and teacher references** please see [here](#).

Eligible pupils should apply online now at www.sutton-trust.com/programmes



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Opportunities from the Local London Careers Hub East



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Careers Hub East

Join Unilever to gain work experience in September & October



Unilever

In partnership with Digdata, Unilever are delivering live online careers challenges for two cohorts. Pupils will learn a plethora of professional skills including effective use of data in marketing and decision-making.

Pupil cohort

First Step year groups = (7, 8, 9)

Next Step year groups = (10,11,12,13)

[Read More](#)

UCAS & Department of Education Apprenticeships Pilot



Department for Education

UCAS

There is an exciting new pilot service set to be launched by The Department for Education and UCAS. With interest in apprenticeships consistently growing, both organisations have teamed up to launch a trial service this autumn, to connect Year 13 pupils to even more apprenticeship opportunities.

To find out more join one of the upcoming webinars:

Wednesday 4th October -3:45pm Register [here](#)

Abianda Young Women's Advisory Group



Are you aged 18-25 and based in London?

Do you want to get paid for sharing your views about issues affecting young women and girls? Can you work in a group setting and commit to one year of monthly meetings?

Abianda are looking for young women (18-25) to bring their expertise and their voice to Abianda, by joining their Young Women's Advisory Group (YWAG). The YWAG will learn about and influence Abianda's work with young women and girls to ensure they are always at the heart of the organisation.

[Read More](#)

NHS Careers Untapped

Webinars in September & October for students, and careers advisers

NHS Careers Untapped, developed by 10 London trusts working in partnership and supported by the Talent for Care and Widening Participation programme in the London region, showcases clinical and non-clinical careers on lesser known roles, that students may not have heard of in the NHS using videos, podcasts and webinars.

Dates for the next live webinars are as follows:

- Careers in Medicine: Wednesday 27th September 4.30pm – 6pm
- Careers in Digital Healthcare: Thursday 19th October 4.30pm-6pm

[Read More](#)

Apprenticeship Resources and Opportunities



T Levels Resources

Amazing Apprenticeships offer a range of resources about T Levels, which can be found [here](#).

Army Apprenticeships Webinar

For young people interested in apprenticeships with the British Army, (and those supporting them!) join us on the 7th November at 4pm for a webinar about the Army Foundation College Harrogate (AFC Harrogate) and how the college helps 16 – 17-year-olds prepare for a career in The British Army.

You'll gain invaluable insight into the extensive range of apprenticeships, the application process and hear from current and former apprentices!

Sign up [here](#).

Speakers for Schools



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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](#).

**If you have questions related
to learning
pathways, jobs or careers
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