

Welcome!

This has been a really exciting few weeks in Work Ready, with the new Year 7 joining us and our brand new Sixth Form now open. All of our new students are now well settled in, and already starting to explore the world of Work Ready! In recent weeks we have seen a workshop from EA Sports in school, with Year 9 and 10 computer scientists meeting key players and exploring the skills needed to excel as games developers. Year 8 students thoroughly enjoyed a recent trip to the Brooklands Innovation Academy, where they met inspirational speakers including Professor Brian Cox and got to work with the likes of McLaren to solve engineering problems.

For Year 11 students, this term is vitally important as they apply for whatever they may plan to do in the future. Open Evenings are coming thick and fast, with key dates listed below. Sixth Forms and vocational colleges are now open for applications, with most deadlines before Christmas. If you intend to apply to Esher College, the closing date is uniquely early and so you must apply now! Hoe Valley Sixth Form closes for applications on December 8th. Students applying to Hoe Valley Sixth Form will be interviewed as part of the application process, so please ask them to make the most of the mock interview day on October 18th. This exciting new event will see all Year 11 students interviewed one-to-one by local employers about their CVs, and particularly their recent work experience.

Years 7 and 12 will be given an induction into Unifrog next week. This platform is a vital source of real-world information that could literally change students' futures, so please talk to them about it. For Year 12, it is the platform we will use to manage UCAS and other applications, so please ensure you are familiar with it! We have many more trips and events planned too for the remainder of the year.

What can I do to support my student?

All parents and carers - create an account on Unifrog (details below). All students have access to careers information platform Unifrog, and we've arranged for parents and carers to have access too. It's a great place to find out what career might suit your student, what's really involved in a specific job or career, or even which University courses might be suitable. Please explore Unifrog, and talk to your student about how they can turn their careers dreams into reality.



Students can access the platform for the first time by going to unifrog.org/sign-in and clicking on reset password, and will retain access for up to five years after leaving Hoe Valley School. We believe that parental engagement is key to ensuring positive career outcomes, and have also set up parent logins so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself. This will allow you to research options and support your child throughout the process. The sign up code you need is: **HVSHPARENTS** and you can sign up here: unifrog.org/code. There is a lot to explore, but [this brief video](#) contains a beginner's guide!

Year 12 - Your UNIFROG induction is this week. ***Please use Unifrog regularly, as it will help you to make better decisions for your future.***

Year 11 - You need to apply this term to Hoe Valley Sixth Form, or to vocational college. ***If you need another appointment with the careers advisor Mrs Cox to help make those big decisions, please [click here](#).***

Year 11 - A number of key open events are coming up at vocational colleges / apprenticeship providers. ***If your student is considering changing their plans for next year, please read the details below and attend as appropriate!***

Year 10 - You will soon need to tell us about your plans for Work Experience. ***Watch out for the form we will use to ask your preferences!***

Year 9 - Now that you have started your GCSE courses, please use Unifrog to find out where they could lead! ***Log in, visit the careers library and enter your subject details for some ideas!***

Year 8 - It's almost time to start thinking about your GCSE options! ***We've got loads of help and support lined up for you, but for now start thinking about which subjects you might want to study in Year 9 and beyond!***

Year 7 - Your UNIFROG induction is this week. ***Please use Unifrog regularly, as it will help you to make better decisions for your future.***



Sixth Form and Vocational College Open Evenings

If you're in Year 11, now is the time to apply! Ask your teachers about A-level options, ask for a tour around the Sixth Form, come to the Open Evening! Actually visiting the Sixth form or College of your choice will help you to decide whether it's for you!



Hoe Valley Sixth Form Open Evening

We have an evening event planned for **Wednesday 18th October, 6-8pm** for students and parents to come into the new Sixth Form and speak to teachers, see our new facilities and hear more about what's on offer at our exciting new Sixth Form!

We will explain curriculum options, enrichment, academic support and more! The whole Hoe Valley Sixth Form team will be there too, with Careers advisor Mrs Cox on hand to answer your questions about subject combinations, UCAS applications and more! [Click here to register now!](#)

Guildford College Open Event

Visit Guildford College, meet tutors and apply on the spot for next year!

- Discover courses and programmes
- Explore newly renovated faculty areas and fantastic facilities
- Enjoy a guided tour of our campus
- Meet teachers, tutors and student support staff
- Meet fellow students
- Speak to Apprenticeship and Higher Education teams
- Have a chat with Careers Advisors about your options

Wednesday 11th October 4.30-7.30. [Sign up here.](#)



Brooklands College Open Evening

You will be able to speak to the Brooklands careers team, meet tutors and gain a good understanding of what they have to offer. The varied array of vocational courses is great for any

learner and they also have options for all abilities. So whether you're looking to study full time, get into an apprenticeship, step into higher education or join a part-time course – Brooklands College could be for you.

Wednesday 11th October 4.30-7.30. [Sign up here.](#)

Brooklands College

Farnborough College of Technology Open Evening

- Talk to students about what they think of their course
- See examples of students' work and the types of assignments you might be working on
- Meet teachers to find out what each course involves
- Walk throughout the College campus and explore our wide range of facilities
- Collect a prospectus and newsletter to take home with you
- Find out about how we support our students, including travel discounts, health and wellbeing, additional learning support and careers
- Ask any questions you may have about courses and student life



Thursday 12th October 4-7.30pm [Registration essential: click here!](#)

MIT Skills Open Event

M.I.T.



Leading local apprenticeship provider MIT Skills <http://www.mitskills.com/> is hosting an Apprenticeship Open Day on **Thursday 26th October from 10am to 12 noon**

This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about apprenticeships, explore facilities and try some hands-on activities.

No booking needed, just turn up at: Unit 12-13 Camphill Industrial Estate, Camphill Road, West Byfleet KT14 6EW

External Opportunities

These are a selection of the many external opportunities available to students with an interest in a particular career, industry or even specific employer. We will only list opportunities here that are free or that come with a very modest fee. These are all provided by reputable outside partners, but we can't take responsibility for the content! If you take part in any, please do send us feedback [here](#)!

Medic Mentor: Free UCAS conference for aspiring medics!

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Saturday 7th October

Sunday 8th October

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Getting into medicine may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps. More details at <https://medicmentor.org/>

Free Work Experience for non-medicine (Allied Healthcare Professional) NHS jobs

Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, which have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially by preparing students for in-person placements and where in-person experiences are extremely limited. The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers:

Nursing
Midwifery
Paramedicine
Physiotherapy
Occupational Therapy
Dietetics



Radiography
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Speech and language therapy
and Pharmacy!

Suitable for students in year groups 10-13. During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching.

This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day. Schools can also register groups online. We have also provided a poster attached to this email.

You can learn more and your students can register for the programme here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Surrey Short Film Festival



Surrey Short Film Festival takes place in Woking this weekend, 7-8th October

[Surrey Short Film Festival | Cameo Launch](#)

There are some fantastic panels and workshops / careers events on Saturday 7 October. [Industry Events | Cameo Launch](#)

If you are interested in a career in the ever expanding local film industry, it is definitely worth getting involved!

Pilot Careers Live

This event is targeted at young people who wish to pursue a career in the cockpit, and brings together pilot training academies, airlines, universities and aviation careers experts. The organisers say that it covers every aspect of what it takes to become a professional pilot, including helicopter pilot careers.

This event is priced at around £25 pounds per adult, £20 per student including booking fees. This fee is higher than something we would normally advertise here, but starting a career in aviation is not a cheap undertaking and the organisers feel that the event cost reflects the nature of the financial commitment required.



Sofitel Hotel, T5 - London Heathrow

<https://www.pilotcareernews.com/live/london-nov-2023/>

Apprenticeship Vacancies

These local opportunities are suitable for Year 11 students considering apprenticeship as an alternative to college or sixth form:

None currently advertised.