



Dear Parent/Carer(s) of students in Years 10 & 11,

We would usually be working closely with students in years 10-11 at this time to facilitate work experience placements and host post-16 and post-18 higher education/careers fairs. With the pandemic, many of these experiences are going to have to take place virtually.

I will endeavour to send information regarding any events via email to give students the opportunity to sign up and engage with them.

Currently we have notice of three events:

- 1) **Virtual work experience programmes:**
https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/?utm_source=campus&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021vwexnationwideprom_12_01_21
- 2) **Virtual apprenticeship careers fair:**
https://apprenticeships.springpod.co.uk/?utm_source=campus&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021vwexnationwideprom_12_01_21
- 3) **University and apprenticeship search fair:** <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

I have also created a google classroom for careers for **Years 10 and 11** which can be accessed using the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MjUwODg2MDE0Mzgz?cjc=3x6obvg>

The google classroom includes materials related to post-16 options, information and guidance related to university and apprenticeship routes, PSHE lesson resources on careers and links for 'super-curricular' activities which students can engage with to enhance their CV's and include in their university/apprenticeship applications. I will stream notifications of any career's events using the classroom. Our independent careers advisor Stacey Lowe will post weekly apprenticeship opportunities on the classroom and will also be available to answer any questions students pose using the chat facility on classroom.

In addition to this all students have access to our 'one-stop-shop' for careers information advice and guidance - the Unifrog platform. All students signed up to unifrog last year, but if they have forgotten their log-in, they should contact me using the chat facility on google classroom. From the platform students can explore career paths using the careers library.

The careers library can be searched using key words or by entering 3 subjects that the student wants to pursue at college. The search results will show a variety of relevant job roles/career paths that students can then click on to explore. The information will include the following:



- What you'll do
- Skills requires
- Career path and progression
- Related university subject profiles
- UK entry requirements
- working hours and environment
- UK current jobs
- UK Salary
- UK Prospects

Students can save their favourites for comparison and future reference.

In addition to this, the platform has comprehensive information advice and guidance and search engines for colleges, universities (UK and international), Oxbridge applications and apprenticeships. It is also advised that they use the platform to record any careers related activities they have engaged with, any interactions (including work experience) with employers and the competencies they have developed.

In the **Year 12** summer term students will also use the platform to write their personal statements and their teachers will use it to write their subject references.

As a parent, you can login to Unifrog to explore the platform by visiting www.unifrog.org/sign-in and then clicking on the 'sign in for the first time' link under the heading 'Been given a Form Code?'. You should use the code '**parentBHC**' and then fill in your personal details. If you have any problems logging in please email me.

I am aware that Stacey Lowe (Careers Advisor) is conducting Year 11 guidance interviews currently. If you wish for your son/daughter to be added to the list to have an appointment please email her on stacey.lowe@greatsankey.org or ask your son/daughter to use classroom to request an appointment.

We will continue to put together a post-16 and post-18 virtual event for students which will take place in the summer term for Years 10 and 12 and share any relevant information as it becomes available.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards



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