

St Bede's College Careers Newsletter

November 2021

This career newsletter introduces our Unifrog career platform which is rolling out across the College this term. There's also an update on our next career event and some new career opportunities and talks to explore.

We'd love parents, former students and our wider community to be involved in our careers provision, so please email me (shepburn@sbcm.co.uk) or click here to fill in our Google Form if you'd like to share your career expertise or suggest a career area we should look at in the future.

Pupils can always visit the IT room off the Maher Library on Monday lunchtimes (1.20-1.55pm) or ask their tutors to get in touch with me if they have any career-related questions.

Mr S Hepburn

Unifrog rollout

St Bede's College has subscribed to **Unifrog** as our careers platform. It is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:



- Exploring Pathways personality quizzes, career and subject profiles and webinars
- Recording self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK & abroad), FE, virtual work experience and more
- Applications tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways such as
 CVs or Personal Statements for universities

Sixth Formers already have access to Unifrog and students in Years 7-11 will access the platform for the first time in form time over the next few weeks, using a sign-up code which is unique to their form group.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process. The form code you need is: **BEHXparent** and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next steps.

Next Event



Medical Forum Careers Event - Monday 13th December - 1pm in the Academic Hall

We're delighted that four members of the wider Bedian community have agreed to come into College and speak about their career journeys - covering areas including Nursing, Psychiatry, Dentistry and General Practice. Everyone from U4 upwards is invited - please come along and bring your lunch!

The Latest Career Opportunities

1. BT Apprenticeships introduction - 11th November

On Thursday 11th November from 4.30-5pm, *Success in School* is running a webinar on BT apprenticeships. Suitable for all those aged 16-18. Find out more and book your place here.

2. What Career Live / What University Live - 12th and 13th November

Chat to representatives from over 50 leading universities and employers including - you can also access one-to-one advice from expert careers advisors, Interactive Future Skills Workshops, dedicated talks, advice & downloadable resources for parents & advisors. You can sign up via this link.

3. Future Learn Scholarship

FutureLearn is offering a scholarship for young people who are soon to be embarking on tertiary education. The main prize includes £4,000 of free learning from FutureLearn and The Open University, £1,000 that you can use towards home study, specialist learning tools, or equipment, and 8 hours of world-class mentorship and coaching from leading industry experts. Find out more at https://www.futurelearn.com/info/scholarship.

4. InvestIN Manchester Launch - 16th November

InvestIN runs immersive career experience programmes for students aged 12-18 in over 28 industries and this year, based on feedback, have decided to bring their most popular programmes to more UK cities. One of these is (of course!) Manchester and they are launching their work here on Tuesday 16th November at 6pm at Manchester University. Find out more and sign up here.

(Remember you can also find out more opportunities by clicking on the Careers icon on the Hub page of your Chromebook - <u>or just click here if you're reading this on a school</u> <u>Chromebook</u>).