



### Year 11 CV & Interview Day Preparation

On Friday 31st January Year 11 students were off timetable for the morning where they were improving their CVs and preparing for their forthcoming interviews with external employers the following week.

We are grateful to Job Centre Support for Schools who gave up their time to work with our students and provide them with real life case studies and tips and tricks on how to prepare and impress at interview. Students were also given the opportunity to update their CVs and learn how to showcase their skills and qualities on paper which will hopefully lead to the all important interview in the future. Student feedback from the sessions can be found on page 3.

On Friday 14th February 'Interview Day' for Year 11 will take place. They will have the opportunity to have their improved CV critiqued and to both experience and learn from a formal interview with an external employer and afterwards, receive feedback on their performance. More on this in the next issue....

### Careers Alumni Event

Taking place next month! We cannot wait to see what ex-students are doing and welcome them back to inspire the future generation!

### 6th Form Prefect Applications

The application window for 6th form prefects has now closed. It has been great to read through the entries and see how our young people have applied themselves to the various roles on offer. We look forward to sharing the names and positions allocated as soon as they are announced by the 6th form team!

*Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead*



### Important Dates for your Diary

#### National Apprenticeship Week - 10th-16th February

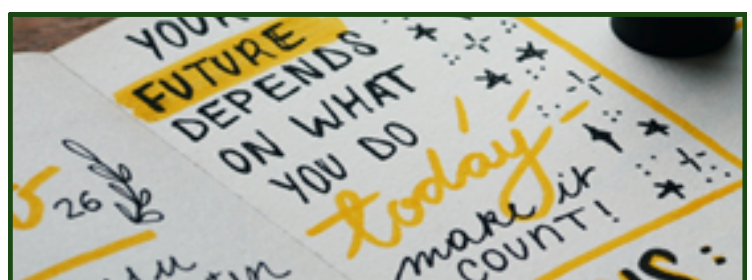
The 18th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships

#### Year 11 Interview Day - 14th February

Individual Interview experience

#### National Careers Week - 3rd-9th March

One-week celebration of careers guidance



Look out every fortnight for new features - all things career related!



# Year 11 Post 16 Option Choices

It's that time of year when our Year 11 students are having to make important decisions about their career paths after Year 11.

I am pleased to say that they are taking such an important decision-making process seriously and researching their options thoroughly before applying for courses and attending interviews.

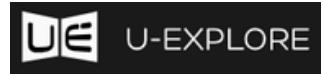
There are many useful websites that can support you with career suggestions and matching your personality to a future career such as

[Services for Young People](#)    [U-Explore](#)    [National Careers Service](#)

It's not too late to apply for College and you should be applying NOW. Check your emails that you are sent with all the opportunities and open evenings that are coming up.

Get looking, get thinking – it's your future.

Any questions please email me.



# Year 10 Work Experience

During PSHE lessons, Year 10 students are learning the importance of work experience and preparing for the world of work.

Getting the most out of WEX:

1. Make a good first impression
2. Get to know people
3. Be organized
4. Get involved
5. Ask Questions
6. Make suggestions
7. Offer to help
8. Make notes
9. Ask for feedback
10. Reflect on your experience



Keep checking your school emails Year 10, this is where we will send any information you may need.

# Special Mention - February

This week's nomination goes out to the whole of Year 11 who were in school on Friday 31st January for the CV and Interview Prep day.

Students were squashed into 3 classrooms, with very little personal space, but still managed to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner.

They used the time to listen and put what they learnt into practice. I hope that the advice given has provided them with both the knowledge and confidence needed for their 1:1 interview this coming Friday.

I know they will smash it, they just need to believe in themselves!



# Year 11 CV & Interview Prep - Student Feedback

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but I really enjoyed it."

"It was really useful."

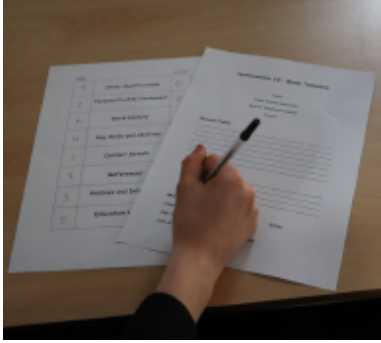
"I am going to take my CV to my interview for it to be checked."

"There are lots of links on Google Classroom to help me write the perfect CV."

"It was good to have the most up-to-date information on what to include on my CV."

"I always felt pressure to start my CV. The help in PSHE lessons, and from Job Centre Plus, has ensured it is ready to show off my skills to any potential employer."

"The information given was just what we needed at this point in Year 11. It can feel like we are given so much to do but this gave us the time to do it."



"The ladies who delivered the sessions were really helpful. My friend in the year above said it was useful, and she was right!"



"Thank you for organising this, I found it was really relevant and it has made me less nervous about my mock interview.."

## Unifrog

Calling all Year 10 to 12 students interested in university! If you have any questions about university life, there's no-one better placed to answer than current undergraduate students.

By joining our 'Meet the Students' virtual fair, you will attend live sessions hosted by both students and admissions staff, and be able to chat directly with students from 30 universities about accommodation, societies, lectures and classes, living away from home, or anything else that could influence your university choices.

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MEET THE STUDENTS:  
WHAT IS UNIVERSITY  
REALLY LIKE?



Don't worry if you can't attend the whole fair; you can drop in whenever you can during the session.

Parents, and caregivers are encouraged to join too!

Wednesday 26th March, 4-6:30pm

[register here](#)

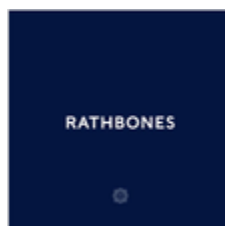


## Rathbones - Apprenticeship Academy & Virtual Insight Days

David, an ex-Fearnhill student, has been in touch with great opportunities for school leavers. The roles are based in London (for a September start). Rathbones is a company in the banking sector.

Find out about the opportunities on offer via their [Early Careers](#) page, or go straight to the [Rathbones Employer Profile - Early Talent Academy](#) page for the external partner managing the recruitment for the apprenticeships.

David will be at the Careers Alumni event on Friday 7th March for any of you who have any questions about this career path! Be sure to come along with anything you wish to ask!



**Rathbones Group Plc**

Rathbones is a leading provider of individual wealth management, asset management and related services to private clients, charities, trustees and...

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# National Apprenticeship Week

## What is National Apprenticeship Week?

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is the biggest week in the Apprenticeships calendar! It is an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and anyone involved with them. The week brings together everyone passionate about apprenticeships to celebrate the value, benefit and opportunity that apprenticeships bring. 2024 will be the 18th NAW, having originally started in 2007. It runs from Monday 10th-Sunday 16th February 2025. It includes thousands of activities and events, both in-person and online, across England. There will be a huge media presence, with interviews and news articles throughout the week. Each year, the week has a theme. This year it is 'Skills For Life'. Here at Fearnhill School we are celebrating and taking part in National Apprenticeship Week. Emails have been and will continue to be sent out to you in the build-up to and during the week of 10th-16th February for both students and parents/carers to be aware of all the great opportunities out there for you to grasp!



Make the most of the week and get ideas for your future pathway. 'Build the Future' - there is no time like the present to start building yours...

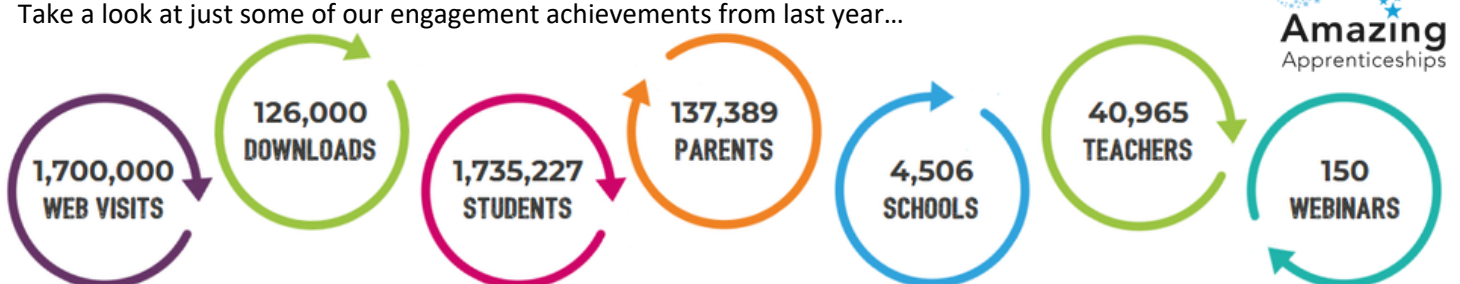
## Subject Posters

Look out for the new Apprenticeship posters that will be displayed in certain subject areas. The posters focus on 12 school subjects and the many apprenticeship roles they link with. Each poster highlights a ranges of apprenticeship roles linked to the subject to help inspire your students to think more broadly about their options!



## Amazing Apprenticeship Statistics

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, working with schools, colleges and employers, tackling misconceptions and promoting the benefits of apprenticeships and technical education. As experts on apprenticeships and technical education, we influence the way that apprenticeships are perceived and drive forward innovative and creative work in England and internationally, to ensure that more individuals and businesses can access the benefits of apprenticeships. We have already brought about a huge culture change amongst schools in the way that apprenticeships are perceived and promoted to students, but there is always more to do! Take a look at just some of our engagement achievements from last year...



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# Rate My Apprenticeship

## YOUR GUIDE TO NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

Tune in on 10th-16th February to have your apprenticeship questions answered by some of the Best Apprenticeship Employers in the UK.



### Build skills for life with an apprenticeship.

Did you know that apprentices can now be found in almost every industry imaginable, from social media and tech, to high-end restaurants, live music and even the F1?



### Real apprentices. Real stories.

Hear what it's really like to do an apprenticeship, from those who have.

### ARE YOU A PARENT?

Head over to our dedicated Parents Hub this way



#### Parents Hub

Receive all the latest news, resources and updates straight to your inbox

Rate My Apprenticeship Hub

### RATE MY APPRENTICESHIP HUB



#### Apprentice Success Stories

Hear from real-life apprentices who share their apprenticeship experiences first-hand. Watch videos and read blogs to find out more about their journey, including the skills they've developed, what they...

Rate My Apprenticeship Hub

## Apprenticeship Facts

### APPRENTICESHIPS

work + training

TELL ME THE FACTS

- 16+** The age you can start applying
- Earn a salary**
- Gain qualifications**
- 100%** Enthusiasm counts
- WELCOME** Real-world work experience
- Join a professional body**
- Learn skills**

THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE UK

- INTERMEDIATE** Like 5 GCSEs, A\*-C/M+  
What qualifications can I get? Level 2 NVQ, Diploma, National Certificate
- ADVANCED** Like 2 A-levels  
What qualifications can I get? Level 3 NVQ, Diploma, Certificate, BTEC
- HIGHER** Like a foundation degree or above  
What qualifications can I get? Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4+ NVQ, Higher National Certificate
- DEGREE** Like a Bachelor's/Master's degree  
What qualifications can I get? Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4+ NVQ, Higher National Diploma

### 1,500+ JOBS YOU CAN TRAIN FOR

- Accountancy
- Construction
- Digital marketing
- Engineering
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Law
- Manufacturing
- Nursing
- Retail
- Software development
- Sport
- TV production and broadcasting
- Visual effects

APPRENTICESHIPS IN NUMBERS

- 65% REMAIN** with the same employer
- 92% IMPROVED** their career prospects
- £0! TUITION COSTS** pay nothing towards your apprenticeship
- 90% STAY** in work or training after their apprenticeship
- ALMOST 14,000 VACANCIES** posted on Find an Apprenticeship website
- 912,200** (2016/17) people participated in an apprenticeship

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## Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

### APPRENTICESHIP



**AN OFFICIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
AN EMPLOYER AND AN APPRENTICE  
WHICH SETS OUT THE TERMS  
AGREED BETWEEN THE 2 PARTIES.**

## Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



### **roctor**

a solicitor or attorney in a court, a clergy title, a university official or the person an exam invigilator.

## Apprenticeship FAQs

**Increase our understanding of the world through research and innovation with a science and R&D apprenticeship**

Science and research and development (R&D) are not only critical to furthering our understanding of the world around us, but to develop tools and techniques that reduce hazards, improve processes and overcome challenges. Being able to more precisely measure meteorological patterns helps us to know exactly when to batten down the hatches as a storm approaches, and developments in laboratory science have radically improved criminal investigative techniques. The food we eat is safer, the drugs we take to combat illness more effective—the list of improvements made thanks to science and R&D is endless.

Any questions please [contact us](#).



[Science and R&D  
Apprenticeships](#)



# Medic Mentor

## Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Isabella is in their 3rd year at Manchester University. Click [here](#) for Isabella's story.



MEDIC MENTOR  
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

# Career of the Month - February

Introducing **Unifrog's** 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'!  
Students watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y7**

### CLASSICAL STUDIES

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y8**

### ASIAN STUDIES

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y9**

### ECONOMICS

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y10**

### DENTISTRY

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y11**

### EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y12**

### HOSPITALITY, LEISURE, AND TOURISM

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- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

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## SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY **Y13**

### CRAFTS, JEWELLERY, AND WOODWORKING

Check out this subject on Unifrog, or scan here to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what you'll study and how to get in
- See where graduates end up and how much they earn

# External Opportunities

## Routes into STEM Virtual Experience 2024/25

The Routes into STEM Virtual course gives young people access to key information on different STEM pathways including STEM education, STEM careers and apprenticeships.

### Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 or 10 / S3 or S4 / equivalent who are interested in exploring a career in STEM

### What's involved?

- Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you
- Hear from current and previous students about what studying STEM at college and university is like
- Hear from hiring managers what they look for in applications and interviews
- In our interactive live sessions, you will get the chance to ask questions of a variety of STEM professionals from those who have just been through the early careers process as apprentices, interns and graduates to those who have an established STEM careers and what their journey has been.



[www.etrust.org.uk](http://www.etrust.org.uk)

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - Unlock STEM Career Paths with our Virtual Routes into STEM course

### What do you get out of it?

- A chance to find out about different Routes into STEM careers from industry experts, college and university leaders as well as young people who are currently on that path
- Projects include: a Biopharm challenge from **GSK**, a Design challenge from **Balfour Beatty**, a sustainable lab challenge from **Avantor** and many more exciting challenges in all aspects of STEM
- You will learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV/ Personal Statement and/or Application form
- Once completed you will receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award

### When is it?

The course will run over **4 weeks (4th- 25th April 2025)** with live sessions during the Easter break (**14th- 17th April 2025**)

### Cost

The total cost for this programme is **£80**. Bursaries are also available to those students who may not otherwise be able to apply. Please indicate on your application form if you are interested in a Bursary



To apply, please visit our website [here](http://here) or scan the QR code.

*Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily!*

*Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines. These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference.*

*A few of these opportunities are listed here.*

## PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY Discover where a career in property could take you

FREE Real Estate Insight days with Industry partners to help students discover more about careers within the property Industry:

- Birmingham - 13th March (with RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)
- Cambridge - 18th March (with Carter Jonas)
- Bristol - 26th March (with Savills)



Henley Live  
Apply here

**Year 12 students**

**FREE LIVE** **GET INTO DENTISTRY** VIRTUAL CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 9:30am - 3:30pm  
Register here

**HM Treasury**  
Insight to HM Treasury | Virtual Event  
Gain Insights into the UK's Economic & Finance Ministry  
Wednesday, 12th February 5pm - 6pm

**digdata** | **NHS**  
Join our **NHS live online career challenges**  
Gain **FREE virtual work experience**

### Event details and Agenda

When: Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 6.30pm

Where: Virtual session hosted on MS Teams

### What's Involved?



1 Join our live session



2 Meet the NHS team



3 Learn about NHS apprenticeship schemes



4 Download our recruitment guidelines

**FIRST STEP**  
YEAR GROUPS 7-9, YEAR GROUPS 8-10 (NI) & YEAR GROUPS S1-S3 (Scotland)  
[Awareness]  
Tuesday 11th February at 6:30pm  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**NEXT STEP**  
YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE, YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (NI) & YEAR GROUPS S4-S6 (Scotland)  
[Knowledge]  
Tuesday 11th February at 6:30pm  
[REGISTER HERE](#)