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Useful Careers Websites for Parents/ Carers

We understand that it can be difficult to know where to start when discussing possible career pathways with your child. These website are some we have used in school and have found to be useful, informative and straightforward to use. There are a great many other careers resources available, and we have a selection of published guides and material in the library for pupils to use.

General guidance and information on opportunities

Unifrog: www.Unifrog.org

The Unifrog careers platform is an extremely powerful tool and will enable you to search for and find out more about all courses (including apprenticeships, degree courses and local training opportunities) in a way that can be adapted to the needs of your child. Your child already has a login and we can provide one for you separately if you would like. Please contact Mrs Langston for the code. In addition to this, Unifrog enables your child to keep a record of their developing career focussed achievements, so at application time this is in one place.

StartProfile: www.startprofile.org

This site has a wealth of information on career profiles, and will give you additional links to more material about career pathways. Your child already has a login, and you can work together on the activities and material on this useful site.

YC Hertfordshire: <https://www.ychertfordshire.org/careers/parents-and-carers/>

YC Hertfordshire offer independent careers advice, and all students have a personal appointment with the independent advisor (Lucy Osman) who is fully qualified and very experienced. You may also make appointments with YC independently at the Oakland Campus in WGC. Please use the following link for further information on how to do this: <https://www.ychertfordshire.org/advice-and-support/yc-hertfordshire-access-points/welwyn-garden-city/>

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

This government website is designed to support careers education from the age of 13 onwards.

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General Careers information - workplace skills development

Barclays Lifeskills: www.barclayslifeskills.com

Once you have registered you can search a wide range of information on areas of employment experiencing shortages of skilled applicants, the skills and qualities businesses are looking for and the steps young people need to take to help them get employment ready. Some of the activities on this site are used in school in Lifeskills lessons, and there are many thought provoking areas to consider.

Information about Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships Get in Go Far: <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

This site is run by the government and provides information about the full range of apprenticeships available. It also contains useful links to further information and clips for tailored to pupils.

Apprenticeships Applications: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

This is the government's national website. It lists every apprenticeship that is available at that moment in time. There are application links to enable you to apply directly. The apprenticeships can be sorted by level, and include the rapidly growing sector of Degree Apprenticeships.

Not Going to Uni: <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

This site has a very wide range of information including on all levels of apprenticeships, gap year work, summer schools, industrial placements and university life. It is easy to navigate and is updated frequently. It is possible to sort vacancies by level and field of interest.

Information about university applications, courses and events (summer schools, open days, etc...)

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/>

UCAS continues to be the platform that students will use to apply for university. It also allows students to start their search process and research different university courses. It also contains information about university fees and student loans. It also has an apprenticeship section.

Uni Taster Days: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

This is an award-winning directory of all university events - including open days, taster sessions, summer schools, evening lectures and so on. You can search for specific places, or by field of study. It is updated regularly, and includes contacts to apply for the event.

Which? University: <https://university.which.co.uk/>

Which? University is designed to provide impartial advice and comparisons of universities. It can be helpful to gather advice from independent experts in their field. Within the site there is a specific section for parents and carers: <https://university.which.co.uk/advice/advice-for-parents>

Public Sector Career Websites

Step into the NHS: <https://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/>

This site is managed by the NHS and provides a comprehensive guide to applying for any NHS role. It includes videos and guides to the 350 career paths available within the NHS.

Get Into Teaching: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

This site is managed by the DfE and provides comprehensive coverage about the various routes into teaching. STAGS is part of the Albans Teaching Federation which provides a variety of Teach Direct placements. Please see their site for details of current opportunities:

<http://www.albanfederation.com/training-info/>

Military Careers

Army <https://www.army.mod.uk/careers/>

Navy <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

Air Force <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>

Pupils who are interested in a military career should research the website for that specific area. The forces also recommended that they join their local cadet force, as this will also provide them with up to date information and advice about a military career.

The Police: <https://www.met.police.uk/car/met/careers/> <http://www.hertspolicecareers.co.uk/>

These sites provide information about the various routes into working in the uniformed police, and includes details of the application process for the civilian roles.

Civil Service

National Government <https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi>

Local Government <https://jobs.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>

These sites provide information about current vacancies and the application process for working in national and local government.