



## Careers Newsletter September 2025

*A careers update for parents/carers including national and local information.*

### **Applications to College, Sixth Forms and Apprenticeships - Year 11**

#### How and when to apply?

Whilst most colleges do not have a set application deadline, the preference is for applications to be made as early as possible in year 11 (ideally before the Christmas break) to allow for interviews to take place before Easter.

Year 11 students can apply to as many colleges and sixth forms as they wish and make a final decision after GCSE results if needs be.

Students who wish to apply to a sixth form need to check with the sixth form directly to find out when they will be accepting applications. Most sixth forms will have an application window that opens after their open day has taken place.

Open days for Colleges and Sixth Forms will usually be held this term – most of them will require you to book a space (see attached 'College Open Days 2025-2026' document with details of many local events and how to book them). Please do book on to the events as soon as possible, ideally students will visit a few places to compare their options.

Year 11 and Year 13 students will be given priority for careers meetings this term, students can request an appointment via their tutor or by contacting Sarah Griffin at: [sgriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sgriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) Sarah is based in the counselling room on the lower Street Tuesday to Friday.

Talking Futures is a helpful new resource for parents/carers to support school leavers in their post 16 decision making: [Parents Advice for Career Conversations - Talking Futures](#)

## College Open days Flyers

### Bath College



**OPEN EVENTS**

We look forward to seeing you!



book here!

| 2025                                                    | 2026                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 8th October</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   CCC   | <b>Wednesday 14th January</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   SVC & CCC – SEND Open Event                          |
| <b>Wednesday 5th November</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   SVC  | <b>Saturday 24th January</b><br>10:00am – 1:00pm   SVC                                                  |
| <b>Saturday 22nd November</b><br>10:00am – 1:00pm   CCC | <b>Wednesday 11th February</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   SVC & CCC - Apprenticeships and T Levels Open Event |
|                                                         | <b>Wednesday 25th March</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   CCC                                                    |
|                                                         | <b>Wednesday 29th April</b><br>4:00pm – 7:00pm   SVC                                                    |

**SVC**  
Somer Valley Campus

**CCC**  
City Centre Campus

### Cirencester College



**Open Day**

Saturday 18th October 2025

<https://www.cirencester.ac.uk/events/open-day-october-2025/>  
Ctrl+Click to follow link

Cirencester College

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
Visit: [www.cirencester.ac.uk](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk)  
**OR CLICK HERE:**  
Register for Open Day.

**9:30am - 3:30pm**

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## OPEN EVENTS 2025/2026

| October         |           |            | November        |           |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Wed 1 October   | 5pm-7pm   | Trowbridge | Sat 8 November  | 10am-12pm | Trowbridge |
| Sat 4 October   | 10am-12pm | Lackham    | Sat 15 November | 10am-12pm | Lackham    |
| Tues 7 October  | 5pm-7pm   | Chippenham | Sat 15 November | 10am-12pm | Chippenham |
| Thurs 9 October | 5pm-7pm   | Salisbury  | Sat 22 November | 10am-12pm | Salisbury  |

| January/February |           |            | April          |         |            |
|------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Wed 28 January   | 5pm-7pm   | Trowbridge | Tues 21 April  | 5pm-7pm | Trowbridge |
| Sat 31 January   | 10am-12pm | Lackham    | Thurs 23 April | 5pm-7pm | Lackham    |
| Tues 3 February  | 5pm-7pm   | Chippenham | Tues 28 April  | 5pm-7pm | Chippenham |
| Thurs 5 February | 5pm-7pm   | Salisbury  | Thurs 30 April | 5pm-7pm | Salisbury  |

Scan the QR code to sign up  
or register at [wiltshire.ac.uk](https://wiltshire.ac.uk)



 **Wiltshire College  
& University Centre**

## Army Career Events

Army Foundation College Harrogate Virtual Open Day (on demand)

[Virtual Harrogate Open Day - Army Foundation College](#)

Army Officer Information Day – York Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 20205 09:00-16:00

[Meet Your Army | Army Officer Insight Day - York](#)

Army Officer Information Day – Sandhurst Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 20205 09:00-16:00

[Army Officer Insight Day - The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Tickets, Sat, Nov 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

## Apprenticeships information for year 11, and 13

**Year 11** Students wishing to apply for apprenticeships who do not have an employer should follow these steps:

- 1) Apply to colleges/training providers before Christmas. Colleges/training providers will try to match apprentices with employers. However, it's always best to seek your own employer. Colleges locally providing apprenticeships include: **Cirencester, Bath, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire & Stroud and New College Swindon.**
- 2) Create an account and set up vacancy alerts on: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship)  
Most vacancies for year 11 leavers will be advertised from Spring – however some larger firms will recruit from the Autumn term.
- 3) Contact local businesses of interest sending a CV and a speculative letter – you might get in touch with them just before they advertise!

For those students with an employer lined up, their employer should be able to direct them to the appropriate college or training provider to apply to. However, if the employer isn't sure, please speak to Sarah Griffin – careers adviser for advice.

**Year 13** Students wishing to apply for apprenticeships should follow these steps:

- 1) Create an account and set up vacancy alerts on: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship) Apprenticeships can be advertised at any point in the year but many vacancies for year 13 leavers will be advertised from the Autumn term
- 2) Register for alerts and search on UCAS via: [Search apprenticeships | UCAS](https://www.ucas.com)  
Some higher and degree apprenticeships will also be advertised via: [NGTU | Job Search \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- 3) Consider your back up plan – if you're not successful finding an apprenticeship this year – what else could you do? A Gap year, an entry level job, go to university? Many students apply for apprenticeships and to UCAS for a degree keeping more options open for longer.

For any students who plan to start an apprenticeship after year 11/13 an appointment can be made with Sarah Griffin, Careers Adviser for advice and guidance  
**sgriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk** .

For information on apprenticeships and to set up vacancy alerts see:

[Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship)

[Careerpivot : Find a course or apprenticeship](https://www.careerpilot.co.uk)

## **Local Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies/open days**

- **Heidelberg Materials (formally Hanson UK)**

Higher Apprenticeship vacancies in Chipping Sodbury in trainee supervisor roles  
[Higher Apprenticeships | Heidelberg Materials UK](#)

## **Degree Apprenticeships**

A selection of current local Higher and Degree level apprenticeship vacancies:

[6 Vacancies found - Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#) (Degree apprenticeships within 40 miles of Malmesbury)

[36 Vacancies found \(page 1 of 4\) - Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#) (Higher apprenticeships within 40 miles of Malmesbury)

## **Free Digital guides for parents on university and apprenticeships and Careers**

These guides are packed full of useful information to help support children with their career choices.

For more details and to sign up, click here:

[Tool: Parents and Carers University Guide 2023/24 \(successatschool.org\)](#)

[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)

[Free resources | The Parents' Guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

## **University Bursary Opportunity from GCHQ**

Attention Year 13's with an interest in Tech, problem solving and spotting patterns – GCHQ are offering a bursary of up to £24,000 open to all degree subjects [University Bursary | CyberFirst](#)

## Virtual Work experience

**NHS Allied Health Professions (AHP) programme** - several sessions of work experience before the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers in January. (NOT FREE, £10.00 a session)

Once registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5 month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications!

This programme is suitable for students in years 10 – 13 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

## Free RAF Events



RAF World – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-world-shape-your-future-tickets-900144304847>

[RAF Nursing Webinar Tickets, Thu 6 Nov 2025 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Springpod and Speakers for Schools**

Two additional virtual work experience data bases are:

- [Virtual Work Experience Programmes | Springpod](#)
- [VWEX - Speakers for Schools](#)

Students can search and apply for relevant placements which they complete outside of school hours.

## **Career Webinars and Events**

### **Young Professionals Business and Accounting Event Tuesday, 23rd September, 5pm -7pm online via Zoom - FREE**

Calling all business and accounting students!

It's the biggest Business and Accounting event of the year, for which you've all been waiting! **PwC, KPMG, UBS, Forvis Mazars, BDO, RSM, CIMA, Grant Thornton & S&W** are all joining us for a one-off special event taking place on Tuesday, 23rd September, 5pm -7pm online via Zoom.

During this fast-paced online insight event, you will hear from all these prestigious firms, take part in workshops via breakout rooms, which you can self-opt to join, hear from some inspiring speakers, and connect and build up your professional network.

You will have the opportunity to join breakout room sessions where you can participate in mini workshops, gain a more tailored understanding of specific firms, and hear about how you could kick-start your careers within these companies.

Think about work experience for the summer, internships, graduate opportunities and of course, their hugely popular degree apprenticeship programs for you to apply for!

We're so excited to extend this invitation to you. What's more, you will get a certificate to add to your CV and LinkedIn profiles. Eight mega brands immediately added to your professional profiles—it can't get better than that!

Hit the link below to secure your place.

### **Application Link:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP\\_Bus\\_Acc](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP_Bus_Acc)

### **LIVE FREE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine/Dentistry Conference**

- Sunday 21st September, 9am - 1:30pm  
Sunday 28th September, 9am - 1:30pm  
Saturday 4th October, 9am - 1:30pm  
Register here: [https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=18%2F09+Teachers+Numbers+Email](https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=18%2F09+Teachers+Numbers+Email)

Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 27th September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Saturday 18th October, 9am - 1:30pm

Register here: [https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=18%2F09+Teachers+Numbers+Email](https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=18%2F09+Teachers+Numbers+Email)

'Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application.

Students can register using this link [Get Into Medicine Conference Student Online Registration Form](#)

Please note that all students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

The Get into Medicine Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process covering:

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

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian'.

## University Webinars

### University of Sheffield Tasters

[Subject tasters](#) | [Undergraduate study](#) | [The University of Sheffield](#)

### University of Law

- 24<sup>th</sup> September 4pm – 5pm: [Real World Lecture: Can you be a good leader without doing bad things?](#)
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 5pm: [Real World Lecture: Can we make our memories more powerful?](#)
- 13<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 6.30pm: [Criminology: Shaping the future of criminal justice practice](#)
- 11<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – 5pm: [Careers in tech](#)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – 5pm: [Real World Lecture: What do hackers know about you?](#)

## Free Lectures

These free lectures/webinars cover a wide array of topics and look great on personal statements!

### Channel Talent Webinars

- [Events - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

Gresham College Lectures 2024/2025

- [Gresham College](#)

## Careers guidance at Malmesbury School

Sarah Griffin is our school careers adviser; to book an appointment, students can ask their tutor or leave their name at student services. Or please email queries to **SGriffin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk**

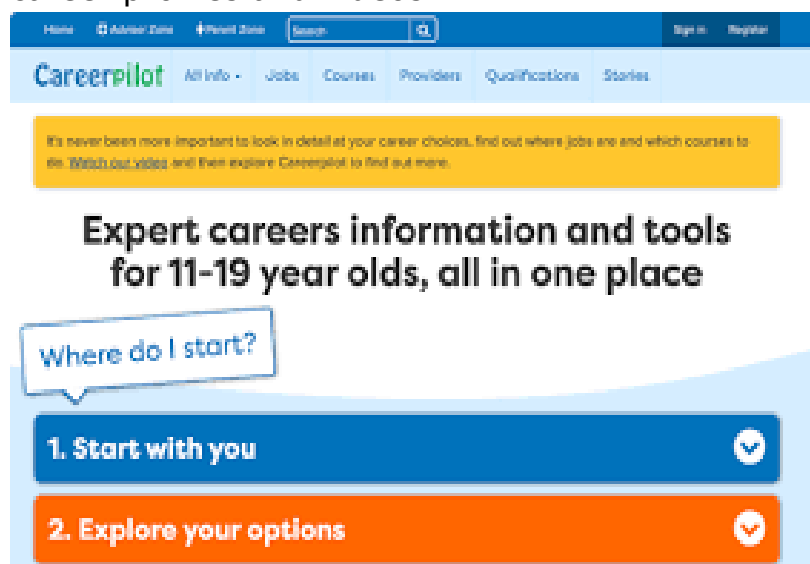
**Sarah is in school Tuesdays to Fridays and a drop-in service is available at lunch times.**

## Useful websites

A reminder of our on-line careers resource <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk> which outlines entry requirements and entry routes to almost every job you can think of. The site is also excellent for gaining job ideas; there are leaflets available, for example, on careers related to every area of the curriculum. The **log in** is toopsi37



Another fantastic resource is [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) careers database which includes career profiles and videos.



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