



Careers Newsletter April 2026

A careers update for parents/carers; national and local opportunities

Exams, revision and results day support for parents/carers and students

As we approach exam season, here are some great resources for **students in year 11 or 13**:

- [Your guide to handling revision and exam stress | The Student Room](#)
- [It's not too late: 10 ways to kick-start your revision | The Student Room](#)
- [Cramming for your GCSE and A-level exams: three steps to success | The Student Room](#)
- [Seven things to do in the last week before an exam: expert cramming tips | The Student Room](#)
- [Seven things to do the night before and morning of an exam | The Student Room](#)

A forum is also available: [Studying, revision and exam support Forum - The Student Room](#) for further support on handling exam and revision-related stress.

Face to Face Events

FREE Careers in property 4 day summer school for year 12

An opportunity for Year 12 students to attend a four day, fully funded Summer School at the University of Reading to learn about a career in property. **APPLICATION DEADLINE is 19th April**

Date: 14th -17th July 2026

Venue: University of Reading

Who: Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through University or through an apprenticeship

Cost: Nothing! All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered

During the Summer School:

- Learn about the industry and the careers available
- Meet current undergrads and apprentices as well as those who have just joined the industry
- Attend taster lectures
- Get involved in a group project and debate
- Go on a site visit

- Meet new people and learn how to network
- Experience life on a University campus
- Have fun!

How to Apply: Applications close on **19th April** (the first week back from the Easter holidays). Visit the website to apply at - [P2P Summer School 2026 | Henley Live](#)

If you would like further information then please visit our [website](#) or email us at: pathways2property@henley.ac.uk

University of Gloucestershire Summer residentials yr 10 & yr 12

Our Summer Residentials are now open for applications! Whether you're thinking about university or simply want to try something new, this is your chance to dive into hands-on activities, meet new people, and get a real feel for life at UoG.

[Summer residentials - University of Gloucestershire](#) (free but eligibility requirements apply)

University Open days

The summer term is the perfect opportunity for year 12 students considering university to find out more.

Open days is a great resource for finding out about university open days and events: [Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](#)

Here are a few examples of local events taking place in the next couple of months:

- Bath Spa University Open days [Open Days – Bath Spa University](#)
- Oxford Brookes University Open days - [Undergraduate Open Days in Oxford - Oxford Brookes University](#)
- University of Bath Open days - [Undergraduate Open Days](#)
- University of Bristol Open days [Undergraduate open days | Study at Bristol | University of Bristol](#)
- University of Gloucestershire Open days [Undergraduate open days - University of Gloucestershire](#)
- UWE Bristol Open days [Undergraduate Open Days - Open Days | UWE Bristol](#)

College Open days for year 10s and any undecided year 11s

- Cirencester College [Open Evening: June 2026 – Cirencester College](#)
- Wiltshire College [Wiltshire College & University Centre](#)
- SGS College [Open Evening](#)

Apprenticeships information for year 11, and 13

A selection of current local and national apprenticeship vacancies:

Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships

- Apprentice Dental Nurse - My Dentist - Malmesbury [Apprentice Dental Nurse - Malmesbury – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)
- Apprentice Turf Technician - Tallis Amos Group – Kemble [Apprentice Turf Technician - Tallis Amos Group - Kemble – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)
- Apprenticeship Agricultural Technician - Tallis Amos Group – Kemble [Apprenticeship Agricultural Technician - Tallis Amos Group - Kemble – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)
- Apprentice Chef - Rowden Arms – Chippenham [Apprentice Chef – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)
- Apprentice Arborist Level 2 - Wootton Bassett - John O'Conner GM Limited [Apprentice Arborist Level 2 - Wootton Bassett – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

Higher and Degree apprenticeships

- Business Analyst Apprentice - OUTSOURCE AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS LIMITED – remote working [Business Analyst Apprentice – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)
- Residential Area Sales Manager Apprentice - Baxi Heating UK Limited – Gloucester [Residential Area Sales Manager Apprentice – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

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

[Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

[Careerpilot : Find a course or apprenticeship](#)

[Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK](#)

[Job Search | UCAS](#)

Local job opportunity for year 13s

Clark and Maslin Architects Malmesbury are seeking a trainee Architectural Technologist. The successful candidate will also study one day week at a local college gaining an HNC in Construction

[Architectural Careers Wiltshire | Architectural Technologist](#)

In person Work Experience

GE Aviation Cheltenham

This week-long work experience is available for ages 16 – 18 (Y11-Y13) and runs for multiple sessions over the summer of 2026 at the GE Aerospace Bishops Cleeve site. During the week, the students will get the opportunity to tour the site, complete an electrical engineering project and hone their soft skills through workshops offered by senior site employees. The students will also get an opportunity to have a mock interview and some coaching on their application skills.

To apply for this opportunity the students must be taking or planning to take a minimum of 3 A-levels, of which should include Maths, as well as another A level STEM-based subject. Students taking or planning to take BTEC extended diploma in Engineering or equivalent are also eligible to apply provided they are also completing A level maths.

The Engineering Work Experience weeks are going to be held on the following dates:

1. 29th June – 3rd July (On Site)
2. 17th – 21st August (On Site)
3. 24th-28th August (Virtual Week)

If a student is interested in applying for the Engineering Work Experience, they can reach out to Engineering.WorkExperience@geaerospace.com for further details.

Virtual Events/Webinars

British Army

Supporting Your Young Person: Exploring a Career in the British Army

Tuesday 28 April | 18:00 – 19:00 | Online

We're hosting a free online session for parents and guardians to provide clear, trustworthy guidance on how they can support their young person if they're considering the British Army.

Why does this session matter?

Recent research with over 600 parents and guardians showed that only 27% felt fully confident supporting their young person through the Army application process. This session is designed to help change that by bringing reliable information together in one place.

During the session, parents and guardians will:

- Get a simple overview of the journey into the Army
- Hear from other parents
- Learn about the support available, including:

- Brand new parent-focused resources
- Opportunities to sign up for our monthly newsletter
- A new webpage designed specifically for parents and guardians

If parents or guardians want to feel more informed and confident about the options available, we'd love them to join us. Teachers are also welcome to attend to support their understanding and conversations with families.

👉 Register for the event: <https://britishar.my/AParentsPerspectiveEvent>

RAF World

Step into RAF World: Start Your Story, the Royal Air Force's next virtual event of 2026, created to give you a complete insight into life, careers and opportunities across the RAF.

This is your chance to see how every role in the RAF contributes to something bigger. Whether you're curious about flying, fascinated by cutting-edge technology, or drawn to teamwork and adventure, this event puts you right at the heart of what it means to serve and succeed in the RAF.

What's waiting for you:

- 360° Interactive Experience – Explore RAF bases and operations from your screen and see how every role plays a vital part in the mission.
- Live Q&As with RAF personnel – Hear real stories from those who've trained, travelled and built rewarding careers across every branch.
- Career Pathways Spotlight – Discover the range of RAF roles, from aircrew and engineers to medics, intelligence and logistics.
- Lifestyle and Training Insights – Learn what's involved in RAF training, living and thriving as part of a close-knit community.

It's easy to sign up, for FREE, so follow this link <https://www.rafworld.co.uk/>

Springpod, Speakers for Schools and The Forage

Three additional virtual work experience data bases are:

- [Virtual Work Experience Programmes | Springpod](#)
- [VWEX - Speakers for Schools](#)
- [Explore all Free Job Simulations - Forage \(theforage.com\)](#)

Students can search and apply for relevant placements which they complete outside of school hours varying from 2-10 hours.

Applications to College - Year 11

How and when to apply?

For any students who have not yet applied to college, applications can still be made online via the college websites. Whilst most colleges do not have a set deadline, the preference is for applications to be made as early as possible in year 11 to allow for interviews to take place well before exam season.

Please note – Cirencester College have now introduced an application deadline of the 30th of June 2026. Applications after this date will not be processed until previous applicants have been allocated courses. For any students considering applying to Cirencester College, the recommendation is to apply as soon as possible.

Free Digital guides for parents on university, 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:

[Parents - Advice - Success at School](#)

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

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 Tuesday to Friday and a drop-in service is available at lunch times.

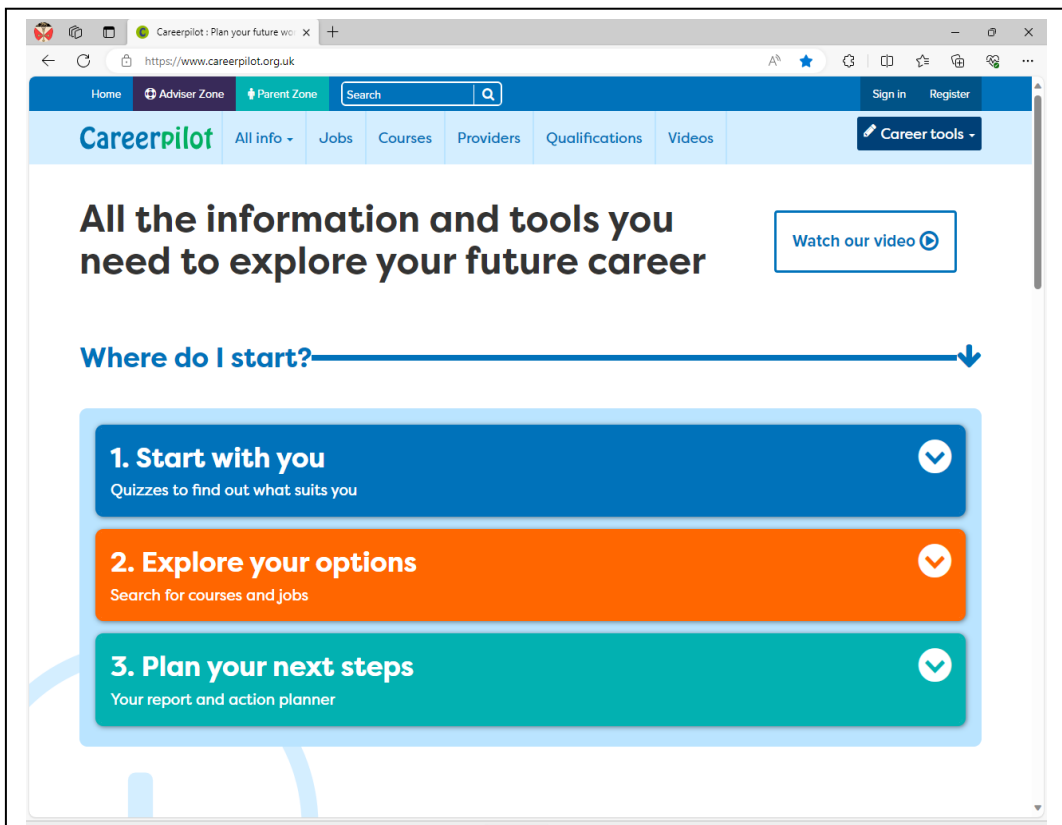
Useful websites

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



Career Pilot is a fantastic site that students can use to explore career ideas as well as find out more about the qualification pathways they can choose from after year 11. www.careerpilot.org.uk



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