



Careers Newsletter September 2026

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

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.

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.

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 2026-2027' 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 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 day Flyers (see attachment for full listing)

Wiltshire College



WE ARE YOUR NEXT STEP

OPEN EVENTS 2026/2027

September/October			November		
Wed 30 September	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge	Sat 7 November	10am-12pm	Trowbridge
Sat 3 October	10am-12pm	Lackham	Sat 14 November	10am-12pm	Lackham
Tues 6 October	5pm-7pm	Chippenham	Sat 14 November	10am-12pm	Chippenham
Thurs 8 October	5pm-7pm	Salisbury	Sat 21 November	10am-12pm	Salisbury

January/February			April		
Wed 27 January	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge	Tues 20 April	5pm-7pm	Trowbridge
Sat 30 January	10am-12pm	Lackham	Thurs 22 April	5pm-7pm	Lackham
Tues 2 February	5pm-7pm	Chippenham	Tues 27 April	5pm-7pm	Chippenham
Thurs 4 February	5pm-7pm	Salisbury	Thurs 29 April	5pm-7pm	Salisbury

Scan to sign up for an Open Event 

Scan to see our prospectuses 

Visit wiltshire.ac.uk for more info and to apply for a course

Bath College

OPEN DAY EVENTS





BOOK HERE

2026	2027
Wednesday 7th October 4pm - 7pm CCC	Saturday 16th January 10am - 1pm SVC
Wednesday 21st October 4pm - 7pm SVC	Wednesday 3rd February 4pm - 7pm Dual Campus
Saturday 21st November 10am - 1pm CCC	<i>SEND event</i> Wednesday 17th March 4pm - 7pm CCC
	Wednesday 28th April 4pm - 7pm SVC

SVC
Somerset Valley Campus

CCC
City Centre Campus

We look forward to seeing you!

Cirencester College



OPEN DAY 
Cirencester College

MORE CHOICE AT YOUR SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM

Saturday 17th October 2026
9:30am - 3:30pm

Book Your Place
www.cirencester.ac.uk

The poster features three circular inset images: a student in a lab coat working in a chemistry lab, a student smiling while looking at a portfolio of art or design work, and two students walking outdoors on a path.

New College Swindon



 **New College**
SWINDON

OCTOBER OPEN DAY

SAT 3 OCT 2026 10AM - 2PM
SAME DATE, BOTH CAMPUSES
QUEENS DRIVE & NORTH STAR

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

Don't miss out on our biggest open event of the year!

The poster features a collage of diverse students engaged in various activities: a student in a chef's uniform, a student wearing a VR headset, a student holding a basketball, and others in various settings. A speech bubble contains the text: "Don't miss out on our biggest open event of the year!"

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 (ideally for apprenticeship training and a full-time course as a back-up plan). 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/search) Some higher and degree apprenticeships will also be advertised via: [NGTU | Job Search \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/job-search)
- 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)

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

Local/National Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies

Higher Apprenticeships

Engineering Higher Apprenticeship with NESO [£30,000 apprenticeship at NESO — no degree, no debt](#)

Degree Apprenticeships

Whilst we expect the peak of degree apprenticeship vacancies between October and January, here are 2 current vacancies:

[Solicitor Apprenticeship - Bristol – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

[Retail Degree Apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

Use the link below to keep up with new vacancies for higher and degree apprenticeships being advertised in coming weeks. Check start dates carefully:

[9 results found - Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#) (Higher and Degree 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 \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

In Person Work Experience

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VET?

FARM VET EXPERIENCE DAY

**OCTOBER HALF TERM
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
10AM-4PM
£100
LUNCH INCLUDED**

For those 16 years or over planning to apply to vet school.

A ONE-DAY COURSE COVERING:

- Understanding the farming year
- Vet School application – dos and don'ts
- Practical sessions and ethical dilemmas

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technical.training@georgevetgroup.co.uk



Virtual Work experience

- **Publishing** 26th-28th October (3 days) [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Film, TV, Games and Animation** 28th-30th October (3 days) [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Languages** 10th November [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Architecture** (2 different sessions) 11th and 12th November [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Equifax Data and Analytics** 18th-19th November (2 days) [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Discover Creative Careers** 26th November [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)
- **Renishaw Engineering** [Renishaw – Bite-size Virtual Work Experience | Work Experience Programme | TalentXP](#)

NHS Allied Health Professions (AHP) programme - several sessions of work experience available for NHS Health Careers before the UCAS deadline 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:

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

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/>

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.

In Person Events



Discover your future in Accountancy with Bishop Fleming

Join us in Bristol and Cheltenham for our in-person Insight Evenings

If you're considering a career in accountancy after sixth form, join us at an in-person insight evening to discover Bishop Fleming and the accountancy Apprenticeships we offer. Whether you're exploring career options or ready to begin a professional accountancy journey while earning, coming to see us in-person will give you the insights you need.

You'll not only learn about the apprenticeship pathways we offer, but also:

- **See where you could be working** - get a feel for the environment you could be part of
- **Meet our people** - hear from our team, from current Apprentices to experienced Partners
- **Understand what a career in accountancy really looks like** - learn more about our firm and the services we offer to our clients
- **Get ready to take the next step** - find out about our recruitment process and the support and training we provide for our Apprentices

This is your chance to see what a career in accountancy is all about, connect with inspiring professionals, and take the first step toward building a rewarding career with Bishop Fleming.

Bristol

Date

10th November 2026

Time

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location

Bishop Fleming, 10 Temple Back,
Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6FL

Accept Invitation -
I'd like to attend

[Form](#)

Cheltenham

Date

20th October 2026

Time

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location

Bishop Fleming, 10 North Pl,
Cheltenham GL50 4DW

Accept Invitation -
I'd like to attend

[Form](#)



Career Webinars, Clubs and Events

Parent and Carer Event – Discover Creative Careers 6th October 6-7pm

[Register – Discover Creative Careers: Parent & Carer Information Event – Futures For All, Broadcast](#)

Dyson Engineering Club (covers GCSE and A-Level curriculum)

Our Engineering Club is a virtual series of workshops for future engineers covering topics such as design and innovation, mechanical engineering, software and coding, renewability, and sustainability.

Sessions are held each month from September to June on Zoom, and are hosted by one of our Dyson Institute Graduates. Students can stay updated, access past sessions, and download activities via our Engineering Club portal.

Sign up here: [Engineering club - Dyson Institute](#)

Young Professionals and Deloitte Insight Evening – 7th October

BrightStart Apprenticeships and Work Experience at Deloitte — a free virtual insight evening

Wednesday 7 October · 5:00–6:30pm · Online.

Hello, hope you are well.

We are really pleased to share a free virtual insight evening with Deloitte for students in Years 12 and 13 who are considering an apprenticeship after school. Students will hear directly from Deloitte about work experience, their BrightStart apprenticeship programme, and opportunities across Audit & Assurance, Tax, Consulting and Technology. They will also meet experienced professionals and have the chance to ask questions live.

This is a free opportunity, and places will close once capacity is full. All the details for students are below.

[view the event page here.](#)

Young Professionals Event with Clifford Chance – 9th October

Join us for an exclusive virtual event with Clifford Chance, one of the world's leading law firms, to gain valuable insights into the profession and explore the opportunities available to kickstart your career.

Event Details:

- Event: Insight to Clifford Chance
- Date: Friday, 9th of October
- Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Location: Virtual
- Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12, 13 students

Why Attend?

Clifford Chance is renowned for its dynamic and inclusive culture, delivering exceptional law services to businesses of all sizes across the UK and internationally.

With a global network operating in 23 countries and 34 offices worldwide, Clifford Chance offers unmatched opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in Law.

This event is a must-attend for students considering a career in law. It offers insights into life at Clifford Chance and how to join their student programmes, such as ACCESS, and their industry-leading training contracts.

Whether you're considering a career in law or already know this is the route you'd like to go down, this event offers an invaluable opportunity to explore what a career at Clifford Chance could look like and understand the pathways available to help you succeed.

Register Here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Clifford_Chance_Y12

LIVE FREE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine/Dentistry Conference

- Saturday 3rd October, 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 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

The next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 17th 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

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

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.

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

University Webinars

Royal College of Physicians Lectures [Becoming a Doctor | Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh](#)

University of Sheffield Tasters

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

Free General 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

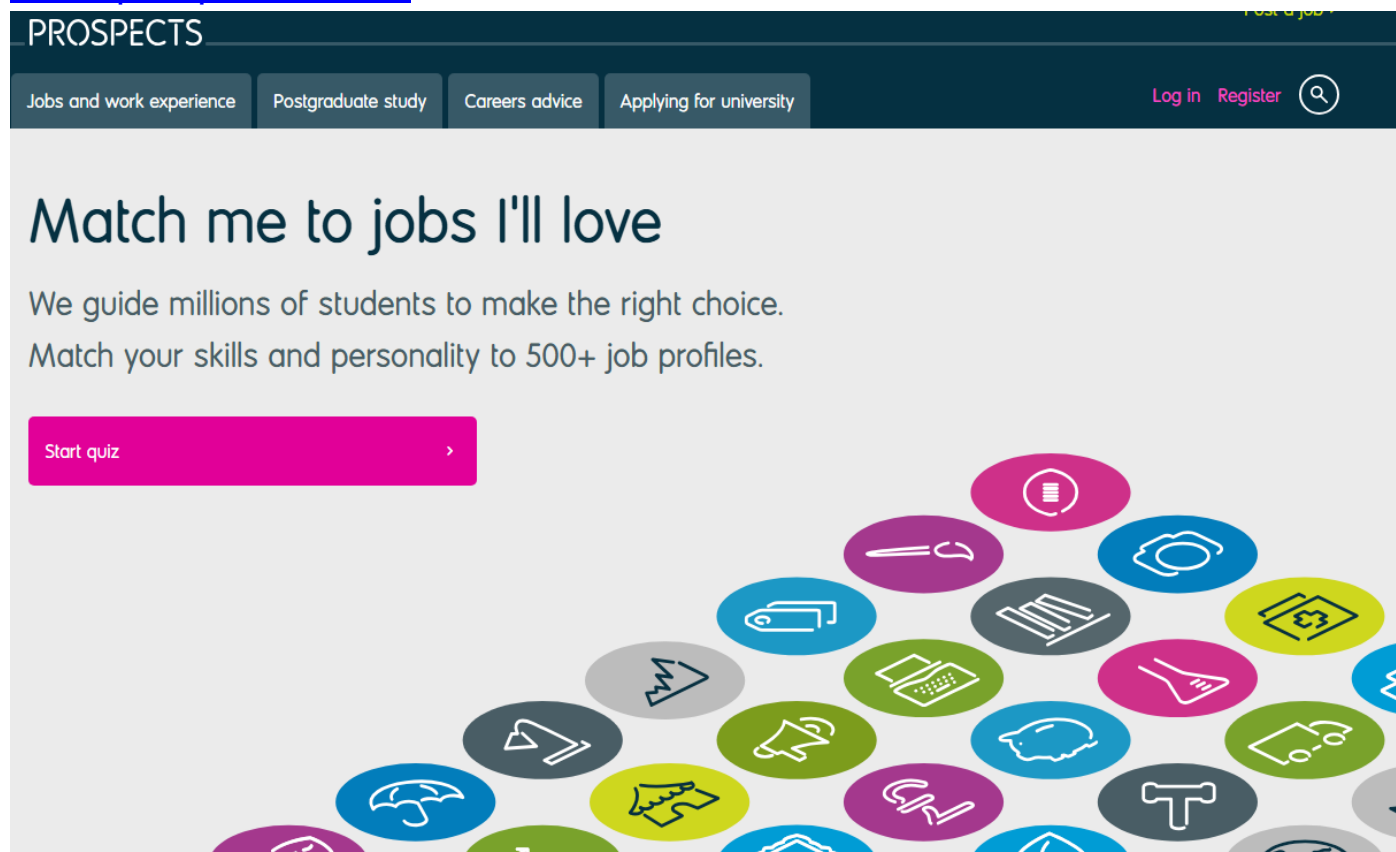
A reminder of our on-line careers resource <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk> which outlines entry requirements and entry routes to almost every job you can think of.

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 toistu78



Prospects

www.prospects.ac.uk



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