



5 September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Sixth Form Parent & Guardian Virtual Trust Event:
'Exploring the World of Careers in Key Stage 5' - with Careers Adviser – Mrs
Anna Finlason – Thursday 18 September 2025 – 6.30–7.30pm**

This is a very important time for our Sixth Form students. Year 13 students will soon be embarking on applications for universities, college HTQ courses, apprenticeships, gap year programmes, and searches for jobs. Year 12 students will be embarking on their Level 3 studies and beginning to consider their next steps after Year 13 – it's never too early to start!

Invitation to virtual Q&A event – 'Exploring the World of Careers in Key Stage 5':

We understand that navigating the world of careers and next steps beyond school can feel overwhelming - when supporting your son/daughter.

Therefore – you are invited to our virtual information event which will include a presentation about how to explore career ideas & options. We will cover information & tools that help our students explore careers, as well as tools to support research into university courses, higher education courses at college (HTQs), gap year opportunities, jobs, and how to search and apply for apprenticeships.

Please login just before 6.30pm on 18 September – using the link/ID/Code below:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 349 817 054 190 8

Passcode: AE9eS9Bn

Please note – you are welcome to ask any questions at the end of the presentation – we just ask that questions do not focus on the specifics of one individual student.

Further ways students can prepare for life after Year 13, and beyond:

1) UNIFROG – our careers and destinations platform:

www.unifrog.org – every student has/will soon have access to their own UNIFROG account. The UNIFROG website holds a wide range of information related to post 18 options. Students can undertake research into a vast array of jobs within various job sectors - via 'Job Profiles' – sharing what jobs involve, qualifications required, and routes of entry, as well as important labour market information (e.g. job availability, predicted future availability, salary, etc.).

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Students can also use UNIFROG to - search for opportunities at universities, colleges and for current apprenticeship opportunities; gain insight and information through attending live and recorded webinars; find & complete online courses (MOOCS) – often free - to enhance knowledge and applications; find advice/top tips on huge variety of information ranging from how to create a CV to exam revision, entry requirements to applications & interviews, and much more!

Please find a list of highlighted UNIFROG events on the following page.

2)Careers Appointments:

Specific dates will be shared with students to arrange 1-to-1 careers appointments with me - via Google Classroom - with reminders during Tutor Time and assemblies.

There is an 'After School Careers Drop In' – every Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm – in the 'Careers Office' on L-corridor – where students can 'drop-in' OR email me to book a specific time-slot for the Drop-In via a.finlason@maidenerleghtrust.org

3) UCAS Applications Coordinator:

Year 13 UCAS applications are being supported by the UCAS Coordinator – Mr Simon – also our Psychology Teacher and Head of Department.

4)Engaging with career-related information/ events + arranging work experience:

We encourage all students to actively engage in career-related events to help inspire and motivate them – e.g. through attending careers fairs, university and college open events, virtual events (e.g. webinars via UNIFROG), and through arranging virtual and in-person work-experience (more information will be shared about this during Year 12). Engaging with events and activities during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week (February and March 2026, respectively) can also help inform and inspire. We ask that students regularly check their school email & Google Classroom – to keep up-to-date with exciting opportunities (e.g. apprenticeships, work experience, & other opportunities) + important information.

5)Conversations:

Having conversations with family, teachers, friends, employers and youth leaders, about their strengths, interests, local companies, and various jobs/job sectors is also very powerful and beneficial in motivating and inspiring students to explore their career options & next steps.

Overall, we encourage every student to use a variety of methods and tools to continue exploring career ideas & options + to consider which option & routes of entry may suit them best.

Please do join me for the virtual careers event on **Thursday 18 September 2025 at 6.30 pm**, for what we hope will be an informative event.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Finlason
Trust Careers Adviser



Unifrog events 25/26: Students

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September

- **w/c 22 Sep - Post-18 options series:** Not sure what to do after school or college? Learn more about options like apprenticeships and going to university.
- **w/c 29 Sep - University application masterclasses:** Get tips from the experts to help you craft an outstanding application to get onto your dream course.

October

- **w/c 6 Oct - 'Day in the life' series:** What does someone at work actually do in a day? Find out what it's like from employees and apprentices in a range of sectors.
- **14 Oct - Unifrog University Fair:** A virtual fair to hear from different UK universities about how to choose what and where to study, and advice on getting in.

November

- **w/c 10 Nov - Apprenticeship application masterclasses:** Expert tips from some of the biggest employers on how to write a great application and ace the interview process to get an apprenticeship.

December

- **2 Dec - GCSE choices:** How do you choose the right subjects for GCSEs? We'll share some key things to think about!
- **3 Dec - Post-16 options:** Not sure what to do after GCSEs? Explore your options with schools, colleges, and employers and discover the best fit for you.
- **9 Dec - How to prepare for exams:** If you have mock or real exams coming up, this webinar will give you top tips on revising and getting ready.

January

- **20 Jan - Post-university applications:** So you've sent off your university applications - now what? Join us to learn things like how to choose between offers and prepare for student life at university.
- **w/c 26 Jan - Getting started with university research series:** Things you should know and practical advice on how to start your search to find the perfect university.

February

- **11 Feb - Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair:** A virtual fair for you to chat to lots of top employers who offer apprenticeships for young people. Learn how to apply and what it's like to work in different sectors.

March

- **w/c 2 Mar - Careers week webinars:** A series during National Careers Week to help you make choices about your future career, and learn how to make it happen.
- **18 Mar - Subject discovery fair:** A virtual fair to hear from different universities with a focus on discovering the right subject for you.
- **25 Mar - How to prepare for exams:** Tips to help you revise and get ready for upcoming exams.

April

- **w/c 20 Apr - Soft skills to succeed series:** What skills do employers look out for? Find out which soft skills you need to apply for jobs, apprenticeships, and internships, and how to demonstrate them in your application.

May

- **w/c 11 May - 'Day in the life' series:** What does someone at work actually do in a day? Find out what it's like from employees and apprentices in a range of sectors.

June

- **3 Jun - Unifrog University Fair:** A virtual fair to meet universities from around the world to help you choose what and where to study, and learn how to apply successfully.
- **w/c 8 Jun - University advice webinars:** Learn about aspects of university life, from how to budget and live affordably to extracurricular activities.
- **w/c 15 Jun - Taster lectures:** Ever wondered what a real university lecture sounds like? We've invited lecturers from a range of popular subjects to show you.
- **29 Jun-3 Jul - Virtual Work Experience Week:** A week of virtual work experience with five top employers to develop your skills!

July

- **7 Jul - Introduction to Clearing:** Get advice for results day and how to use UCAS Clearing to find a place at university.

*w/c - week commencing



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