

Blackfen School for Girls

January 2025

Careers Newsletter



Save the date! Annual Careers Fair Tuesday 4th March 2025

We will be holding our Annual Careers Fair on Tuesday 4th March from 3.15pm until 6.00pm in the Performance Space. We would like to see as many parents/carers and students attend as we expect this evening to be interesting and informative with many representatives attending. Further details to follow.



More information on Careers and Work Experience, including the school Careers Policy, is available on the school website under Policies and Curriculum.



Year 10 Work Experience 14th – 18th July 2025

Only 7 weeks until all work experience details must be input to Unifrog!

All students have now been visited in form time by Mrs Smith to show them how to input their placement details using Unifrog. We already have 70 students who have secured a Work Experience placement and have input the details on to Unifrog!



The information letter was emailed to parent/carers by Edulink on 8th October and has been emailed again on 27th November. The letter details how the Work Experience Programme will run this year. We will be using Unifrog to input the placement information with no paperwork to return. Details of how to login to Unifrog were also in the letter. Your child

would have received an email from Unifrog to their school email account. I would urge you to remind them to open this email and set their password with Unifrog as they will need this to input the details of their work experience placement.

Placements are quite limited this year so I would ask students to make every effort to find their own placement early. If you have been offered a placement but still need confirmation please chase the employer.

The Programme is designed to give young people a better insight into the world of work and to acquaint them with the key skills necessary to succeed in adult working life. Therefore, the placement may not be directly linked with your child's career ideas. Taking part in the Programme is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn and develop many transferable skills that will benefit them in the future.

Please can I remind you that all placements must be finalised by **Monday 17th March 2025**.

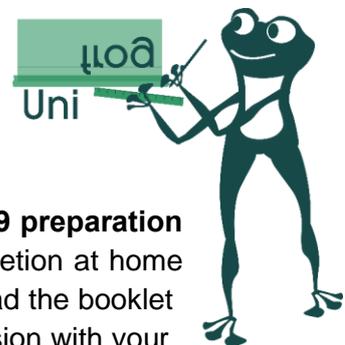


Why not try some virtual work experience?

From work experience to university course taster experiences, the Springpod platform is the destination for young people to explore, interact and learn about the world of work and university before they apply.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

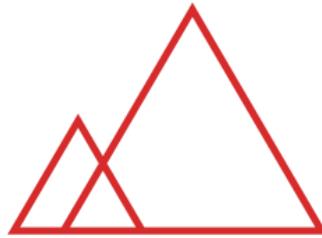
Year 9 preparation for Key Stage 4 Course Selection



Students have been issued with a guidance booklet called '**Year 9 preparation for Key Stage 4 course selection**', which is designed for completion at home with input from parents and carers. Parent/Carers should have read the booklet carefully, as there are specific sections to be completed in discussion with your young person. The purpose of the booklet is to guide students, with parental support, to reflect on their personal character traits and qualities and their academic strengths and learning journey. Developing a clear and honest understanding of these two areas is the starting point for choosing Key Stage 4 subjects and is most successful when supported by family adults.

All students can login to Unifrog to complete the booklet from home or during form time. Instructions for Unifrog have been emailed home and students can login from <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in> using their school email address and creating their own password. No logins or passwords are issued from school.

Year 9 students will also attend a Year 9 Group Careers Session on **Wednesday 12th February** during school hours with an independent careers adviser to help with this guided process. The booklet should be completed by Wednesday 12th March 2025.



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Career Skills Workshops

Email Etiquette Class

- **Date:** 4 February 2025
- **Description:** Your email behaviour has the potential to sabotage your reputation. Learn the do's and don'ts important to consider before hitting 'reply'.
- **Register:** <https://www.career-compass.co.uk/event-details/email-etiquette-class-16>

Apprenticeships Overview

- **Date:** 11 February 2025
- **Description:** Are you considering an apprenticeship? Understand what benefits an apprenticeship brings compared to an university degree and learn whether this is the right path for you.
- **Register:** <https://www.career-compass.co.uk/event-details/apprenticeships-overview-7>

Job Interview Skills Training

- **Date:** 25 February 2025
- **Description:** When it comes to job interviews, you can never be too prepared. This workshop will teach you how to make the perfect first impression.
- **Register:** <https://www.career-compass.co.uk/event-details/job-interview-skills-training-9>

Industry Overview Sessions

Finance and Banking

- **Date:** 10 February 2025

- **Description:** Considering a career in finance & banking? Join this exclusive session, run by a senior investment advisor, working in the City, to learn about the different roles available within the industry and what skills employers are looking for.

- **Register:** <https://www.career-compass.co.uk/event-details/finance-banking-7>

Medicine and the NHS

- **Date:** 26 February 2025

- **Description:** Dive into the world of health care and medicine. Learn what it is to be a doctor, what skills and qualifications are required in order to succeed.

- **Register:** <https://www.career-compass.co.uk/event-details/medicine-and-the-nhs-4>



Are you considering your next step after sixth form or college?

Join **Morgan Stanley** as an Apprentice, working alongside industry experts gaining valuable on the job training, whilst working towards a higher or advanced apprenticeship qualification and earning a salary.

Our 18-month Apprenticeship programmes delivered in partnership with Multiverse are designed to give you the foundations to kick start your career in a supportive environment, where you can make valuable contributions from the outset and develop both personally & professionally.

If you are ready to excel and looking for an opportunity to work alongside the best and brightest, in an environment where you are supported and empowered to achieve your full potential, [find out more and apply today.](#)

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EXPLORE THE STEM OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE BRITISH ARMY

On **Wednesday 5 March 2025 13:00 – 14:00**, we will be hosting an event to explore the exciting STEM opportunities available with the British Army. This session will provide an in-depth look at the Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship, which offers up to **£42,750** in financial support for your studies.

This event is part of our celebration of **National Careers Week** and **International Women's Day**, where we will highlight the vital contributions of women in STEM fields. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn how you can maximise your degree, gain valuable experiences, and lead in innovative fields.



Whether you're interested in engineering, technology, or mathematics, the British Army offers a range of opportunities to see the world and develop your skills. Don't miss this chance to discover how you can make a difference and build a rewarding career in STEM with the British Army.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?



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FREETHS

Do you want to know what it takes to become a top legal professional? This is your chance to gain **insider knowledge** and take your first step towards a career in law with **Freeths, a top 50 UK law firm**.

Join us on **Wednesday, 12th February (5:00pm - 6:00pm)** for an **exclusive virtual insight event** where you'll hear directly from a range of top legal professionals, gain expert career advice, and explore the exciting opportunities available through their **solicitor apprenticeship programme**.

If you're a **Year 11, 12, or 13 student** and aspire to becoming an elite legal professional, this event will give you valuable insights into **one of the UK's most respected firms** and help you stand out in the competitive legal industry.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 12th February

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why You Should Attend

- **Explore Your Pathway into Law** – Discover the best entry points into the legal world.
- **Meet Lawyers & Trainees** – Hear real experiences from professionals at Freeths and learn what life is like at a top UK law firm.
- **Get Application Advice** – Understand exactly what Freeths looks for in future apprentices and trainees.
- **Live Q&A Session** – Have your questions answered directly by industry experts and the Early Careers Team.

About Freeths

Freeths is a **top 50 full-service UK law firm** with **13 offices across the country**, working with major businesses, institutions, and individuals. Known for its **progressive and inclusive culture**, Freeths provides a dynamic environment for young legal talent to develop and thrive.

Secure Your Spot Now!

Register now to secure your place for this fantastic opportunity.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Freeths-virtual>



NEW Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing

The January edition of the **Higher & Degree vacancy listing** has now launched!

Explore **2,400** Higher and Degree **apprenticeship vacancies** from **80+ employers**, including Accenture, AstraZeneca, British Army, Dunelm, EDF, IBM, KPMG, Network Rail, Nestle, Rolls-Royce, Siemens, Thames Valley Police, Vodafone and many more!

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