

Blackfen School for Girls

September 2023

Careers Newsletter



All opportunities are available by registering on the link attached to each article. Please check the closing dates as some are within the next few days.

Work Experience Successes!

The Year 10 work experience programme in July 2023 was one of the most successful our students have ever completed! Feedback from employers was mostly excellent with many of our students' receiving offers of apprenticeships at the end of Year 11, summer holiday temporary work and part-time Saturday jobs.

Work experience is essential to advance in any career path because it teaches you about yourself and you gain skills in the process. Usually, any work experience is better than no work experience. Relevant work experience prepares you for more senior and advanced positions in your career path. It's an opportunity for you to test out your career ideas, improve your skills and show your commitment and enthusiasm.

Blackfen goes to 10 Downing Street!

Five students were able to complete work experience with the Metropolitan Police which included visits to their helicopter base, police horse unit and even 10 Downing Street!



'I really enjoyed my time at my work experience, it is a good opportunity to get to know the career area in policing. What I enjoyed most about the experience was having the opportunity to visit 10 Downing Street-it felt like a once in a lifetime event as it was gated and heavily guarded with these specialised police guards with guns. I most definitely recommend and encourage other people to take the opportunity here as it was an amazing experience, and it was incredibly fun'

By Kimmi, Blue 6

Stephanie in Red 6 completed a successful placement with the NHS East London Foundation working with occupational therapists and rehab support workers.

Annie in Red 2 excelled in her nursery work experience placement that she continued to work with them for the whole of the summer holidays and has been offered an apprenticeship with them when she finishes Year 11.

Paige in Blue 1 also completed her work experience in a nursery and impressed them so much that she was offered an apprenticeship for after Year 11.

Cherry in Red 9 for continuing with her beauty work experience placement for the whole of the summer and was offered a Saturday job and an apprenticeship after Year 11.

Sophie in Yellow 9 for continuing with her retail work experience placement for the whole of the summer.

Kajana in Blue 7 was outstanding in her pharmacy placement and was invited to come back at any time in the future.

Work Experience feedback from Blendon Nursery:

I Just wanted to reach out and let you know what a pleasure it has been having Izzie and Maisie as work experience young ladies these past two weeks at Blendon Preschool.

They have always been polite, helpful, eager to learn and were able to think outside the box and come up with some ideas.

Maisie enjoyed an outing to the local park/woods with some of our older children, where unfortunately they were caught in the rain. The children and Maisie found this funny so all was good!!

We would happily welcome both these students back to our preschool for any further work experience if they ever wish to.

Izzy and Maisie represented your school amazingly and by doing so I'm more than happy to open my doors to future work experience Blackfen girls again.

Well done to all our Year 11 students who completed successful work experience placements!



Apply now to the Morgan Stanley Step In, Step Up: Women's Insight to Banking Event

Step In, Step Up: Women's Insight to Banking is an introductory two-day programme designed for Year 13 students. The programme is packed with divisional overviews, case studies, panel sessions, a trading floor tour and interactive workshops. You will also get to work as a team, develop your presentation skills and network with employees at all stages of their careers.

Date: 24 - 25 October 2023

Time: 09:00 - 17:00

Location: Morgan Stanley Offices London

Application Deadline: Please ensure that your application is submitted by 23:59pm on Sunday 24 September

Eligibility requirements:

- You are a Year 13 student
- You are looking to learn about career opportunities in Investment Banking

How to apply:

To find out more about Morgan Stanley and to apply for Step In, Step Up: Women's Insight to Banking, please register below:

[Register here](#)

UCAS & Department of Education Apprenticeships apprenticeship pilot

UCAS



There is an exciting new pilot service set to be launched by The Department for Education and UCAS. With interest in apprenticeships consistently growing, both organisations have teamed up to launch a trial service this autumn, to connect Year 13 students to even more apprenticeship opportunities.

To find out more join one of the upcoming webinars:

Wednesday 20th September -3:45pm [Register Here](#)

Wednesday 4th October -3:45pm [Register Here](#)

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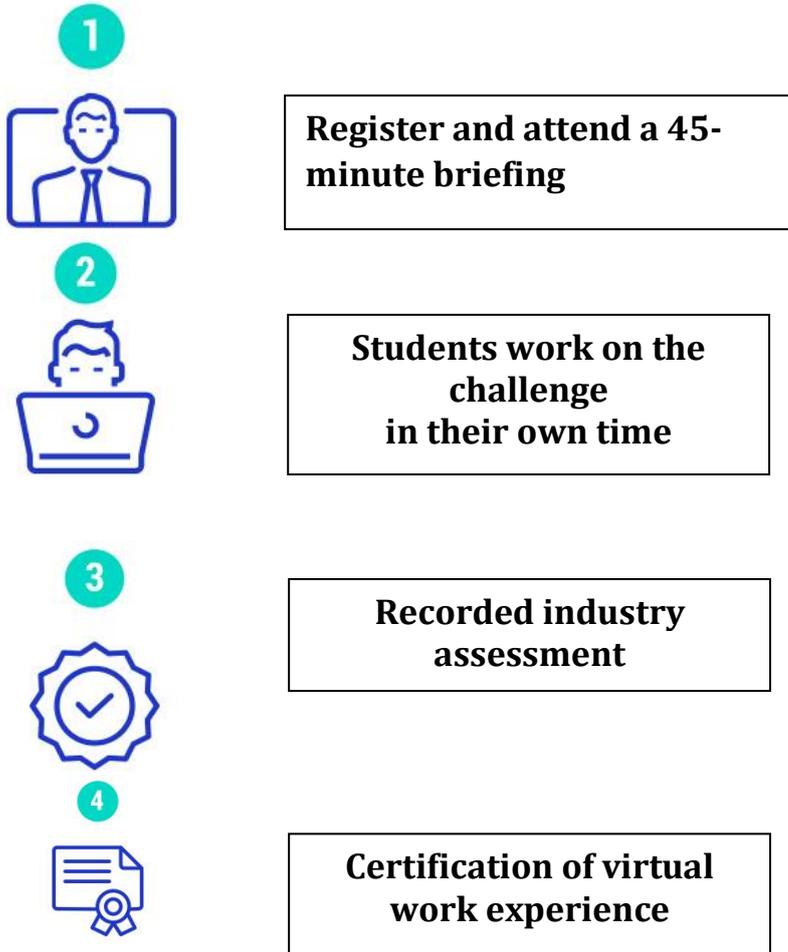
Our unique brands and portfolio of products make us who we are and drive our purpose. But it's also the diversity, curiosity, and shared ambition of our people that make us successful.

Our people bring passion and purpose to our organisation and grow through continuous learning and development. This makes Unilever the perfect place to start your career. We have a variety of early careers programmes for young talent with fresh ideas who want exposure to real world challenges and inspiring leaders and peers.

There are many ways to join us. We have a range of job opportunities to fit around your studies – internships, and summer placements, or our apprenticeship programmes inclusive to all school leavers. You can also join us when you have completed your education – either in an entry level position, or by applying for our flagship leadership development programme, the Unilever Future Leaders Programme (UFLP). **Are you creative, curious, collaborative, love to learn and have great ideas? Our Digdata career challenges are for you!**

Join us in our live online career challenges to find out the different questions we ask ourselves and the data we use to help answer them.

What's involved?



FIRST STEP CAREER CHALLENGE – Wednesday 27th September at 4.30pm:

Can you do Ben & Jerry's a flavour?!

Overview:

One of Unilever's most well-known brands is Ben and Jerry's who are constantly striving to provide their customers with the best ice cream, and to offer new and exciting flavours. They have produced three new ice cream flavours that they are planning to launch in London this autumn, but they are unsure which one they should pick. Can you help Unilever advise Ben & Jerry on which flavour to pick?

First Step Challenge:

Using our data can you advise Unilever and Ben & Jerry's which flavour they should launch next and what should be the recommended retail price?

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NEXT STEP CAREER CHALLENGE – Wednesday

4th October at 5pm:

YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE , YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (Northern Ireland) & YEAR GROUPS S4-S6 (Scotland)

Are you a sunrise or a sunset ice cream lover? – Help Magnum get to know their customers.

Overview:

Magnum, one of the most internationally recognisable Unilever ice cream brands, have released two limited edition flavours this summer: Starchaser & Sunlover. Unilever are interested in understanding more about what people are saying about these flavours and how the ice cream lovers in the UK differ to their other global markets. This information will help our strategy team to deliver and launch new limited ice cream products.

Next Step Challenge:

Working with Unilever's Magnum Ice Cream data you will be tasked with deciding whether the public like the Starchaser and / or Sunlover flavours and how they compare to Magnum's all-time best sellers. This

will involve exploring reviews, ratings, deal offers and the relationship between price, vegan offerings / conventional options. In summary, uncover the hidden insights within Magnum's world of frozen delights.

› [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Overview:

Would you like to play a role in discerning the ice cream preferences of the UK, delving deeper into their flavour favourites while catering to a diverse range of dietary inclinations so we can continually refresh and bring smiles to everyone?

Register today for our Unilever live online career challenges

FIRST STEP

YEAR GROUPS 7-9,
YEAR GROUPS 8-10 (NI)
& YEAR GROUPS S1-S3

(Scotland)

[Awareness]

Wednesday 27th September
at 4.30pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

NEXT STEP

YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE ,
YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (NI)
& YEAR GROUPS S4-S6

(Scotland)

[Knowledge]

Wednesday 4th October
at 5pm

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PARENTS & TEACHERS

Parents and teachers
are welcome to register
for any of our events

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**NHS Careers Untapped
Webinars in September & October for students, and careers
advisers**

NHS Careers Untapped, developed by 10 London trusts working in partnership and supported by the Talent for Care and Widening Participation programme in the London region, showcases clinical and non-clinical careers on lesser known roles, that students may not have heard of in the NHS using videos, podcasts and webinars.

Dates for the next live webinars are as follows:

- Careers in Medicine: **Wednesday 27th September 4.30pm – 6pm**
- Careers in Digital Healthcare: **Thursday 19th October 4.30pm-6pm**

[Read More](#)

Be a Bright Futures Star

Did you know Specsavers can offer you a bursary whilst you are studying?

One **Bright Futures Star** each year will receive:

- A welcome gift
- £100 worth of vouchers to support their studies
- A part-time role in store with the opportunity of equipment (to the value of £1000) and graduation support if you then choose to study Optometry at university leading to a career with Specsavers.

The **Specsavers Bright Futures Bursary** supports local STEM students through school and on to university.

Visit your local store to find out more.

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Specsavers

Are you our next Bright Futures star?

Open your eyes to a career in Optometry and start seeing things differently! Would you like your **Year 11/12/13** students to discover a fantastic career which will use their STEM skills to the full? Optometry offers:

- a career as a respected healthcare professional
- great pay and benefits
- opportunities to make a difference in the local community
- working with cutting edge technology
- the chance to change people's lives every day

Did you know Specsavers can offer a bursary to support students along their journey into Optometry?

As part of the Bursary, we can offer our Bright Futures stars:

- **a part time job** in their local Specsavers store
- a Welcome Box with a **£100 voucher** to help with studies
- opportunities to shadow our amazing colleagues and clinicians with **specialist mentoring and support**
- **£1000 towards optical equipment** whilst studying Optometry

- a **£1000 gift** upon graduating

To find out more, visit your local store or contact early.careers@specsavers.com

[Click for further information](#)
