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## JULY 2021 - CAREERS NEWS

Welcome to the July addition of the Collingwood Careers monthly newsletter where you will find information, advice and links.

### Website

This is a work in progress and information is being added all the time. Your feedback is always welcomed and if there is anything you feel should be included or you need more information email [careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

### Planning for Careers in Collingwood 2021 – 2022

We are starting to plan for the next academic year and are looking for volunteers. Please complete the short survey if you think you or the organisation you work for can spare some time and expertise.



[Link to Survey](#)

### Great news – Work Experience is back

We are planning on re-introducing work experience for the current year 9 going in to year 10 and year 11's staying at Collingwood Sixth Form.

We continue to promote and encourage all students to take part in virtual work experience. There are still a lot of opportunities for July and August.

These are great ways to learn new skills and take part in experiences not normally available. It helps students explore and develop ideas for future career pathways. Platforms that support or offer virtual work experience include: Speakers for School, Learn Live, Amazing Apprenticeship, Springpod, Uptree, Pearsons and others.

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## Speakers for School

In the last few weeks Speaker for School have spoken to lots of interesting people including:

Dominic Osborne, FBO Director of Farnborough Airport

Graeme Grieves, CEO BMW UK (Based in Farnborough)

Sophie Anderson - Equine Supervisor for Mane Chance Sanctuary

Dominique Stillman -Leadership and Neuroscience Coach

Craig Deeley - Contracts Manager for Kebur Garden Supplies

Azhar Tassarwar - IT Apprentice for Project Five

All these Speakers have fantastic stories to share and some great advice to give to School aged students.

Here is a link to the channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBXHe1I2eGGt1vM\\_27H7cgg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBXHe1I2eGGt1vM_27H7cgg)

On this channel there is also an Interview Skills Presentation. This has been put together by a local company, Aetna International: <https://youtu.be/fJuN1yr-GUI> this is a fantastic resource, it gives students a real insight into what to expect from a real employer, how to prepare, what to expect and deal with setbacks.



### Unifrog – The Complete Destinations Platform

Dear Parent/Carer

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will have access to this excellent website.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student will have their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars

Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills

Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more

Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Students will access the platform by clicking a link in their welcome email which they will receive in September, where they create a password and can begin using the platform. They login to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

We will also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process.

For more information, go to [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

## How to get ahead – Super Curriculum

In the changing working world employers are not just looking at academic achievement but they want students with transferrable skills. Over the summer have a go at different things that are relevant to your possible career path or interest.

Super-curricular and extra-curricular activities are specially chosen to enhance students chances of entry into highly competitive courses. We emphasise the need for students to participate in these activities in order to build a strong individual profile/brand.

### Super Curricular

Super-Curricular Activities are activities that academic departments can build into their curriculum to offer extra stimulation and opportunities for their students. They go beyond the curriculum but are still very much linked to syllabus or scheme of work. Super-curricular activities hone students for their chosen careers and demonstrate their passion for the subject they want to do at university. Examples include:

- ✦ Oxbridge Society, Science and Technology Society
- ✦ Subscriptions to journals and magazines
- ✦ Specialist subject blogs
- ✦ Goodwill Ambassador Programme – Work Experience and Voluntary Work abroad
- ✦ First Aid Course with British Red Cross
- ✦ Young Enterprise/Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ✦ Fashion, Cultural and Unity Events
- ✦ Debate Club
- ✦ Taster and Master classes at various local & overseas universities
- ✦ Summer schools including working on a research project with a scientist or doctor
- ✦ Reading around the subject, extended project, extended essay
- ✦ Appropriate work experience or virtual experience
- ✦ National Subject Weeks – eg Science week
- ✦ Careers Fairs or virtual careers fairs
- ✦ MOOCs eg Future Learn, Open Learn
- ✦ TED videos
- ✦ Competitions

### Extra-Curriculum

Extra-Curricular Activities are those activities fall outside the realm of the normal curriculum of school education. They add to the student's general scholastic experience.

Extra-Curricular include:

- ✦ Dept/Faculty prefects
- ✦ Toe by Toe/Mentoring
- ✦ Shows (talent, revue, fun day)
- ✦ Parents and open evenings
- ✦ Voluntary work
- ✦ Charity fund raising
- ✦ Theatre Trips
- ✦ NCS Challenge

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/>



## We can help your students CV stand out in the creative industry

We are excited to invite your creative students to our brand-new virtual work experience. There will be lots of engaging and inspiring information to unpack across the two days. From learning about the top tips, to getting a footing the door, to hearing from experts including **Hexworks**, **Playground Games** and **Factory 42** on how they secured their roles.

Our interactive activities and stimulating talks will help to boost your students employability, build new skills in VFX, Animation and Games and introduce them to new contacts. Together, we can help your students improve their career prospects and find the best job!

Take a look at all the interesting sessions that are to come over the two days.

Our programme is also aligned with the [Gatsby Benchmarks](#)



### Tuesday 13th July

Gain valuable insights into the world of VFX, Animation and Games. Hear first-hand from industry professionals including **Animator Vine FX** and **Industrial Light & Magic** on how they secured and excel in their creative roles. Learn the top tips to getting the students foot into the industry and starting a job.

### Wednesday 14th July

Explore the different career routes into the screen industries. Hear first-hand from industry professionals including **One of Us** and **Escape Studios** on how they secured their roles. Learn top tips to succeed in the industry and the importance of developing their soft skills including teamwork, communication and problem solving.

[\*\*BOOK NOW\*\*](#)

### Programme Details

**Dates:** 13th - 14th July

**Location:** Online

**Time:** 12pm - 4pm

**Cost:** Free

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# UK University & Apprenticeship Search Free Virtual Fair

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Due to popular demand we are running one extra **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** this term on **Wednesday 14th July** from **12 - 6pm**. Students, teachers and parents can register for their free place [here](#).

We have an incredible range of exhibitors including the Universities' of Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Imperial, Liverpool, Southampton, Lancaster, Edinburgh, Bristol, Surrey, Birmingham, King's, UEA, Manchester and loads more. [See the full list here](#), [view here](#).

The event is perfect for students in Years **13, 12, 11** and **10**. We are running a webinar to help Year 13s who may need to prepare for **Clearing**, as well as a talk entitled 'Using Summer to Enhance Your Future.'



Join us on **Wednesday 14th July from 12pm - 6pm** for a **free** virtual fair packed full of exhibitors, campus tours, and webinars to help you get answers to all of your questions about your next steps.

Don't miss out on the chance to speak directly to a wide and diverse range of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, and get valuable advice to choose the right option for you.

The fair also features three exclusive webinars on **Careers & Employability**, **Clearing & Adjustment** and **Using the Summer to Enhance Your Future**, all led by university and apprenticeship professionals.

- + Participate in **10 Live Webinars**
- + Live chat with **Admissions Experts**
- + Explore Universities with **Virtual Campus Tours**
- + Enter to win one of five **£100 Amazon Vouchers**

[Register for your FREE place here](#)

## Get Expert Advice

Chat with representatives and admissions experts from Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group, Red Brick, Modern, and Specialist Universities to get the advice you need to help your application **stand out from the crowd**.

## Explore Exhibitors



## **StudentStream**

Stream valuable video content from universities around the UK including King's College London, Portsmouth, UEA, Reading, Strathclyde and many others. Whether you need help and advice regarding UCAS personal statements, interviews, choosing courses, work experience, student finance, [StudentStream](#) has it all.

## [Start Streaming](#)