

UCAS Update

Most universities have informed the students of their decisions for 2025 applications. However, universities have until May to do this, so students should not be concerned if they are still waiting to hear, it means that the universities are still considering them. Students can only select their firm and insurance choice once they have received a decision from all the universities they applied to, the deadline for this is 4 June, however it is advised to do this **before you start study leave if possible**. Remember your insurance choice should require lower grades than your firm choice. Please see Mrs Cast if you have any questions.

University Guys Talk

On Friday 7 March, the L6 had an assembly from a representative at the University Guys on applying to study abroad. The process is very different to applying to study in the UK and it is important to start early, especially if you are considering studying in the USA. If you missed the talk and would like to find out more a recording is available [here](#).

Look out for the University Guys Roadshow on Monday 9 June, when we will be joined by several international universities from 4.00 – 5.00pm in the Haywood Centre Foyer.

L6 Careers Panel

On Monday 17 March we were joined by five parents who made up a panel for L6 students to hear about a range of careers, the routes into them, skills involved and opportunities available. It was a very informative session with representatives from Law, Human Resources, Wealth Management, IT and Accountancy. We really appreciated their time and them sharing their experiences with the students. If any parents would like to be involved in presentations or helping with mock interviews, please email Lucy.Ryckaert@freemens.org.

Student Finance

If you are going to university in 2025 you can apply for your student finance from the end of March. Click on the following links for more information [Student Timeline - Student Finance England](#). [Student finance: how you're assessed and paid 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

Lunchtime Talk from KBR

On Monday 3 March we were joined by three representatives from KBR who delivered an inspiring talk to students. They spoke about the opportunities at KBR and Frazer-Nash Consultancy including work experience, apprenticeships, summer internships, Year in Industry Placements and Graduate Schemes. For those who were not able to make the presentation the slides are available [here](#).

Although the Engineering work experience week is full, they are running a Business and Management work experience week from 30 June – 4 July which will cover subjects like; What Makes a Business Tick? Accounting and Finance, Human Resources, Human Resources, Project Management and Health and Safety. If students If you are interested in applying for the [KBR Business & Management Work Experience Week](#), they should complete this [form](#).



Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 1 April

U4 Enterprise Drop Down Day

Thursday 24 April

L5 Assembly o Employability Skills

Thursday 8 May

L5 National Careers Challenge

May – June

L6 Assembly on Interview Technique followed by mock interview practice

Tuesday 3 June

UCAS Morning and Applying to USA Workshop

Friday 6 June

Talk from University of Warwick on how to choose courses and personal statements

Monday 9 June

University Guys Roadshow

Thursday 12 June

L6 Symposium at Epsom College

Tuesday 17 June

L5 Sixth Form Taster Day

Monday 30 June

Oxbridge Alumni Panel

Lunchtime Talk from Rawlinson Hunter

On Monday 10 February we were joined by a representative from Rawlinson Hunter who spoke to pupils about the virtues of accountancy apprenticeships. She explained how you could become a fully qualified accountant whilst receiving a good salary and avoiding all university fess. If you missed the talk and would like to know more the recording is available [here](#).



Talk on Work Experience

U5 pupils had an assembly on Making the Most of Work Experience on Thursday 13 March. They learnt about the skills that you acquire from all types of work experience, the importance of it and how source work experience. To access the presentation, please click [here](#).

The summer after their GCSE examinations is the perfect time to secure work experience and to build on the essential employability skills desired in all professions.

Look at the many work experience opportunities through links on the final pages.



Alumni University Panel

On Friday 21 March we welcomed four alumni back to the school and a further two online, one even joined from New York University. They shared their experiences of preparing for and starting university with our U6 students. We hope that their advice and tips will prove invaluable to our current U6 when they begin their university journeys. They were able to answer many questions from our current U6 about to embark on life at university.



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Useful Links and Opportunities

The following are links to opportunities that have been sent to us that may be of interest. Please note that some may incur a cost and the School is not able to endorse them. Please click on the title to access the webpage.

Events or Programmes

What's Your Dream Challenge – An exciting challenge for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 to dive into to ignite their entrepreneurial spirit, and give them the unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas directly to Simon at the TNCC finals on Tuesday, July 8th, at the Barbican Centre in London!

Bloomberg – As part of the family of City of London Schools, you have the opportunity to have [free training from Bloomberg](#). Bloomberg Finance Fundamentals (BFF) is a self-paced, interactive e-learning course that provides an introduction to the key concepts involved in finance and investment.

Gresham College Lectures - provides free educational videos and lectures at university level.

EDT - stretches learning beyond school, college and university and gives insight into real-life STE(A)M careers. They are currently accepting applications for their [Residential Insight into University Courses](#). The courses run over 4 or 5 days and students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject.

Applications have also just opened for their [Virtual Insight into University course](#), the course (open to pupils in years 11 - 13 will take approximately 30 hours to complete and will run over 8 weeks, (30th June - 22nd August 2025). It allows students to explore STEM studies at university including Degree Apprenticeships and the Career opportunities that these subjects can lead to.

Minds Underground - Are you curious about the world around you? Join an international community of like-minded thinkers, Curious Minds! It is entirely free to join with members receiving resources to support their academic studies, n essay competitions and academic event recommendations.

What Next? – 14 – 15 November 2025, considering your post-school or college choices? If you are aged 15 to 19 and want to discover the best university or apprenticeship options, this is a truly unmissable event! Tickets are completely free and available now, book yours today for fast-entry access to discover the best school leaver options, all under one roof.

Future Financial Advisor - Future Financial Adviser is a community where young people can access career advice and learn about opportunities within the financial advice profession.

The University of Law Virtual Events – click to access the spring and summer schedule.

Thinking Ahead – The Engineering and Design Institute online engineering taster programme, inviting you to learn more about the world of engineering and take part in a sustainability-themed design challenge.

Cambridge University – Subject Masterclasses subject-specific events that offer high-achieving students in Year 12 the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge.

Oxford Springboard Videos -Each video has an introduction to a new topic, plus lots of activities and further resources to explore.

Free Interactive University Online Events from Channel Talent - The sessions, each including either one or two universities, offer enrichment for curriculum themes and support for students considering progression to HE. They aim to be dynamic and participative, encouraging everyone to engage and shape the session but in a way that they are comfortable with.

Oxbridge/Medical and Law School Preparation Programme - The online programme on 1 April will include sessions on knowledge building, personal statement, admissions tests, interviews and Oxbridge college/medical school choices.



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Work Experience

KBR Work Experience Opportunity – if you would like to apply click [here](#) and if you have any questions, please email earlycareersuk@kbr.com

Young Professionals Virtual Work Experience Opportunities – Click to access a range of virtual work experience opportunities

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities over the Easter Holiday - [Easter Law Work Experience Day](#), [Easter STEM Work Experience with Spectris PLC](#), [KPMG Work Experience Day](#), [Lloyds Banking and Finance Event](#), [Banking and Accounting Work Experience Event](#).

INVESTIN Weekend Career Experiences - Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals - doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers and more. **You will be entitled to 10% discount on any bookings through InvestIN if you use the code FREEMENS10.** Several Freeman's pupils have taken part in these courses over the years and found them really useful. Use code SPRING300 for £300 off Summer Experiences

UCAS – Virtual Work Experience.

Unifrog Virtual Work Experience Week - Each day will be a combination of live webinars and time for students to complete a real workplace task through our Courses tool.

Virtual Work Experience – Virtual Work Experiences is a free service covering 110+ careers and provides fun exploratory activities for students and goes a long way to providing answers to finding, affirming, and developing a student's career choice.

Pathway CTM - Connecting young people, schools & parents with leading global brands. Providing employability skills training, free careers events, and work experience & apprenticeship opportunities!

Springpod Virtual Work Experience - In-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

Careers Days – CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 13-18 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field.

Prospects – learn more about internships, online experience, work placements, shadowing, volunteering and part-time work.

University Events

The Students' Guide 2025 - Perfect for students thinking about university and including insights from 65+ university experts. It covers the new UCAS personal statement, information on the first tuition fee rise since 2017, and researching universities during a cost-of-living crisis. Plus, student finance tips from Martin Lewis!

University of Cambridge - Get free up-to-date application advice on every step of the application process. **FAST Webinar Series from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge** These webinars, on Monday evenings from January 2025 help to guide you through the process of completing your Cambridge application.

University of Oxford - What student life here is really like' official guide will take you through everything from how you'll learn to our wide range of clubs and societies.

Royal Veterinary College Summer Schools - These programmes offer Year 10-12 students exclusive opportunities to explore their future in Biological Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Nursing at the world's #1 Vet School

UCAS – University Open days – use UCAS to search University Open Days

Complete University Guide – information on university open days and virtual events.

Apprenticeships

Air Products - An interesting career path for people who are thinking about Engineering as a career but think that maybe university is not for them. Attractive benefits, and potential for nationwide and worldwide travel and opportunities, as well as great training and experience. Deadline 2nd May.

Ask An Apprentice - Student mentors, apprentices who have been where you are now, are here to help. Get honest answers from people who get you.

AtkinsRéalis - offering roles from Level 3 to Level 7 across both engineering and non-engineering disciplines nationwide. With a wide range of options available, there's a perfect fit for every student's interest and career ambitions!

BBC Apprenticeships - The BBC's award-winning apprenticeship schemes could be your chance to start an exciting career across a wide range of jobs in the media industry. With opportunities in the areas of business; digital, data and technology; engineering and operations; journalism; and production, there's a place for you, with us, at the BBC.

KPMG – interested in an apprenticeship at KPMG, click for more information.

PwC – Sign up for virtual events to find out more on School and College Leaver programmes.

Lloyds Bank Apprenticeships with around 20 different roles available, there's something to suit almost every interest.

Accounting Apprenticeships –Have you considered an accounting apprenticeship? The following links will provide you with more information [AAT](#) , [ACCA](#) and [ICAEW](#)

British Airways - the Emerging Talent team run 'virtual 'drop in' sessions for you to ask any questions about our emerging talent programmes and opportunities

Deloitte - programmes that have been designed to help you build your career your way, as you develop the skills you'll need to make an impact that matters to you. Find out more about paths with Deloitte that could be right for you.

Amazing Apprenticeships – find out more about apprenticeship and their benefits and join virtual events on how to make a successful application for apprenticeships.

Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers – the Department for Education launched the new Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2024, during a special live TV programme. Click to watch it.

Not Going to Uni – click here to access information about apprenticeships and careers and here to access their [podcasts](#).

Advanced Therapies Apprenticeships Community - We develop apprenticeship programmes, designed to train and upskill individuals for the ever-growing and thriving life sciences industry.

Sixth Formers Guide to Degree Apprenticeships Programme – Click to watch the 45-minute programme which explains how degree apprenticeships offer a debt-free route to a university degree or professional qualification - and will provide expert advice and guidance on which degree apprenticeships are available in 2025 and how to apply. Click here to access the [guide](#).



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Medics

Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme - created and delivered by healthcare professionals. You can select from one day or a full 6 month work experience programme where you will follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home.

Applying to Medicine - this popular Medic Mind FREE course, will give an insight into the medical application.

NHS Careers Untapped - The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce upcoming webinars showcasing some more of the great jobs available in the NHS.

Get into Medicine and Get into Dentistry Events from Medic Mentor – equipping aspiring medical and dental students with the tools to sidestep common mistakes and pitfalls and ace their application to university.

Medicine Summer School – this five-day course over the summer, gives students the opportunity to explore life as a medical professional and develop key skills.

Other Interesting Links

British Army Scholarship Scheme - The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme guarantees them up to £10,000 in financial support, starting in academic year 13. Our scholarship also guarantees them a place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and a career as an Army Officer when they finish education.

GVI (international volunteering, gap year and internship provider) is now hosting free Virtual Open Days every Tuesday at 13:00 EST/18:00 GMT and you're invited! They'll be sharing details about their programs in some pretty incredible locations.

Thinking of Studying in US – Visit the Fulbright College Day on 26-27 September. Make the most of the day by preparing ahead. **Education USA** has comprehensive information on their higher education system including choosing a university, funding, how to apply and obtaining a visa/preparing for study:- [Undergraduate study in the USA | Fulbright](#)

National Careers Week Spotlights on Careers – Learn more about a career in [Law](#), [Technology](#), [Banking and Finance](#), [Engineering](#) and [Accountancy](#).