

### Future Pathways Fair

Our annual Future Pathways Fair took place on Thursday 21 November in Main House for the first time. We were delighted to host over 50 exhibitors from universities, companies and organisations offering gap opportunities. Pupils from Freeman's and many of the local schools visited the fair with their parents, gaining valuable information from the exhibitors and the talks.

The talks were on 'Apprenticeships as an Alternative to University' and 'Choosing and Applying to Competitive Universities'. Please click [here](#) to listen to the talks if you were not able to attend.

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event as an exhibitor, visitor or student helper.



### Dates for your Diaries

**U3 Across the Board – Employability Skills Day** -  
Tuesday 14 January during the school day

**U4 Options Evening** – for pupils and parents  
Wednesday 15 January - 6.00 – 7.30pm

**U5 & L6 Aspiring Oxbridge** – talk from Oxbridge  
Applications for pupils and parents  
Thursday 30 January – 4.15-5.15pm, Recital Hall

**L6 HE Evening** – for pupils and parents  
Wednesday 5 February – 6.30 – 7.30pm, Recital Hall

**National Apprenticeship Week**  
10 – 14 February Activities during school

### University Update

Almost all the UCAS forms have now been sent off, and the last few should be sent before we break up for Christmas. Offers are coming in for the students and interviews are taking place for the Medics and Oxbridge applicants.

Good Luck to all Upper 6 Students.

### Mock Interviews with Parents

In the last two weeks every pupil in U5 has had the opportunity to develop their interview skills for universities or employment. Following their PSHE lessons they each had a mock interview with Freeman's parents. Thank you to all parents who kindly gave their time.



### 1:1 Interviews

During the Autumn term every pupil in U5 has had a 1:1 interview to discuss their future pathways. Looking at their skills, interests and personalities they discussed careers, university courses, and their A level choices ahead of making their decisions at the beginning of February.

### Alumni Careers Panel

On 4 November we were joined by seven former Freeman's students who shared the experiences of their career journeys. With Architecture, Consultancy, IT, Law, Design Technology, the Public sector and TV distribution represented the pupils gained a wealth of knowledge from a number of sectors. Some of the jobs they are doing did not even exist when they were at school considering their future plans! Thank you to our alumni for being part of this.



### U6 Assembly on Networking

InvestIn visited Freeman's in November to speak to the U6 students about the importance of 'Building a Network'. She shared the importance of employability skills, networking, an elevator pitch, gaining work experience, and establishing professional connections.

### 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

**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. Throughout the course, you'll explore real-life scenarios through the perspectives of various professionals, helping you to manage your money and build an understanding of the different careers available across the finance sector

**Immerse Education Essay Competition** - Participate in the Immerse Education Essay Competition for a chance to win a full or partial scholarship to our university and career preparation programmes.

**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.

**Graduate Careers Live!** – the new TV programme for students and their parents on the graduate job market and degree apprenticeships is still available to watch.

**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, including reading suggestions across STEM and Humanities subjects, an essay competition and academic event recommendations.

**What Next?** – 15 – 16 November 2025, considering your post-school or college choices? If you are aged 15 to 19 and wants 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.

**Success at Schools** – watch free webinars across industries such as the Armed Forces, STEM, Digital, Accountancy & Finance.

**The University of Law Virtual Events** – click to access the spring schedule including Legal Personal Statement Workshop: Enhancing your application on 9 January and Explore Law (virtual event) on 3 March.

**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. Sign up by 21 October



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## Work Experience

**INVESTIN Weekend Career Experiences** - Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals - doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience. **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.

**Virtual Work Experience** – Virtual Work Experiences is a free service covering 110+ careers 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

**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.

**UK University Search** – University of Surrey, Tuesday 4 March

**University of Cambridge** - Get free up-to-date application advice on every step of the application process in our Applicant Webinar Series.

**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.

**Step into Bath** - Step into Bath is a 2-night residential summer school for Year 12 students who are on track to meet our typical offer and who are considering applying to Bath for 2026

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

**Complete University Guide** – find virtual events at universities here

## 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.

**Medic Mentor** – Free virtual live conferences



### Apprenticeships

#### Apprenticeship Fact sheet

**Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair** - students are invited to meet up to 40 employers in two hours. From finance to healthcare, and retail to the armed forces, your students can discover opportunities in a diverse range of sectors at all qualification levels from intermediate to degree apprenticeships.

**The National Apprenticeship Show** – Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 February 2024, at Sandown Racecourse. The show is the perfect event for School and College leavers, as well as young adults, to discover more about Apprenticeships across the region.

**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

**Paralegal Apprenticeships** - This is first step towards completion of a solicitor apprenticeship which we run in conjunction with BPP, offering the opportunity to study for a qualifying law degree whilst working with the Firm.

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

**PwC** - School and College Leaver programmes and the career opportunities available to students at PwC.

Accounting Apprenticeships –Have you considered and apprenticeship? **AAT** – apprenticeship guide and **ACCA**

**British Airways** - the Emerging Talent team will be 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** - Over the summer holidays, 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

**Thinking of Studying in USA** - Learn about the admissions process from experts in the field, on 16 January 2025. This webinar offers an overview of undergraduate study in the US.

### 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. You'll hear firsthand stories from alumni about their experiences and have a chance to ask your questions live. It's a great way to discover what GVI is all about and connect with like-minded people.