



## **Careers Bulletin**



Once a fortnight the Careers department will share opportunities that your child can get involved in via the careers bulletin. Alongside this, opportunities will be posted on Teams and Classcharts. If you have any queries regarding careers advice or upcoming opportunities and your child is in year 7-11 please email Miss Orlandini on [a.orlandini@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:a.orlandini@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk). Alternatively, if your child is in the L6th or U6th please email [v.fordham@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:v.fordham@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk). This will allow the careers department to respond to your queries promptly.

### **Current careers provision**

#### **Form time lessons**

All students receive weekly or fortnightly careers form time sessions covering a range of employability skills and general careers advice relevant to their age and stage of learning. Each year group has a scheme of work for the year which can be accessed via our website by following this link [www.bvgs.co.uk/careers](http://www.bvgs.co.uk/careers).

#### **Unifrog**

Unifrog is an online platform which provides students with careers advice and regularly updates students on the latest opportunities relating to university. The platform also allows students to research different careers related to the curriculum they are studying at school. Students can log onto the platform using their school email address and the password they created at the start of the year. If students have forgotten their password they can use the 'reset password' function.

#### **Independent careers advice**

Students in year 9 and 11 will be offered one careers meeting across the academic year with an independent careers advisory from Birmingham City Council. During this meeting the following points are discussed:

- Subjects studied

- Current career interests
- The range of the careers available in the UK and worldwide
- Action plan regarding next steps in the students educational journey
- Action plan written up by advisor and uploaded to Unifrog for your child to see

Students in the sixth form can book a meeting with Mrs Fordham or Miss Orlandini regarding careers advice at any point. Communication via email or Teams is encouraged to book the initial meeting.

### **Careers advice 'drop in' slot**

Students in the sixth form can 'drop in' to see Mrs Fordham regarding careers advice without a meeting during Tuesday lunchtimes (either early or late lunch in the hive).

Students in years 7-11 can 'drop in' to see Miss Orlandini regarding careers advice without a meeting afterschool on Tuesdays in the hive.

### **Assemblies**

Our assembly schedule covers a range of topics related to careers from understanding how to use Unifrog effectively to preparing for work experience.

### **Work experience**

Students in years 10 and 12 are given the opportunity to go on a work experience placement. Students are encouraged to find their own placements with the support of their parents/carers. Mr Hutchieson is in charge of running year 10 work experience and Dr Rackham for year 12.

### **Speakers and Careers fair**

Each year BVGS hosts a careers fair seeing various employers deliver lectures or seminars to students. This year the careers fair takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. A range of job sectors are attending (see below) and all students are currently being asked what lecture/seminar they would like to attend. Please speak with your child about this and ensure they have made a selection.

### Job sectors attending the careers fair

- **Finance**
- **Law**
- **Medical & Health Care**
- **Built Environment (Architects, Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Surveyor, Civil Engineering)**
- **Business Entrepreneurs**
- **BBC (Journalism, production, Software Engineering)**
- **Public Sector (Government agency)**
- **Innovative Technology (Quantum Biology)**
- **Armed Forces**
- **Corporate Business**
- **Environment (Climate change, sustainability)**
- **Psychology**
- **Creative Publishing**

If you would like to attend the careers fair as a speaker and think you could contribute to our annual careers day please email Miss Orlandini.

### General careers notices and opportunities for year 11:

Students can visit us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January, from 10am - 2pm at all Dudley College campuses as well as Dudley Sixth and the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology.

They will need to book onto this event via our websites depending on where they wish to visit:

- Dudley College: <https://bit.ly/jan-open-day-dc>
- Dudley Sixth: <https://bit.ly/open-day-d6>
- Institute of Technology (Higher Level Technical 18+ Courses): <https://bit.ly/open-event-iot>



A fantastic opportunity to attend an event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February where students can meet a variety of top employers from JLR to Dyson. Register your interest using the link below.

**Suitable for both year 11 and the sixth form.**

<https://bit.ly/birmingham-signup>

**General careers notices and opportunities for the sixth form:**

**Dyson Apprenticeship:** applications are currently open and the deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> January. To apply or read further information please click [here](#).

**JLR Apprenticeships:** applications to many of the degree level apprenticeships are now open. Opportunities includes engineering, supply chain and digital & technology solutions. For further information and to apply, please click [here](#). Applications often close early for these opportunities so please remember to apply early.

**Sutton Trust Summer School:** applications to apply for this programme are now open and close on 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you are

interested in going to university but not sure what subject you want to study, this will offer you the chance to experience what university is like. It includes academic taste sessions and social activities. Eligibility criteria apply. To apply or read further information please click [here](#).

**Sutton Trust Access Apprenticeships Programme:** this will allow students to meet leading employers and like-minded peers, and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships. Over a year, you will be offered the opportunity to learn more about three different apprenticeship sectors: Banking and Finance (London based), Engineering (Birmingham based), and Law (London based). For further information, to check eligibility criteria and to apply, please click [here](#).

**Insights into Linguistics in STEM:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5.30pm virtual. This is an opportunity to attend an online session aimed at STEM students who may want to consider including linguistics in their studies, and understand more about how they can combine linguistics with a career in STEM. To apply or read further information please click [here](#).