


CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.


OPPORTUNITIES



One for the parents... "Is your child gearing up for the exciting journey to university? Are you a proactive parent eager to ensure they embark on this new chapter with confidence and readiness? Look no further! Join us for an exclusive webinar hosted by My Swiss Story in collaboration with From HighSchool to Uni." Taking place on 14th June at 10am, parents can book their place here.






The latest version of the UCAS Tariff Tables is now available. Points included in the update are applicable to the 2025 application cycle. Download a copy of the Tariff Tables. If you don't know what UCAS Points are, you can read more here.



Are you keen to take part in a virtual work experience placement, but not really sure where to start? This new guide from Springpod will help you to understand how to create your account, apply for and take part in immersive experiences to help you make informed choices about your future.

Once you know how, why not apply to one of Springpods many amazing opportunities? Here are a few...

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- Offshore Wind with RWE: Students will explore the innovative world of offshore wind - from creating offshore wind farms to environmental factors and cutting-edge engineering projects taking the offshore wind sector by storm.
 - Sustainable Farming: Students will learn more about sustainable food production process and take a closer look at animal welfare and environmental management. By the end they will understand how the farming and growing industry is more important than ever.
 - Primary Teaching: Students will learn how a teacher can help a pupil achieve, considering their learning environment and their relationships with their peers. Students are tasked with planning a lesson which caters for all abilities.
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JOB OF THE WEEK



This week's video focuses on the job role of a Financial Advisor.

They are a qualified person who is able to provide expert guidance to people when they have important and potentially difficult financial decisions to make, such as approaching retirement.

Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


The EngineeringUK STEM report showed that 15% of young students had done a STEM related work experience, with a further 26% keen to do so but unable to secure a placement.

Source


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OuterCircle is a new apprenticeship support community. "Our mission is to provide an authentic, in-person community for Aspiring Apprentices & Young Professionals to form lasting connections, share experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations, while continually adapting to meet their evolving entertainment and social needs." - You can join their [Aspiring Apprentice Discord here](#).




GoCareers is a recruitment company dedicated to empowering young individuals by connecting school leavers with tailored opportunities in key industries such as Finance and Accounting, Sales and Marketing, IT, Business, and Administration. [Check out their website here](#).



Business vs. economics at university: What's the difference and which degree is right for you? In this engaging online event with University of East Anglia, we will take a theme common to both Economics and Business degrees, Globalisation, to illustrate how you might expect to explore this crucial topic during your undergraduate studies. [Read more and register here](#).



Among the many skills that humans evolved to design their environments, art-making is among the oldest, existing far before evidence of written communication. However, we are still in the early stages of understanding how and why individuals create and respond so powerfully to works of art. In this webinar we will explore how people become art experts, looking at the role of practice and talent. We will also discuss the psychological value of art creation and appreciation, and its link to mental health. [Read more and register here](#).



"A United Kingdom?" is an interactive webinar, hosted online by the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University. The aim of this webinar is to support students in questioning and challenging our thinking about current and topical subjects in politics. [Read more and register here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We believe that the best jobs make you fly. So, what better way to take off on your career path than with a Virgin Atlantic apprenticeship. With over 100 apprentices across 25 different learning programmes at Virgin Atlantic, you'll be part of a team and community that shares your values in learning something new every day." You can read more about Virgin Atlantic's careers [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"From the moment you join King's as a student, you'll also become part of the best student city in the world* with our campuses making us the most central university in London. With world-class teaching facilities, a cosmopolitan student community and historic architecture, there's so much to explore." You can read more about King's College London courses [here](#).

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NEWS FROM LAST TERM

March was a busy term with many visits and events, we would like to share a few of these:

- A presentation to 6th formers from Hazlewoods Accountancy about futures with them and apprenticeships.

Applications are now open for September for their Accountancy apprenticeships, use the QR code to go to the vacancies pages



- 6th formers also had a guest speaker, Alumni, Luke who talked about his role in the Civil Service on their Fast Stream Programme.
- The Maths department ran an event to Bristol University to inspire pupils to consider the importance of maths in the future and career paths.
- The Boost group in year 12 visited Oxford whilst supporting potential applications to Oxbridge for 2025.
- The languages department engaged in language teaching events with KS3 and KS2 pupils.
- Whole school STEM week provided many engaging and thought provoking sessions to inspire all years about the importance of STEM and growing career areas link to the sciences.

Reminders

We are still awaiting paperwork from a few Year 10 pupils for their work experience. This is now urgent, please send completed forms to us ASAP. All pupils are expected to have secured a place for July 8th-12th inclusive.

All details of the Careers provision and up to date labour market information for a broad range of careers can be found on the school website.

Learning at Balcarras/developing the individual/careers.

If you need to contact us please use the email - Careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

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We welcome your feedback at any time.

PARENT INFORMATION



CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS CAN BE DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. WE RECOMMEND TALKING FUTURES. THESE ARE GREAT RESOURCES - PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO ACCESS.



IMPORTANT DATES

April and May see most of the personal development sessions in school focus on careers related learning. This includes, work place behaviour, money matters and finance, choices post 16 and a revisit to the importance of transferable skills.

- Year 9: CV and Application letters session in school May 15th
- Year 10 Work Experience dates: July 8th-12th

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