



Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Careers Work-Related Learning

Bulletin 2025

Term 1

Welcome to the Careers and Work-Related Bulletin for Term 1

September marks the beginning of a new academic year and brings with it important updates to careers education. Earlier this year, the Gatsby Career Benchmarks were reformed, with one of the key aims being to provide parents and carers with clearer, more accessible information about the careers guidance their children receive.

This bulletin is designed to give you an overview of the developments in our careers programme and how we are implementing the updated guidance within the academy. We hope it helps you better understand the support available to students as they explore their future pathways.

If you have any questions, or if you feel you could contribute to our careers provision—whether through offering insights, opportunities, or support—please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Mather for further details.

Key Dates

- Tuesday 30 September – Year 7 Staying Safe Day
- Wednesday 8 October – Personal Development Day 1
- Wednesday 3 November – Personal Development Day 2
- Wednesday 28 January 2026 – Personal Development Day 3
- Wednesday 18 March 2026 – Personal Development Day 4
- Wednesday 20 May 2026 – Personal Development Day 5
- Wednesday 1 July 2026 – Personal Development Day 6

Careers in Lincolnshire

Understanding Local Labour Market Information

A key development in the new careers education guidance is the expectation that students and parents have access to Labour Market Information (LMI) relevant to the area in which they live. This helps young people make informed decisions about their future by understanding the types of jobs available locally, the skills employers are looking for and how opportunities compare across the UK.

As part of their Personal Development lessons, students explore LMI for Lincolnshire, focusing on both regional trends and specific job roles they may be interested in. This enables them to compare opportunities in our area with those in other parts of the country.

Key Labour Market Insights for Lincolnshire

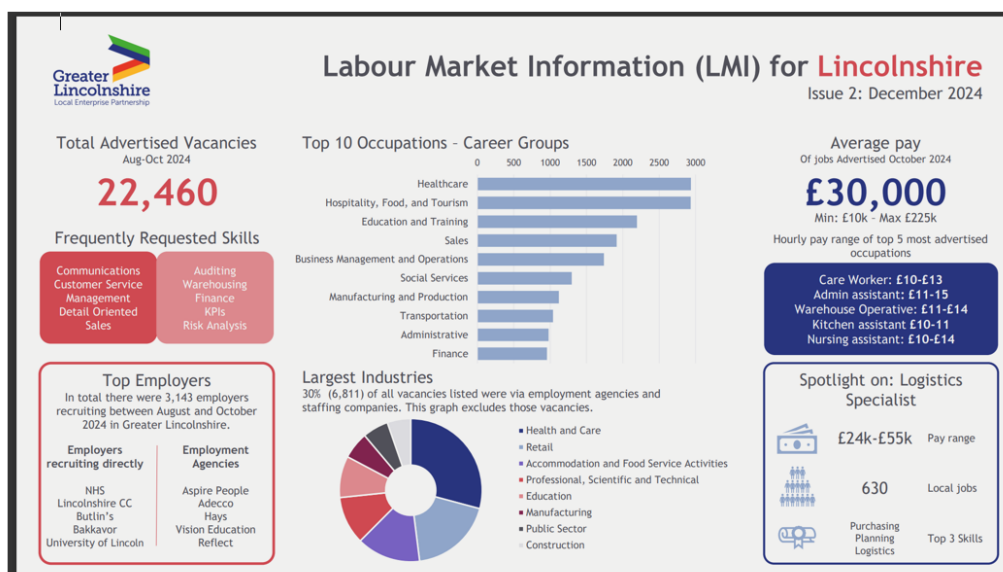
Growing Sectors: Agriculture, food production, health and social care, construction, and logistics.

High-Demand Roles:

- Healthcare: Nurses, Carers and Support Workers.
- Skilled Trades: Electricians, Plumbers and Builders.
- Digital & IT: Increasing opportunities in digital marketing and tech-related roles.

Local Strengths

- Lincolnshire is a major hub for farming and food processing.
- Strong transport links support careers in logistics and distribution.
- By engaging with this information, students gain a clearer picture of the employment landscape and can begin to align their aspirations with real-world opportunities.



Job of the Week



Week 1: JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #124 - JUDICIAL LAW CLERK](#)

Week 2: K-9 POLICE HANDLER

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #125 - K-9 POLICE HANDLER](#)

Week 3: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #126 - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT](#)

Week 4: MAGAZINE JOURNALIST

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #127 - MAGAZINE JOURNALIST](#)

Week 5: NANOTECHNOLOGIST

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #128 - NANOTECHNOLOGIST](#)

Week 6: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #129 - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST](#)

Week 7: PALAEONTOLOGIST

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #130 – PALAEONTOLOGIST](#)

Week 8: RADIO PRODUCER

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #131 - RADIO PRODUCER](#)

What's happening in careers at SRPA this term?



By William, Jack and Thomas, our SSLT Aspiration Leads

Careers Fair

Last term, we held our annual careers fair here at SRPA, which Mrs Mather and our SSLT worked together to organise and run. Every year, different people, from different organisations come into the Academy to advertise their roles and promote their businesses, passing on knowledge they have gained from their work.

Our students experience our careers fair in their year groups. When they arrive, they are all handed a support sheet to complete to encourage them to speak to the various companies. This helps students to engage with the fair and learn valuable skills from the visiting organisations.

We were lucky enough to have spoken to a couple of the companies and talked to them about their journey, including people from our own NHS: the NHS representatives recommended a university pathway with access to a healthcare course, as a post-18 destination. From their own experience, they feel that this is the best way in. The minimum grade expectations for the course they offered was B, B, C so it is achievable. Candidates must demonstrate good transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and good hand-eye coordination and were advised that "there can be a lot of pressure at times, but it's the most rewarding job."

Also, we were privileged to have representatives from the Environment Agency who advised that there are no specific qualifications needed (although it may help). They recommended having either a relevant qualification or some work experience to get yourself ahead, as this is how they got selected!

The role is very hands-on and requires key skills such as problem-solving and time management – useful skills in a risk-centred environment. They could also be needed across the country, to areas which are not easily accessed!

This really highlights the benefits of our careers fayre here at SRPA, and with the help of Mrs Mather and our RP6th team, we can keep providing these opportunities

Careers Fair Success

Our recent Careers Fayre was a fantastic success and we were delighted to welcome a wide range of organisations into the Academy. Students responded very positively to the opportunity to speak directly with representatives, gaining valuable insights into various career paths and industries.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the organisations and individuals who generously gave their time to support our event. Your contributions made a real impact and helped inspire our students as they begin to explore their future options.

Organisations in attendance included:

- The University of Lincoln
- Lincoln College
- Nottingham Trent University
- Teledyne
- RP6th
- Access Creative
- St Barnabas Hospice
- NHS Talent Academy
- Lindum
- Linc Higher
- MPCT
- University of Law
- Equans Engage
- Deanos Pro Soccer
- Bridge McFarland
- NHS Theatre Staff
- UK Alternative Energy Solutions
- Primech
- Air Cadets
- Academy Estate Solutions
- Lincolnshire Police
- Bishop Grosseteste University
- The Army
- The Environment Agency
- Curry's
- FMC Talent
- Lincolnshire Co-op
- Hill Holt Wood
- Riseholme College
- Red Recruitment
- De Montfort University
- RAF
- Kelham Hall (Tourism)
- Lincoln City Foundation
- Marlow Environmental Services

- St Barnabas
- Aspens
- Apprenticeships

Year 8 Careers Workshops

Following our successful Careers Fair, Year 8 students took part in a series of engaging workshops delivered by our visiting organisations. These sessions gave students the chance to interact directly with industry professionals, ask questions and gain hands-on experience related to various career paths.

The workshops were incredibly well received, with students expressing enthusiasm about the opportunity to explore different industries in a practical and interactive way.

The photograph below captures one of the workshops in action, showcasing students actively participating and learning from our guests.



Unifrog Spotlight

Unifrog – Supporting Every Step of the Journey

We are proud to use Unifrog, an award-winning online platform that supports students, parents, and teachers in exploring future pathways. Unifrog brings together comprehensive information about university courses, apprenticeships, career options, and personal development tools—all in one easy-to-use place.

At our academy, Unifrog is embedded into the curriculum from Year 7 through to Year 13, ensuring that every student has access to tailored guidance and resources throughout their educational journey. Students use the platform during Personal Development lessons and careers sessions to:

- Explore career interests and subject choices
- Research universities and apprenticeships
- Build CVs and personal statements
- Track progress and set goals

The Unifrog tools

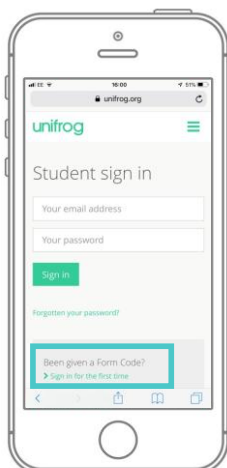
Access all tools on Unifrog to learn what options are available, access good quality information, and search for opportunities to support your child.

Quizzes	Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Interests profile	Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Personality profile	Subjects library	Skills	US universities	Classes	Locker
Work environments profile	Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
Skills profile	MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
	Webinars		Canadian universities	Writing tool	
	Read, Watch, Listen		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
			Australasian universities	US recommenders	
			MidEast and Africa unis	Notes for Reference writers	
			Irish universities		
			Special Opportunities		
			Events		

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Parents and carers also have access to Unifrog, allowing them to support their child's decision-making with up-to-date, reliable information.

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to

www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

SRPARENT

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

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Our Curriculum and Careers

STEM

STEM Club offers students a chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and maths through exciting, practical activities that spark curiosity and creativity. Each week brings a new challenge, from building balloon-powered cars and spaghetti towers to extracting DNA from strawberries or creating eco-friendly designs. Along the way, students will strengthen problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking skills while discovering how STEM connects to real-world careers, all in a fun, supportive environment.

Future Study Opportunities

Aspiring Physiotherapy



Explore a career focused on improving mobility, helping patients regain independence lost through injury, ageing, or a disability.



👉 Check out last year's event for a glimpse of what's in store! [Aspiring Physiotherapy – Lincoln – April 2025 | Lincolnshire Talent Academy](#)

Open to young people aged 14 to 19, this event provides a unique opportunity to learn about Physiotherapy. Join us for a hands-on experience designed to showcase the diverse roles, skills, and knowledge necessary for a career in Physiotherapy through interactive workshops and informative talks delivered by healthcare professionals.

For further information:

[Aspiring Physiotherapy – October 2025 | Lincolnshire Talent Academy](#)

Personal Guidance Plan for Term 1

Personal Careers Guidance – Supporting Individual Pathways

We are pleased to offer one-to-one careers education and guidance provided by Mrs Sue Johnson from Complete Careers. These personalised sessions are designed to support students in making informed decisions about their next steps.

This term, appointments are being arranged for Year 11 and Year 13 students, focusing on post-16 and post-18 options including sixth form, college, apprenticeships and university pathways.

- Appointment notifications will be sent via email approximately one week in advance.
- Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend their child's appointment. If you would like to join, please provide at least 48 hours' notice so that arrangements can be made.

These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to explore their interests, ask questions and receive tailored advice as they plan for the future.



Can You Help?

Could You Share Your Expertise?

We are always looking to strengthen our careers provision by involving parents, carers, and members of our wider community. If you have experience in a particular industry or career path, we would be delighted to welcome you into the Academy to share your insights with our students.

There are several opportunities throughout the year where your contribution would be greatly valued, including:

- Careers Assemblies
- Mock Interviews
- Workplace Visits
- Careers Fair
- Classroom Talks and Workshops
- Mentoring or Q&A Sessions
- Support with CVs and Applications
- Work experience placements

Whether you can offer a one-off session or ongoing support, your involvement can make a real difference in helping students understand the world of work and make informed choices about their future.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs Mather SMather@srpa.co.uk for further details. We'd love to hear from you!

