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Dear Parent/Carer

Vaccinations Mop Up – Tuesday 17 March 2026, PD Day 4, Careers & Work-Related Learning Bulletin

Welcome to my end of week update letter. Firstly, I am grateful to all parents and carers who attended at parents' evening on Wednesday and also came for a tour as part of our parent engagement events. The former was really well attended and the latter, unusually, attracted almost thirty sets of parents. Given our previous attendance record was one (yes, only one!), this was absolutely brilliant. I hope it was informative and useful. Long may this continue; please keep an eye out for our next SEND event before we break for Easter.

Vaccinations Mop Up – Tuesday 17 March 2026

The School Age Immunisation Team will be attending the Academy on Tuesday 17 March to deliver vaccinations for HPV/Dual Vaccinations (Td/IPV and MenACWY) and MMR for all students where you have provided consent for your child to receive one/all of them, but they have not yet received them.

If you have not yet provided consent for your child to receive one of these vaccinations but would now like to consent, please contact the School Age Immunisation Service by contacting them on 01522 572950 or visit their website: https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/

PD Day 4

Wednesday 18 March 2026 marks our fourth Personal Development Day this year.

Our values focus for this term is engagement. To celebrate this, students in Years 7 - 10 will be participating in a school-wide quiz, as well as a debating challenge in their R2L groups, focused on the voting age and the use of mobile phones in school.

We will also be celebrating British Science Week with our Year 7 and 8 students, who will be learning about famous, influential scientists, as well as participating in a murder mystery!

Year 11 students will also be receiving vital revision workshops throughout the day in English, mathematics, science and some options subjects, as well as receiving an assembly about examination stress from the Kooth team.

In Year 7, students will also be exploring emotional changes during puberty and the foundations of learning.

In Year 8, students will design their dream workplace, as well as participating in a challenge set by our music department.

Please turn over.

In Year 9, students will receive an introduction to life at RP6th, in order to prepare them for life after their GCSEs. They will also explore what makes a city sustainable as well as increasing their financial vocabulary with a lesson on interest, savings and loans.

In Year 10, students will be exploring how AI usage can impact the fundamental British value of the rule of law. They will also undertake a lesson on proper workplace etiquette, as well as reviewing the importance of bees in our ecosystem as part of the Green Team's mission.

In Year 12, students will receive a talk from the University of Hull on choosing the university course that's right for them, as well as planning for their annual 'fakeaway challenge' with our Hospitality and Catering team. They will also undertake a workshop run by the University of Lincoln to maximise their revision efforts.

In Year 13, students will receive important sessions on raising meningitis awareness, maintaining good economic wellbeing and navigating the world of work after RP6th. Students will also be invited to bespoke intervention sessions across a range of subjects throughout the day.

Students across Years 12 and 13 will also undertake two First Aid courses: one related to physical injuries and care and the other on mental health first aid.

Careers & Work-Related Learning Bulletin

Please find attached the latest edition of the C&WRL bulletin.

We break up on a Thursday, so only have 14 working days left before the Easter break. That is quite sobering. Once we return, we are straight into examinations for some subjects and Year 6 into 7 transition activities will begin. For those facing tests or external examinations, it is a daunting time, but one best backed up by good habits related to revision, practice and resilience. In the words of Friedrich Nietzsche, "There will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how you use them."

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Careers Work-Related Learning
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Welcome and Key Dates

Welcome to the Careers and Work-Related Bulletin for Term 4

March Update

After a busy Spring Term 1, we are welcomed back by slightly lighter day, and a renewed sense of optimism for the weeks ahead. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now received their mock examination results, and they are beginning to put their feedback into practice.

Key Dates

Tuesday 10 March 2026 – Universities and Apprenticeship Fair (Year 12)
Wednesday 18 March 2026 – Personal Development Day 4
Wednesday 20 May 2026 – Personal Development Day 5
22 – 28 June 2026 – National Alumni week
Wednesday 1 July 2026 – Personal Development Day 6
Wednesday 1 July – SRPA Careers Fair

Careers in Lincolnshire

Please see below for some opportunities which students may be interested in.

TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

Many of our students express an interest in working in health care. If they are interested in attending any of the Talent Academy's Aspiring Programme please see the link below for courses, dates and application forms.
Work Experience | Lincolnshire Talent Academy

Applicant **registers interest** in award at
collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/vca

Bursary administrator emails applicant details of how to access bursary application form

Applicant prepares supporting statement, gathers references and completes **online application**

30th September

Bursary administrator informs applicant of **decision**

21st October

Applicant aims to commence eligible therapeutic radiography programme in following calendar year

To find out more go to

collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/vca

or email: **bursary@sor.org**

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BRITISH SUGAR APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship vacancies open now

Amazing Apprenticeships

BritishSugar

Apprenticeships in Newark

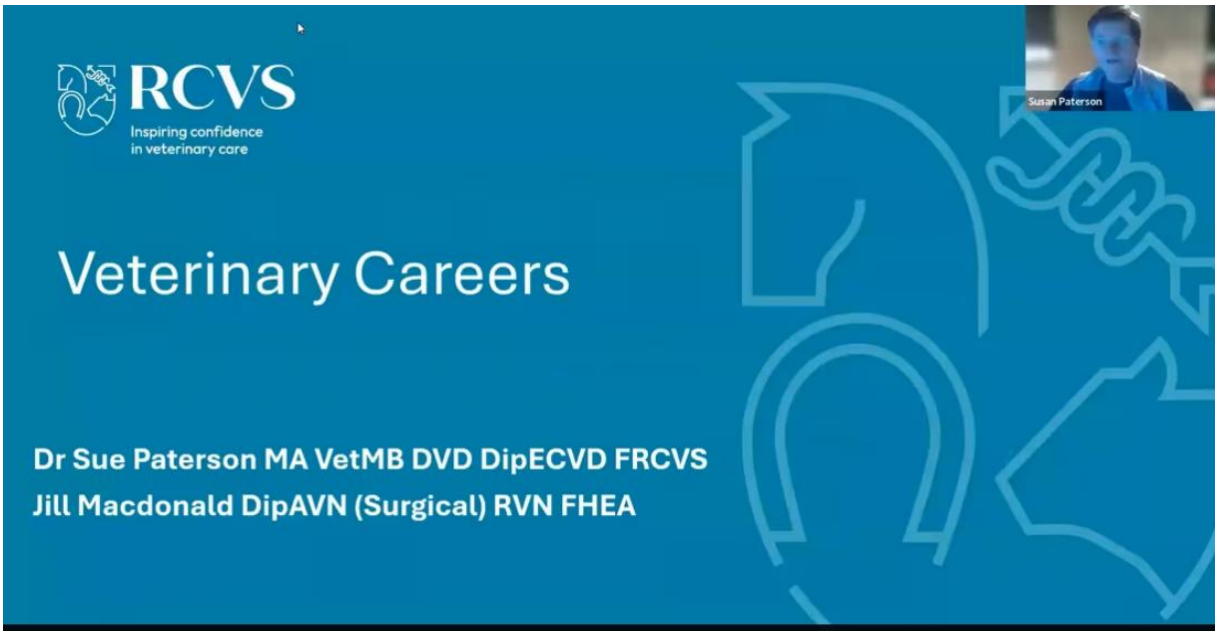
Vacancies are open now until 5th April 2026.

Vacancies include:

Role	Level	Description	Link
Process Engineering Apprentice	3	Controlling and monitoring process plants and its equipment.	Apply here
Electrical Engineering Apprentice	3	Work with electrical, mechanical and automated programmable control systems.	Apply here
Mechanical Engineering Apprentice	3	Design, analyse, manufacture, and maintain our mechanical and electrical equipment.	Apply here
Control Engineering Apprentice	4	Understanding, configuring and optimizing the systems that automate and regulate sugar production.	Apply here

The starting salaries for the apprenticeships range from £25,000 - £27,000. There are opportunities available for post-16 and post-18 leavers, although all candidates will need to be able to travel to the workplace.

Learn more about apprenticeships and technical education
amazingapprenticeships.com



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Apprenticeship opportunities

There are currently 23 apprenticeships (at varying levels) available within 10 miles of our Academy. These include Greenwich Leisure, Volvo Trucks, Business Administration, Paralegal, Welding and Dental Nursing to name but a few. If your son/daughter is interested in finding an apprenticeship, please see the link below which will allow you to search according to your own post code.

Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK

Job of the Week

Week 1: FORENSIC SCIENTIST
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #144 - FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Week 2: GAME DESIGNER
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #145 - GAME DESIGNER - YouTube

Week 3: HEALTH VISITOR
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #146 - HEALTH VISITOR

Week 4: INTERNATIONAL AID WORKER
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #147 - INTERNATIONAL AID/DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Week 5: JOB RECRUITER
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #148 - JOB RECRUITER

Week 6: LIGHTING ENGINEER
JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #149 - LIGHTING ENGINEER

What's happening in careers at SRPA this term

Year 12 Work Experience

Just before the half term holiday, Year 12 undertook a week of work experience. After months of searching for a suitable placement, they spent five days with a variety of employers, having a taste of work and developing their employability skills.

Below are some of the responses to the question 'What did you enjoy most about your placement?'

- *Being in a professional environment, working on new different software*
- *Learning how to show patience and seeing people from a new perspective as I have been helping children who struggle with learning new knowledge*
- *Hands on practical experience on different machinery*
- *The in-person meetings and learning about how local authorities are run and what their role is in a lot of detail*
- *Getting to cuddle with a puppy*
- *Learning about the specifics in rehab medicine - the length of time spent with patients, the involvement with the family, the differences and complexities with each patient and their case/condition.*

We would like to express our thanks to the following organisations who gave their time to support our students with their work experience:

- Witham St Hughs Academy
- Fosse Way Academy
- Manor Leas Junior Academy
- Tradeglaze
- Lincolnshire Co-op
- Siemens
- RAF Waddington
- NADAC Electrical
- Lincoln Carlton Academy
- Yellow Brick Road Day Care
- Manor Leas Infant School
- Fisher Motor Factors
- Lindum Group
- HWD Architects
- Manor Farm Academy
- Anglian Water
- Beckside Care Home
- Specialist Heat Exchangers
- Long Bennington Church of England Academy
- The University of Lincoln
- Swinderby All Saints Church of England Primary School
- DESTEC

- SRPA SLC Department
- SRPA MFL Department
- SRPA Mathematics Department
- SRPA Science Technicians
- SRPA Art and Technology Department
- SRPA English Department
- SRPA History Department
- All Saints Church of England Primary School
- Lincolnshire Talent Academy
- Lincoln County Hospital
- Nottingham City Council
- 3R Financial Services
- Streets Accountants
- Park School Day Nursery
- The Lincoln Dog Groomer
- St Lawrence Church of England Primary School
- South Hykeham Community Primary School
- Ling Moor Primary School
- The Pilgrim School

Year 13 Workshop with Hadyn Beeken

Our Year 13 students recently took part in an engaging and highly valuable workshop, led by Hadyn Beeken. Hadyn brings a wealth of experience in leading teams across a wide range of businesses, both here in Lincolnshire and beyond.

During the session, students explored how to present their best selves in interviews and how to make the most of the opportunities available to them as they take their next steps beyond school. The workshop offered practical advice, confidence-building strategies, and real insight into what employers look for.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Hadyn for generously giving his time and sharing his expertise with our students.

National Careers Week: Aspiration Clinics for Expert Learners

As part of National Careers Week, our Year 9 and Year 10 Expert Learners have taken part in a series of aspiration clinics with Mrs Johnson, our careers adviser. Following the theme (**Own Your Future)** both groups spent time exploring their next steps, discussing their ambitions and finding out more about the career pathways that interest them most.

These sessions gave students the opportunity to ask questions, clarify their ideas, and gain a deeper understanding of the qualifications, skills and experiences that will support their goals.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming **Year 7** to their first aspiration clinics. This will be their initial introduction to careers guidance at school and an exciting chance to meet Mrs Johnson as they begin thinking about their futures.

Following the announcement of our new SSLT, I am thrilled to introduce the newly appointed Aspiration Team. Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them every success as they begin their new roles.

Fearne, Marissa, Saoirse and Archie, our SSLT Aspiration Team

My name is Fearne and I am Deputy Head Girl. I am part of the Aspiration team. In my time as Deputy, I intend to complete a project centred around transition and how this can be further developed within the Academy.

Hi, I'm Marissa and I am a member of SSLT within the Aspiration team. My project aims to further improve career talks from alumni to provide support and guidance for future career endeavours.

Hi, I'm Saoirse and I am a member of the SSLT Aspiration team. My project aims to offer trips to 'further away' universities, specifically in the south, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Hi, I'm Archie. I am an Aspiration team member in the SSLT at RP6th. My project outline is to develop the RP6th support network for special educational needs (SEN) students and implement strategies to help and continue them to thrive during their life as a student. Furthermore, I will help support the SLC department too.

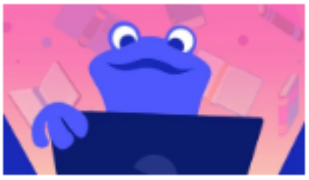
4 February – MFL Careers Fair at LSST

The MFL department took fifteen of our fantastic Year 9 linguists, to take part in a careers event at LSST, focusing on where languages can take you in the future. We had the privilege of listening to some fantastic speakers from a range of industries who have used their knowledge of languages in their everyday jobs. Our speakers included intelligence officers from the RAF, where we had a taster session in Russian, and found out more about the crucial role of linguists within the armed forces. We also had some inspirational talks from the fashion and retail industry, and a great talk from an employee from John Deere, who had travelled all over the world thanks to his job in selling agricultural machinery. We all came away inspired to continue with our love of learning foreign languages.

Unifrog Spotlight

Unifrog has regular webinars and updates linked to academic subjects studied here at the Academy. By creating a Unifrog account, parents/carers are able to access these resources. However, some webinars are open to the public. Please see below for some examples: Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link.

University Subject Discovery Fair

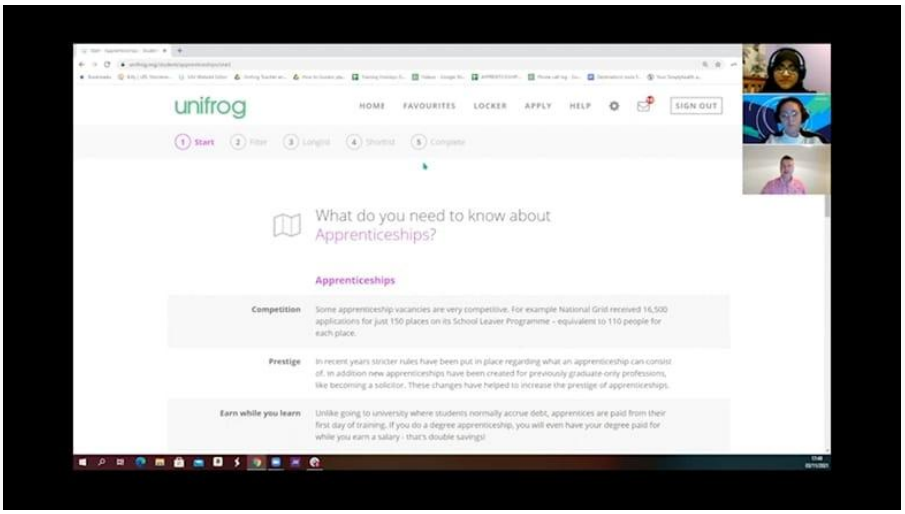


From finance to nursing, law to creative arts, and engineering to teaching the Subject Discovery Fair is a great opportunity to find out all about studying at university and get all your questions answered by the experts. Join over 30 universities from across the UK to speak to their representatives via Q&A, and attend live sessions delivered by university academics to get an insight into the exciting subjects and trending topics you could be studying at university!

When: Wednesday 18 March @ 16:00 UK time
Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes
https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1660-university-subject-discovery-fair

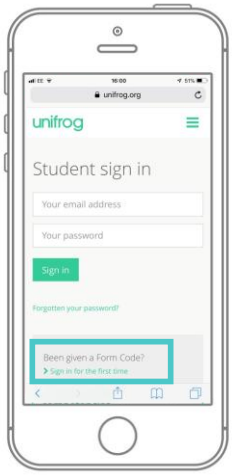
Demystifying advanced apprenticeships

Advanced or level 3 apprenticeships are equivalent to two A-Level passes and allow you to gain a qualification, new skills, and valuable experience - all whilst earning a wage! Hear from two guests with experience of advanced apprenticeships.



https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars-past/series-apprenticeships/164-demystifying-advanced-apprenticeships

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:

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

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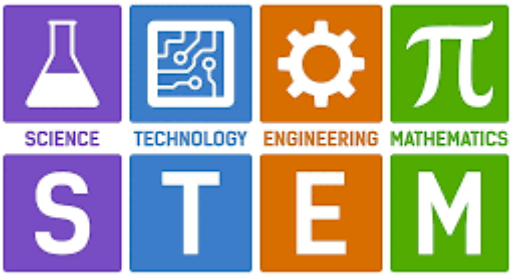
Our Curriculum and Careers

STEM



During Term 3, STEM club focused on science for survival, making compasses from scratch, and learning how to make reflective surfaces and send signals over long distances, even looking cross-curriculum to music and history at the historical use of war horns for signalling!

With spring around the corner for Term 4, STEM club has turned our attention to plants and new growth, looking first at the structure of a leaf under a microscope and moving on to growing our own plants using modern agricultural techniques.

Med/Vet/Dent

Med/Vet/Dent students have continued to work on their passports since our last updates. It has been so nice to see students working hard on their experiences. We look forward to celebrating achievements of students who have reached either bronze, silver or gold milestones in full school assembly at the end of this term.

Following on from last term's meeting on the importance of extra-curricular activities, our next meeting will focus on work experience. Students will have the opportunity to hear from one of our current Year 12 students, about their work experience at Lincoln hospital. Although work experience may feel like the distant future for many of our students (particularly in KS3), hopefully they will leave the meeting inspired and informed about this important strand of pursuing a career in Med/Vet/Dent.

Finally, we have another exciting upcoming event as part of our next Personal Development Day. The Lincolnshire Talent Academy are going to run a workshop for out Med/Vet/Dent students. Students will hear from professionals working in the NHS and will have opportunity to use some clinical equipment. We will provide an update of how this goes in the next bulletin.

Aspiring Medics 2026

Explore a career that transforms lives through exceptional communication, strong leadership, rigorous research, and a compassionate, holistic approach to care.

Scheduled for Wednesday, 8th April, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, and Thursday, 9th April, at Lincoln County Hospital, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, this event is open to young people in Year 12 aged 16 to 17, living or educated in Lincolnshire.

Supported by the Undergraduate Medical Education Team, participants will discover the skills and knowledge essential for a future in medicine.

What to expect:

- **Meet the ULTH Undergraduate Medical Education Team** – ask questions and gain insights from professionals who understand what it's like to pursue a career in medicine.
- **Join engaging talks** – explore important topics such as ethics, confidentiality, patients' rights, and professionalism.
- **Take part in hands-on clinical skills workshops** – develop practical skills essential for a career in medicine.

This is an excellent opportunity for young individuals eager to embark on a career in medicine. To learn more or book a place, visit: https://lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events/

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Aspiring Medics

Discover a career that transforms lives through exceptional communication, strong leadership, rigorous research, and a compassionate, holistic approach to care.

Open to Year 12 students. Join clinical skills workshops and talks delivered by healthcare professionals.

Pilgrim Hospital, Boston

Wednesday 8 April

Lincoln County Hospital

Thursday 9 April

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Register today!

lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events

TALENT ACADEMY
Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

<u>Subject spotlight</u>

Spotlight on Careers in English

Why English Opens More Doors Than You Think

When people think of English as a subject, they often picture novels, poetry, and essays. But English is far more than that. It's the foundation of communication, creativity, critical thinking, and cultural understanding—skills that employers across every sector value highly. For students, studying English can lead to a wide range of exciting careers both locally and nationally.

Where Can English Take You?

<u>Local Opportunities</u>

Right here in Lincolnshire, strong English skills are in demand across many industries, including:

- **Education** – Teaching assistants, primary and secondary teachers, literacy support roles.
- **Media & Communications** – Local newspapers, radio stations, marketing agencies and social media roles.
- **Public Services** – Roles in the council, libraries, community outreach and youth services.
- **Business & Retail** – Customer service, management, HR and administrative roles all rely on clear communication.
- **Heritage & Tourism** – Museums, visitor centres and cultural organisations value storytelling and public engagement.

National Career Pathways

Across the UK, English can also lead to careers such as:

- **Journalism & Broadcasting** – Reporters, editors, producers, content creators.
- **Publishing** – Editing, copywriting, book design, literary agent roles.
- **Law** – Solicitors, barristers, legal researchers (English is a common pre-law route).
- **Creative Industries** – Screenwriting, advertising, PR, theatre, gaming narrative design.
- **Civil Service & Government** – Policy writing, communications, public affairs.
- **Technology & Digital Roles** – UX writing, digital content strategy, AI communication design.

English is one of the most flexible subjects – its skills transfer into almost any field.

Top Tips for Studying English Successfully

1. *Read Widely and Regularly*

Explore different genres—novels, articles, speeches, blogs. The more you read, the stronger your vocabulary and understanding become.

2. *Talk About What You're Learning*

Discuss what you're reading to build your confidence to help you articulate your ideas clearly. Ask yourself what you think about a character, theme or article.

3. *Practise Writing Little and Often*

Practise short bursts of writing – paragraphs, reflections, summaries – to help develop your fluency. Remember: it doesn't always need to be a full essay.

4. *Build Analytical Skills*

Look for patterns, interpret meaning and evaluate ideas. These are core English skills. Ask yourself: *Why has the writer done this? What effect does it have on the meaning?*

5. *Real-World Examples*

Watch films, adverts, speeches, and social media posts, texts all worth thinking about and analysing. English is everywhere. Look for it. Enjoy it!

6. *Seek Feedback and Redraft*

English rewards improvement. Redrafting your work will help you refine your ideas and strengthen your writing.

Why English Matters

English isn't just about passing exams. It's about learning to communicate with confidence, think critically, and understand the world. Whether you dream of working locally or nationally, in a creative field or a technical one, English gives you the tools to succeed.

Future Study Opportunities

Virtual Work Experience with Springpod

Are you looking for ways to help your child gain real-world experience from home? Springpod offers a wide range of virtual work experience placements across different industries—from healthcare and engineering to media and finance. These interactive programs give students a taste of what working in their chosen field is really like, all from the comfort of their own home.

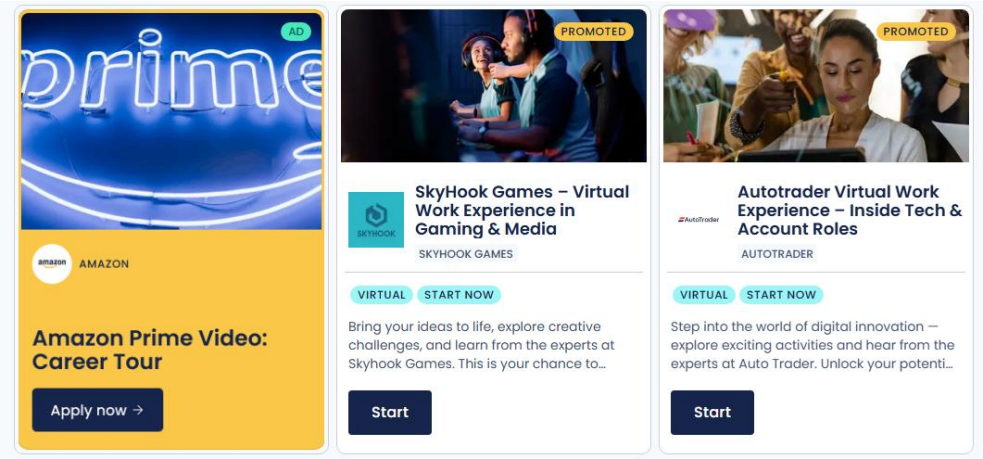
Springpod work experience (by Year 10 student Jack R)

Hello all! I'm here to tell you about Springpod and what I have used it for.

Springpod is an online virtual work experience website; which allows you to do any work experience of your choice in your own time. The only thing holding others back will be the age limits for the work experiences. I did the Avanti West Coast partnership work experience, which I thoroughly enjoyed. In a work experience by Springpod, there will be a certain number of modules which are split into sections. There is informative text to read and, in most modules, there will be 'Springpod sessions', where you get to listen to a select few people who tell you all about their job. They can range from 20-50 minutes in length. At the end of some modules, there is a quick 5 question quiz for you to do just to see what you have learnt. There is an activity for you to do every couple of modules, which will be marked (it isn't marked straight way; it does take a few hours). Once you have completed the work experience (100%), you're able to download a certificate. These work experience sessions also are some fun facts dotted about, so it never gets boring.

To explore the opportunities and learn how to get started, visit: 👉 https://www.springpod.com/

The images below are just a sneak peek of what's available—there's something for every interest!



Last year over 10,000 students took part in Sutton Trust programmes, gaining the confidence, guidance and knowledge needed to access leading universities, apprenticeships and competitive careers. Applications for 2026 UK Summer Schools are now open.

The Sutton Trust

Summer Schools offer students a free, residential experience of university at one of 13 highly selective universities. Across more than 40 subject areas, students take part in lectures, tutorials and project work while meeting other like-minded learners from across the UK.

Summer schools are open to individuals currently studying in Year 12, have achieved at least five GCSE grades 9-6 and are prioritised if they meet social mobility criteria (e.g. free school meals or care experience).

For further information please see: The Sutton Trust

Personal Guidance Plan for Term 2

Personal Careers Guidance – Supporting Individual Pathways

In Term 4, appointments continue to be arranged for Year 11 and Year 13 students (by request) focusing on post-16 and post-18 options including sixth form, college, apprenticeships and university pathways. All of our students in the medicine/veterinary/dental programme have also met with Mrs Johnson as part of their preparation to pursue these careers.

In addition, we also invite some of our younger students to meet with Mrs Johnson to have a taster aspiration session where they will discuss possible careers.

- Appointment notifications will be sent via email approximately one week in advance.
- Students will meet in small groups to complete the aspiration clinic

These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to explore their interests, ask questions and receive tailored advice as they plan for the future. Action plans created during the appointment will be uploaded to Unifrog for students to access.

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 Fayre
- 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!