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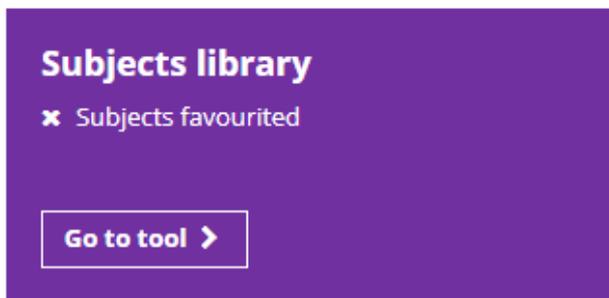
I'm Mrs Gaulton, the new Careers Lead and Careers Adviser here at St Mary's. I will be writing a regular careers bulletin full of useful information and opportunities to help students make informed decisions about their study and career options.

# unifrog

Unifrog is our school's career platform. It contains a wealth of information to help students make informed decisions about their future study and career options. Each student has their own account which they can access at [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org). Students can access their account with their username (school email address) and by clicking on the reset password link.

### New 'Impacted by school subject' search goes live for Years 9, 10, and 11

This week, Unifrog launched a new search tool to help students see how their subject choices at Level 3 (A levels & BTECs) might impact the degrees available to them.



The search can be found at the bottom of the Subjects library. It asks for the three subjects the student is thinking of studying in sixth form or college, and then shows them which uni subjects these choices might close off to them, along with a quick explanation of why.

Results show any subjects the student is likely to be interested in, but may be unlikely to get into based on their current choices.



## NHS Talent Academy Work Experience

All of the current work experience opportunities are now available to view and apply to via NHS Talent Academy - <https://nhstalentacademy.org.uk/work-experience/>

There are a range of clinical and non-clinical placements available across a range of specialities, areas and departments. Placement age and health restrictions apply.

Further placements at PAHT will be added to the NHS Talent Portal as they become available, including their Medical Shadowing Programme which is designed for those intending to apply for medical school, so please do check back regularly for a placement that fits your aspirations.

To view and search for work experience placements, you will need to register for an account with NHS Talent Academy. Once registered, you will need to login to apply.

They aim to meet as many requests for work experience as possible, however placement delivery is dependent on individual department capacity.

### Work Experience Opportunities at The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust (PAHT)



#### Work Experience Opportunities at The Princess Alexandra Hospital

##### Applications Welcome

Are you considering a career in the NHS? Are you thinking about the next steps in your career or study pathway? Would you like to gain practical experience and insight into a particular field?

We have a variety of work experience opportunities that will allow you to explore a range of careers across the NHS, from Medical Specialities, to Physiotherapy, to Human Resources.

Opportunities are open to those aged 14+

##### Contact details:

For general work experience queries please email [Katoushka.Iarbey-douglas@nhs.net](mailto:Katoushka.Iarbey-douglas@nhs.net)

To view and apply for work experience opportunities at The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, please register for NHS Talent Academy at: <https://nhs-lincs.work-experience.co.uk/login/RegisterStudent.aspx>



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## 'What's it like to Work' in Webinar Series

What it's like to work in technology  
Monday 19 September @ 17:00

The tech sector is one of the fastest growing parts of the UK economy. Hear from current employees to find out what it's like to work in tech and some top tips for breaking into the industry.

[Sign up from the home page of your Unifrog account](#)



## BAM Virtual Work Experience An Insight into Careers in the Construction Industry 24th to 26th October.

Aged 14 – 19? Interested in taking part in a virtual work experience with BAM construct UK?

You'll be working through a 3-day virtual work experience interacting with members of their project teams from across the UK & working on a range of modules. If you think construction isn't a career for you, think again, there are a wide range of roles we will introduce you to which suit a diverse set of skills, knowledge and talents which they know YOU have! They will give you insights into some of their flagship projects like the V&A Dundee, Coal Drops Yard London, Manchester City Football Academy to name just a few.



The three day program covers a number of different careers within the industry including some of the below:

1. Business Development
2. Design
3. Engineering
4. Estimating and Quantity Surveying
5. Facilities Management
6. Health and Safety
7. Marketing and Communications
8. Planning
9. Site Management
10. Sustainability

When applying, answer the following questions

- Why are you interested in getting work experience and what would you like to gain?
- What are you most passionate about?
- What is your favourite building in your local area and why?

Skills/Experiences You Will Gain:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Problem Solving
- Creativity
- Staying Positive

Click [here](#) for further information and to apply. The registration cut of date is 26th September.



## WSP Virtual Work Experience Opportunity 14-18 year olds

WSP's next virtual work experience week will take place in October! Their placements are run using Go To Webinar, Monday to Friday. Students participate in various modules throughout the week which are ran by Engineers/Consultants working at WSP. Their presenters introduce the students to their field (i.e. structures, environment, flood risk and drainage etc), talk about their role, their routes into industry and their real-world project experiences at WSP. All presentations include an interactive activity for students to undertake relevant to that job role. Each module lasts approximately 1.5 hours. They also cover routes into engineering, including both the Apprenticeship and Graduate routes

If you are interested in being a part of one of their virtual work experiences or want more information, please contact: **UK-STEM@WSP.COM**

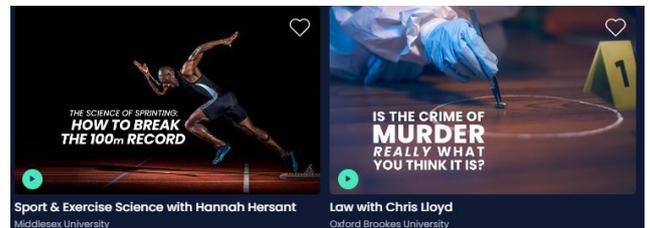
### EXAMPLE OF VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Session	09:00 am Intro to WSP & Health and Safety pause (45mins) 10:00 Intro to Engineering and the role of an Engineer (45mins) 11:00pm Project Health & Safety (45 mins)	09:00am Highways Module (1.5hrs) 11:00am Bridges Module (1.5hrs)	09:00am Intelligent Transport Systems Module (1.5hrs) 11:00am Environment Module (1.5hrs)	09:00am Future Ready (1.5hours) 11:00am Structures Module (1.5hrs)	09:00am Routes into STEI Careers (30mins) 10:00am Panel Session (45mins) 11:00am Wrap Up Session & Certificate Presentation (30mins)
Lunch					
PM Session	2:00pm Intro to Project Management (1.5hrs)	2:00pm Flood Risk and Drainage Module (1.5hrs)	2:00pm Net Zero (1.5hrs)	2:00pm Sketching (1.5hrs)	



### Subject Spotlights

Try a university degree, before you apply, and make sure it's the right course for you.



Coming soon:

Criminology with Dr John Kerr 'What constitutes a crime'  
Civil Engineering 'Why do buildings collapse'

For lots of other subject spotlight webinars visit the website <https://university.springpod.com/subject-spotlights>

## FREE Medicine DR.EAM Senior Conference: Year 13

Location: Zoom Webinar  
 Date: Saturday 1st October 2022  
 Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Free-to-attend annual flagship conference - DR.EAM Senior – aimed at Year 13 students and attended by hundreds of aspiring medics last year.

In partnership with the University of Birmingham Medical School, their conference is aimed at Year 13 students selected to complement the University's widening access selection criteria.

The conference will contain a plethora of talks from medical students, doctors, and University of Birmingham staff. They will range from a crash course covering personal statements, BMAT and interviews, to strategic UCAS application advice and talks on the lives of medical students and doctors - as well as other informative sessions. These are designed to provide medical applicants with a holistic overview and enable them to put forward their best application - making the event hugely beneficial for students considering Medicine at University!

If any of you would like to attend, please apply before Monday 26th September 2022 using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/dreamsenior22> and you will receive more information in due course.



**ARE YOU A FUTURE DOCTOR?**

**DR.EAM SENIOR**

**YEAR 13 ONLINE MEDICINE ADMISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
**A FREE NATIONAL EVENT FOR STATE SCHOOL PUPILS**

*Providing information and advice on making strategic applications, interview tips, life as a medical student, working as a doctor and more!*

**Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/dreamsenior22>**

**1 OCTOBER 2022**  
**9AM TO 3PM**  
**BIRMINGHAM WIDENING ACCESS TO MEDICAL SCIENCES**



Applications for NHS Virtual Work Experience programme are now open, with the first session taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October! This is the largest national virtual work experience programme for Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and language therapy and Pharmacy!

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching.

This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different. Students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

You can select from one day or a full 5-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. Simply select the dates below and save £5 if you opt for the full 5-month work experience programme.

To register go to their website [here](#):

### Medic Mentor Free: Online Get into Medicine Conference 18th & 25th September

#### What is covered?

- What is it like to be a doctor?
- UCAT & BMAT
- Perspectives from recent successful and current applicants
- CV Building
- Getting Work Experience
- Medical School Interviews
- Medical Personal Statements
- How to access Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

The conferences are hosted on Zoom Meetings. Registration will take place at 9am and the conference will start at 10am running until 3pm Register [here](#) for The Online Get into Medicine Conference: Insight and UCAS lectures! These are the most comprehensive medicine UCAS conferences available anywhere.

### University Open Days

This is your chance to explore the uni, get a feel for the place, and most importantly, meet students and staff who can answer all your questions. Here are some examples of useful questions to ask on the day:

#### Campus Questions

1. What facilities are on, and off-campus?
2. Are there plenty of transport links to and from campus?
3. Is there any student parking?
4. How far is the campus from the nearest supermarket/town/bars?
5. Are there any jobs on-campus for students?

#### Accommodation Questions

1. What are the accommodation options for first years?
2. What are the rooms like – are they doing tours?
3. How and when do you apply for accommodation?
4. How many weeks of the year are covered by the halls contract?

#### Course Questions

1. How many teaching hours vs. self-directed study does the course have?
2. How is the course assessed (e.g. coursework, exams, practicals, presentations, group work)?
3. How many students will be on the course?
4. What grades do you need to get on the course?

For more useful open day questions visit the UCAS website [here](#) for further help and advice.



**Saturday 24th September**  
**10.30am – 2pm**  
**High Holborn**

At Escape Studios we're leaders in digital arts, ranked 1st in the UK for Visual Effects and Animation Production Excellence and for Game Design by The Rookies!

We'd like to invite you to our next **open day on Saturday 24th September** for the chance to:

- attend subject talks in **Animation, VFX and Game Art** hosted by our expert tutors
- meet current students and inspirational alumni
- get top tips for your creative portfolio from Dr Ian Palmer, Vice Principal of Escape Studios.

We'll be running this event as **hybrid**, so you can choose to visit our central London campus or watch the livestream



**Middlesex University Open Day**  
**Saturday 8 September from 9.30am - 3pm**

Join them on campus, where you can discover more about university life. At their open day, you'll get the opportunity to:

- explore a range of interactive subject sessions, led by their lecturers
- chat to current students, tutors, and admissions and support staff
- discover their north London campus and state-of-the-art facilities



**University of Law Open Day**  
**September 28th 4-6pm**

Undergraduate Open Day (London Bloomsbury Campus)  
Come along to our in-person Undergraduate Open Day and find out about our range of Law, Business, Policing & Criminology degrees.



Capel Manor College have an in-person Advice Evening on Thursday 22 September. You can find out more details here: <https://www.capel.ac.uk/advice-evening-22-september-register/>

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Online Webinars

Are you considering a career in Business, Accounting or Finance, perhaps Engineering or Technology? If so, we have something we think you might be interested in!

As always at the start of a new academic year, we like to make a big splash in the student space by offering a variety of different multi-employer careers-focused events!

One thing we do know is that all of you will be continuously looking for ways to enhance your CV / Personal Statement through attending Insight Events and Online Webinars as well as perhaps gaining some possible Work Experience.

We have 3 huge events coming up this September where we will be joined by quite literally some of the world's biggest employers from some of the most exciting sectors.

Some of the employers include - PwC, Goldman Sachs, KPMG, British Airways, BT, Mazars, Grant Thornton, Siemens and Mott MacDonald to name a few! Upon completion of each event you choose to sign up for, you will be awarded a certificate which you can add to your CV! We will as always be giving away some fantastic prizes across the evenings.

### Event Details:

Technology Event – 19th September 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Technology-Event-2022>

Business, Accounting & Finance Event – 20th September 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Business-Accounting-Finance>

Engineering Event– 21st September 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Engineering-Constuction>



University of Law Online Lecture  
 September 21st 4-5pm

Real World Lecture: Does Everyone Get A Fair Trial? (Virtual Event)

Join them for their first real world lecture of the term, which will focus primarily on fairness within criminal trials. Click [here](#) to book a space

### Personal Statement Advice

TheUniGuide has some great advice for students who are writing their personal statement. Here are a few key points:

#### 1. Plan what you want to cover

The first thing you need to do is plan. Writing a personal statement off the top of your head is difficult. Start by making some notes, answering the following questions:

What do you want to study?

Why do you want to study it?

What is there about you that shows you're suited to studying this subject at university? Think about your personality, as well as your experiences.

What are your other interests and skills?

#### 2. Show off your experience

Remember, you're looking for experience that shows why you want to study your chosen subject. You're not just writing an essay about what you're doing in your A-level syllabus.

Use this checklist as a guide for what to include:

- Your interest in the course. Why do you want to spend three years studying this subject at university?
- What have you done outside school or college that demonstrates this interest? Think about things like fairs/exhibitions, public lectures or voluntary work that is relevant to your subject.
- Relevant work experience (essential for the likes of medicine, not required for non-vocational courses such as English)
- Skills and qualities required for that career if appropriate (medicine, nursing and law as obvious examples)
- Interest in your current studies – what particular topics have made an impression on you?
- Any other interests/hobbies/experiences you wish to mention that are relevant either to the subject or 'going to uni'. Don't just list your hobbies, you need to be very selective and state clearly what difference doing these things has made to you.

#### How to start your personal statement

However you choose to start your statement, just avoid the following sentences openers. These have been some of the most used lines in personal statements over the years

- From a young age I have (always) been [interested in/fascinated by]...
- For as long as I can remember, I have...
- I am applying for this course because...
- I have always been interested in...
- Throughout my life I have always enjoyed...
- [Subject] is a very challenging and demanding [career/profession/course]...
- I have always wanted to pursue a career in...
- I have always been passionate about...

For further personal statement advice from TheUniGuide click [here](#)