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# CAREERS Newsletter

**Welcome** to the June edition of St Joseph's RC High School Careers Newsletter.

We welcome feedback and ideas so please keep in touch by contacting the careers department – [dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk)

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## Something Different, Horwich Engraver

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**Something different has partnered up with St Joseph's Year 8 Business Studies pupils, to donate some glassware for their newly formed glass engraving business.**

**Something Different, develop and distribute quality gifts, accessories, decorative items and homewares to retailers across the UK, Europe and around the world. We have over 3,000 items in stock available for next day delivery including exclusive designs and great deals.**



## Linking Biology with Careers



Studying biology helps us discover new things about the world around us. From figuring out how the bacterial immune system can be used to modify DNA- knowledge scientist will use to treat disease in the future.

Biology also helps us develop many skills which are useful outside of science, skills such as observation, critical thinking skills having the ability to read technical information.

Biology will help you prepare for a wide variety of biology-related careers, such as those found in the environmental and biological sciences, the biotechnology sector, or in a medical profession.

Click the link to access the e-book to find out more about where biology can take you

## Parent Career of the Month

We want to hear from you!

We would like all students to interview their parents about their career/job and tell us all about it. We will try to feature as many of these student interviews as we can in future Careers Newsletters. Keep the interview to a number of simple questions such as; what do you do each day? What training or qualifications do you need to do this job? What are the key skills and attributes that would make someone good at this job?

Please send all interviews to Mrs Hancock in the Careers office or to your form tutor to pass on to [dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk)

I want to know more about.....

Remember you can use the school Careers platforms to research ideas for your future career, such as **Unifrog**. Just go to the Careers page on the school website to find links to useful platforms and websites for careers research.

If you would like something in next month's newsletter then come and find Mrs Hancock in the Careers office (second floor Tower block) and let me know.

If you would like to book a careers interview please see Careers Lead/careers Advisor – Mrs Hancock

You could also come and use the Careers Research Library at lunch and break time-- corridor off main school hall.

## Course and Pathways

Different qualifications and courses available at schools, colleges and university in our local area. From A levels. Vocational Qualifications, T Levels, BTECs, Degree level Apprenticeships too. Use the **Unifrog** 'Know How' tool to search for course information both close to home and further away. Find out more on **Unifrog**. Pupils can access their **Unifrog** account through RMunify.

## Apprenticeship Futures

An Apprenticeship is a vocational style of qualification where you learn 'on the job'. Well! have you ever heard of a Degree or Higher level Apprenticeship? Degree apprenticeships give you the opportunity to attain a degree or professional qualification from some of the best universities and providers, whilst training in a top flight career. Your training is paid for by your employer and the government, so there is no cost to you. You will also be earning a salary from day one. Find out more at [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Find out more on **Unifrog** – 'Apprenticeships'



Each month, we will be highlighting a different careers area that you may not have thought about previously, providing information about the potential jobs you can do in this career area, what types of activities you might do, how much you might be paid and what qualifications or skills you might need to



## Spotlight talks on careers 'Biomedical Engineer

Biomedical scientists test samples from patients, to support doctors and healthcare professionals in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.



**What you'll do:** You'll usually work in a laboratory, testing and analysing biological samples. You'll specialise in one of these areas: • infection sciences • blood sciences • cellular sciences

### Working hours, patterns and environment

In the NHS you'll usually work 37.5 hours a week. You may also be expected to work evening and weekend shifts or be on-call. You'll mainly work in very clean and sometimes sterile environments. You'll be required to wear protective clothing (PPE).

### Skills you'll need:

- The ability to concentrate for long periods
- a good level of accuracy and attention to detail
- an enquiring mind and good problem-solving skills
- strong spoken and written communication skills
- empathy and understanding when working directly with patients

**Career path and progression:** With experience, you could move into research, training and education, product development and commerce. In the NHS, you could work as a team leader, specialist, manager or professional manager with further training and qualifications.

Useful video for more research:

[Biomedical Sciences Q&A - Everything You Need to Know! | Atousa - YouTube](#)

**Progression Pathway** You'll usually need: Level 2 (e.g. GCSEs) • a minimum of Grade 4 in English and Maths • strong grade in Biology • it might be advantageous to have Triple Award Science Level 3 (e.g. A-Levels, BTECs) Most medical schools will require you to have studied Chemistry and Biology to A-level, with the most competitive schools requiring A grades in all three subjects. The third subject preference varies between universities (some encourage Maths or Physics), so it is best to check that with each medical school individually. • An Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) accredited BSc (Hons) degree • at least one year's experience at an approved laboratory you may be able to get into biomedical science as a trainee. You'll usually need at least 2 A levels in science or a related subject. Places are sponsored by employers like the NHS and are advertised as trainee biomedical scientist positions. You'd work and study towards an accredited degree



## WHERE CAN MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT TAKE ME?

Click the links to find out

[Art & Design](#)

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**Login to your Unifrog account to find out where your favorite subjects can take you**

## Curriculum Vitae



**Employers can judge a CV in seconds.**

**Here's how you can bag interviews by making your CV stand out!**

- 1. Tailor your CV to the course you are applying for**
- 2. Include a personal statement paragraph (an elevator pitch about why you are suitable for the course)**
- 3. Fill any gaps, don't leave out months or years or employers will wonder what happened in those periods.**
- 4. Check your spelling and grammar.**
- 5. Get creative, consider using colour and different layouts to grab the reader's attention.**
- 6. Give detail**
- 7. Keep it up to date.**
- 8. Be concise – 2 pages maximum**

### Final CV Tip:

**Focus on key words that grab a reader's attention. More and more industries are adopting digital solutions to help them recruit and look for these words by computer!**

### Did you know?

**Unifrog** has a CV tool to help you write an excellent CV and keep it up to date easily. You can print a copy whenever you want and email to other people.

### No work experience? No Problem.

**Try Volunteering!** Volunteering is a great way to build your employability skills whilst helping improve your local environment. You could gain valuable experiences of work in many different environments. You may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of these opportunities because you are giving your time for free. If you have some time to commit, get involved. It looks great on your CV too!

Find out more on

**Unifrog** – 'Know How' – 'Useful stuff' – Volunteering



## Resources: Careers and Labour Market Information

**Unifrog** [www.unifrog.org.uk](http://www.unifrog.org.uk)

**Icloud** <https://icloud.com>

**National Careers Service** <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

**Nomis** [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

**Prospects** [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

**National Apprenticeships** [www.nationalapprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.nationalapprenticeships.gov.uk)

**LMI for All** <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>

## What Employability Skills are Employers Seeking?

More emphasis being placed on behaviours, attitudes, core competencies and technical/vocational skills of the individual, defined as:



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## **ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE HARROGATE (AFC H) JUNIOR ENTRY PRESENTATIONS**

The Army Careers Centre (ACC) Bolton will be holding a careers presentation for all potential 'Junior Soldiers' who would like further information about the Army Foundation College, Harrogate (AFC H). This is relevant to those wishing to join in March 2022 or September 2022 intakes.

**Only students who are currently in Y10 or Y11 are suitable to attend this event.**

The presentation will start promptly at 19:00hrs (**7pm**) and light refreshments will be provided. There will also be an opportunity for further discussions with ACC staff.

**Army Reserve Centre Bolton**  
Nelson Street,  
Bolton,  
BL3 2RW

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

1900hrs / 7pm start

The presentation will highlight the following:

- Career opportunities in the Army
- Educational opportunities
- Pay and terms & conditions of service
- College lifestyle

Booking is essential, to secure your place please email [ARTD-RG-ACCBoltonGroupmail@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ARTD-RG-ACCBoltonGroupmail@mod.gov.uk) or call 01204 364111 with the following information:

Name of student:

Have they already made an application Yes/No

Accompanying parent/guardian 1:

Accompanying parent/guardian 2:

Contact Tel No:

Contact email address:

We ask that no more than two adults accompany each student – if you require more seats please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. Seonid Blythe  
Recruiter  
Army Career's Centre Bolton

Cpl Craig Graham  
Recruiting Coordinator  
Army Career's Centre Bolton



## The Value of Personal Careers Guidance Interviews

Providing young people with two one-to-one personal guidance sessions by the age of 18, at a typical cost of approximately £80 per young person is highly likely to be a net positive investment for the Exchequer. This highlights that the 2 interviews per student would achieve a breakeven point if only one in 500 secondary school students were prevented from becoming NEET prior to the age of 19. Personal guidance can support young people in developing personal effectiveness, become career ready and have better educational outcomes.

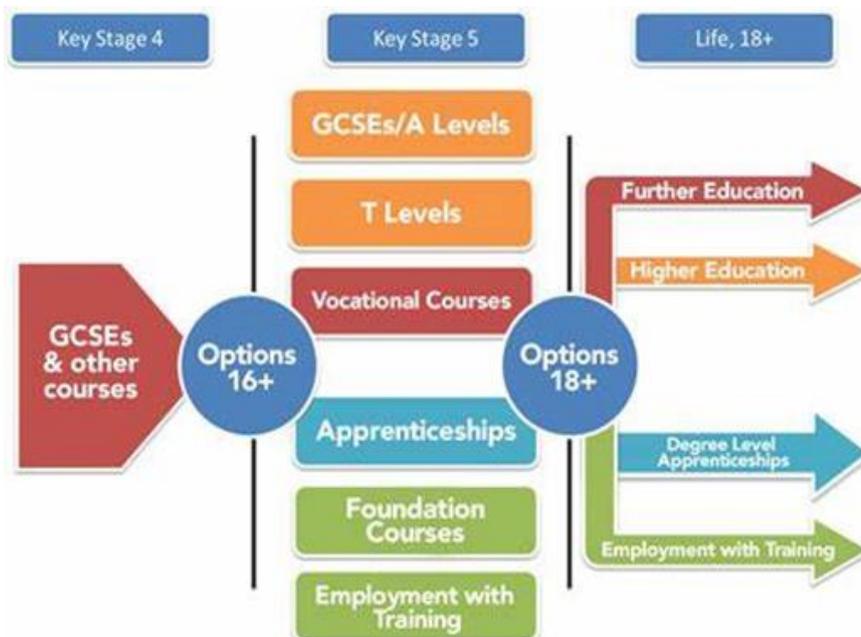
### Benefits of a guidance interview

- increased motivation and self- confidence
- greater self-awareness
- identification of more achievable ambitions
- improved decision making skills
- increased awareness of opportunities

Surveys of young people support the idea that personal guidance is worth investing in. When reflecting in hindsight a year or two after key points of guidance-supported decision-making, 70% of those young people who said they had spoken to a Careers Adviser in school or college found it helpful, with 26% reporting it very helpful.

Should you wish to discuss any options, please book an appointment via Mrs Hancock [dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:dhancock510@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk)

## Pathway Options





## Additional information

### Labour Market Information

#### What is LMI?

The LMI provides a high quality, reliable system to inform careers decisions. Its information about what is happening in your local area. Looks at sectors are

- growing and declining
- What types and levels of jobs are increasing and decreasing
- What supply of labour is available
- number, skills and qualification level
- Salaries, employment type and business size

#### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Knowing about local opportunities can help you think about career decisions. Accurate and up to date information can help you make informed choices for your future careers, education and training, and work experience

### Unifrog

St Joseph's encourages students to explore future options of all routes – whether educational or vocational.

All students across St Josephs can create a personal log in linked to the school to help them find the best next step for them.

Teachers and pastoral support staff can monitor usage and track student progress through applications and skills based activities.

The programme hold virtual tutorial guidance and help for all post 16 options, and positively promotes further reading about career routes, and can assisting in the plotting of a route from idea to end result.

Visit <https://www.unifrog.org/>

For more information and get started. Should you wish to discuss any options face-to-face, please book an appointment via Mrs Hancock for an advice and guidance interview?

LMI For All





# SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

**CAREERS PLANNER 11-14s**  
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**CAREER PLANNER 14-16s**  
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