



Careers Newsletter September 2026 – Edition 1

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter, every half term there will be information about some of the careers related events that will take place as well as useful information about events, and resources to help support students and families with career-related decisions and planning.

We would like to thank all our employers and volunteers for their support with our careers programme last year and are keen for these links to continue and for new opportunities to grow. If you are an employer and would like to support us with careers related learning, please contact us

careers@perschore.worcs.sch.uk

We are always looking for alumni to provide case studies or talk about their career pathways. This can be in person, written or video format and we will support you in the creation of the material. We have found that this really helps the students to understand the workplace and different opportunities available for them.

More detailed information about Perschore High Schools careers programme can be found on the careers page of the school website or by following the link below [Perschore High School – Careers](#)

Our Careers Team

Mr Hilditch – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Pyatt – Careers Leader

Mrs Booton-Gwynne – Head of Careers, Information, Advice & Guidance.

Mrs Lea – Careers and Pastoral Manager, Y9&10

Mrs Starkey – Head of Sixth Form

Miss Waters – Pastoral Manager, Sixth Form

Mr Avison – Careers Enterprise Company Enterprise Advisor

Year 11 Timeline: Actions to do this half term

1. Log onto Unifrog – complete or update profile quiz.
2. Explore job profiles of interest
3. Attend College / Sixth Form Open Events
4. Attend your 1-1 Career Guidance Meeting

What is a Careers meeting?

The aim of a careers meeting is to help students move forward with their post sixteen or post eighteen plans and ideas. It is not about telling them what to do or doing it for them. Students can have more than one appointment if they feel this will help with choosing the most appropriate training or education route.

The meeting can help them to: -

Explore

I am uncertain who I might become and what's out there for me.

Encounter

I have some ideas, but I need to explore more to decide what's right for me

Embark

I understand myself well and have a plan to put into action.

- **Explore** their skills & qualities.
- **Explore** what their options are.
- **Encounter** experiences and information to help with their career ideas and planning.
- **Embark** use the knowledge they have gained to create an action plan.

SEND

There are many different Post 16 learning opportunities available for young people with SEND in Worcestershire. The websites below are a useful starting point to find out more.

[Post 16 learning options for young people with SEND | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Career guidance for those with SEND, SEMH, and EHCP \(Education and Health Care Plan\) | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[SEND - Amazing Apprenticeships](#) explore the different resources that we have developed, working closely with the SEND Advisory Network.



Open Events – October & November

They are listed below and please make sure that you register on the website to book your place. Places book up quickly. Other dates later in the year are advertised on their website.

HoW College – Saturday 10th October 2026 9.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 18th November 2026 5pm - 8pm

Hartpury College – Saturday 10th October 2026 (Fully Booked)
Saturday 21st November 2026

Kidderminster College – Monday 5th October 2026 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Saturday 7th November 2026 10am – 1pm

Pershore High School Sixth Form – Thursday 26th November 2026 6pm – 8pm

Stratford Upon Avon College – Saturday 14th November 2026 10am – 2pm

WCG – Pershore College – Saturday 17th October 2026 10am – 2pm

Worcester 6th Form – Thursday 22nd October 2026 4.15pm- 8pm
Thursday 5th November 2026 4.15pm – 8pm

HWGTA – Tuesday 20th October 2026 4pm – 7pm

Sixth Form Careers & Guidance: Opportunities This Term

There is a lot happening across Sixth Form this term to help students explore their future pathways, develop valuable skills and make informed decisions about life after Year 13.

Aspiring to Oxford or Cambridge?

As part of the Aspire Programme, students who are considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge will have the opportunity to take part in a trip to Oriel College, Oxford. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience university life, explore what studying at a highly selective university involves and gain a greater understanding of the application process.

Pathways Programmes

Our Pathways programmes continue throughout the autumn term, giving students the chance to explore particular career areas in greater depth and begin developing the knowledge and skills needed for their future ambitions.

As part of the Medicine Pathway, students in Year 11 and Sixth Form will have the opportunity to complete a Level 3 First Aid course, providing practical experience and a valuable additional skill alongside their academic studies.

Spotlight on Careers

Our Spotlight on Careers programme will welcome a range of external speakers into Sixth Form this term. These sessions give students the opportunity to hear directly from professionals about different careers, routes into employment and what working in different sectors is really like.

Hearing first-hand experiences from people working in a variety of professions helps students to broaden their horizons, ask questions and connect their current studies with potential future careers.

Preparing for University

As part of our Careers and Guidance programme, students in Years 12 and 13 will hear from the University of Worcester about *Why HE?*, student life and study skills.

The session will give students the opportunity to explore the benefits and realities of higher education, consider what university life is like and develop the study skills that will support a successful transition beyond Sixth Form.

Post-18 Support – Every Monday

Students can also access Post-18 Support Drop-In sessions every Monday from 3:30–4:30pm in SFC with Mrs Starkey, Head of Sixth Form.

These informal sessions are available for students who would like additional support with:

UCAS applications

Apprenticeship applications

CV writing

Interview skills

Exploring post-18 options

Whether students already have a clear plan or are still considering their options, these sessions provide a useful opportunity to ask questions and receive individual guidance.

Supporting Students with University Applications

We also recognise that parents and carers play an important role in supporting students with their post-18 choices. This term, parents and carers had the opportunity to attend a webinar on supporting students with university applications, providing guidance on the process and how they can best support their young person.

With university, apprenticeships, employment and other pathways all offering exciting possibilities, our aim is to ensure that every Sixth Form student has access to the information, guidance and experiences they need to make confident decisions about their next steps.



Exploring Options and useful resources

UNIFROG:

All Pershore students from Year 8 have a Unifrog account which they can access at home and in school. Year 8 have recently been introduced to their account during PSHE and Citizenship lessons this term! A platform for career exploration and course research. To get students to identify job roles that suit their personal skills and qualities students can complete a personal quiz and save the results in their UNIFROG careers e portfolio.

National Careers Service:

Is a government careers website created for anyone of working age it is free to access and allows exploration of sectors, training options and labour market information.

Choice's magazine

Parent & Carers Guide [Choices Magazine – September Parent & Carer Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

One to one Careers meetings

These can be booked with the school's careers advisor Mrs Booton-Gwynne dbg@pershore.worcs.sch.uk. Students can request a meeting by popping into the careers office (Mon–Wed 8am-4pm).

Career Zone is also available for any student Mon-Weds 1.30pm-2pm, where they can utilise the advice of the Careers Team, the computers and look at prospectuses for colleges to find information to help them achieve their career aspirations. This is found in the Humanities Block opposite H8.

Alumni and Employer Network

As mentioned in our introduction, we are always interested in building connections with those who have trodden the same paths as our existing student body as we increase our provision of career opportunities and experiences for our students,

The power of an alumni network cannot be underestimated. Evidence-backed research has shown that alumni in careers education is an invaluable tool in helping students make the right choices for their future careers as well as help to raise aspirations – perfect for our school value of “Thinking Big!”

We are looking for alumni who would be interested in participating in, providing, or accommodating any of the following:

- Year group assemblies
- Classroom talks
- Classroom activities
- Student showcase events
- Work experience
- Visits to workplaces
- Networking events

If you are interested, or know of anybody who is interested, in growing our network of people we can work with, please complete the survey which was sent out as part of the PSHE curriculum update letter on Wednesday 16th September.

The link can also be found here: [PSHE and RSHE - Parent Feedback 2026-27 – Fill out form](#)