



12 September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 11 Parent & Guardian Virtual Trust Presentation:  
'Exploring the World of Careers in Key Stage 4 + Post Year 11 Options' - with  
Careers Adviser – Mrs Anna Finlason – Thursday 25 September 2025 – 6.30-  
7.30pm**

This is a very important term and year for our Year 11 students. Applications for colleges and sixth forms will begin to open from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Students can also start to search and apply for apprenticeships, if they wish.

**Invitation to Virtual Presentation – 'Exploring the World of Careers in Key Stage 5':**

We understand that navigating post Year 11 options and the application process and knowing how to best support your son/daughter through this period, will be new to many. We also know that research indicates your role as a parent/guardian is very important in relation to your young person's career & destination decisions.

To help you navigate careers and post Year 11 options – you are invited to attend a virtual presentation. The session will include key information as well as a demonstration of how to apply to a college, sixth form and for an apprenticeship.

Please login just before 6.30pm on 25 September – using the link/ID/Code below:

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 343 158 018 921 3

Passcode: XG9Ne7Jj

**Careers Appointments:**

Some Year 11 students will already have had their careers appointment - during Year 10 - and many will have one over the coming months, before Christmas. An individualised 'Action Plan' is created for each student, following their appointment, and is also sent to you as a home contact, as well as the student's Tutor.

***If your son/daughter has had a Careers Appointment – please refer to their individual 'Action Plan' to support research & applications.***

**Applications to colleges/sixth forms, and for apprenticeships:**

It is important to note that we are encouraging all students to apply to x3 colleges/sixth forms **before** Christmas.

- **If applying to sixth forms** - we require every student to apply to at least 1 (or more colleges), as back-up. Students can also apply to another sixth form/s.

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- **If applying to colleges only** – we require every student to apply to x3 colleges – with a first choice and back-up options.
- **If applying for apprenticeships** – we require every student to apply to 2-3 or more colleges +/- sixth forms, as back-up.
- **Please note** – the process for students with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) may be different – we will send a further letter home, for students with an EHCP, soon.

**Applying early in the Year 11 application process** (from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 onward): We know that students who apply early will be more likely to secure places. We recommend all students to have applied to x3 places by Christmas + to continue applying for apprenticeships until an opportunity is secured. Back-up options are very important – e.g. every student should apply to at least x1 college and x1 vocational / technical course (BTEC / T-Level).

**‘Conditional’ and ‘Unconditional’ offers:**

**Please note:** An offer does not confirm a place if places are ‘Conditional’ – i.e. on condition that GCSE grades/other entry requirements are fulfilled.

An ‘Unconditional’ offer mean a student’s place is not based on grades/other requirements OR that the requirements have already been met.

**If applying for A-Levels – apply for a vocational course/s as back-up:**

From experience, we know that students applying to study A-Levels at sixth form/college should also apply for x1 or more back-up options – e.g. at least x1 BTEC/T-Level course – in case GCSE grades required for A-Levels are not achieved. Finding and securing places on/after GCSE Results Day can be more challenging and lead to disappointment (e.g. students may not have as much choice or may not be able to study their chosen course - as places will already have been filled. Once places are filled, a waiting list is in operation and places cannot be guaranteed).

Please find some useful information details / links below:

- **‘Student Careers Pack’ – containing information & top-tips:**  
<https://www.maidenerleghtrust.org/attachments/download.asp?file=3012&type=pdf>
- **A list of ‘Sixth Form and Further Education College Open Events’** will soon be available on the Year 11 student’s Google Classroom page + shared via Tutors.
- **UNIFROG** – our careers and destination platform: [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) – every student has access to their own account. The UNIFROG website holds a wide range of information related to post 16 and 18 options. Students can search for sixth forms/colleges and apprenticeships + explore many job profiles, explore post 18 options & entry requirements, find advice/top tips on many things – e.g. creating a CV, exam revision, applications, interviews, and much more!  
Please find a list of highlighted UNIFROG events on the following page.

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I hope you can join me for the Virtual Careers presentation on **Thursday 25 September 2024 at 6.30pm.**

If you are feeling at all unsure about the contents of this letter, please do attend the virtual event for further help and clarification.

Please also do not hesitate to email me with any questions at: [a.finlason@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:a.finlason@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Finlason  
Trust Careers Adviser

## Unifrog events 25/26: Students



- September**
  - w/c 22 Sep - Post-18 options series:** Not sure what to do after school or college? Learn more about options like apprenticeships and going to university.
  - w/c 29 Sep - University application masterclasses:** Get tips from the experts to help you craft an outstanding application to get onto your dream course.
- October**
  - w/c 6 Oct - 'Day in the life' series:** What does someone at work actually do in a day? Find out what it's like from employees and apprentices in a range of sectors.
  - 14 Oct - Unifrog University Fair:** A virtual fair to hear from different UK universities about how to choose what and where to study, and advice on getting in.
- November**
  - w/c 10 Nov - Apprenticeship application masterclasses:** Expert tips from some of the biggest employers on how to write a great application and ace the interview process to get an apprenticeship.
- December**
  - 2 Dec - GCSE choices:** How do you choose the right subjects for GCSEs? We'll share some key things to think about!
  - 3 Dec - Post-16 options:** Not sure what to do after GCSEs? Explore your options with schools, colleges, and employers and discover the best fit for you.
  - 9 Dec - How to prepare for exams:** If you have mock or real exams coming up, this webinar will give you top tips on revising and getting ready.
- January**
  - 20 Jan - Post-university applications:** So you've sent off your university applications - now what? Join us to learn things like how to choose between offers and prepare for student life at university.
  - w/c 26 Jan - Getting started with university research series:** Things you should know and practical advice on how to start your search to find the perfect university.
- February**
  - 11 Feb - Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair:** A virtual fair for you to chat to lots of top employers who offer apprenticeships for young people. Learn how to apply and what it's like to work in different sectors.
- March**
  - w/c 2 Mar - Careers week webinars:** A series during National Careers Week to help you make choices about your future career, and learn how to make it happen.
  - 18 Mar - Subject discovery fair:** A virtual fair to hear from different universities with a focus on discovering the right subject for you.
  - 25 Mar - How to prepare for exams:** Tips to help you revise and get ready for upcoming exams.
- April**
  - w/c 20 Apr - Soft skills to succeed series:** What skills do employers look out for? Find out which soft skills you need to apply for jobs, apprenticeships, and internships, and how to demonstrate them in your application.
- May**
  - w/c 11 May - 'Day in the life' series:** What does someone at work actually do in a day? Find out what it's like from employees and apprentices in a range of sectors.
- June**
  - 3 Jun - Unifrog University Fair:** A virtual fair to meet universities from around the world to help you choose what and where to study, and learn how to apply successfully.
  - w/c 8 Jun - University advice webinars:** Learn about aspects of university life, from how to budget and live affordably to extracurricular activities.
  - w/c 15 Jun - Taster lectures:** Ever wondered what a real university lecture sounds like? We've invited lecturers from a range of popular subjects to show you.
  - 29 Jun-3 Jul - Virtual Work Experience Week:** A week of virtual work experience with five top employers to develop your skills!
- July**
  - 7 Jul - Introduction to Clearing:** Get advice for results day and how to use UCAS Clearing to find a place at university.

\*w/c - week commencing



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