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UPCOMING EVENTS

Y10 PD Speaker Sessions - *The World of Work* - Friday 20th November

CAREERS COMPASS - where could you go next?

Every year group is at a different point on their careers journey. Here's what you could be thinking about this half-term...

Year 7 and 8 - *start exploring*

Start thinking about what you enjoy, what you're good at and the things you're curious about.
Your next step: 🔎 Explore a career you've never heard of before.

Year 9 - *your GCSE choices*

Start thinking about your strengths, interests and the subjects you enjoy.
Your next step: 🎯 On Unifrog research where your favourite subjects could take you.

Year 10 - *get career ready*

Your work experience is a chance to discover the world of work and develop skills such as communication, teamwork and adaptability.
Your next step: 💼 Make the most of your WEx and start exploring post-16 routes.



Year 11 - *what's next?*

Time to explore sixth forms, colleges, T Levels and apprenticeships. Go to open events, ask questions and find out what each route involves.
Your next step: 🗺️ Research at least two post-16 options.

Year 12 - *build your future*

Think about WEx, volunteering, super-curricular activities and developing your CV. If considering university or an apprenticeship, start researching courses, providers and entry requirements.
Your next step: 🚀 Do something this term that will strengthen your future applications.

Year 13 - *make it happen*

Whether you're applying through UCAS, looking for an apprenticeship or considering another route, make sure you are ready for applications, interviews and next steps.
Your next step: ✅ Check your deadlines and make sure you know what needs doing next.

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FIND YOUR DIRECTION



You don't need to know exactly where you're going...
Your career journey is about exploring, trying things out and discovering what suits you.



EXPLORE

What careers, subjects and industries suit you? Try:

- *Explore careers on Unifrog*
- *Look at our Job of the Week*
- *Talk to someone who works in a career you're curious about*

DISCOVER



What are your strengths, interests and skills? Ask yourself:

- *What do I enjoy?*
- *What am I good at?*
- *What motivates me?*
- *What kind of environment would suit me?*

EXPERIENCE



You learn a lot by actually doing things. Get involved in:

- *Work experience*
- *Volunteering*
- *Employer talks*
- *Careers events*
- *Clubs and activities*

TAKE THE NEXT STEP



You dont need a 10-year plan. Just take one useful step:

This week: research one career.

This term: go to an event or speak to someone.

This year: try something new.

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PAST EVENTS

Annual Careers Fair - October 2026



The Balcarras Careers Fair 2026 was a fantastic success, with an excellent turnout from students and families throughout the evening.

We were delighted to welcome over 60 exhibitors from a wide range of industries and organisations, giving students the opportunity to explore an impressive variety of career pathways, professions and future opportunities. Alongside the exhibition stands, a number of universities delivered presentations throughout the evening, providing students with valuable information about university life, choosing courses and different routes into higher education.



The event was particularly successful because of the enthusiasm and engagement shown by our students. We have received extremely positive feedback from exhibitors, with many taking the time to praise our students for their excellent behaviour, politeness and genuine enthusiasm.

A number of exhibitors commented on how well prepared the students were, particularly the quality of the questions they asked. Students were confident in approaching employers, universities and professionals, asking thoughtful questions and showing a real interest in finding out more about different careers and progression routes.

It was wonderful to see students of all ages engaging with such a wide range of organisations and beginning to think about their future pathways. Events such as the Careers Fair provide an invaluable opportunity for students to speak directly with people working in different sectors and gain a better understanding of the skills, qualifications and experiences needed to pursue their ambitions.

A huge thank you to all of our exhibitors, universities, presenters and staff who gave up their time to support the event. We would also like to thank all the students and parents who attended and made the evening such a success.