

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

MEET THE CAREERS TEAM



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Careers Advisor & Lead



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The careers department is based in The Careers Hub just off the canteen.

We have an open door policy and are always available to offer support, information, advice and guidance about careers, universities, colleges and apprenticeships.

You can also contact us by e-mail: careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

CAREERS ON THE VLE

The careers department has an extensive selection of resources, information and opportunities on our pages on the VLE.



Careers Pages on the VLE


Careers Hub: in canteen
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Apprenticeships

- ✓ This is where we put every apprenticeship vacancy we hear about.
- ✓ There are also links to local and national companies that offer apprenticeships.

Events

- ✓ A list of all the upcoming school careers events.



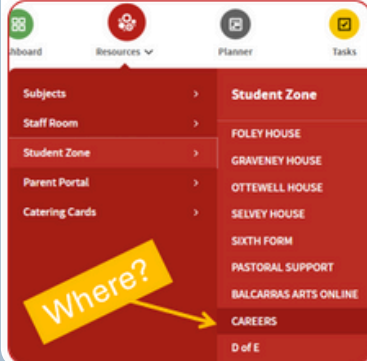
Post 16 Options

- ✓ Links to all local 6th from colleges

Post 18 Options


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- GAP Year / Volunteering
- Personal Statements
- PUSH
- Student Finance
- Studying Abroad
- University Events 2024-25



Work Experience

- ✓ Year 10 WEx – list of placement contacts, adding a placement on Unifrog, sample letters and CVs
- ✓ In-person WEx – all current opportunities for in-person work experience suitable for Year 10 and above
- ✓ Virtual Wex - all the current opportunities for online work experience suitable for all year groups

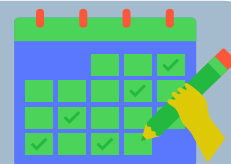


And there is much, much more ...

Job of The Week,
Useful Websites,
Careers Areas

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Year 10 Work Experience Launch to Pupils: Wednesday 24 September

Year 10 Work Experience Launch to Parents: Thursday 25 September

Balcarras Careers Fair: Thursday 2 October

Year 11 Personal Development: post-16 options talks inc Cirencester College and NHS Apprenticeships

CAREERS CURRICULUM

In each year the careers offerings your child will be exposed to differ, more details can be found on the Balcarras School website by clicking [here](#).

Some events are listed below.

Year 7: tutor sessions on “what is a career?” Unifrog launch, mini careers fair.

Year 8: tutor session on “labour market information,” PD session “The Apprentice,” curriculum day “DataFace competition.”

Year 9: tutor session “careers stereotypes,” GCSE options evening.

Every October Balcarras hosts a Careers Fair with 100+ stalls from universities, colleges, training providers and employees. Year 9 and above are encouraged to attend to see what options are available for their future.

Year 10: work experience, practice interviews, CV workshop, tutor session “finance and the world of work.”

Year 11: 1:1 interview with qualified careers advisor, GCSE information evening and assembly, tutor session “employability skills,” PD session “post-16 options.”

Year 12: UCAS convention, weekly drop-in sessions with careers advisor, work shadowing, fortnightly speaker sessions, futures lessons.

Year 13: higher education information evening, weekly drop-in sessions with careers advisor, futures lessons, tutor interviews focussed on post-18 options.

Any virtual/in-person work experience, apprenticeship vacancies and other opportunities are added to the VLE and sent out as tasks where appropriate to the pupils.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

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WHAT IS UNIFROG?

- All our students have free access to Unifrog.
- This is an excellent careers website which supports your child's Careers, Education, Information and Guidance (CEAIG) provisions.
- There are also helpful sections for parents and carers.
- Pupils can use it to:
 - Explore what subjects they would be interested in studying Post 16 and how these choices can lead to different career paths and further education.
 - Discover courses in areas that they are interested in and see what is needed to make a successful application to a College/Sixth Form.
 - Explore how to successfully apply to an apprenticeship or university course.
 - Write a CV and Cover Letter
 - Record key activities and achievements to use in applications.



CALLING ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS

SUPPORT OUR CAREERS DEPARTMENT

We're always looking for ways to inspire and prepare our students for the world beyond school – and you could make a real difference!

Ways you can help:

- Deliver a careers talk or Q&A session
- Offer work experience or job shadowing opportunities
- Support mock interviews or CV workshops
- Take part in our careers fair
- Share your career journey – in person or via video

Whether you work in healthcare, construction, media, engineering, finance, hospitality, or any other field – we would love to hear from you!

CONTACT

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CAREERS FAIR

2025



Thursday
2 October, 2025



When:
5:00pm to 7:00pm

*Speak to experts from 40+ universities, colleges and
apprenticeship providers.*

Connect with top employers, discover your career possibilities.

Please note:

Quiet time from 4:45pm until 5:00pm

Years 11, 12 & 13 are invited from 5:00pm until 6:00pm

Years 9 & 10 are invited from 6:00pm until 7:00pm



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WORK EXPERIENCE

All of Year 10 went out on work experience in the second to last week of term. Here is what a few of them got up to.

MARLEY-LOLA DURRANT: Midwife

- For work experience I was very lucky having the opportunity with studying midwifery. I learned how a midwife checks a pregnant woman at their midwife appointments.
- I was also taught about labour, complications and how to deliver a baby.
- At the start of my placement, I met a newborn baby and was taught how to examine them after birth.
- I had an amazing time doing my work experience.



NOAH SUZUKI-THOMAS: The Meadows Cafe

- My time at The Meadow Café was great. Everyday I learnt something new and gave me a fresh new experience to activities I had never done before.
- The manager of the café, Taz helped me through my days working there and taught me various skills required in there. This included talking to customers and taking their orders, cooking, making coffee, stock managing and much more.
- The staff team there are all very nice people and helped create an enjoyable work environment for me.
- Overall, my week at The Meadow Café was amazing and has helped me decide my future goals and aspirations in life.



WILL HEYS: Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

- We explored many different sectors from the Rangers on the hill to the management team to the engagement team and more.
- We learnt how to make rain gardens, how to do sun printing and we also spotted adders on the top of Crickley Hill. The staff were every nice and patient helping me to learn as much as I could.
- My favourite part was probably walking to the top of Robinswood Hill and then checking to see if the cattle were all ok. On the way up we stopped at the quarry and saw goats.
- Overall, I really enjoyed my work experience, and it has helped me to learn many aspects of careers in the Wildlife Trust

