



ORIEL SIXTH FORM FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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We might not be in school yet this term but that doesn't stop you thinking about what to do after Year 13 and making the appropriate plans. Don't forget that Unifrog is a major part of our Futures provision and we encourage you to make the most of this fantastic platform, especially while we cannot meet you face-to-face.

Even in lockdown there remains an abundance of innovative, exciting virtual opportunities to support you. We hope you find something that can help you - please let us know how you get on!

WORLD OF WORK

If you are planning to go into the workplace after Oriol Sixth Form then here is what you should be doing this term:

- Make sure you understand the difference between the various apprenticeships available.
- Research possible pathways
- Make contact with potential employers
- Write your CV and cover letter
- Attend virtual events

Amazing Apprenticeships has loads of virtual and digital resources to help you.



UNIVERSITY

If you are planning to go to university after Oriol Sixth Form then here is what you should be doing this term:

YEAR 13

Keep an eye on UCAS Track - your offers will be coming in via this platform. When your last decision comes in go to Track to make your replies. You'll have a deadline shown in Track to do this by - remember your personal deadline might be different to your friends!

These are the types of reply you can make.

- Firm acceptance - this is your first choice.
- Insurance acceptance - the back-up choice.
- Decline - you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

However, if you decide you don't want to accept any of the offers, you can decline them all and add more courses in the 'Extra' service. Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on in our Clearing service.

Visit UCAS for more detailed information or email Mrs Bates or your tutor to chat things through.

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers

YEAR 12

Keep using all of the tools on Unifrog to research different pathways and complete supercurricular activities (e.g. a MOOC) that will make you a strong applicant. Do a Taster Day or attend a lecture (PTO).

CAREERS: WEX



We have recently partnered with Uptree, a professional network which connects young people with the world of work.

Watch their welcome assembly via My School App)

This partnership will bring a series of great opportunities to help you gain work experience:

- Self-guided workshops
- Work experience adverts
- Online conference FuturesUp
- Apprenticeship Application courses
- Bulletins about unique opportunities with top employers (see 'virtual opportunities')



To make the most of this partnership simply create your own Uptree account using the link in the attached sign-up sheet.

InvestIN also offer a huge amount of work experience opportunities. (<https://investin.org>)



VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES



We promote all opportunities via the Sixth Form App. Students and parents are strongly advised to have this on their phone.

This term the following events are open:

Unifrog Student skills development webinars - perfect for students starting to think about the skills they need for the world of work. In each session, employers and employees will explain why each skill is so important and how students can develop them:

- Leadership development - 25 January, 4.30pm
- Digital skills development - 26 January, 4.30pm
- Problem solving skills development - 27 January, 4.30pm
- Entrepreneurship skills - 28 January, 4.30pm
- Communication and presenting skills development - 2 Feb, 4.30pm

Students can sign up now via the Webinars tool on their Unifrog homepage.

University resources - here are just a few of the opportunities out there for students considering university.

- See the attached poster from Solent University to attend online talks about university life.
- Visit the Bath University website to find out about the Pathway to Bath programme.
- Use the links sent via MySchoolApp to access sessions recorded by Reading University to support Yr12 with their studies and Yr13 prepare for uni

UniTasterDays - It can be hard to keep track of all of the opportunities, there's so many! This is a great website that puts everything in one place - sign up for email alerts to make life even easier.

MY SCHOOL APP



Our number 1 method of keeping you up to date. Download now from your app store!