



# ORIEL SIXTH FORM FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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As the Autumn Term draws to a close we hope this newsletter will help you support your young person in planning their future. We know that thinking about what to do after school can be daunting, which is why we have a tailored tutorial programme at Oriel to help our students to research their options and prepare their applications. Unifrog is a major part of this programme so we encourage you to create a parent account to see what it offers. We also hope you and your child sign up with Uptree to find a range of work experiences.

## UPTREE

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

This partnership brings a series of great opportunities to help your child gain work experience:

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

To make the most of this partnership simply create your own Uptree account at <https://uptree.co/a/signup/student/oriel-high-school-42156/>

## UNIFROG

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by writing their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

Every student in Year 12 and 13 has their own Unifrog account. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

To do this we have set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to truly support your child. The form code you need is:

**sixthformparentoriel** and you can sign up here:  
[www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)

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## YEAR 12

This term has been spent using Unifrog to research different pathways - your child has been looking into university, apprenticeships, careers and super-curricular activities.

Next term, we will start to encourage students to make a decision and talk to them about how to choose a course, university or employer. To help them decide we will be taking students to a University Exhibition in March and an apprenticeship fair later in the year (either virtually or in person).

### University

If your child decides that university is for them, here is what they should be doing next term:

- Complete all of the sections in Unifrog - shortlists, competencies, activities and the locker.
- Do the Personality Profile and Interests Profile to help you find a suitable career or course.
- Complete the super-curricular activities (e.g. a MOOC) that will make you a strong applicant.



### World of Work

If your child decides to go into the World of Work, here is what they should be doing next term:

- Find summer programmes and apply for them.
- Create a LinkedIn profile.
- Complete the super-curricular activities (e.g. a MOOC) that will make you a strong applicant.

## YEAR 13

For those going to university, this term has been spent completing the UCAS application process - a massive well done to everyone. For those applying to apprenticeships, next term is your turn to get those applications in!

### University

If your child has applied for university, here is what they should be doing next term:

- **Replying to offers:** There is no rush to get back to the universities - it is a big decision and you don't need to reply until May. There are 3 types of reply:
  - Firm acceptance - your first choice
  - Insurance acceptance - your 'back up' (make sure the entry requirements are lower than your firm)
  - Decline - you need to decline all other offers.
- **Finance:** Most students will have two key costs to cover: the tuition fee and the living costs. There are two loans available to help. Here are the key websites:  
<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>  
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>  
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/>  
There are also bursaries and scholarships available - use Unifrog to find them.



### World of Work

If your child is applying for jobs or apprenticeships, they should have their CV and cover letter templates ready - remember these need to be adjusted for each application! Many application windows open in January - keep an eye out and be ready to apply. Be aware that these windows are only open for a short time.



### MY SCHOOL APP

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



### OXBRIDGE

Mrs Holmes runs a specialist Oxbridge group supporting students through the early application process and interviews.



### MEDSOC

Mrs Carr runs our Medical Society which uses resources from the MedicPortal to support our aspiring medics.



### WIDER PARTICIPATION

Mr Hayward & Ms Aylwin support students who are eligible for widening participation programmes at university.

