



# ORIEL SIXTH FORM FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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Thinking about what to do after school can be daunting, which is why we have a tailored tutorial programme at Oriel to help you research your options and prepare your applications. Unifrog is a major part of this provision and we encourage you to make the most of this fantastic platform.

In the current climate, deciding a future pathway might seem even more difficult. But, in fact, there is an abundance of innovative, exciting virtual opportunities to support you this year. Whether it is a virtual UCAS expo or a useful webinar, we hope you find something that can help you and make the most of it.

## WORLD OF WORK

If you are planning to go into the workplace after Oriel 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

## NOT SURE?

Don't worry - you have plenty of time to decide...

## UNIVERSITY

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

### YEAR 13

Complete final draft of Personal Statement in Unifrog. Get a subject specialist to review it in Unifrog and act upon their advice

- Check with your teachers what your Predicted Grades are and check them against the entry requirements of your chosen courses.
- Book a checking appointment with Mrs Slayford to go through your completed UCAS form
- Complete your application in UCAS and send it to us **COMPLETED** and **CHECKED** by 4th December

### YEAR 12

- Use all of the tools on Unifrog to research different pathways
- Find out more about going to university by attending a UCAS virtual expo (see more over the page).
- Complete Supercurricular activities that will make you a strong applicant.

## CAREERS: WEX



### WORK EXPERIENCE

placements are going to look a little bit different this year. Many firms and organisations are opting for virtual work experience wherever possible, but what does this mean?

One of our Year 13s is currently taking part in a virtual work experience scheme and here's what she has to say:

"There are a few modules that need to be completed, but these can be done at my own pace, so it is flexible around my studies. Each module has a task that I complete. I then submit the task to the company and they send me a version of what they would do. I then have to write a self-reflection of what I think I could do better.

Doing a virtual work experience has really helped me work out what I want to do and what section of that job I would enjoy."

Hannah Allen



## VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS / WEBINARS



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:

- **UCAS Virtual Exhibitions:** These are an innovative and easy way to talk to universities about what they are offering. You can ask your questions to the universities you are interested in, listen to talks about what university is like, how to fund it and how to make a successful application. Choose the event that best matches your interests. Don't forget to record your findings in Unifrog.
- If you'd like to 'visit' a university you can attend a virtual open day. You can find dates at - [www.unitasterdays.com/search](http://www.unitasterdays.com/search). We also recommend that you sign up for their emails.
- If you have a limited idea of what university is like because you will be the first in your family to go to university, you could attend one of the many 'widening participation' programmes which have gone virtual this year. The following are open now and have a deadline before Christmas:
  - Cambridge Shadowing Scheme
  - Reading Scholars Programme
  - Social Mobility Foundation Aspiring Professionals Programme
- If you are interested in an apprenticeship, then this is a great website to look at [www.amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/). There is a full range of resources to help support parents through these unprecedented times. Parents can access current and past editions of the specialist Parents' Pack filled with activities, interviews with employers and ideas on how to engage in discussions about apprenticeships at home.

### MY SCHOOL APP

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



### KEY DATES

**4th December 2020**

UCAS Deadline for application to be paid and sent to school (Yr13)

**October / November 2020**

UCAS Virtual Exhibitions