



# ORIEL SIXTH FORM FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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## 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:

- Many application windows are now opening - keep an eye on your favourite apprenticeships and be ready to apply.
- Be warned - these windows are only open for a short time.
- Make contact with potential employers
- Write your CV and cover letter
- Attend INsight events
- Apply for summer programmes



## 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

It is likely that students are now receiving offers from the universities. Take time and take stock of the offers you are receiving. There is no rush to get back to the universities - it is a big decision and you don't have to get back to them until May.

When it comes to making your decision - there are 3 types of reply

- Firm acceptance - this is your first choice
- Insurance acceptance - your 'back-up' (make sure the entry requirements are lower than your first choice and that you do actually want to go to this university)
- Decline - you need to decline the other offers

This term, we will be talking about the pros and cons of an unconditional offer and discussing the options if you don't receive any offers.

### YEAR 12

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

Please get in touch if you have any questions - [sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk) or visit the UCAS website.

## CAREERS: WEX



By now, Year 12 should have secured their WORK EXPERIENCE placement for the final week of this term.

If they have not yet done this, they should see Mr Thornton or Mr Withell as soon as possible.

Whilst taking part in this fantastic opportunity, students should be using Unifrog to keep track of all the new skills they are developing:

- Students can add photos, files and documents to their **Locker**.
- Students should fill in the **Activities** section
- Students can reflect on what they are doing by updating the **Competencies** section.

Keeping a log of their new experiences and skills in this way will really help them when it comes to writing their CV and UCAS personal statement next term.

Unifrog is a great tool that parents can use too - just sign up to the form code **sixthformparentoriel21**

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION



We promote all opportunities via the Sixth Form App. Students and parents are strongly advised to have this on their phone. This term we will be sharing information about the following programmes:

All Year 12 Students are taking part in two important events that will inform them about two major post 18 pathways:

1. The UCAS Higher Education Fair
2. The National Apprenticeship Show

In addition to this there are a number of opportunities open to a smaller group of students - usually those whose parents have not gone to university. These opportunities are a great way of learning what university is like. Each one has different eligibility criteria and an application form. If you would like to apply, please let your form tutor know so that they can help you with the application process and give you the best chance of success as places are limited.

UNIQ (Oxford Spring / Summer School) - deadline end of January

Royal Holloway Summer University Programme - deadline end of February

Southampton Medicine Residential - deadline 23rd February

Southampton Engineering Residential - deadline 23rd February

Cambridge Subject Masterclasses - open in February / March

Eton College Universities Summer School - deadline 1st March

Sutton Trust Summer School - deadline 3rd March

Surrey Summer School - deadline March

A2S Southampton University - deadline 15th May

### MY SCHOOL APP

Our number 1 method of keeping you up to date.

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### KEY DATES

**28th Jan** Cambridge Trip

**24th Feb** UCAS Higher Education Fair

**3rd Mar** National Apprenticeship Show

**11th Mar** Oxford Trip

**25th Mar** Oxbridge Student Conference

**30th Mar - 3rd Apr** Year 12 Work Experience