

The Path Ahead

October 15th 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find our ***Careers Newsletter*** attached.

We hope the information is useful and inspiring for our students and parents/carers.

Please feel free to email us any requests or feedback.



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Open Days

Mark Your Calendar

College Open Days

Amersham College - Tuesday - 10th November 5.00pm-8.00pm
Aylesbury College - Saturday - 14th November 5.00pm -1.00pm
BCA - Saturday 14th November 10.00am - 2.00pm
Global Academy - Thursday 5th November - 5.00pm-8.00pm
Henley College - Thursday 24th September - 5.30pm-8.00pm
Langley College - Wednesday 4th November - 4.00pm-6.30pm
Uxbridge College - Wednesday 7th October - 4.00pm-8.00pm
West Herts College - Saturday 21st November - 9.30am-1.30pm
Wycombe College - Thursday 12th November 5.00pm-8.00pm



A Guide to Unifrog

To continue to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we are using Unifrog: an award-winning, online destinations platform. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 now have access to this platform.

What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is designed to support learners in making informed decisions about their futures, with a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own account that provides a range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

Key features of the platform for students include:

- Psychometric testing quizzes
- Career and subject exploration
- Webinars and interactive short courses
- Self-reflection and portfolio building tools
- Search tools for live apprenticeship and employer opportunities, and university courses
- Application and essay-building tools

Students at Unifrog schools can log in from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. We encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding on their next steps. You can create your own parent account where you'll be able to see what your child is doing on Unifrog, including any interactions tagged against their name and any upcoming events we've logged for them. You'll also be able to use all the same tools your child can to support them on their Unifrog journey.

For a parent/caregiver account to be created on Unifrog:

- First the parent/caregiver's email has to be added in the parent/caregiver field for the child
- Then the parent/caregiver can open their account using their email address here:
www.unifrog.org/parent

If you have any issues signing in, please contact kmacgregor@chalfonts.org

You'll also have the option to sign up to Unifrog's parent / caregiver newsletter to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org.





T Levels – Information

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels started in September 2020 at selected schools and colleges in England. They are equivalent to a Level 3 course and have a minimum of 45 days in industry as a work placement.

There are now over 20 T Level subjects to choose from, covering everything from agriculture to craft and design and engineering to science. You can study a T Level in the following subjects:

Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care

- [Agriculture, Land Management and Production](#)
- [Animal care and Management](#)

Business and Administration

- [Management and Administration](#)

Construction

- [Building Services Engineering for Construction](#)
- [Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)

Creative and Design

- [Craft and Design](#)
- [Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

Digital

- [Digital Data Analytics](#)
- [Digital Software Development](#)
- [Digital Support and Security](#)

Education and Early Years

- [Education and Early Years](#)

Engineering and Manufacturing

- [Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)

Health and Science

- [Health](#)
- [Science](#)

Legal, Finance and Accounting

- [Accounting](#)
- [Finance \(Last enrolments September 2026\)](#)
- [Legal Services](#)

Sales, Marketing and Procurement

- [Marketing](#)





Educational Levels Explained

The Parents' Guide to
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Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)		NVQ 8		
7	Masters degree (MA)		Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7		
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4	Higher National Certificate (HNC)		Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4		
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma		Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications		Traineeship / NVQ 1
	Academic route		Vocational route		Applied / work route

Medical Insight Days (Years 7-13)

Book Your Free Place on NHS Careers Talks

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust has just released its Discover Careers in healthcare programme for 2026-27.

Why come? The free early evening careers events will help you to:

- Gain insight into the wide range of NHS careers
- Discover career options you may not have considered before
- Learn about different routes into healthcare careers
- Ask questions and get advice from NHS professionals
- Build your knowledge and experience for university, college or job applications and interviews

Who should attend?

- Ideal for students in **Years 7-13** who are interested in healthcare, helping people or exploring future careers in the NHS.
- Bring a friend or family member!
- Venue: Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8AL (in the lecture theatre)
- Time: 5-7pm (dates listed below)

Dates:

- **Discover careers in the Allied Health Professions: Wednesday 2 December 2026: click to book your place**
- (Focuses on: diagnostic radiography, dietetics, music therapy, occupational therapy, operating department practice, orthoptics, paramedic science, physiotherapy, podiatry, prosthetics and orthotics, speech & language therapy)
- **Discover careers in pharmacy: Thursday 11 February 2027**
- **Discover careers in biomedical science: Wednesday 10 March 2027**
- **Discover careers in nursing and midwifery: Wednesday 28 April 2027**
- **Discover careers in psychology: Thursday 24 June 2027**
- **Discover careers in medicine (Year 9+): Thursday 8 July 2027**

For more information and to book tickets: Visit

www.tickettailor.com/events/buckinghamshirehealthcarenhstrust (tickets are usually released a term in advance)



Pathways into Accountancy: Live Webinar with ACCA

There is a massive misconception that a high-flying career in global business has to cost you £50,000 in university debt. **It doesn't.** Some of the most competitive, high-paying routes into international finance start straight after school. This live session with ACCA professionals is designed to show you exactly how to bypass student loans, secure a starting salary, and get chartered on your own terms.

Pathways into accountancy from school with ACCA

Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 06:30 PM GMT · 60 min

Day in the life of an accountancy apprentice

Wed, Dec 2, 2026, 06:30 PM GMT · 60 min

Where a career in accounting can take you - views from Senior professionals in accounting and finance

Thu, Dec 3, 2026, 06:30 PM GMT · 60 min

How to get hired: applications and interviews explained

Tue, Dec 8, 2026, 06:30 PM GMT · 60 min

[Register now](#)

What We Will Cover:

University Route

The classic academic experience. Study business theory, build your independence, and work towards a degree before starting your professional qualifications.

Apprenticeship Route

The fast track. Join a global employer straight after school, earn a salary from day one, and study for respected, chartered credentials with zero tuition debt.

The Foundation Route

The stepping stone. Ideal if you want to start building finance skills immediately from **Year 10 or 11**, laying a solid groundwork for future corporate roles.



Medical Insight Days (Years 11–13)

Clinical Psychology virtual career drop-ins

Are your students interested in a career in psychology? The Clinical Psychology team at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is hosting virtual career drop-in sessions for students in **Years 11–13** (teachers welcome too!).

These friendly, informal sessions offer a great opportunity for students to meet the team and get their questions answered.

2026–2027 session dates:

Autumn: Wednesday 18 November, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Spring: Wednesday 24 February, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Summer: Wednesday 26 May, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

How to register: Ask students to email bht.brightfutures@nhs.net saying which date they want to attend, and they'll be sent an MS Teams invitation.



Career Assemblies (Year 9–13)

Assemblies



Windsor Forest Colleges Group

An introduction to the wide range of courses and qualification levels available across the group's colleges, helping students understand their next steps. [Click here for the presentation](#)

Global Academy

Students explored creative career pathways and discovered how their interests and passions could become future careers. [Click here for the presentation](#)



Air Cadets

An inspiring session for students interested in flying and engineering highlighted opportunities to explore these interests and develop new skills. [Click here for the presentation](#)

King's College London

An informative and insightful Sixth Form assembly exploring university life and applications.

The session helped students separate university myths from reality, consider the costs and challenges, and explore the opportunities a university education can offer. Dr Hoskins also shared valuable guidance on writing a strong personal statement, including what to include and what to avoid. A thought-provoking session that gave students practical advice and greater confidence as they consider their next steps. [Click here for the presentation](#)

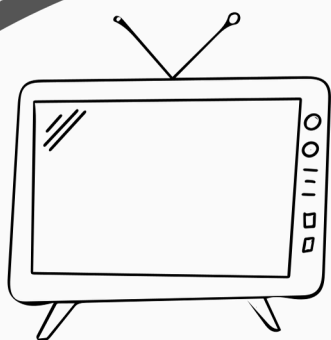


Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Students discovered the variety of career opportunities within the NHS, gaining an insight into the many roles that support healthcare beyond doctors and nurses.



DR CHALLONER'S HIGH PRESENTS:



Women In **MEDIA**

networking.

17th November 2026

7:00pm in the Hall followed by a
networking session from 8:00-8:30pm

Open to Year 9 +
Book your place here

