

# Welcome to Careers Apps

What are your child's  
aspirations?

When I leave  
school or college,  
I want to...

Start working



Employment  
Apprenticeships

Continue studying



Attend  
university

A degree  
while  
working

Not sure?



Gap year?  
Find out more!

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## Ms Bertie, Co-Head of Careers Apps & Employability Lead

Ms Bertie joined the Sixth Form Collegiate Team to help coach and guide sixth form students in their approach to study, employment, apprenticeship applications, preparation for interviews and the world of work.

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She read English Literature and Spanish at the **University of Hertfordshire**, with a year in Spain at the **Universidad de Granada**, completing her **PGCE** and qualifying as a teacher of English (11-18 years) at the **University of Bath**.

She has spent 20 years in various **Graduate Recruitment & Development** roles at some of the top Investment Banks in the City. She brings a wealth of knowledge and skills that will be shared with our sixth form students. Please find her on LinkedIn for more details. Her most recent role was as **Global Head of Graduate Recruitment for Barclays Investment Bank** in Canary Wharf.



 **BARCLAYS**

**NOMURA**



**SNASY Institute**

The Siva Nadarajah Austrian Sports for Youth Institute



## Dr Toogood Co-Head of Careers Apps, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Dr Toogood's role in the Sixth Form Collegiate Team is to support those students considering going straight into employment and apprenticeships (or are not yet sure!)

Studied **Chemistry** at University – followed by university based research

**Business Management and Marketing** in chemical and electronics industry (nearly 20 years)

**Global Marketing and Strategy Director**

Set up a Cricket Academy (abroad)

Teaching Assistant, PGCE then Maths teacher

4 and a bit different careers (+2 years in the NHS!)

**\*\* Keep options open with the choices made and look to develop transferable skills\*\***



So, which way now...?

# If it is Employment:

- What industry or type of organisation are they interested in?
- Do they want to work locally in **Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Bishops Stortford etc**, or **London**?
- Consider commute/pay/pace of work
- What training do employers offer?
- **What skills do they look for** – do they match the skills they currently have or could develop?
- How could they **find out more** about what such work would be like?
- Is their CV up-to-date?
- Do they know where to look?
- How should they prepare for an interview?







# What about apprenticeships?

Quick reminder: what are they?

- ✓ **Earn and Learn**
- ✓ Work and train at the same time (day release)
- ✓ Gain **job-specific skills**
- ✓ Start to **build a network** in the workplace – hugely important
- ✓ Excellent promotion opportunities
- ✓ **No tuition fees**
- ✓ Be given time for study related to their role
- ✓ In some cases, you can gain a degree while working
- ✓ **Dual applications**

Disadvantage = do not experience student life/living away from home

# What can you do an apprenticeship in?

Plumbing and heating  
Care worker  
Chef  
Paralegal  
Midwife  
Civil engineer  
Paramedic  
Border forces  
Beauty  
Therapist  
Recruitment  
Software developer  
Tree surgeon  
Accounting  
Actuary  
Social worker  
Estate Agent  
Mortgage Advisor  
Tax  
Gas Engineer  
Solicitor  
Digital marketer  
Dental nurse  
Veterinary Nurse  
Hospitality manager  
Journalism  
Sports coach  
Chartered surveyor  
Laboratory Scientist  
Train driver  
Butcher  
Watchmaking  
Fashion  
Digital Engineering technician  
Cabin Crew

**Almost anything!!**



# What are the different types of apprenticeships?



NAME	LEVEL	EQUIVALENT
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

# What have students at SWCHS gone on to do?

Students at SWCHS have successfully secured apprenticeships in the following:

**Grant Thornton** – Professional Services / Audit (degree level apprenticeship)

**PPD** – Professional Services / Accountancy (higher level apprenticeships)

**WSP** - Civil Engineering (degree level apprenticeship)

**JP Morgan** – Investment Banking (higher level apprenticeship)

**NHS** – Occupational Therapy (higher level apprenticeship), Nuclear Medicine (degree level apprenticeship)

**BBC** – Digital Marketing (degree level apprenticeship)

**Ernst & Young** – Professional Services / Accountancy (degree level apprenticeship)

**Cambridge Regional College** – Business with Law, Beauty and Hairdressing apprenticeships (Intermediate/advanced level apprenticeships) and vocational

**Local gardening companies** (advanced level apprenticeships in landscaping and horticulture)

# Where to start looking?

- **Unifrog** – <https://www.unifrog.org/> - highly recommended
- **Speakers for Schools** [Search Results for “apprenticeships” – Speakers for Schools](#)
- <https://successatschool.org/> – explore the Career Zones sections to find out more about particular sectors
- <https://www.findapprenticeships.co.uk/> - a search tool to help you find apprenticeships in any area and location
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> -Find apprenticeships – has a lot of opportunities here too.
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-uk> **UCAS** website – a whole section dedicated to apprenticeships – find out information and opportunities
- **Careers Apps** – we will regularly share opportunities about the latest vacancies in the appropriate channel in the Careers Apps Team

\*\*\*REMEMBER IT IS THE COMPANY THAT THE STUDENT WILL BE EMPLOYED WITH, SO FURTHER RESEARCH ON THEM AND THEIR RECRUITMENT PROCESS WILL BE REQUIRED ONCE A SUITABLE APPRENTICESHIP IS FOUND\*\*\*

# So, how can **unifrog** help you?

Remember - Unifrog stands for ‘universal’ not ‘university’

	Intermediate (3) Equivalent to GCSEs	Advanced (0) Equivalent to A-levels	Higher / Degree (12) Equivalent to Foundation / Bachelor's
<div>UK universities Make your first shortlist</div> <div>Start &gt;</div>	<div><div>Finance Apprentice</div><div>Adcock Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Ltd</div><div>Distance: 10 miles</div></div> <div><div>Finance Apprentice</div><div>Herts &amp; Essex Multi Academy Trust</div><div>Distance: 11 miles</div></div> <div><div>Trainee Accountancy Apprentice</div><div>Hbas Ltd</div><div>Distance: 20 miles</div></div>		<div><div>KPMG360°</div><div>KPMG</div><div>Distance: 13 miles</div></div> <div><div>School and College Leavers - Assurance</div><div>PWC</div><div>Distance: 15 miles</div></div> <div><div>Level 7 Professional Accountant Apprenticeship (Master's degree)</div><div>aknlabs</div><div>Distance: 15 miles</div></div> <div><div>School and college leaver Audit - Cambridge</div><div>PwC</div><div>Distance: 15 miles</div></div> <div><div>AAT Apprenticeship</div><div>BDO</div><div>Nationwide</div></div> <div><div>ACA Apprenticeship</div><div>BDO</div><div>Nationwide</div></div>

# The Options Available Post-SWCHS

- Undergraduate Degree
- Employment
- Higher Apprenticeships (1-5 years, college or training provider alongside employer)
- Degree Apprenticeships (3-6 years, college or university alongside employer)
- Gap Year (before any of the above)



**Dual Applications = Remember you can pursue (and we encourage more than one of these at the same time!**



# What support does SWCHS offer?

- **Careers Apps** – an online 'Team' providing students with targeted daily updates and opportunities, and careers advice and support
- **Fortnightly support sessions** – Wednesday 2pm Week 2. This will focus on interview preparations, application guidance, CV support and effective job / apprenticeship research
- **Individual and group careers guidance discussions** with our external provider 'Form the Future'
- **Ongoing support from Ms Bertie & Dr Toogood** our Employability Experts in the Sixth Form Collegiate, who will help students prepare for interviews, submit applications, explore employment opportunities.
- **Sector specific mentors** – support from members of staff who have worked in different areas, e.g finance, fashion, retail, physio, electronics, marketing, drama etc.