



Sixth Form Message

This week students were invited to participate in a talk delivered by a guest speaker in the field of Degree Apprenticeships. The classroom was packed and students fully engaged in what was an extremely informative session. Degree apprenticeships are a relatively new concept and there are some misconceptions and confusion around these opportunities. The lunchtime session was a great way to demystify and gain some clarity.

Students learnt the application process takes both determination, planning, refined interview techniques and how you can apply to start straight after Sixth Form - although many students apply at a later stage given the demands of the application process.

Students were introduced to several informative websites and we have collated these in the later part of this bulletin under the heading 'Degree Apprenticeships' to assist. In particular, students looked at the [Occupation Maps](#) website where you can establish, in depth, what the skills and qualities are for your occupation of choice and begin to understand what an employer may be looking for within your application; the website is a great starting point when looking at which companies to approach for work experience opportunities, allowing students to increase the likelihood of their degree apprenticeship application being considered.

Students were also introduced to the [STAR](#) method. You can use the STAR method to structure the examples you give to questions, especially in interviews. A job description lists the skills and qualities the employer is looking for and you can use the STAR method to show how you meet these.

We were very pleased that [Unifrog](#), our school preferred platform, is a brilliant tool for finding great apprenticeships; we fully encourage students to complete the Unifrog apprenticeship questionnaire which filters and directs students to the most appropriate degree apprenticeship opportunities for them, sending alerts as companies begin to advertise for their positions.

Finally, we wanted to raise awareness of [Network Rail](#) as a company renowned for having great opportunities and running free practice assessment days. If any students are interested in attending these days, please complete the following form: [Network Rail interest form](#)

Please find attached a copy of the presentation for your perusal. [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)

KEY DATES

Wednesday 29th January: Holocaust trip Periods 3 and 4
Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip
Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 UCAS Discovery
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

Sixth Form Early Closure P5 - Yr 12&13: Monday 20th January 2025 ,
Monday 9th June 2025.

COMING UP

- Junior School Valentine's Disco - Thursday 13th February

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

Vaping: [Childline](#)

Delete social media: [BBC](#)

Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#).

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)

Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)

STUDENT NOTICES

Bedfordshire Police Work Experience

Great news! Bedfordshire Police have their Work Experience week the same as ours! If you would like to do your work experience with the police force, please read the posters on the Google Classroom noticeboard. If you need help with your applications, please ask.

Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship

If you are interested in a solicitor degree apprenticeship with Wedlake Bell, there is a useful webinar coming up to help you with your applications etc on Wednesday 5th February 2025 4.15-6pm

EXAM INFORMATION

Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place

SHOUT OUTS !

Well done to our Business Studies students who smashed their first assessment ! ... absolutely brilliant !
- well done !

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