# **CAREERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER February 2024**

Discover the Possibilities

WIDER EVENTS UNIFROG EVENTS– FREE WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS To check out the full list of webinars please follow this link:

https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars-past

**Soft skills to succeed: Communication For students** Monday 4 March @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Soft skills to succeed: Critical thinking For students** Monday 4 March @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Soft skills to succeed: Adaptability For students** Tuesday 5 March @ 17:00 UK time - 45 mins

Unifrog UK University Fair 2024 For students Wednesday 13 March @ 16:30 UK time - 2hrs 30 mins

## **COLLEGE CAREERS EVENTS:**

11th March– Select students taking part in GCHQ cyber security day
19th March– Year 7 assembly with Rosemullion Veterinarian
19th March– selected Year 8s trip to Culdrose
Year 12/13- Maths graduate will come in to talk to A level maths student
May 20th- Year 7 Careers Fair with employers
Year 8 – group of 15 students participating in the Cornish Mining Games (June/July).
13th June–Year 10 assembly with Cornwall College
15th-19th July–Year 10 work experience week

## **STUDENT CAREERS:**

Please encourage your child to sign onto Unifrog to explore career pathways and labour market information about jobs and job sectors, https://www.unifrog.org/

## **HOT JOBS**

Please see our monthly 'Hot Job' from **www.careerpilot.org.uk.** This month it focuses on what a Vet does.

If your child would like further information on this career or any other, please visit **www.careerpilot.org.uk** 



#### **PARENT CAREERS:**

To sign up as a parent or carer to Unifrog please use the following guidance.

# Go to: Unifrog - The complete destinations platform. and click on sign in

#### Your parent sign-up code is: **HLCCparents**

This code effectively acts like a one-time pass code so any parent signing up will only need to use it once - the very first time they login. Parents need to click on the words 'use it here' in this box on the right hand side of the 'sign in' page:

Been	given	a Sign	up	Code?
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> Use it here

# Student account Sign up Code

If you've been given a Sign up Code, fill in this form to create your own Unifrog student account (or if you're a parent, a dummy student account). For security, Sign up Codes expire 90 days after they've been created.

* Sign up Code	
* First name	
* Surname	
* Gender	select gender 0
* Email address	
* Retype email	
UK postcode	Optional if your school is international
* Password	
	<ul> <li>X At least 8 characters</li> <li>X At least one upper case</li> <li>X At least one fower case</li> <li>X At least one number</li> <li>X At least one special character</li> </ul>
Retype password	

Already signed up? If you already have an account, please sign in. If you've forgotten your password, reset it.

The sign-up code goes in the top box, they fill in the rest of the details and set their own password. The Sign-up code identifies the user as a parent so they are kept totally separate from your live students (they'll appear on your 'Advanced' page with a leaving year of 2050) - from this point onwards, once their account is set up, they login with their email address and whichever password they set for themselves on the above sign-up page.

We also have this super handy intro video for Parents: **Parents- an introduction to Unifrog** 

### WORK EXPERIENCE PLANNING PACK

All Year 10 students will have the opportunity to take part in work experience during the period 15-19th July 2024.

# The Work Experience Approval and Consent Form

The approval and consent form is a vital document in this process. Without it being completed accurately, students will not be allowed out on a Work Experience placement. This paperwork must be completed and all Health and Safety checks carried out, before a placement can be agreed and signed off. All forms have been distributed to students in tutor times. All students will have been advised on how to complete the form during tutorial.

Step 1	Parents/carers must complete SECTION 1: <b>'Information about the student'</b> and the <b>'Essential information relevant to Health, Safety and Welfare'.</b> Students should keep this form safe until the employer completes their sections.
Step 2	Find a placement using the Veryan website, this will be discussed in tutor times. Students should use this link <u>https://cornwall.learnaboutwork.net/</u> and the login details <b>Helston Student</b> and PIN <b>6788</b>
Step 3	Once an employer has offered your child a placement, the approval and consent form should be sent to the employer so that they can fill in SECTION 2 with the details of the placement. The employer should also provide an in depth <b>'Young</b> <b>person's risk assessment'</b> as per SECTION 3. Inadequate risk assessments will prevent the Work Experience placement going ahead. This can either be completed on the form itself or an attachment can be added. The form also acts as an assurance that the employer has checked their insurance cover and Health and Safety Policy by signing SECTION 4. Please note that <b>students are unable to take up</b> <b>a placement with an employer who does not have Employer's Liability Insurance</b> <b>and Public Liability Insurance.</b>
Step 4	When the employer has completed the employer sections, the form should be returned to the student. The form should then be <u>signed by both the parents</u> <u>and the student</u> to indicate that you and your child agree to the conditions of the placement. This is found on <u>page 4</u> of the Approval and Consent Form.
Step 5	When fully complete the approval and consent form should be returned to Mrs Mugford to be processed, and the information sent to Cornwall Education Business Partnership (EBP). This body is sub-contracted to carry out Health and Safety checks on the school's behalf. <b>No student will be allowed out on Work Experience</b> <b>until all the paperwork and Health and Safety checks have been carried out.</b>

#### **Apprenticeship News**

Vacancies New Apprenticeships for the Power Industry

Information

Try a Trade – About Apprenticeships

Seven reasons to pick a trade apprenticeship

All About Apprenticeships Podcast

National Apprenticeship Week 2024

NAW24 is from the 5th – 11th of February and <u>Amazing Apprenticeships</u> have a useful toolkit and resources to support students.

#### **OUR COLLEGE CAREERS ADVISOR:**

Students in Year 10 and 11 are provided with small group and 1:1 guidance interviews. Year 11 students have started to see our careers advisor and will continue with these appointments throughout the term. During Year 11 all students will be offered 1:1 careers guidance interviews. At these interviews students will create a careers plan which they can use to support them in their transition to the next stage of education. Students will now be given a printed copy of this plan so they can share their discussions with parents and carers.

If you have any questions with regards to the 1:1 appointments please contact Mrs Gibson our careers guidance advisor via email wgibson@helston.tpacademytrust.org



The Food Department at Helston Community College were lucky enough to host senior chefs from the Royal Navy on Wednesday 31st January to work with over 60, Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students during professional cooking and careers sessions within the food department at Helston Community College.

During the fantastic careers talk, students were shown the vast fantastic opportunities of working within our armed forces, and especially as a professional and skilled chef. Students were then supported by Royal Navy Chefs in a 'team cook-off' making Fish cakes and Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel sauce, where not only were they able to show skills they had learnt during their time cooking at Helston Community College, but were incredibly well supported by the Royal navy staff in developing new and existing skills during the fierce, but good natured 'cook off' that our Royal Navy guests had put on for the students.

The Royal Navy Chefs were incredibly proud of all students that took part and very impressed with their skills and the team work that was shown, commenting that the cooking "was some of the most impressive they had seen in their visits to secondary schools".

A fantastic day was had by all with students incredibly grateful for their visit from the Royal Navy team.

## **Apprenticeship Expo Event**



On 25th January Post 16 held the annual Apprenticeship Expo for years 11 and 13. We were thrilled to have a wide range of employers available to attend the expo event. The employers were keen to inspire the students by sharing information about the training opportunities within their businesses. The employers offered their time and expertise and complimented staff on the sensible and mature attitude of the students at Helston. The apprenticeships on offer varied from a level 2 to Degree level, thus enabling all of the students that attended to have potential access to further training. We were also fortunate to have representation from the Army, Navy and RAF who had a steady flow of potential recruits.

Many of the students are now better informed on what requirements certain employers would expect in order to be successful if they decide to apply. We were also enormously proud to see several of our college Alumni on the stands representing their employers. The expo was very well attended in the late afternoon by parents and carers who also had the opportunity to have a look with their children at the Post 16 centre and see what we have on offer and chat with the employers. Many expressing an interest to start all over again. There was a great atmosphere and the feedback has been extremely positive.

We would like to thank the following employers for attending, NHS Treliske, Cormac, Pendennis, Army, Navy, RAF, Cornwall Marine Network, Devon and Cornwall Police, Fugro, B F Adventure, Cornwall County Council, Specsavers, Cornwall College Game Design, Duchy College, Skern Training and Skills, ASK, Bishop Flemming Accountancy, Realise Training and PALL Aerospace.

If you think that our Apprenticeship Expo would be an advantage to you as a business and that you would like to attend any future events then please contact Mrs Natalie Williams on <a href="mailto:nwilliams@helston.tpacademytrust.org">nwilliams@helston.tpacademytrust.org</a> to secure a place.

## **CyberFirst Girls**



CyberFirst Girls Competition which is run by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), to encourage more girls to consider Computer Science as an option at school and a career in cyber security. As we rely more and more on social media, online shopping and online services as part of our everyday lives, we need the right talent in place to protect us from online threats. The students demonstrated themselves to be able young leaders, problem solvers, communicators and forward-thinkers, in their teams of four girls they took part in the challenges every lunchtime over a week period.

All students taking part were awarded their certificates in assembly on Monday 5th February: Millie Hibbert, Merry Pascoe, Olivia Billing, Emma Waters, Beibhinn Dunn, Jen Fooks, Millie Walsh-Reading, Eva Wilcos, Angela Mackellar, Sophie Osborne, Isabel Gray, Jessica Burke, Lucy Hatton, Florence Kettleborough, Harriet Foden, Ellie-May Steward, Samara Roberts.

The winning team Hedy Lemarr with 2118 points were: Elsie Etherington, Emily Burke, Darcy French and Emma Kenyon.



On Friday 1st March 2024, Year 11 students all took part in a 'Wiser Futures' assembly. This workshop aimed to raise students awareness of apprenticeships and provided them with an insight into how to apply for an apprenticeship. There was also an opportunity for students to ask questions. If students would like further support with applying for an apprenticeship please see Mrs M Mugford for an appointment.



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Discover how current apprentices thrive and their advice for starting an apprenticeship.

# **ALUMNI NEWS**



**Ryan Williams** 

I went to HCC and studied for my A-levels at P16. I was unsure of the next steps to take after college so HCC welcomed me to stay on another year and continue my studies whilst I figured out a plan.

Whilst in my third year, Natalie Williams put me in touch with apprenticeship providers one of which being Bishop Fleming, the firm I now work for and have been for the last two and a half years since leaving college. Natalie was and continues to be a massive asset to HCC - I would not be where I am today without her!

Bishop Fleming offer a level 7 degree-level apprenticeship to college leavers with 3 A-levels (that's the equivalent of a masters degree!)

Being one of the only authorised and regulated accountancy apprenticeship providers in the south west means we have the ability to provide training/mentoring in house as well as utilising third party resources. This is so helpful when it comes to your learning and study because a majority of your colleagues and managers will be able to help you with any questions you have, as they have probably been in a similar position to you!

IF YOU ARE A FORMER STUDENT AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR SUCCESS PLEASE EMAIL: <u>mmugford@helston.tpacademytrust.org</u>