CAREERS NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of this 2024/25 academic year for parents, carers and guardians. The newsletter is an opportunity to find out how we are supporting students to develop the skills and experience they need to have a positive career.

This edition focuses on the following:

- · New Careers Service Site for students
- · Apprenticeships and Local Apprenticeship Event
- University Applications
- Unifrog our universal careers platform
- Parent Podcasts
- Labour Market Information

You are encouraged to email us at careers@bishopburton.ac.uk with any feedback, including suggestions for improvements to our provision.

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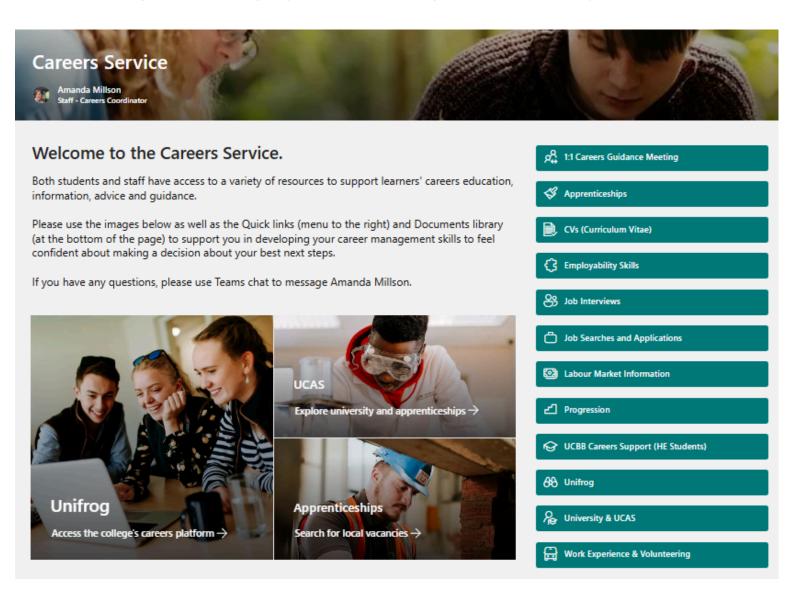
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NEW CAREERS WEBSITE FOR STUDENTS

We are very pleased to have launched a one-stop shop careers website for students. This gives students the opportunity to access relevant careers education, information, advice and guidance across a number of topics. It helps develop students' independent research skills before being able to access independent and impartial guidance from qualified careers staff by email, Teams or booking a 1;1 meeting. Encourage your son/daughter to show you the site.





APPRENTICESHIPS

This new <u>Choices Magazine</u> (September 2024) is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education. The Choices Magazine will be available monthly and is now available for Parents & Carers to sign up to receive using <u>this link</u>.

These are helpful guides too:

- The Parents' Guide to understanding apprenticeships
- The Parents' Guide to understanding whether an apprenticeship could be the best choice for your teen'
- The Parents' Guide to helping your teen apply for an apprenticeship.
- Rate My Apprenticeship Parent Hub
- UCAS guide to apprenticeships
- A guide to apprenticeship applications
- A guide to apprenticeship interviews
- What is an apprenticeship? video
- Apprenticeship versus university







9am - 6pm, Weds 27th Nov



Bishop Burton College

We are also very pleased to be hosting, in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council, an Apprenticeship Fair. All students are invited to attend during the college day. Parents are also welcome to attend from 4pm - 6pm. Book here.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS: LEVEL 3 STUDENTS

If you are supporting your son/daughter with a university application for 2025, please ensure you take a look at our UCAS guide and checklist for students. As a reminder, applications for all full-time university courses must be made through UCAS. UCAS is an independent charity providing information, advice and admissions services.

Next Steps for Students

- Register to attend university open days.
- Create and use their UCAS Hub account to complete a university application.
- Draft a personal statement in Unifrog and ask for feedback from teaching staff, their PDC or careers coordinator.
- Finalise their shortlist of courses and institutions (maximum of five).
- Submit and pay for the application by 22 November 2024. No fees for anyone in receipt of free school meals in the last six years
- Do not leave everything to the last minute as teaching staff need time to write references, add predicted grades and give feedback.

Next Steps for Parents/Carers

- Check what progress your son/daughter has made with the above.
- Take a look at this handy guide about the path to HE.
- This guide for parents is a must read!
- Familiarise yourself with <u>Student Finance</u>: facts and myths.



WHAT IS UNIFROG?

Unifrog is the college's universal careers platform, supporting the delivery of our careers programme and helping students explore their interests, then find and apply for their best next-step.

Unifrog includes opportunities to:

- Complete quizzes to help them discover where their interests and skills will take them.
- Explore which subjects they would be interested in studying and how these choices can lead to different career paths.
- Research over 1,000 career profiles.
- Discover online resources (things to watch, read and listen).
- Explore how to apply for an apprenticeship or university course.
- Get support in writing a skills based CV and cover letter.
- Draft their university personal statement.

Next Steps for Parents/Carers:

- Ask your son/daughter to give you a tour of unifrog.
- Get them to show you their careers quiz results, the careers library and their draft CV.
- Encourage your son/daughter to <u>log-in</u> each week to take advantage of the free resources available - things to read/watch/listen can even help them with their college course (assignments).

PARENT GUIDES

Hosted by broadcaster and journalist, Rachel Burden, the Parent Podcast is a great starting point to help support your son/daughter with careers education and guidance and how to make more informed career decisions with greater confidence, knowledge and understanding.

Each episode shares parent/carer experiences of navigating career conversations at home and provide insights into how the world of work is changing from trusted experts, organisations and employers already working with young people today.

Episode 8 Season 3: The Options for retraining: How apprenticeships can lead to a new career for parents/carers

Episode 7 Season 3: The Options Post-18: the choices facing 18 year olds

Episode 6 Season3: The Options Post-16: what are the choices facing our 16 year olds?



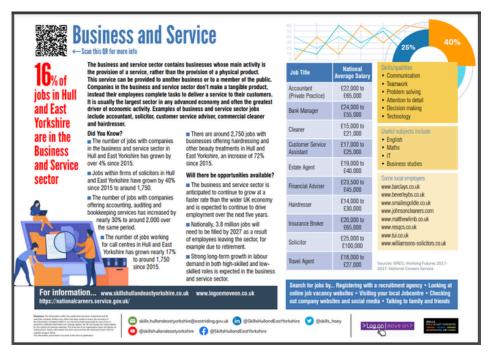


Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information (LMI) is information about the current economic and employment situation. It can help our students, and you, to plan for their future by helping them to find out about jobs and opportunities in the local area. It can include average starting salaries, current trends in employment sectors and recruitment patterns. It can also help us to identify if we are being realistic with our plans for our next steps.

Access this website, which includes posters, videos and sector information to help you explore the LMI where you live/work.





PARENT/CARERS/GUARDIANS' FEEDBACK

To help assess our provision we actively seek feedback, positive and/or negative. You are encouraged to email us at careers@bishopburton.ac.uk with any feedback, including suggestions for improvements to our provision. Alternatively, you are invited to complete this short <u>online survey</u>, the results of which will be anonymous and no personal details are collected. Please look at our resources on <u>our website</u> before completing <u>the survey</u>.