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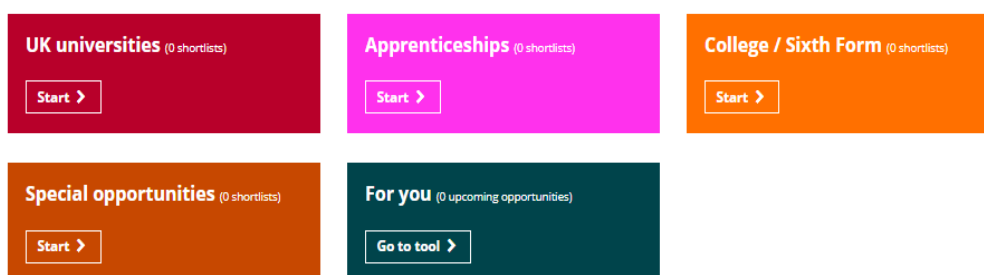
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Last week all of Year 10 and 11 heard from **Ask Apprenticeships** to gain a greater understanding of the competitive world of apprenticeships. It is never too early to start making plans for the future, and that is why we have a big push on careers education - from Year 7 right through to 11 - here at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. Our mantra for this year is **Ad Astra** - to the stars - and so I would urge all students to be **intentional and prophetic** in planning for their lives post-16. Please support them to do this. The **'Raising the participation'** age means that all young adults in the UK must continue in education, employment or training until they are 18, and I know that the apprenticeship route would be perfect for many of our young people. Apprenticeships help people learn skills whilst they do paid work, giving them the experience they need to develop great careers in the jobs our economy needs.

There are hundreds of apprenticeships across an enormous range of occupations, in the largest multinational companies or with small local employers. And there are apprenticeships equivalent to GCSEs or A levels or university degrees – so whatever your child's final qualifications are when they leave school or college, there are opportunities. To search for apprenticeships in your area click here: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#) You can also search for apprenticeships using the Unifrog platform. [unifrog.org/https://www.unifrog.org/student/hometudent/home](https://www.unifrog.org/student/hometudent/home)

Searching for opportunities



Unifrog is hosting a series of webinars to help students through each step of the application process for apprenticeships and jobs - from how to start looking for opportunities to writing an outstanding CV and preparing for the interview. There will also be a session aimed at parents and caregivers about apprenticeships and how to support their children through the application process. Click on the link to access the resources: [Unifrog masterclass webinars](#)

New apprenticeships become available all the time, so keep checking online to see what opportunities have come up. Apprenticeships give people a chance to learn, earn and achieve – please consider them when you are helping your child explore their next step.

If you have any questions or thoughts about the promotion of careers here at Cardinal Wiseman please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to find out more about our careers provision, you can follow the link below to the careers section of our school website.

<https://www.cardinalwiseman.net/careers/>

Kind regards,

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