



DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

CAREERS NEWSLETTER 2025

OCTOBER EDITION

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SUPPORTING LEARNERS

Our commitment is to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after school, your child will be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online destinations platform. All students in all Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 have access to this website.

Unifrog is the universal destinations platform and is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups.

Each student has their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV. Students have access to a wide variety of video and written content, and interactive quizzes and tests, including:

RESOURCE:

QUIZZES

Year 7 - 13

EXPLORING PATHWAYS

Year 7 - 13

KEEPING A RECORD

Year 7 - 13

SEARCHING FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Year 10 - 13

APPLICATION MATERIALS/ MAKING APPLICATIONS

Year 11 - 13

HOW TO USE IT:

- Finding their interests, personality type, preferred work environment, and skillset.
- Explore careers, career sectors, subjects, sign up to free webinars, explore MOOCs and courses, and find wider reading materials.
- Record their in-class and extracurricular activities, record examples of their skills, and see the record of careers events the school has added to their accounts.
- Find scholarships, activities, and bursaries to support their Higher Education journey. Find and compare degrees in the UK and overseas, live apprenticeships, and college courses.
- Write their CV, cover letter, Personal Statement, and more. Track their applications and record their Post 16 / 18 intentions.



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS





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UNIFROG

Universal Destinations Platform:
Tools & Resources all in one place

ACCESSING UNIFROG

Students access the platform by signing in to Unifrog using their school email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next steps. We will be dedicating one 30 minute tutor time slot each week in school to Unifrog activities.

You can also have your own Unifrog account. You'll be able to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps. The sign-up code you need is: NCEAparents and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

LOG-ON

You can also sign up to Unifrog's Parent/Carer newsletter when you first sign in to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact Mrs Towers on 01670 816111 EXT 370 or via her email Danielle.towers@dukes.ncea.org.uk

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Careers of the month

Year 7	Baker
Year 8	Sustainability Analyst
Year 9	Social Media Manage
Year 10	Radiographer
Year 11	Environmental Engineer
Year 13	Devops Engineer

Subjects of the month

Year 7	Archaeology
Year 8	Sports Science
Year 9	Geology
Year 10	Social Work/Community Care
Year 11	Physics
Year 13	Industrial, product and packaging design

Check out these
careers/subjects
on Unifrog to:

- Watch the video
- Find out what the job involves and how to get in
- See how much you could be paid



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ON - CAMPUS EVENTS

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS:

Exploring Bones and Joints Through Movement

Friday 17th October 2025

10am - 1pm

University of Sunderland City Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/strengthening-connections/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



CRIME ON SCREEN:

Exploring the Sound of Freedom

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9:30am - 3pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/crime-on-screen/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS TODAY

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9:45am - 2:45pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



SOCIAL WORK OR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Discover your Future!

Wednesday 5th November 2025

9:30am - 12pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS

Friday 7th November 2025

9:45am - 2:45pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



TRUTH IN FOCUS:

A BBC Verify Taster Day

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9:30am - 3pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

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Booking Link:

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ON - CAMPUS EVENTS

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF TOY STORY®

A Creative Exploration of Childhood, Media and Animation

Wednesday 19th November 2025

9:30am - 3pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/celebrating-toy-story/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



PREPARING FOR DERBY DAY

Wednesday 10th December 2025

12:30pm - 3pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



ONLINE EVENTS

MASTER YOUR NURSING INTERVIEW

Wednesday 26th November 2025

5:30pm - 6:30pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/master-nursing-interview/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>

MASTER YOUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERVIEW

Wednesday 5th November 2025

5pm - 6:30pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212523306492349>



MASTER YOUR PARAMEDIC SCIENCE INTERVIEW

Friday 7th November 2025

5pm - 6:30pm

University of Sunderland St Peter's Campus

Website:

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/>

Booking Link:

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PSYCHOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

If you would like to book or have any questions, contact student.recruitment@sunderland.ac.uk

DATE	TIME
15.10.25	9:30am - 2pm
22.10.25	9:30am - 2pm
29.10.25	9:30am - 12pm
05.11.25	9:30am - 2pm
12.11.25	9:30am - 2pm
19.11.25	9:30am - 12pm
03.12.25	9:30am - 2pm
10.12.25	9:30am - 2pm
17.12.25	9:30am - 2pm



Radiotherapy Careers Open Evening

Unique opportunity for students to:

- Discover how patient care, science, technology, research and innovation combine to shape clinical practice
- Explore Radiotherapy Careers
- Experience Radiotherapy Technology



Thursday 6th November 2025
6.00-8.00pm



Northern Centre for Cancer
Care
Radiotherapy (Level 1)
Freeman Hospital
NE7 7DN

Use the link to book a place



Any Queries please contact:
nuth.nccc.radiotherapypracticeeducators@nhs.net



Healthcare at its best
with people at our heart



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T LEVELS

A PRACTICAL, HANDS-ON PATHWAY INTO EXCITING CAREERS

What are T Levels?

T Levels are two-year qualifications that combine classroom learning with real-world experience. Students spend 80% of their time in school or college and 20% on a 45-day industry placement with an employer.

Why are industry placements important?

Placements give students practical experience, build skills employers value, and help them make informed career choices. Many students say it's the most valuable part of their T Level.

What can my child do after a T Level?

T Levels lead to a range of next steps, including:

- Skilled employment in their chosen field
- Apprenticeships or degree apprenticeships
- Higher education, including university
(T Levels carry UCAS points like A-levels)





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Levels
at Duke's Sixth Form



T Levels available
at Duke's Sixth Form

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NATIONAL T LEVEL WEEK 13th - 17th October

National T Levels Week took place on Monday 13th - Friday 17th October 2025. The week focused on raising awareness of the many T Level subjects on offer for students following Year 11. In our tutor groups, we have been looking at these options in detail.

T Levels offer a practical, hands-on route into exciting careers. The week was a great opportunity for students to explore future pathways and gain a better understanding of how T Levels could support their career goals.

The guide attached at the bottom of this page has been created for parents and carers to learn more about T Levels, an employer-designed, technical alternative to A-levels.

T LEVEL GUIDE FOR PARENTS



CLICK HERE
TO LEARN MORE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Year 10 work experience launches in November 2025
- Green Careers Week: 3rd- 8th November
- Year 10 industry insights visits; -
Construction with Thompson's of Prudhoe Ltd. Launch - 4th November
Business at Eldon Square - 6th November
Finance at Deloitte - 13th November
- Year 11 Newcastle University Visit after half term - 5th November
- Creative Careers Week: 17th- 21st November
- Duke's Careers Week - 15th - 19th December

