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NEWSLETTER

Unifrog Parent Accounts.
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UNIFROG: PARENT ACCOUNTS

The online platform designed to support young people to make informed decisions about their futures.

What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is an online platform that partners with schools to provide a range of online tools and lessons to help students explore their interests, find their best next step, and apply successfully.

It is suitable for all students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 11 and beyond.

At Duke's we deliver weekly Unifrog sessions for all students during tutor time. **For more information about Unifrog, click [here](#)**

Here is an example of all the tools available for students to use:

QUIZZES

Interests, Personality, Work Environments, Skills, Quiz Profile

CONNECTING

Unifrog Events, Commenting, For You Feed, Talent Pool

EXPLORING

Careers Library, Subjects Library, Know-How Library, Unifrog Courses, MOOCs, Read - Watch - Listen, Scholarships & Special Opportunities, Newsletter

RECORDING

Locker, Activities, Skills, Placements/Work Experience

MATERIALS

CV/Resume, Personal Statement, Writing Tool, Notes for Reference Writers

SEARCHING

UK Universities, Oxbridge, Apprenticeships, College/Sixth Form, International Universities

APPLYING

Intentions, Applications List

Parents, Get Signed Up!

Why should students have all the fun?! Parents can keep up-to-date with their child's progress by setting up a Unifrog account with your email used for Arbor and sign up to both the platform emails & newsletter to explore tools, monitor their child's progress and receive tailored updates. [Scan the QR code below or visit www.unifrog.org/parent](https://www.unifrog.org/parent)

Key Features:

Weekly progress emails that track your child's progress and shortlists, Year 9 - 11 action plans and logged interactions such as 1-to-1 interviews and careers fairs.

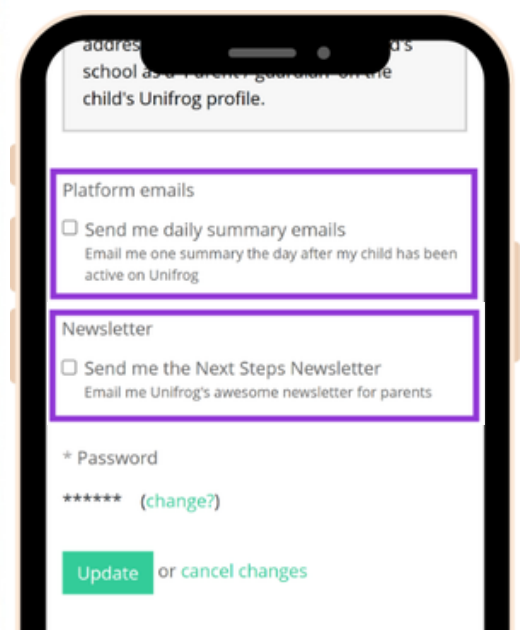
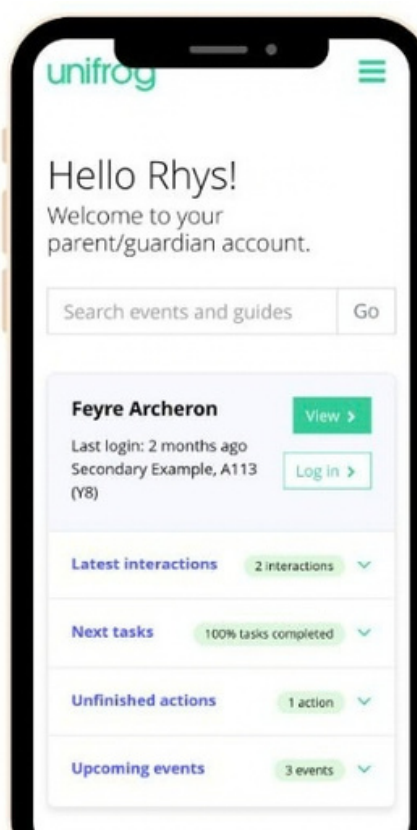
Next Steps Newsletter

Subscribe to the Next Steps Newsletter during registration (by ticking "Send me the Next Steps Newsletter") or anytime via your account settings to receive parent-focused updates.

Issues creating your account?

Email: Danielle Towers, Trust Careers Lead
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SCAN ME



Latest News:

North East Labour Market

INFORMATION SPOTLIGHT

Plans unveiled for 'iconic waterfront' arts complex...

Regeneration bosses have unveiled a multi-million-pound entertainment complex blueprint.

Gateshead Council hopes to create an open-air performance square at the town's Gateshead Quays. Officials say the plans "mark a significant milestone" in wider proposals to "transform the area into a major destination for the wider North East".

North East mayor Kim McGuinness said the plans – whose £24 million North East Mayoral Strategic Authority boost forms part of a previously announced £104 million cultural pot – would help turn Gateshead Quays into "a world-class destination".

She added: "I want to see the biggest acts performing in a new arena on the banks of the Tyne.

"We no longer want to see acts like Harry Styles and Taylor Swift skipping the region because we don't have a venue big enough for all their North East fans.



Nissan in £170 million Kicks Sunderland plant move

Car maker Nissan has unveiled £170 million plans to make a new vehicle at its Sunderland factory. The manufacturer is set to roll the Kicks hybrid model off its Wearside production line.

Bosses say the "fantastic" move marks "a huge vote of confidence in the UK's manufacturing expertise".



Mayor's £250 million skills plan underway!

A £250 million skills programme has launched to help North East residents access jobs in some of the region's fastest-growing and most in-demand industries.

The first trainees have begun courses through the Adult Skills Training Programme, which forms part of North East mayor Kim McGuinness' New Deal for North East Workers.

Backed by investment of around £80 million a year, the programme will focus on areas including construction, manufacturing, technology and the green economy, alongside foundational sectors such as health, care, logistics and community services.

To find out more, click [here](#)

SUPPORTING YOUR NEXT STEPS



There are lots of exciting options after secondary school. Explore courses, apprenticeships and other opportunities at colleges across our area, and find out more at their upcoming open events and talks.

KEVI SIXTH FORM

9th November:

Assembly @ Duke's

26th November:

Open Evening

20th January:

Taster Day

SEATON VALLEY SIXTH FORM

16th November:

Assembly @ Duke's

19th November:

Seaton Valley Campus visit

26th November:

Open Evening

DWP- FINDING AN APPRENTICESHIP

30th November:

Assembly @ Duke's

BEDE ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

5th October:

Assembly @ Duke's

21st October:

Open Evening

NEWCASTLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

28th September:

Duke's Assembly

7th October:

Open Event

4th November:

Open Event

2nd December:

Open Event



SUPPORTING YOUR NEXT STEPS

NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE

19th November:

Open Evening @ Kirkley Hall Campus

23rd November:

Assembly @ Duke's

1st December:

Open evening

14th December:

Meet the college tutor

2nd February:

Open evening

6th February:

Open evening @ Kirkley Hall Campus

9th March:

Open evening

Note:

We encourage students to explore a variety of post 16 options. Please also visit the provider's website for further information. Your child will receive a one to one careers guidance appointment in school to support them with their post 16 plans.

NE6 AT ASHINGTON ACADEMY

12th October:

Assembly @ Duke's

22nd October:

Open Evening

NEWCASTLE COLLEGE

19th October:

Assembly @ Duke's

7th October:

Open Event

4th November:

Open Event

18th November:

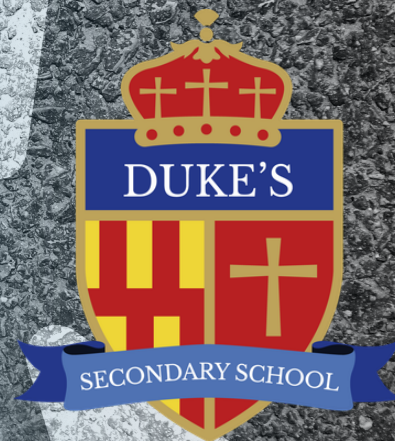
Energy Academy, Wallsend
open event

2nd December:

Open Event

YOUR CHILD'S CAREER JOURNEY

At Duke's Secondary School



At Duke's, we are committed to providing students with outstanding careers education throughout their time at Duke's. Please find enclosed an infographic to show the journey your child will take through careers education during their current school year.

Students will have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities this academic year to showcase further and higher education opportunities, and all year groups have also have the chance to engage with a number of employers and local businesses.

To help us with our planning for the year ahead, we would love to collect the views of our parents to help inform our programme. I would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a short survey that can be accessed using the link below.

Not to mention... by completing the survey you are in for a chance to win £20!

<https://forms.gle/j4S82oraFFjff9FZA>

We are always on the look out to engage with new businesses, large or small. If you currently work for an organisation or own your own business and would like to know more about how you could support careers education here at Duke's, please also indicate this on the survey link.

Double click here

Careers Journey parent survey

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your views on our careers programme.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question

Did you find the infographic useful as a tool to see what your child will be involved in? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Maybe

Is there anything you would like to see in the Dukes careers programme that is not currently included? *

Your answer

As a parent, is there information you would like us to share with you to help you support your child when making decisions about their future? *

Your answer

DUKE'S SECONDARY
YEAR 7



YOUR CAREERS JOURNEY

● TERM 1 - AUTUMN

- Launch of Unifrog
- STEMFest
- Duke's Careers Week
- Dell: The Big Idea Challenge
- Creative Careers Assembly
- NUFC Premier League Inspires

● TERM 2 - SPRING

- National Apprenticeship Week
- World of Work Day
- National Careers Week
- NU Futures: Employability Programme

● TERM 3 - SUMMER

- Northumberland College Discovery Day
- Royal Navy Teamwork Challenge

UNIFROG PROGRAMME OF WEEKLY TUTOR TIME ACTIVITIES

YOUR JOURNEY YOUR FUTURE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT PLEASE CONTACT :

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MRS TOWERS CAREERS LEAD

DUKE'S SECONDARY YEAR 8



YOUR CAREERS JOURNEY

TERM 2 - SPRING

- Newcastle Foundation
Employability Programme
National Apprenticeship Week
- World of Work Day
- National Careers Week
- Cyber Security Event
- University Visit
- Career Safari Visits

TERM 1 - AUTUMN

- Step into the World of Work
- Experience Day
- Career Safari Visits
- Northern Gas Networks
assembly & workshops
- NUFC Premier League Inspires
- Careers DNA Day

TERM 3 - SUMMER

- Further Education College Discovery Day
- Port of Blyth Employer Visit
- Rise Core Skills development event

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DUKE'S SECONDARY YEAR 9



YOUR CAREERS JOURNEY

TERM 2 - SPRING

- Newcastle Foundation Employability Programme
- National Apprenticeship Week
- World of Work Day
- National Careers Week
- One to one guidance appointments supporting GCSE options
- University of Sunderland: Your GCSE's, Your Future
- Barclays LifeSkills programme
- NextGen Nursing Event
- FutureMe- The Choice is Mine assembly

TERM 1 - AUTUMN

- DNA Careers Day
- Build My Skills Programme
- Set for Success Programme
- Tech We Can: Regenerative AI Roadshow
- Creative Careers Carousel
- NUFC Premier League Inspires
- EDT Challenger Workshops

TERM 3 - SUMMER

- University of Sunderland visit
- Working Options Careers Carousel
- FutureMe- HE Unlocked assembly

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DUKE'S SECONDARY YEAR 10



YOUR CAREERS JOURNEY

TERM 2 - SPRING

- National Apprenticeship Week
- World of Work Day
- National Careers Week
- FutureMe- Intro to Student Finance assembly
- My Future Options carousel
- DWP CV writing workshops
- DWP one to one work experience support appointments

TERM 1 - AUTUMN

- Careers DNA Day
- FutureMe- HE Unlocked
- Industry Insight Visits
- St Chad's College, Durham University Visit
- Work Experience Launch
- T Level & V Level assembly
- NHS SEND Masterclass

TERM 3 - SUMMER

- FutureMe-Level Up! Post 16
- Options quiz
- Behaviours in the workplace assembly
- Northumberland and Newcastle College Taster Days
- Work Experience Week

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DUKE'S SECONDARY YEAR 11



YOUR CAREERS JOURNEY

TERM 2 - SPRING

- National Apprenticeship Week
- World of Work Day
- National Careers Week
- Apprenticeship application support
- Intended destination interviews
- College application workshops
- Create a FutureMe assembly
- Training provider visit

TERM 1 - AUTUMN

- Launch of Unifrog
- University Visit
- Duke's Careers Week
- Post 16 Provider assemblies
- One to one careers guidance interviews
- National Apprenticeship Show
- Post 16 provider open events & visits
- Mock interviews
- T Levels vs V Levels assembly

TERM 3 - SUMMER

- GCSE results day support

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