Careers Bulletin Autumn 1

Welcome to our first Careers Bulletin of the academic year!

At Ridgeway Secondary School, we want every pupil to understand the opportunities available to them and feel confident making decisions about their future. Throughout the year, pupils will have opportunities to explore different careers, meet employers, learn about further and higher education and develop the skills needed for the world of work.





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Careers at Ridgeway

- At Ridgeway Secondary School we endeavor to provide the very best impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for our pupils. We believe that this involves engaging the students in careers education from Y7, with a more intensive approach from Y8 upwards, when they need to make important decisions concerning options and progression routes.

- We work hard to support these aims, whilst working towards the government recommended Gatsby Benchmarks to ensure that all students are suitably advised and prepared for life after School.

- The impact of our careers programme on our pupils, is measured and assessed by reporting to the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and also using reporting tools supplied by UniFrog, which is our complete destinations platform for students across KS3 and KS4 regardless of their interests or academic ability.





Careers @ Ridgeway
Post 16– choosing the way forward…

Your Careers Adviser…

Mrs Dunne



Get in touch for…

- One to one career advice and guidance
- College and 6th form courses
- Applications
- Apprenticeships
- CV writing /Interview skills
- Work experience

Mrs Dunne
Email: ndunne@rss.shiresmat.org.uk

If you need help or support with making choices and decisions for your future contact Mrs Dunne to arrange a careers guidance session:

- Send Mrs Dunne an email on ndunne@rss.shiresmat.org.uk
- Speak to your tutor – they will refer you for an appointment

A good place to start planning your future is to think of the following:

- Where am I now?
- Where do I want to get to?
- How will I get there?

PARENTS AND CARERS...

THINGS TO KNOW

Please see below for the careers related learning and activities that have been taking place in school over the past few weeks:

KS4 Year 11

Year 11 – careers lessons as part of careers drop down:

- My employability skills
- Post-16 Choices Assembly
- Futures Assembly with local colleges, 6th forms, DWP
- Careers Fair at Ridgeway Secondary School
- 1:1 meetings with Mrs Dunne to discuss post-16 options

KS4 Year 10

Year 10 – careers lesson as part of careers drop down:

- Reflecting on my career journey
- Futures Assembly with local colleges, 6th forms,
- Careers Fair at Ridgeway Secondary School

KS3 Year 7,8,9

- KS3 careers lesson as part of careers drop down each year group taking part in different aspects of careers
- HSBC Finance assemblies







VIRTUS ET EXCELLENTIA



Ridgeway Careers Fair 2026

Thank you to all our exhibitors that took part in the Careers Fair and all the students and families that joined us!!



Year 11: Your Next Steps

Your autumn checklist

- ☐ Research local sixth forms and colleges
- ☐ Attend open evenings
- ☐ Compare courses and entry requirements
- ☐ Consider A levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships
- ☐ Shortlist at least three possible destinations
- ☐ Check application deadlines
- ☐ Speak to your Form Tutor/Careers Adviser if you need support

Upcoming Open Evenings:

Open days & evenings 2025-26 v2 RSS.docx

HoW College Open Days



October Open Event 2026!

10th October 2026

9:30am - 12:30pm

Bromsgrove Campus,
Malvern Campus,
Redditch Campus &
Worcester Campus

[October Open Event 2026! | Heart of Worcestershire College]

Start making plans for your future!



Helping you to decide on your best next step...

Engineering Development Trust

💥 Industrial Cadets: Individual Challenger Projects

Upcoming this Half Term

- **Age Group - 11-16**
- 3 hour STEM projects designed by our educational experts that students complete on our learning platform at their own pace and upon completion receive a Challenger Industrial Cadets award.
- Cost - £25 per project with fully funded bursaries available for eligible students.
- See flyer which contains full details of the projects and the link to register with your students and their parents/guardians.
- Individual Challenger Projects Flyer
- https://www.etrust.org.uk/programmes---individual-challenger-experiences



Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY

INSPIRING WORCESTERSHIRE
CREATING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE

worcestershire county council





Website of the week!

What is...

Skills4Worcestershire is a careers website designed to provide young people, parents and schools with all the information required to understand the career opportunities and pathways available in Worcestershire.

Engineering Apprenticeship

Open Evening – click here to register your attendance



30 November 2026 & 8 February 2027 | 17:00-19:30

Join us at our next Apprenticeship Open Evening to meet with our staff, current apprentices and employer partners to gain an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice at the MTC.

Click here to register your attendance

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Engineering Apprenticeship Open Evening

unifrog

What is unifrog?

A one-stop-shop for getting in.



Quizzes	Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Interests profile	Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Personality profile	Subjects library	Skills	US universities	Classes	Locker
Work environments profile	Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
Skills profile	MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
	Webinars		Canadian universities	Writing tool	
	Read, Watch, Listen		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
			Australasian universities	US recommenders	
			MidEast and Africa unis	Notes for Reference writers	
			Irish universities		
			Special Opportunities		
			Events		

How does it help?

Unifrog empowers students and teachers.

Strategy

Easily take into account academic performance and likelihood of success. Compare every opportunity to find the best one.

Tasks

Students and teachers always know their next task, what they've already done, and what they've got left to do.

Target

One place to track every student's progress, and feed-in to their applications - you can target help at students who need it most.

Log in:

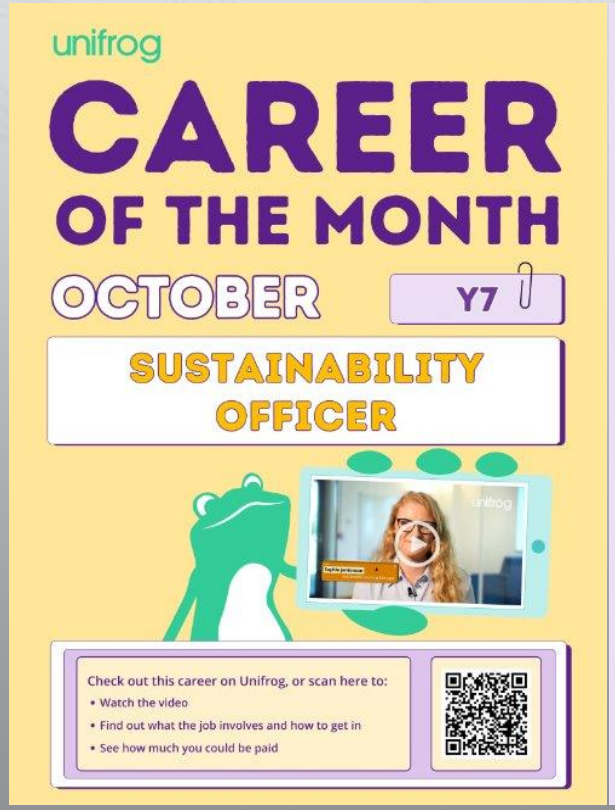
- Students will have received a welcome email from Unifrog
- Follow the link and sign in using school email address

https://www.unifrog.org

Please log in and be ready to use Unifrog:

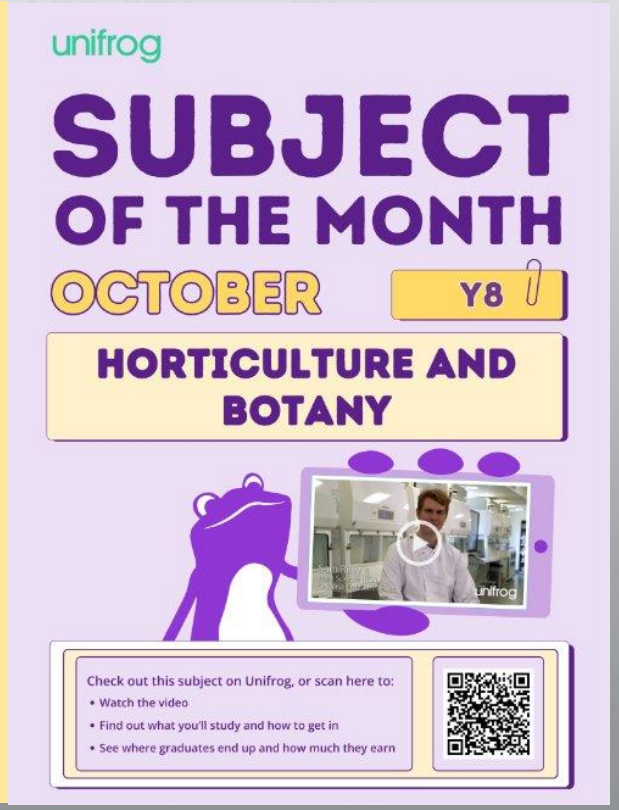
- Years 7-9 – computer science lessons
- Years 10-11 – sessions in form will be arranged

October Careers & Subjects of the Month
Year 7 & 8





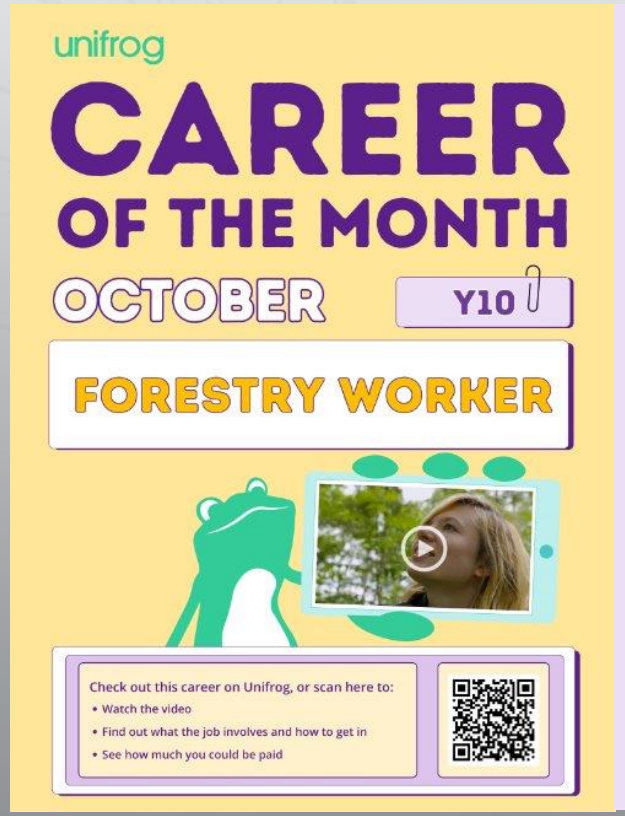


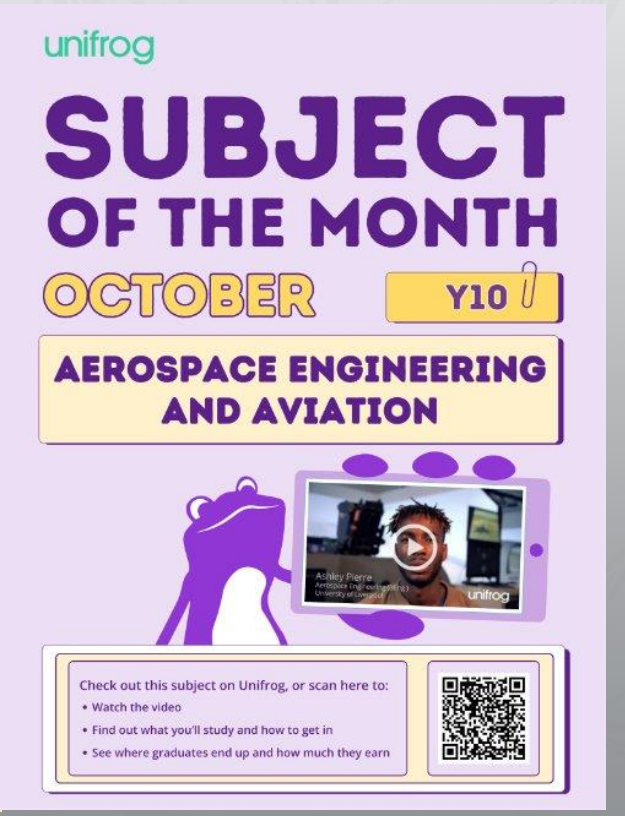


October Careers & Subjects of the Month
Year 9 & 10



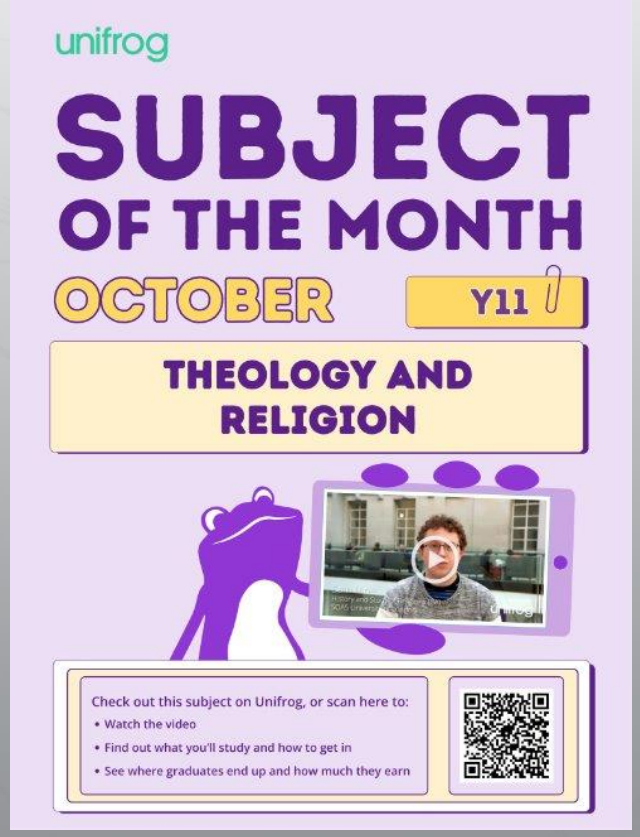






October Careers & Subjects of the Month
Year 11





Careers in the Curriculum
Where Can My Subjects Take Me?

Shires Multi Academy Trust

APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- COMMUNITY ACTIVATOR COACH
- COMMUNITY SPORT & HEALTH OFFICER
- GOLF GREENKEEPER
- LEISURE TEAM MEMBER
- OUTDOOR LEARNING SPECIALIST
- PERSONAL TRAINER
- SPORTS COACH
- SPORTS TURF OPERATIVE
- TEACHER
- YOUTH WORKER

AND MANY MORE!

Interested in apprenticeships, but not sure what to do next? Take a look at the employers offering apprenticeships that link to the subject you love.
amazingapprenticeships.com

SCAN ME

WORKING IN...

Physical EDUCATION

from the unifrog careers library!

SKILLS REQUIRED

Helpful to have as skills, but also things you can gain through studying physical education

- physical abilities
- leadership
- time management
- teamwork
- communication
- listening

SPORTS

Sports professional
Get paid to train and compete in a sport

Sports referee
Officiate at sports events, from local youth games to professional matches

Sports agent
Help athletes and players to find work and negotiate their contracts

Sports commentator
Describe and analyse what's happening at sporting events for listeners and viewers

TRAINING

Yoga or Pilates instructor
Teach yoga or Pilates as a form of exercise to increase fitness and wellbeing

Personal trainer
Help people reach their personal health and fitness goals

PE teacher
Work in secondary schools and colleges, teaching sport and fitness to young people

Group exercise instructor
Organise training programmes and lead classes to help people improve their fitness

SPORT SCIENCE

Physiotherapist
Work with patients to improve their range of movement and promote health and wellbeing

Exercise physiologist
Collect data on how patients respond to exercise and create fitness programmes for them

Sports scientist
Study how the body works to help people get healthier or fitter

Sport and exercise psychologist
Study the mental and emotional effects of taking part in sport and exercise

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Sports development officer
Help people to enjoy an active lifestyle by organising projects and training

Nutritionist
Teach people how their diet and nutrition can affect their health and wellbeing

Dietician
Help patients in the community or in medical settings with their dietary needs

HALL OF FAME
Developer of fitness tests
Dr Dudley Allen Sargent

People in these jobs can earn between **£27,273 and £67,596** per year

By 2035, there could be **1,593 more** jobs in roles like this

WORKING IN...

geography

from the unifrog Careers library!

Helpful to have as skills, but also things you can gain through studying geography

SKILLS REQUIRED

- observation
- critical thinking
- technical skills
- reading
- digital literacy
- writing

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Geographer
Study the world around us and how people interact with it

Geoscientist
Study rocks to learn more about the Earth and its resources

Meteorologist
Collect and study data to make weather forecasts

CLIMATE CHANGE

Conservationist
Protect the environment and encourage other people to do the same

Ecologist
Study the relationship between plants, animals, and the environment

Sustainability officer
Help make companies more sustainable

SURVEYING

Hydrographic surveyor
Map water-based environments like harbours and rivers

Land surveyor
Collect data to make site plans for civil engineering and building projects

Rural surveyor
Work out the value of farms and estates and plan how to use the land

Minerals surveyor
Manage mining and quarry sites for profit and restore them after extraction

PLANNING

Cartographer
Design and produce maps, charts, and images of different outdoor spaces

Town planner
Decide how spaces should be used to best help the local people thrive

Transport planner
Plan and advise how to use transport networks to benefit the public

HALL OF FAME
Humanistic geographer who coined the term 'topophilia':
Yi-Fu Tuan

People in these jobs can earn between **£36,457 and £55,518** per year

By 2035, there could be **897,801 more** jobs in roles like this

APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO GEOGRAPHY

- ARBORICULTURIST
- ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER
- CHARTERED TOWN PLANNER
- COUNTRYSIDE WORKER
- CROP TECHNICIAN
- GEOSPATIAL MAPPING & SCIENCE SPECIALIST
- GEOSPATIAL SURVEY TECHNICIAN
- LAND-BASED SERVICE ENGINEER
- LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN
- TRAVEL CONSULTANT

AND MANY MORE!

Amazing Apprenticeships

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SCAN ME

📢 RIDGEWAY SKILL OF THE MONTH: COMMUNICATION 💬

Communication is an essential employability skill. Employers value people who can:

- ✅ Communicate their ideas clearly
- ✅ Listen carefully to others
- ✅ Work successfully with different people
- ✅ Share opinions confidently and respectfully
- ✅ Adapt how they communicate to different situations

⭐ RIDGEWAY CHALLENGE ⭐

Where have YOU demonstrated good communication this month?

It might have been through:

- 📚 Lessons
- ⚽ Sport
- 🎨 Clubs and enrichment
- 🗣️ Student leadership
- 🤝 Volunteering
- 🎭 Performances
- 💼 Part-time work

Every experience helps you develop skills that will support your future.

Think about it. Recognise it. Be able to talk about it.