Our careers programme is designed to inform, support and inspire students to be positive and ambitious about their future plans and equip them with the skills and qualifications they need to progress into either higher education or the world of work.
College careers programme.

Our ‘3 Steps to Success’ programme supports students as they explore their career options, make decisions about which direction to go in and how to make a successful application.

1. explore
   - Tutorial programme
   - 1:2:1
   - Careers clinic
   - Independent research
   - Unifrog
   - Student bulletin
   - Labour market information
   - Job stats
   - College trips

2. decide
   - Work experience
   - Volunteering
   - Visiting speakers programme
   - Futures Day
   - Uni open days
   - Apprenticeship hub
   - Job websites
   - Independent research
   - Relevant enrichment

3. act
   - Personal statement
   - CV
   - Application forms
   - Interview techniques
   - Feedback

succeed
   - University
   - Apprenticeship
   - Employment
   - Gap year

for full details visit: bsfc.ac.uk/careers

useful links.

Researching university options and/or apprenticeships:
- www.unifrog.org
- www.ucas.com
- www.opendays.com
- https://www.whatuni.com
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk
- https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
- https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Student Finance:
- https://www.gov.uk/student-finance
- https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/funding-uni/

Volunteering:
- https://do-it.org/

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Unifrog is the online careers platform that is central to much of the work done to prepare students for their next steps. It is used within weekly tutorials to support students in identifying opportunities and strengthening applications; it brings together every undergraduate university course and apprenticeship in the UK making it easy for students to compare and choose the best opportunities for them.

Students then use this website to apply for these opportunities – it guides them through the process of writing their university personal statement, applications, CVs etc. and College tutors can review progress and provide advice.

To enable you to familiarise yourself with the resources available on Unifrog, we have set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself. Simply...

- visit www.unifrog.org/code
- Use form code: birkenhead6thparents

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**key dates.**

**1st year of College**

- w/c 20th January 2020
  - Student Finance Myth Busting Tutorial
- w/c 27th January & 10th February 2020
  - Higher Education Weeks
- w/c 9th March 2020
  - Strengthening Your Applications Tutorial
- w/c 16th March 2020
  - Add Skills/Competencies on Unifrog
- w/c 30th March 2020
  - University Course Research (5 Choices)
- w/c 4th May 2020
  - Personal Statement Writing Starts
- Friday 22nd May 2020
  - Final Draft of Personal Statement
- Monday 29th June 2020
  - Futures’ Day
    - A one day Careers Conference for all first year students - careers fair, visiting speakers, universities, employers and apprenticeship providers.

**2nd year of College**

- w/c 7th September 2020
  - Start UCAS Application
- w/c 12th October 2020
  - Apprenticeship Tutorial
- Thursday 15th October 2020
  - UCAS Deadline for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science, Dentistry and Oxford or Cambridge
- Friday 20th November 2020
  - College Deadline for UCAS Applications
- w/c 4th January 2021
  - Employability & Employment Rights Tutorial
- w/c 11th January 2021
  - Interview Skills Tutorial
- Friday 15th January 2021
  - UCAS Deadline
- w/c 1st February 2021
  - Student Finance Tutorial
- w/c 22nd February 2021
  - Student Finance Registrations & Applications
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careers clinic.
Held every Friday lunchtime in E6. Careers Advisers Tom and Andy are available to offer: careers support, help creating and building your CV, job market information and more. No appointment needed - just drop in!