

**Year 12 Wider Curriculum**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

**Planning Your Future**

# Aims of today's session

- For you to understand the next steps you need to take to prepare for your life after Wilmslow High School so that you can make aspirational, realistic and informed choices about your future
- To reflect on what you know and don't know about your options
- To understand what university open days involve and how to book them
- To acknowledge where you are up to in the work experience process and to spend some time searching for opportunities if required
- To understand which websites to use to search university and apprenticeship opportunities and ensure you are registered on the correct platforms
- To take ownership of your own future, deciding if you need a careers appointment with our external adviser Laura Bailey

# 1. University Open Days

## 2. Work Experience

I know some of you are in Borneo or on Gold D of E. You should be aiming to carry out work experience during the summer holidays if you didn't do any over Easter.

You will be in one of these positions:

1. You have a placement. Forms (you, employer, parent, Mrs Cook) all completed on Unifrog, payment made on Parentpay and placement going ahead 😊
2. You have a placement. Some forms completed on Unifrog but waiting for employer or parent
3. You have a placement. Nothing has been completed on Unifrog.
4. You don't have a placement.

# And, for anyone interested in digital...

- **Offer - Face2Face (65 places across Macclesfield and North Cheshire East schools)**
- **Delivered by The Careers Hub and Pledge Partnership.**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (5 Days)
- **Objectives:**
  - To raise the profile of Digital Roles within the workplace.
  - To support the development of the digital talent pipeline.
- **Activities:**
  - Employer supported project work
  - Employer visits
  - Project presentation with employer feedback

### 3. Apprenticeship searches

You can search from your Unifrog homepage. Scroll down to the Apprenticeships tool.

You should also be registering with the government database <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Check Mr Williams' Friday bulletin for opportunities every week. Although you may not be able to apply for them yet, you can get an idea of local companies which might take you next year.

## 4. Coming up

- Introduction to the UCAS process and filling in your UCAS form
- Parent/carer (and student) UCAS information Zoom – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Reference request forms for form tutors and subject teachers
- Personal writing support for employment/apprenticeships and university applications
- Autumn term – **Employment Readiness Programme (ERP)** for students who definitely want to apply for employment or an apprenticeship rather than university

# 5. Future Skills Questionnaire

In order to assess your own understanding of options available to you, in addition to providing information to help us to plan our careers programme, you now need to complete the Future Skills Questionnaire.

Go to your Firefly tasks and click on the link.

Answer the questions sensibly and honestly.

A reminder that this year's Careers Programme has included:

- Access to the Unifrog platform to research options
- Logging on to the UCAS Hub
- Encouragement to complete MOOCs
- STEPS booklets once a fortnight
- Presentation from university speaker
- Presentation from employer/apprenticeship providers
- Attendance at UCAS Exhibition in Manchester
- Organisation of work experience

# For the rest of the session (in this order):

1. Complete the Future Skills Questionnaire by clicking on the link from your Firefly task
2. Look for work experience placement and put details onto Unifrog if you already have one. You may need to email the employer to ask for some information Unifrog asks you to input
3. Log back on to your UCAS Hub and refamiliarise yourself with what's available through it
4. Plan university open day visits and register/book if you can
5. Search apprenticeships via Unifrog and make an account at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>