



Futures Bulletin

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This will be the final newsletter of what has been a busy year for the 'Futures Department', and provides an opportunity to reflect on a hectic few months. This last week for example has included a European Universities conference, six UCAS workshops, an Old Salopians University drop in, a Key skills session for 5th Formers, and the release of our second wave of [careers films](#) from previous students.

It is vital that pupils have some well-earned rest over the summer holidays, but it also presents an opportunity to gain additional experiences to aid future planning. Some suggestions below for each year group.

3rd & 4th Formers:

It has been impressive to see pupils from these year groups visiting the Futures Department to request information about gaining work experience over the summer holidays. Though this can be tricky due to age, the excellent volunteering site <https://do-it.org/> amongst others is a useful starting point for those looking to gain some additional insight into the world of work.

5th Formers:

The 5th Form are half way through their post GCSE programme, and will have enjoyed an excellent insight into their 6th Form choices. To aid future planning, on Thursday 20th June, they were introduced to Unifrog, which is an online careers platform which is heavily utilized by both lower and upper sixth students. As well as providing up-to-date information on Universities in the UK and the USA, it also includes interactive details about gap years and Degree Apprenticeship. If parents would like to explore this resource, please enter **parentsshrewsburyschool** when visiting unifrog.org/code, which will provide the same view as students have.

Lower 6th:

All of the Lower 6th this week have had opportunity to attend a UCAS session, where they have been able to register and begin to complete part of their application for university study. Over the summer break, it would be useful for those considering university to attend open events, completed a MOOC, look to gain more work experience, and to begin to craft their personal statement. Further information on our intranet site [here](#).

Upper 6th:

The majority of Upper 6th pupils have firm plans for post Shrewsbury School, but as a reminder, if pupils still require help, please make contact. Additionally, help and support will be available from A Level results day onwards from Mr. Percival and Mr. Wain for any concerns that may arise following confirmation of examination scores.

Follow us:

To help us communicate opportunities and relevant news more quickly, the Futures Department has set up a new twitter account @shrewsfutures. Please follow us if you use this social media platform.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain