

Careers Newsletter October 2022

Welcome to the first 'Careers Team' Newsletter of the 2022-23 Academic Year!

A '**big welcome**' from the Careers Team to our new students and a 'welcome back' to our second-year students. I hope that everyone is now settling into college life. I would like to share with you our Careers Programme Calendar for the 2022-23 academic year that you can view by clicking on the button below.

[Careers Programme Calendar](#)

For further information about our college Careers Strategy please go to the Strategies section of the Worcester Sixth Form College website.

The careers team have had a busy term providing guidance for new students, running the Early Applicant Day (a day of preparation for students applying to Oxbridge or Medicine) and playing an active role in the second-year students' tutorial programme.

Second years: Over the last 3 weeks we have run the following sessions:

- Registering second year students on the Unifrog Careers platform: Unifrog provides unbiased careers information and advice to young people to help them make informed decisions about their future options. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations
- Personal Statement Writing recap
- Apprenticeships talk (recording) by Worcestershire Apprenticeships
- 'Focusing on Your Future Plans' for non-university students

Work Experience:

We are very keen to encourage our students to participate in work experience to gain a 'real life' experience of the workplace. After half term we will be visiting first year tutorial groups to promote work experience opportunities.

Any student that would like help organising a work experience placement can drop into Student Services to see June Devonport (Employer Liaison & Work Experience Officer) or Anne-Marie Mead (Work Experience Officer).

UCAS Applications:

Some universities offer '**contextual offers**' that recognise that academic potential isn't always reflected in grades and considers how personal circumstance may have impacted on achievement. They often offer a grade lower than the standard. Please check with the universities that you are applying to see if you are eligible. For further general information go to: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/what-are-contextual-offers>

I would like to remind students to use the college Buzz word (**opportunity23**) to attach their application to the college. It is important that you don't apply as an individual. Please see page 5 of the UCAS 2023 green booklet.

The college internal UCAS application deadline is Monday 14th November.

As a reminder a couple of useful personal statement writing resources are:

- University Compare – <https://universitycompare.com/personal-statement-examples/>
- SACU Personal Statement checker – www.sacu-student.com

We advise that you spend half term progressing your application. The careers team will be available again from Monday 31st October to check personal statements – statements will be checked in the date order that they are received. Please email your statement to Careers@wsfc.ac.uk and make sure that you have used SACU before sending.

Also, we have got universities coming into college to offer personal statement checks.

To book your slot drop into Student Services Reception: open Monday-Friday 8.30-4pm during term time.

If you are a parent/guardian who would like to be able to support your young person with their university application, you may find the following links useful:

- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians> (Please note the student finance section needs to be updated by UCAS)

ALSO, the Unifrog careers platform may be useful to ALL parents:

- Go to: www.unifrog.org
- Parent log-in code: WOSFParents (the code is case sensitive)

Have a wonderful half-term break!

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