Franklin Sixth Form College

Centre for Professional Development

CAREERS & PROGRESSION NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2026

THIS ISSUE

In this edition, explore work experience opportunities with University Hospitals Birmingham, Allied Healthcare and IChemE, or consider a part-time role at KFC. Discover apprenticeships with the British Army, Dr Matthews Surgery, Healing Academy, BAM Nuttall and Molson Coors.

We also have masterclasses with Success at Schools, Gresham College, ACCA and Young Professionals, open days at Norland, campus tours at the University of Lincoln, a Criminal Investigation Mystery with Liverpool John Moores University and an online Nursing and Midwifery advice session with University of West London.

Be sure to complete the Google Form to be in with the chance of winning a £10 Amazon voucher!

Many thanks,

The Careers Team

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CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fancy being in with the chance of winning a £10 Amazon voucher?

Complete this short feedback survey to be in the draw!

Career Academy/ High Flyers

There is no Career Academy session due to it being Mock week and digital days.

Creative Conference

If you are a first-year student studying one of our Creative courses, you should have received a letter outlining the details of the Creative Conference taking place on Thursday 26th November.

Please be aware that attendance at the conference is a mandatory part of your course, and attendance will be formally registered on the day. It is therefore important that you attend and take part in the event.

Careers Appointments

If you are unsure of your next steps or want some advice and guidance about courses, training, employment, or apprenticeships – please make a careers appointment.

If you need any help, please follow the guide on the next page, or email zofia.ciopcinski@franklin.ac.uk.

Work Experience

If you are looking for work experience, please message emma.heard@franklin.ac.uk who will be able to support and provide any information required.

Hull University Open Day

We are delighted to be able to offer a free coach journey for your students again for our upcoming open day, as a trial for our regular service starting in September 2027. Please note the students do not need to be accompanied by Franklin College staff but must have a booking for the Open Day which they can do for free with the link below.

🗓️ 28 November 2026

🚨 Collection from Franklin College at approximately 08:45

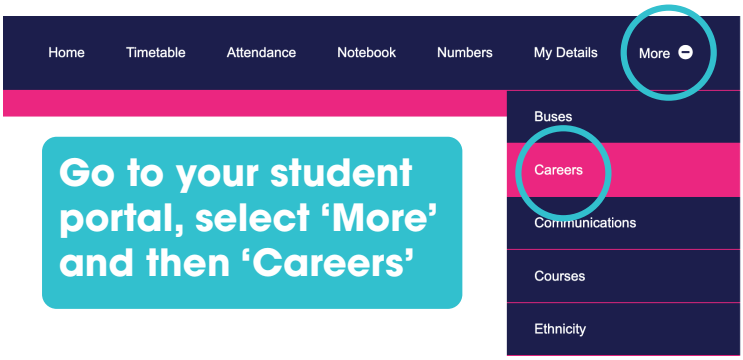
💂 Drop off at the University of Hull at approximately 09:45

🏠 Return to Franklin College at approximately 16:30

💸 Completely free!

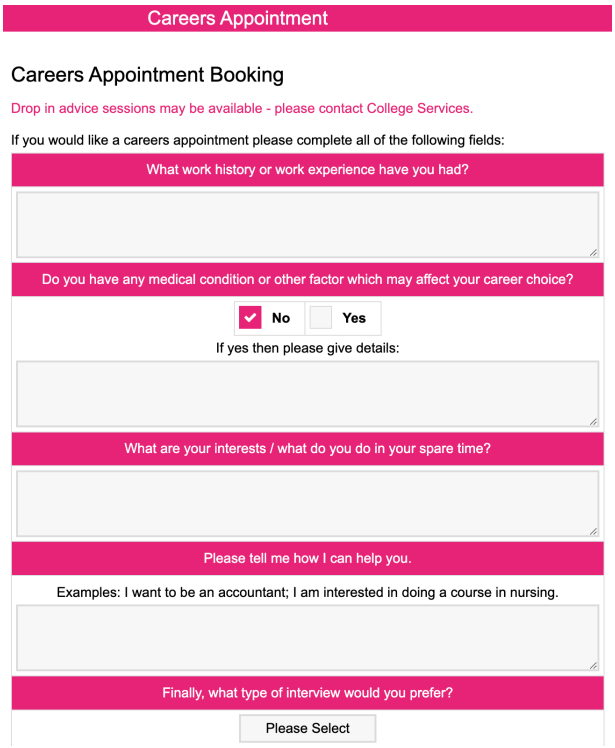
Please note, the coach will only stop if there is at least one booking for that location. Your pick-up point does not need to be your school/college, and you are free to choose the one that is easiest for you. The deadline to book is 17:00 - 24 November. To find out more and book click here

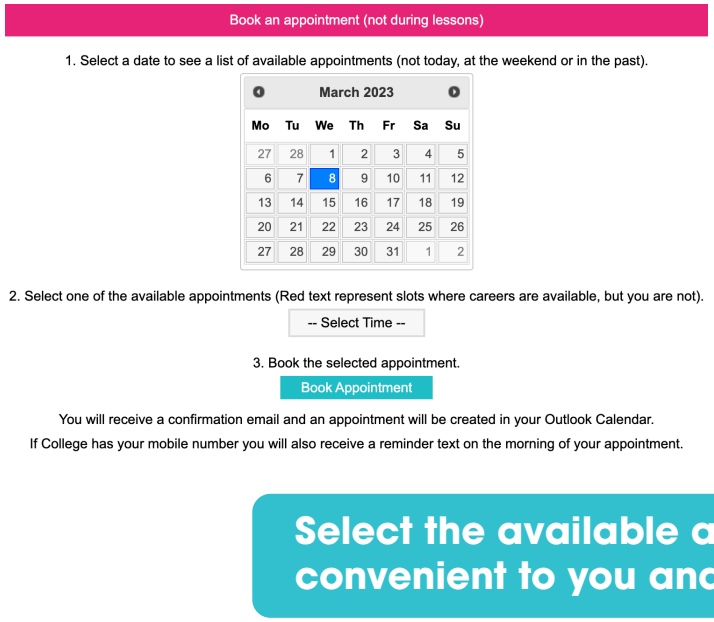
How to book a Careers Appointment

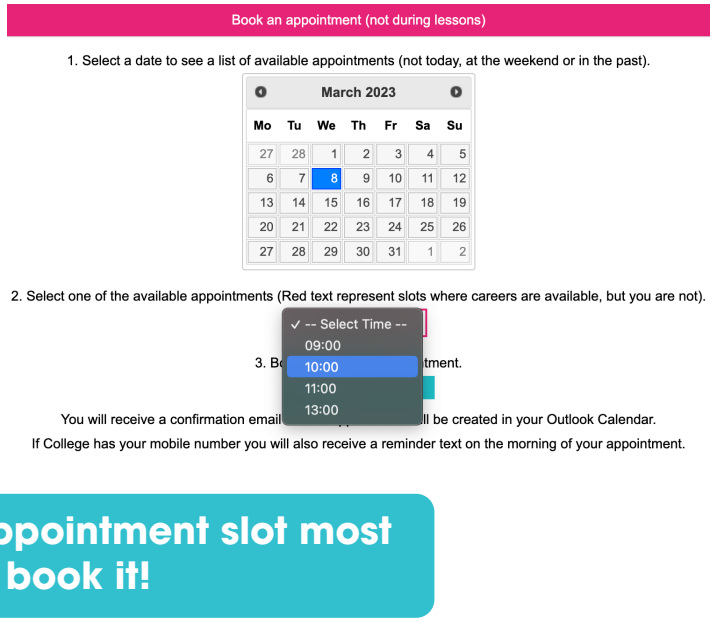


Go to your student portal, select 'More' and then 'Careers'

Fill in the information on the Careers Appointment Booking page







Select the available appointment slot most convenient to you and book it!

WORK EXPERIENCE

Virtual Work Experience in Medicine and Dentistry with Medic Mentor and University Hospitals Birmingham

Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements. This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Mentorverse, and is completely free.

Medicine: https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/

Dentistry:https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/

Click the links for more information.

Process Engineering in Oil and Gas: IChemE Career Simulation Virtual Work Experience

Learn how chemical engineers keep complex industrial processes running safely, efficiently, and responsibly. In this Career Simulation, delivered in partnership with IChemE, you'll explore the variety of tasks involved in an engineering career, discover the skills needed to succeed, and understand the tasks undertaken by real chemical engineers.

Click here for more information.

Team Member KFC, Louth

You'll be the friendly face that makes guests feel instantly welcome—answering questions, keeping things running smoothly, and helping folks with digital orders so nothing slows them down. You'll also spot and solve problems on the fly, support the team, and help raise the bar for great service every day.

Click here for more information or to apply.

NHS Virtual Work Experience Program for Aspiring Healthcare Professionals

The NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience by Allied Healthcare Mentor offers you the chance to explore a variety of healthcare roles through an immersive online experience. This program covers careers like nursing, physiotherapy, radiography, and speech therapy, offering a brilliant insight into these fields. Each session is £10, with certificates provided upon completion.

Click here to register or find out more information.

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Your subject, real careers

Geography

Free virtual work experience and university tasters, linked to what you're studying.

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Step inside real employers

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

Geography Work Experience: Discover Real-World Skills and Career Options

Put GIS, natural hazards and urban planning to work on real problems.

Environment Agency

Environment Agency Opportunities: Your Environment, Your Career

See how flood and coastal risk is managed, and the jobs behind it.

Springpod

Sustainability Unveiled: Virtual Work Experience in Green Careers

Tour green careers in policy, renewable energy and consulting.

Natural England Ages 13+

Protecting and Restoring Nature with Natural England

Find out how habitats are restored and wildlife is protected.

UNIVERSITY TASTER

Try a degree subject first

University of Edinburgh · Professor Eliza Calder

Earth Sciences Subject Spotlight

How Earth scientists study volcanoes and natural hazards.

Scan a code to sign up. Every programme is free for students on Springpod.

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SPEAKERS for schools

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Virtual Work Experience

Medicine & Healthcare

Explore roles and career pathways with Lincolnshire's NHS Talent Academy

- Discover what it's like to work in the NHS
- Complete tasks and projects alongside real NHS staff
- Learn about career progression and multiple roles you may have never heard of before!



APPLY HERE

Virtual Work Experience
9th - 11th December
10am - 2pm
Age: 14-19
Deadline: 27th November

APPRENTICESHIPS

Combat Medical Technician Apprenticeship with the British Army

Could you work on the front line, saving soldiers' lives? Stay calm in the heat of battle and give emergency treatment? Get casualties off the battlefield as quickly and safely as possible? It isn't easy. But if you're brave and determined, we'll give you the training you need, a great career and the chance to gain qualifications. Plus, you get to join our amazing team in the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS). You'll work under the expert guidance of doctors in medical centres, or in the difficult working conditions of frontline bases.

To find out more – click here to apply.

Apprentice Care Navigator with Dr Mathews Surgery, Grimsby

Would you like a career within general practice, supporting a team to provide outstanding support to patients, doctors, and nurses? Yes? Then this is your chance to start a great career! We are looking to recruit a confident, dynamic, and committed individual who is calm under pressure and can maintain a high level of customer service.

Click here for more information – the deadline is Friday 27th November

Teaching Assistant Apprentice with Healing Academy

Healing Academy, part of the Harbour Learning Trust, is looking for a Teaching Assistant Apprentice. This is an incredibly rewarding and varied role where you'll have the opportunity to make a genuine difference to the life of a child.

Vacancy closes Monday 4th January 2027, Click here for more information.

Quantity Surveying Technical Apprenticeship 2027- Social Infrastructure with BAM Nuttall LTD

What if an apprenticeship programme was just the start of your incredible journey? From skills to success, the possibilities are endless. An apprenticeship is a full time earn and learn position, where you will be involved in delivering multi-million-pound projects that Leave a lasting and positive change in our communities.

This role closes Sunday 3rd January 2027. Click here for more information.

Sales Degree Apprentice with Molson Coors Beverage Company

Over three years, you'll rotate through at least three roles within our Commercial function, gaining hands-on experience in Commercial Excellence and a strong understanding of key activities, such as, Customer Relationship Management: Business Development Marketing & Selling: Team Management.

To find out more click here

SAVE THE DATE

Women into Manufacturing and Engineering Careers Fair

Humber Royal Hotel

Wednesday 17th March 2027

- Morning/Early afternoon - Schools & colleges only
- 4pm to 6pm - Open to the public

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Please email charlotte.rubenis@lincolnshire.gov.uk to register



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Hull City Council

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL www.nelincs.gov.uk

North Lincolnshire Council

MASTERCLASSES

Engineering Event with National Grid and Young Professionals

For the first time this year, National Grid, the FTSE 100 energy company employing over 30,000 people, are opening their virtual doors to students. We are running a free, one-hour online event for Year 10 to Year 13 students interested in engineering, on Monday 23 November, 5pm–6pm, after school, so students can join from home.

Students will go behind the scenes to see what engineers do day to day and meet senior professionals, with a big focus on electrical engineering and renewable energy. No previous experience is needed. All the details for students are below.

This will take place on Monday 23rd November from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

Click here to register.

Musical Myths and Miracles with Gresham College

For millennia, music has been credited with extraordinary powers. Ancient Greek modes were said to heal, while modern culture offers everything from expensive audiophile obsessions with "perfect" sound to wilder claims that the music of Mozart enhances intelligence. Film and media often romanticise and misrepresent how music works.

But what is real, and what is invention? This lecture separates fact from fiction, unpicking the stories we tell about its powers, and uncovering its genuine miracles.

This will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 6pm – click here for more information.

Behind the Scenes at Skydance with Success at Schools

🎬 Love Film, TV, Games or Sport, but not sure what careers exist beyond making them? Discover opportunities in marketing, sales, publicity, HR, business and more, and how your skills could help shape the world of entertainment.

Join Skydance, home to one of the entertainment industry's most powerful content engines, for a live one-hour insider session built for students who want a career in entertainment, media or sport.

Skydance's portfolio includes iconic brands such as Warner Bros., Paramount, HBO, TNT Sports, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, CNN and Comedy Central. This is your chance to find out what it's really like to start a career there, straight from the people doing it.

This will take place on Tuesday 12th January from 6:30pm. Click here for more information or to apply.

Where a Career in Accounting can take you with ACCA

View from the point: Senior professionals in accounting and finance

An inspiring webinar from ACCA, the global professional body for accountants.

Taking place Thursday 3rd December from 6:30pm. Click here for more information and to apply.

A SPOTLIGHT ON...

Insurance & Pensions

Feeling flush today? Awesome! But let's not forget about tomorrow. Start a career in insurance and pensions and help others plan for their future, too!

What is insurance and pensions?

Insurance is all about protecting your favourite stuff – like your car, home or even a celeb's iconic legs! If things go south, insurance helps you bounce back financially. Pensions are your retirement money goals. You and your employer stash some cash into a fund while you work, so when you retire, you can chill with regular income. Both insurance and pensions are about smart money management for the long haul. Insurance companies often do both, investing your pension cash and covering you when life throws curveballs.

What jobs can I do?

- **Asset Manager:** Asset managers are the money wizards. They invest your insurance premiums and pension funds to make that cash grow. Basically, they're all about making smart moves with your money.
- **Claims Inspector:** Claims inspectors are like detectives for insurance claims. They dig into accidents, check records, and make sure people aren't pulling a fast one when they cash in a claim.
- **Insurance Broker:** Insurance brokers are your go-to experts for finding the best insurance deals. They know how to read the small print and make sure you're getting the coverage you actually need.
- **Pension Scheme Manager:** Pension scheme managers handle the company's pension funds. They develop policies, advise on investments, and ensure there's enough cash when employees retire. They've got your back for the future!
- **Underwriter:** Underwriters are the gatekeepers of insurance applications. They decide who gets coverage based on the risk factor and set the terms of your policy. No risk, no reward!

What are the top skills?

- **Attention-to-detail:** Catching small mistakes to avoid bigger issues later.
- **Communication:** Explaining complex policies and negotiating deals clearly.
- **Logical thinking:** Analysing data and situations to find the best solutions.
- **Numerical skills:** Using data for smart financial decisions in areas like asset management.
- **Problem-solving:** Creative thinking to handle challenges such as claims or insurance plans.

How do I start a career in insurance and pensions?

- **Can I do an apprenticeship?** You can start with a level 2 apprenticeship, such as accounts or finance assistant, and progress to a level 6 financial services professional.
- **Is uni an option?** Yes! A degree in finance, economics, or business management is great for roles like actuary or asset manager.
- **How can I stand out?** Join challenges like the UK Maths Challenge or solve logic puzzles to boost your skills and make your CV stand out.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Part One of a Criminal Investigation: Can you Solve the Murder? With Liverpool John Moores University

Join current students and former police officers from Liverpool John Moores University to investigate a fictional murder! In this first session we'll assess the scene, uncover motives, and identify suspects. Explore the legal system, help us uncover the clues, and find the culprit to solve this case.

Taking place Wednesday 25th November 5:30pm – 6:15pm, click here to sign up

Nursing and Midwifery Online Advice Session with University of West London

This is your chance to discover what it would be like to study with us and to learn more about the study options that are available.

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you have about studying with us.

Webinars will be taking place at the following times:

Nursing (Adult, Children's, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health): 3pm - 3.45pm.

Midwifery: 4pm - 4.45pm.

To register click here

Virtual Open Day with Norland University

The event will include a comprehensive overview with our Discover Norland presentation led by Vice Chancellor Professor Janet Rose and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education and Research) Professor Rebecca Digby along with a panel of staff and students who will share their insights into studying our early childhood degree with integrated skills-based diploma.

Taking place on Thursday 26 November 2026, 5.30-7pm. For more information click here.

Explore Campus Tours with University of Lincoln

See yourself studying at Lincoln? Join us for one of our upcoming Explore Campus Tours. Hear from student ambassadors about their time studying and living in Lincoln, before taking a tour of our spectacular city centre campus. Step into our industry-standard facilities and explore our purpose-built accommodation.

Our Explore Campus Tours run on select dates from 1:00pm-3:00pm, giving you plenty of time to look around the vibrant and historic city of Lincoln either before or after.

Click here to find out more and to register

GRIMSBY COMMUNITY ENERGY

COMMUNITY ENERGY COLLECTIVE 2027



Hosted by Grimsby Community Energy

Community Energy Collective 2027 brings together community energy organisations, businesses, educators, students and supporters for a day of insight, collaboration and inspiration around locally owned renewable energy, sustainability and co-operative growth.

Keynote Speech by **Michaela Strachan**

Wednesday 10 March 2027 | From 10:00am

Parkway Cinema, Cleethorpes

Book tickets: grimsbycommunityenergy.coop/community-energy-collective-2027/

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FURTHER SPEAKERS

Community Energy Collective 2027 will also feature speakers from across the community energy sector, bringing local, regional and national perspectives on co-operative growth, community-owned renewable energy and the future of sustainable energy.



Helen Seagrave
GB Energy

Helen Seagrave will deliver a presentation exploring the future of community-led energy, local market development and the opportunities emerging for organisations like ours.

Connie Duxbury
Younity



Connie Duxbury will share insights from the community renewables sector and the value of collaboration in helping more communities benefit from locally owned clean energy projects.



Dr Vicky Dunn
Grimsby Community Energy

Dr Vicky Dunn will bring a local perspective, reflecting on Grimsby Community Energy's work and the opportunities for community-owned renewable energy in North East Lincolnshire and beyond.

Book tickets: grimsbycommunityenergy.coop/community-energy-collective-2027/

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A HOW TO GET INVOLVED GUIDE FOR BUSINESS



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GET INVOLVED

GY28, Grimsby's bid to be the first UK Town of Culture, needs local businesses behind it.

The bid team have been overwhelmed by the level of support, and this guide gives your business the information and tools you need to get involved.



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Share on social media

Post and share pictures on social media using the tag **#GY28**

If you want to use our branded boards, window posters, or pull-ups let us know. The more impressions we get, the more support we can demonstrate in the bid, and the better our chances.

See the resource tool kit at the end of this document where you can get access to typeface, backgrounds, logos, etc



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SEND US AN ENDORSEMENT

Send us a short paragraph telling us why you support the bid – why Grimsby, what does it mean for you, your family, and your workforce.

We will be including all endorsements in our bid.

Please send this by email to **Grimsbytownofculture@nelincs.gov.uk**

A few examples

As a business operating in Grimsby, we are proud to support the town's bid for UK Town of Culture. We believe Town of Culture status would strengthen local pride, attract new visitors and investment, and create opportunities for businesses, communities and young people alike.

Our organisation is delighted to endorse Grimsby's Town of Culture bid. The town has a powerful story to tell, shaped by generations of people whose creativity, determination and community spirit have built a distinctive place with a strong sense of belonging.

We are proud to stand alongside partners across the town in supporting this ambitious vision and helping Grimsby realise its full potential.

We wholeheartedly support Grimsby's Town of Culture bid and recognise the transformative potential it offers for the borough. Grimsby is a town that combines a proud heritage with a clear vision for the future. From its maritime history to its growing industries and creative talent, the town continues to demonstrate the ambition and innovation needed to thrive in a changing economy.



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COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DROP INS

We are taking residency at the Lounge in The Hive, St James House, during November with a few sessions happening across the month where you can drop-in, find out more, and get involved.

There will be photo and video opportunities so bring your best smile. Watch out for more details.

Drop-in sessions are:

Tuesday 3rd November between 8.30am and 2pm
Thursday 12th November, between 10am and 2pm
Thursday 26th November, between 12 noon and 3pm



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FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

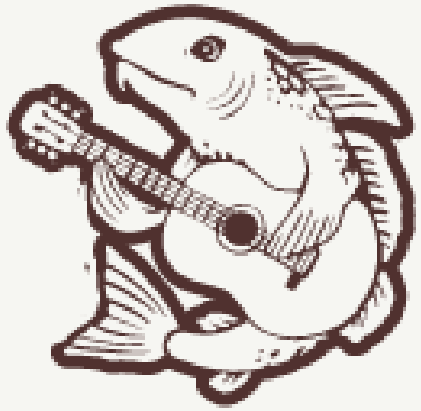
To add weight to the bid, the Council have committed up to £100,000 as match funding to contributions from developers and contractors with social value commitments to the town to show the judges that Grimsby's bid is a true collaboration.

This is a commitment regardless of the outcome.

While we are not specifically asking our already generous business community, there is an opportunity for any business, large or small, to be involved through the Great Grimsby Town Centre Partnership who are being asked to be the contributor on behalf of members across all sizes of business – if you want to contribute financially and find out more about the Partnership, speak to info@the25Group.co.uk or ask at one of the drop-in sessions.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

A library of logos, assets, and templates to use

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bjULbUJTMUUyFXS9DwPTabH39qmQ8NoU?usp=sharing

Have your say and take the survey, you can even do it using our Grimsby typeface

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