

CAREERS & PROGRESSION NEWSLETTER

THIS ISSUE

8th September 2025

Welcome to the first Careers Newsletter of the academic year. I hope you are all settling in well!

In this edition, we're excited to bring you a wide range of opportunities to explore your future career path! Discover virtual work experience placements and apprenticeship insights from Success at School, Catch, and EDF.

Take part in expert-led masterclasses with the British Army, tune into Success at School's insightful webinars, explore careers in youth work, and engage with thought-provoking lectures from Gresham College.

You'll also find plenty of useful university resources, including contributions from the University of Sheffield, Specsavers, and PwC, plus a special spotlight on PPD and Aspire.

Don't forget to complete the Google Form for your chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher

Many thanks,

The Careers Team

#SEEYOURFUTURE

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!

Personal and Professional Development

Monday 8th September will see Freshers Fair take place in the covered courtyard; you will be able to sign up for what you want to do in your Personal and Professional Development slot on your timetable.

Your choice of PPD will be placed on your timetable, but if you have any issues or queries please contact the Personal and Professional Development team by emailing ppd@franklin.ac.uk or going to their office, which is located opposite Room 50.

Career Academy

Students who sign up to take part in our Career Academy should attend the welcome session on Wednesday 17th September. This will take place during Lunch (12:20pm – 1:00pm) in The Bridge.

This session will go over details about the programme, expectations, and general information.

High Flyers

Those who sign up for High Flyers, there will be an introductory session on Wednesday 17th September at 12:15pm in Room 50. This session will talk through expectations and what the programme entails – please feel free to take your lunch with you to this session.

Work Experience

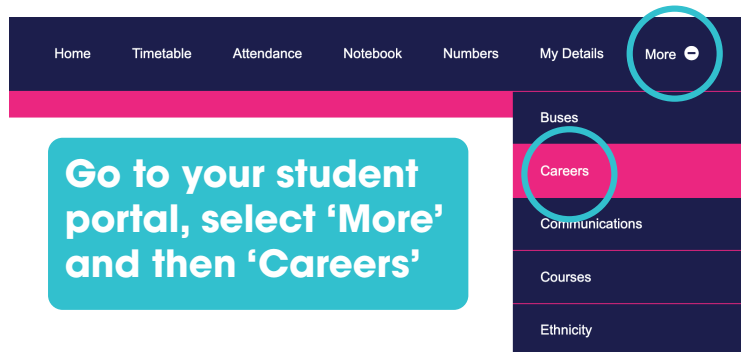
If you are looking for or are interested in work experience opportunities, please email nicola.lloyd-jones@franklin.ac.uk for further information on how to apply or visit the CFPD office.

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.

How to book a Careers Appointment



Fill in the information on the Careers Appointment Booking page

Careers Appointment

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Drop in advice sessions may be available - please contact College Services.

If you would like a careers appointment please complete all of the following fields:

What work history or work experience have you had?

Do you have any medical condition or other factor which may affect your career choice?

☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes then please give details:

What are your interests / what do you do in your spare time?

Please tell me how I can help you.

Examples: I want to be an accountant; I am interested in doing a course in nursing.

Finally, what type of interview would you prefer?

Please Select



Book an appointment (not during lessons)

1. Select a date to see a list of available appointments (not today, at the weekend or in the past).

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2. Select one of the available appointments (Red text represent slots where careers are available, but you are not).

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If College has your mobile number you will also receive a reminder text on the morning of your appointment.

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

WORK

EXPERIENCE



Application to Medicine Virtual Event

This event is aimed to help students who want to apply to Medicine to maximise the potential of their application and aid them in getting a place at medical school.

This will involve:

- Application: Discussing strategic application, different medical schools, applying to your strengths, variations in medical degrees, UCAS form etc.
- Primary Care Work Experience Case Base Discussions: using medical school-based seminar structures to discuss work experience cases virtually.
- The New Personal Statement: 2026 entry has a new personal statement function, changed from the way it used to work. What the changes are, how to fill out the form, and our top tips.
- Secondary Care Work Experience Case Base Discussions: using medical school-based seminar structures to discuss work experience cases virtually.

To apply for this FREE course please fill out the google form attached below. You will hear back from us on Thursday 11th September.

Application link: <https://forms.gle/ZTDBf8mR9usY711A8>

Spring pod Visual Work Experience

Unlock the door to in-person work experiences that take your career aspirations to new heights. Our virtual work experiences have already empowered thousands of students like you to explore diverse industries and gain valuable insights into their dream careers. Now, it's time to turn those insights into real-world action.

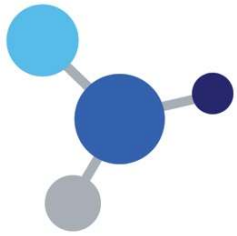
To get started click [here](#) to see what visual work experience is available

Barclays: Data Analytics Virtual Work Experience

This Virtual Taster Course is a way for you to carry out a real-world task and will give you a taste of what a future career with Barclays could look like. You'll learn more about what data analytics is, and we'll dive deep into what a career could look like in this area. You'll hear from your mentor, a real Barclays employee, who'll provide you with the context you need to try out this task for yourself.

You'll learn from your Barclays mentor through videos and compare your work with their model answers to further refine your abilities.

Click [here](#) to sign up.



LINCOLNSHIRE
TRAINING HUB
Primary Care Education



Application to Medicine Virtual Event

*Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September,
9:30am-12:30pm on Zoom.*

MAXIMISE YOUR UCAS APPLICATION BEFORE THE OCTOBER DEADLINE

New revamped event aimed at helping students planning to apply to Medicine to maximise the potential of their application. This event will run over both mornings, with two different sessions on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September.

For further information and to apply for this FREE course please go to: <https://www.lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk/training-and-events/futures-programme>

You will hear back from us on Thursday 11th September.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr Molly Butcher at molly.butcher@nhs.net

Thank you very much for an extremely insightful and informative day. I really really enjoyed it. It helped me gain insight into how to use my GCSE and UCAT grades to the best of their abilities.

Thank you so much for all the effort and hard work you have put in. It was a great experience and everyone was very helpful.

Email: contact@lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk

Website: www.lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Ask an Apprentice with Success at School

Register for Success at School's new online community where you can Ask an Apprentice absolutely anything!

To get exclusive access in the Autumn Term, sign up [here](#).

Catch Apprenticeship Opportunities

CATCH have some important dates to share in preparation for their 2025/2026 apprenticeship recruitment intake opening.

CATCH Apprenticeship applications will open for candidates to apply to CATCH on the 1st of October 2025 and will close on the 30th of January 2026, CATCH Open Evenings will commence September Information is available [here](#)

Apprenticeships with EDF

If you're passionate about tackling climate change, EDF's Apprenticeship programmes offer an exciting opportunity to build a rewarding career while contributing to a more sustainable energy future. Their Apprenticeship opportunities will open for applications in December, but in the meantime, find out more about the programmes they offer [here](#).

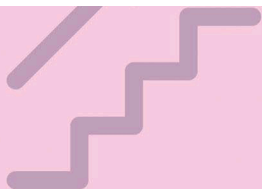
Early Talent Academy

Not sure about your next steps after school or college? Not sure university is the right path for you? No problem.

The world is full of possibilities, and we want to make sure you know about them! Consider this your gateway to connect with well-established brands that are actively looking for fresh talent and the future of their business.

At the Early Talent Academy, you can explore industries, apprenticeship opportunities and resources that will help you realise and take the next steps of your career.

To find out more about apprenticeships and what they do, visit their [website](#)



MASTERCLASSES

Youth Work Pathways to success event

This event the Youth Collective are inviting you to a day to explore routes into careers and employment.

Wednesday 29th October from 10.45am – 3:30pm

Located at The Ruth Gorse Academy

For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

Your Future with the British Army: Training, and More!

Are you a student curious about an active lifestyle, practical learning, and a career where no two days are the same? Join the British Army with exclusive online events that could shape your future! Discover the incredible opportunities the British Army offers, from webinars to insight days and careers fairs. This is your chance to explore how you can develop valuable skills and gain unique experiences.

What to Expect:

- **Army Legal Services Webinar:** Are you a qualified or soon-to-be qualified legal professional curious about where your career could take you? Join us for a live webinar to explore the unique opportunities offered by the Army Legal Services.

This webinar will take place on Tuesday 4th October from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, you can register [here](#).

Success at School- Free Webinars

Join Success at School for an invaluable webinar designed to elevate and help you stand out in today's competitive job market. Current Webinars are related to Accountancy and take place the beginning of December.

For more information click [here](#) to register.

Shakespeare's Musical Fairies: with Gresham College

This lecture explores how the innate musicality of Shakespeare's original has provoked adaptations across the centuries, including Ashton and Balanchine's ballets based on Mendelssohn's incidental music for the play, Britten's opera, Purcell's masque *The Fairy Queen*, Henze's *Eighth Symphony* and Elvis Costello's *// Sogno*. What is it about Shakespeare's fairies that have inspired such diverse musical responses?

This will take place on Monday 22nd September at 7pm – click [here](#) to watch.



A SPOTLIGHT

ON...

Personal and Professional Development

What is Personal and professional Development (PPD) It's all about taking part in unforgettable experiences and opportunities to develop essential skills, preparing you for life after Franklin.

Personal Development gives you a chance to get involved in an exciting range of clubs, activities, societies, trips, and visits to support your studies. Whether you want to explore the world with our incredible trips, join a club related to your course, take part in sport, or explore something entirely new

Professional Development- Our Professional Development Programme and Centre for Professional Development (CFPD) Team offers you links with universities, higher apprenticeship providers, and employers to boost your skill set, provide valuable experiences, and significantly improve your employability and life chances. The team also works with local and national partners to organise interactive talks, masterclasses, visits and more to help you see your future and develop the skills needed to reach your goals.

Our PPD options can be located [here](#) and Freshers Fair will take place Monday 8th September in the covered courtyard.

Aspire

What is Aspire it's a Programme that offers you the opportunity to expand your horizons. Through engaging group sessions, termly one-on-one meetings with your Progress Coach, and dedicated independent study time, you'll grow and develop into a well-rounded, highly employable young adult. Aspire helps to nurture essential life skills, preparing you for success in your chosen future.

From 8th September your group Aspire sessions will start- Please check your timetable on the student portal, for the relevant week, to check the time and room of your Aspire session. This is an important/ mandatory part of your study programme.

The following week you will have a Study Skills session in The Bridge (Progress Coaches will explain the Aspire programme in your first session) and you will be required to swipe in to confirm your attendance.

More information on Aspire can be found on the college's website

[Franklin's Aspire Programme: Your Path to Personal and Professional Growth](#)

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



Access to Sheffield - applications open today

The University of Sheffield runs the **Access to Sheffield programme** for Year 12 and 13 students, designed to give a real taste of university life and help with decisions about higher education. There are five subject pathways to choose from—Arts & Humanities, STEM, Medicine, Dentistry, and Law—each including workshops, campus visits, summer schools, and guidance with UCAS applications. All participants benefit from skills-building activities, optional mentoring from current undergraduates, and free access to online study resources. The programme is aimed at students who meet widening participation criteria (such as being the first in their family to attend university, receiving free school meals, or having experience of care) and who are on track to meet the academic requirements for their chosen pathway. Completing the programme can also lead to a reduced (“contextual”) offer for a place at the University of Sheffield.

More information can be found [here](#).

Bright Stars University Scholarship with Specsavers

Optometry is more than just glasses. It's detecting and diagnosing abnormalities and diseases using the latest technology. It's identifying problems with health – think high blood pressure and diabetes. Interested? If you are, you should see what Specsavers have on offer through their Bright Stars university scholarship.

All you need to do is register your interest after you've applied for an Optometry course at your chosen university, then you'll be invited to a selection event. If successful, you'll be matched with a local Specsavers practice where you can work part-time and learn more about Optometry.

Click [here](#) for more information.

PwC Flying Start Degree Programmes

The Flying Start degree programmes offer you the opportunity to start a career and gain a degree at the same time. Whether it's accounting or business management, you can earn a salary and fast-track your career while studying for your chosen subject. Whichever programme you choose, you'll work on a range of projects in a culture that embraces difference and encourages you to think imaginatively. At PwC, they want you to feel challenged, to grow and to thrive. You'll have the opportunity to make an impact, being the difference to clients from day one.

Click [here](#) for more information.

