November/ December 2026

CRGS CAREERS BULETIN

Main School

Christmas Careers Challenge:

Use the Christmas break to research three employers you could see yourself working for in the future. Explore their websites or to find one relevant job or apprenticeship route for each employer, and consider what qualifications and skills you would need to apply.

Thinking about work experience?

Use all your available **search methods**; Careers Office, family & friend network and company websites.
When searching; **be clear about your interests**, subjects you enjoy and specific work experience you may need.
Don't be shy, **contact companies yourself!** Try and email a named contact, make sure you **attach a CV** and use a **proper email address** (nothing silly!).

What's next after Year 11?

Not sure what you want to do after your GCSEs? There are several routes to explore! You could study A levels, take a college or vocational course, choose a T Level, or start an apprenticeship where you earn while you learn.
If you're unsure what career you'd like to pursue, try the SACU Careers Quiz! It can help you explore careers and courses linked to your interests and strengths. Check it out **here**.

You're hired! How to land an apprenticeship - Tue 24 Nov 16:30-17:15

Want your application to give you the best chances of getting hired? Applying for apprenticeships can feel competitive, but a few smart moves can make your application stand out! In this session, discover how to identify the right roles for you and manage multiple applications without falling into common traps. We'll cover essential dos and don'ts to ensure your applications get noticed by top employers!

Amazing Apprenticeships | EDF | Nestlé | ARMY BE THE BEST | AstraZeneca | Specsavers

Go behind the scenes and explore some amazing apprenticeship employers.

Apprenticeships focussed events and resources:

NavigATE – **How to Stand Out in the Apprenticeship Application Process**: Wednesday 2 December 18:30-19:15. Looks at what employers want to see in apprenticeship applicants, how students can demonstrate their strengths and what makes an application stand out. Sign up **here**.

BBC Apprenticeships – Virtual Insight Webinar Recording.
The BBC held a webinar on **5 November 2026**, exploring its apprenticeship opportunities in business, data, digital technology, engineering, journalism and production. Students can watch the recording to discover what working for the BBC as an apprentice involves.
Watch webinar **here**.

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- 🔎 Explore the Careers Library – Research a career you're interested in and discover the qualifications, skills, salary information and different routes into the job.
- 🛠️ Search for Apprenticeships – Discover the latest apprenticeships and what qualifications you may need.
- 📅 Check Your 'For You' Feed – Look for upcoming employer events, virtual talks, careers opportunities and other activities matched to your interests.
- ⭐ Update Your Skills and Activities – Record achievements, extracurricular activities and examples of skills you've developed. These could be useful when applying for work experience, college or future jobs.
- 📚 Try a Short Online Course – Explore courses on subjects or careers that interest you and build your knowledge beyond the classroom.

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Are available for all of your careers related needs. If your have any questions please email Mrs Howard - v.howard@cgrs.org.uk