



PURBROOK PARK SCHOOL

# CAREERS

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## CAREERS EDUCATION AT PURBROOK PARK

Good careers guidance has never been more important. Changes in technology, the technical education system and in the labour market, mean that the jobs available and the skills and qualifications needed to reach them are changing all the time. The COVID-19 pandemic has added further disruption, with a disproportionate impact on young people as they enter the labour market. Many skilled jobs require specific education and training, and young people need more support to make better-informed decisions about their future.

### CAREERS INTERVIEWS

We have teamed up with EBP South to enhance our careers provision at Purbrook. They are currently conducting in depth careers interviews with our Year 11 pupils about their next steps. We will be scheduling Year 10 appointments soon.

### COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

If you are in Year 11 and have not already done so, you need to make sure that you apply to college. You can and should apply to multiple colleges. Course selections will not be confirmed with the college until you receive your GCSE results, so don't worry if you are still unsure, you can still apply to college.

## UNIFROG

The Unifrog logo consists of the word "unifrog" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green square.

We have recently signed our school up to Unifrog. The Unifrog platform helps pupils with the whole progression process - from exploring their interests, to recording the great things they've done, to finding education and training opportunities, to drafting their applications. Every pupil has an account that can stay with them throughout their time at PPS and beyond. Parents can access UNIFROG by using the code **PBPAfamily**.



# Apprenticeships

You may have a child who is interested in an apprenticeship, or perhaps you may have some questions as well. We have pulled together some of the websites and resources which we find particularly helpful.

There are some excellent websites where you can go for more information:

- [Unifrog](#) parents can access the site by using the code **PBPAfamily**
- Amazing Apprenticeships has created a [Parents Information page](#)
- Information for parents on the [Government Apprenticeship site](#)
- Rate My Apprenticeship has a Parent section on their [Advice Hub](#)
- A list of possible apprenticeships can be found on the [Institute for Apprenticeships](#)

There will be an increase in vacancies from February, so it is a good idea for Year 11 pupils to start looking now, if they haven't already. Like any job vacancy, pupils can and should apply to multiple vacancies. There isn't just one site which lists all apprenticeship vacancies, so pupils would be wise to look on several sites. There is often information on employer websites too, which may be listed under 'Early Careers.' Some useful sites include:

- [Rate My Apprenticeship](#)
- [Get My First Job](#)
- [Gov Apprenticeship vacancy site](#)
- [NotGoingtoUni](#)
- [Careermap](#)

## Some final points

- Each employer has their own recruitment process and timeline
- Entry requirements can vary
- Apprenticeships are available at all levels
- It is possible to start at a lower level, and move up
- A part time job, or other work experience will help strengthen an application
- Please encourage pupils to seek support and information from the school, along with attending employer events and workshops on job search skills.