



Calling all Former Fearnhill Students - we need you... AGAIN!

Last year we hosted our second Fearnhill Alumni event and it was a huge success! So much so, we want to do it again, this time, bigger and better!

Did you once walk the Fearnhill corridors, learn in a Fearnhill classroom and wear a Fearnhill uniform? Then what better way to inspire our current students to find their future, than to hear from those who have shared in the Fearnhill experience.

It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school, we'd like to represent a wide cross-section of careers that are available to our students.

Even if you attended the last one, please still sign up if you are able to come as there will be a new cohort of students in addition to the previous year groups wanting to visit you and ask questions on your current job role, how you got into it, the qualifications you need and asking your advice on all things careers-related. Students are already asking when the event is and are super excited that it is running again.

I am so looking forward to the prospect of seeing you all next year. If you'd like more information on how you can be involved in our Careers event on Friday 13th March 2026, please email:
admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Spread the word!

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams

The Year 11 GCSE mock exams are currently taking place. Students should be putting the skills into practice and using the advice given to them during Careers updates and at the Study Skills & Revision Techniques session that took place last month.

Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead

Look out every fortnight
for new features -
all things career related!



CALLING ALL FORMER FEARNHILL STUDENTS... WE NEED YOU!



Ms Balchin, our Head of Careers, would love former students to share their career stories to inspire our current students.

It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school - bank manager or basketball player, barista or barrister - come and let our students talk to you about your career path.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th-Friday 21st November

Year 11 Mock exams

Thursday 20th November

Year 8 Parents Eve

Thursday 27th November

6th Form Open Eve

Services for Young People

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	Facebook Services for Young People		Email sfyp@hertfordshire.gov.uk	
	Instagram @hccsfyp		Website www.servicesforyoungpeople.org	
	LinkedIn Services for Young People			

Contact us or follow us on social media

Year 10 Work Experience - it's coming back!

I am pleased to announce that, after 5 years of work experience drought, the Year 10 students will be going out on Work Experience this academic year! Due to the effect the pandemic had on businesses, and the cost of living crisis, we were unable to offer this since March 2020... but we can now confirm it is in the calendar for July 2026 in order to give our Year 10 cohort a taster of the world of work.

Over the coming months, in the build up to Year 10 going into the workplace, we will be providing sessions to help them set goals and know what is required of them in the work place in order to have a successful week of work in the summer term. We also encourage students to seek work experience through family and friends during their free time in order to gain knowledge of the work place.

We pride ourselves on our work experience successes over the years and the invaluable opportunity that serves to develop their employability skills. In whatever format work experience takes, it will continue to be an experience that opens the students eyes to the opportunities available, the skills required of them with the evidence of participation being a crucial addition to their cv.

Special Mention - November

I have been so impressed with Tilly-Rose. She has heeded all the advice given to her in her Year 10 PSHE lessons with regards to choosing her next steps post 16.

Tilly-Rose has been looking at all the options available to her including colleges, apprenticeships and of course Fearnhill sixth form. She plans to visit all the open days in order to make informed decisions about her next steps and how these might tie in to her future career plans.

Tilly-Rose has also been partaking in a variety of webinars (which are sent out to all students via email and found in Careerfile) knowing that these not only provide a great insight into specific careers but also look great on your cv.

I hope that all students reading this take a leaf out of your book, Tilly-Rose, and start creating their future. Top job!



Youth Council



Applications open Monday 3 November and close Friday 28 November. We'd love the chance to hear about you and the reasons why you'd like to join our Youth Council.



To learn about and meet our current Youth Council, scroll down the page. To read about the registration process, [click here to download our Application Guide](#).

Apprenticeship Events

Wondering what top employers really want in apprenticeship candidates?

Finding the right apprenticeship or career path doesn't have to be confusing. At Pathway CTM, they put everything in one place, from live opportunities to expert support and it's all completely free. When you show an interest in an apprenticeship, they step in with 1-to-1 mentoring and career advice to guide you in the direction that's best for you. From exploring options to preparing your application and interview, they'll make sure you're confident and ready, making you up to 10x more likely to secure an apprenticeship. With Pathway CTM, your aspirations become achievable.

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Competition

Competition to provide an opportunity for creativity

Goldsmiths, University of London writing competitions for young people aged 16-18 aims to uncover the next generation of writing talent.

Become the next Young Writer (a short story writing competition for creative writers) or Young Anthropologist (for writing about identity and culture).

Both competitions have a £1,000 first prize and a runner-up prize of £100. All shortlisted entries will also receive a small prize.

Find out more [here](#).



Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

STEM/STEAM/STEAMED



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Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



Mudlark

a person who scavenged in the mud of a riverbank (such as the Thames) for anything valuable.

Apprenticeship FAQs

Hospitality and travel apprenticeships open a door to the world as you serve up a great client experience.

Hospitality and travel is essential to the rest and relaxation of the entire country. The sector runs the restaurants where we eat, serves us from behind the bar of pubs where we drink, arranges the holidays on which we relax, and generally helps us to have fun-filled lives.

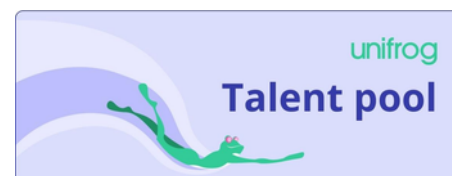
Any questions please [contact us](#).



[Hospitality & Travel
Apprenticeships](#)

Unifrog's Talent Pool

UniFrog are excited to launch Talent pool for Yr 11! With Talent pool, students in Y11 can receive personalised apprenticeship opportunities directly from employers using information they've already provided on Unifrog.



Talent pool launched last year for Yr 12-13 students seeking university courses or post-18 apprenticeships, with up to 90% of students engaging with the messages they received.

Why join Talent pool?

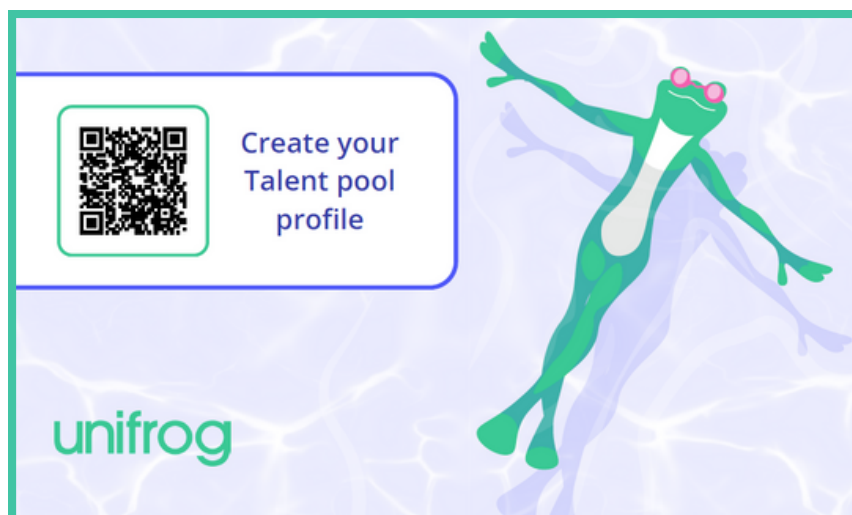
☀️ Broaden your horizons. With Talent pool, students in Yr 11-13 can receive unique course and apprenticeship opportunities directly from universities and employers, tailored to their interests, skills, and academic profiles. Yr 11 students will only receive opportunities from employers.

Jump into Unifrog's Talent pool

Let universities and employers find you with the right courses and apprenticeships!

Why join Talent pool?

- ✓ Fill in your profile once, then **let the opportunities find you**
- ✓ Receive **tailored support** from universities and employers who are keen to see an application from you, to give you the best chance of success
- ✓ **Discover university courses and apprenticeships** you may not have heard about



How it works

Students sign up to Talent pool using information they've already added to Unifrog. Employers and universities will see limited information about students, including careers and subjects they're interested in and predicted grades. Students can see what information will be shared with employers and universities when they sign up.

No student contact details are shared. Students receive tailored messages from employers and universities through the Unifrog platform and can choose whether to respond.

🕒 Employers and universities including the National Grid, Childbase, and King's College London are currently using Talent pool to share opportunities with students exploring their options for next year so now's the perfect time to dive in!

Here are some of the other employers and universities who are using Talent pool:



National Gas Apprenticeships

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But we also play a really important role in the **UK's energy future**. National Gas is working on how we can move towards cleaner energy, like using hydrogen instead of natural gas, to help tackle climate change.

What can I do there?

Interested in energy? Engineering? Climate change? Great! But if your interests lie elsewhere, there might just be something for you too! Take a look.

Operations

Technology

HR

Construction

Finance

Cyber

Kick-start your career with hands-on programmes that put you at the heart of the UK's energy system. From day one, you'll work on real projects, gain skills, and help shape a cleaner, greener energy future, all with the training and support to help you succeed.

Come as you are

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Apprentice in the Spotlight

Meet 17 year old, Violet Raynor. She is a Technical Assistant Apprentice. Violet joined us straight from school. Hear about her story below.



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Sixth Form Open Evening



FEARNHILL SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27th November 5.45pm
Doors close at 6pm. No tickets required, we look forward to welcoming you.

[Click here to view our prospectus and application process.](#)



sixthform@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

e4s Apprenticeships

e4s Apprenticeship Update

Apprenticeships are now one of the best routes into a career - and there's a huge range of new roles available right now. Whether your students are interested in finance, engineering or technology, they'll find something to suit them.



Your students can find out all about apprenticeships and explore all the latest apprenticeship opportunities here.

Featured Opportunities

KPMG Apprenticeships

KPMG's apprenticeship schemes offer hands-on experience in audit, business and technology roles across the UK from Manchester to Birmingham and beyond. [View KPMG apprenticeship roles.](#)

Great Western Railway Apprenticeships

From engineers and technicians to station staff, GWR's apprenticeships open the door to long-term careers in transport and rail operations across the South and West. [Discover GWR apprenticeships](#) now.

EY Apprenticeships

EY's Apprenticeships allow young people to earn, learn and gain real-world professional qualifications while working alongside experts in finance and consulting. [See the latest EY opportunities.](#)

Visit the [e4s Apprenticeships](#) page today to help you find a path that combines learning with earning.



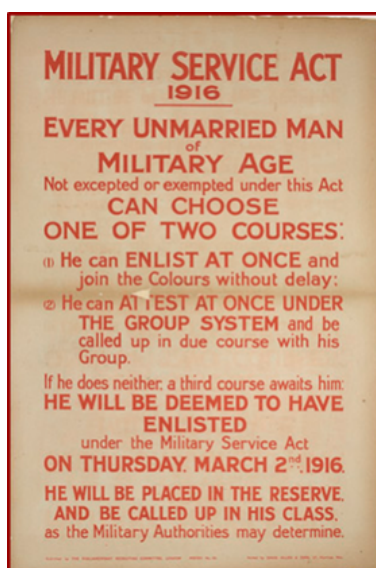
Remembrance Sunday

People joined the Armed forces either as professionals or had no choice and were 'conscripted'.

CONSCRIPTION meant it was compulsory to join up (enlist) to join military service. The Military Services Act 1916 specified that single men aged 18 to 40 years old were liable to be called up for military service unless they were widowed with children or ministers of a religion.

That would mean students in Year 13/Upper Sixth would have been eligible to enlist to fight in WW1 & WW2.

What happened if you were eligible to enlist to fight but chose not to?



- 'Lest we Forget' means 'It should not be forgotten'.
- The phrase comes from a poem written by Rudyard Kipling (who wrote the story 'Jungle Book').
- Kipling wrote the phrase 'Lest we forget' after every stanza in the poem to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897.
- It is now often said to remember the fallen in WW1 and all those who gave their lives, especially in WW1, which is estimated to have cost 20 million lives worldwide.



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Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Daniek is in their 3rd year at Nottingham University. Click [here](#) for Daniek's story.



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Career of the Month - November

 Note down at least one thing you think you know about these careers.

YR 7



Headteacher



1. What **impact** does this career have on **society**? How important is it for you to choose a career that contributes positively to society?
2. In what way does this career align or not align with your **interests**?
3. How could your current experience as a **student** prepare you for this role?
4. What **experiences** could you gain now to help you decide if this career is right for you?

YR 8



Supply chain manager



1. What skills do you need in this career?
 2. How does this career relate to things you like doing?
 3. Which school subjects are linked to this career?
- What hobbies or activities could you do to help you learn more about this career?

Unifrog's 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'! Students can log on to Unifrog and watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.

Activist

YR 12



1. What **advice** would you give to someone who wants to enter this career?
 2. What parts of this career seem **most interesting** to you?
 3. What educational **pathways** or **qualifications** are required? Do you know of any alternative **routes** into this career?
- What could you do now to help you decide if a career like this is **right for you**?

Osteopath



YR 9

1. Takunda enjoys interacting with customers of all ages and backgrounds. What do **you** think you'd **enjoy** the most about this career?
 2. What **school subjects** do you think are most important for preparing for this career?
 3. What educational **pathways** or **qualifications** does Takunda mention?
- What skills would someone need to pursue this career?

YR 10



IT support technician



1. How can you gain experience or learn more about this career, such as through **work experience** or **volunteering**?
 2. How do values, like **teamwork** and **problem solving** fit with this career?
 3. What **skills** are essential for this career? Do you use any of those skills in your **school subjects**?
- If you could ask someone in this role anything, what question would you ask them?

Lighting technician



YR 11

1. What **work experience** or **volunteering** would help someone prepare for this career?
2. What do you think the most **rewarding** part of this career would be?
3. What **skills** are essential for this career? Do you use any of those skills in your **school subjects**?
4. An apprenticeship is one possible route into this career. How would your subjects at school help you get an apprenticeship?

YR 13

Tax adviser



1. Which part of the role appeals to you the **most**?
 2. Which of your **strengths** do you think would help you the most in this career?
 3. How do your **current studies** (e.g. GCSEs/A levels or equivalent) relate to this career?
- What are the **next steps** you'd need to take to pursue this career after finishing school/college?

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External Opportunities



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9:00AM - 1:30PM

16TH, 22ND AND 29TH OF NOVEMBER



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FREE LIVE **GET INTO DENTISTRY**
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

9:00AM - 1:30PM

30TH OF NOVEMBER



Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

Take your first steps towards a healthcare career with the UK's only LIVE Virtual Work Experience Programme created and delivered by healthcare professionals. Select from one day or a full 6 month programme where you will follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home. Simply select the dates [here](#) £10 if you opt for the full 6 month work experience programme. Certificates awarded for attending each day. No work experience day is the same (as in real life), but students will gain insight into a variety of healthcare settings.

Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily! Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines. These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference. A few of these opportunities are listed here.

External Opportunities



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External Opportunities

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An Open Day is the perfect way to find out if we're the university for you.

We hold three on-campus Open Days a year - one in the summer and two in the autumn - along with Online Open Days and campus tours, so you can explore and get a real feel for student life.

Our next Open Day is taking place on Saturday 22 November



Royal Holloway Undergraduate Open Day

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