



Newsletter

Welcome to Easington Academy's January 2025 Careers Newsletter.

Supporting Every Student's Future at Easington Academy

At Easington Academy, we take pride in our inclusive and forward-thinking careers programme. Integrated into the curriculum, World Ready lessons, assemblies, and tailored support, our programme ensures students are equipped for success.

*Our dedicated team includes two Level 6 qualified Careers Advisors, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Wann, who collaborate with Mr. Rewcastle from our partner company, Progress Careers. Together, they provide impartial, personalised advice to help students make informed choices, develop vital skills, and confidently plan their next steps in education or employment. Stay connected for more updates, guidance, and exciting opportunities in the months ahead! Access our full Careers Programme here: [Careers information | Easington Academy](#)
For personalised advice, contact Mrs. Collins julieann.collins@easingtonacademy.co.uk and Mrs. Whan: tina.whan@easingtonacademy.co.uk*



Year 11 – Your Future Starts Now

Year 11 is a crucial time for making important decisions about your next steps. Whether you're considering A-Levels, T-Levels, BTECs, apprenticeships, or employment with training, now is the time to start applying and attending open events.

- ◆ **College & Sixth Form Applications** – Many colleges have opened their applications, so don't delay! Research your options and apply early to secure your place.
- ◆ **Apprenticeships** – If you're considering an apprenticeship, start looking at vacancies now. Some large employers recruit months in advance, so check out the National Apprenticeship Service and local training providers.
- ◆ **Open Events & Taster Days** – Attending open days will help you make informed choices. Keep an eye on upcoming events and take the opportunity to ask questions.
- ◆ **Careers Guidance** – Not sure what to do next? Book an appointment with Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wann, or Mr. Rewcastle for one-to-one careers advice. We can help with applications, CVs, and personal statements. Take control of your future—start planning today! 🚀
- ◆ **Use Unifrog** – Log in to Unifrog to explore careers, compare post-16 options, and start drafting your personal statement or CV. It's a fantastic tool to help you stay organised and make informed choices.



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Year 7 NHS Theatre

Year 7 students attended an **interactive NHS Theatre** Workshop designed to introduce them to the wide range of careers available within the National Health Service. The engaging performance combined drama, storytelling, and audience participation to highlight key healthcare roles, from doctors and nurses to paramedics, lab technicians, and mental health professionals.

Through live demonstrations and role-play, students explored the skills, qualifications, and personal attributes needed for different NHS careers. The workshop also encouraged them to consider how their current studies link to future job opportunities in the healthcare sector.

Key Takeaways:

- Understanding the variety of careers in the NHS, beyond frontline medical roles.
- Gaining insight into the importance of teamwork, communication, and problem-solving in healthcare.
- Recognising the relevance of school subjects, such as science and maths, in medical and health-related careers.
- Learning about career pathways, including apprenticeships, university degrees, and vocational training.

This event provided an engaging and inspiring introduction to the world of healthcare, helping students broaden their career aspirations and consider future opportunities within the NHS.



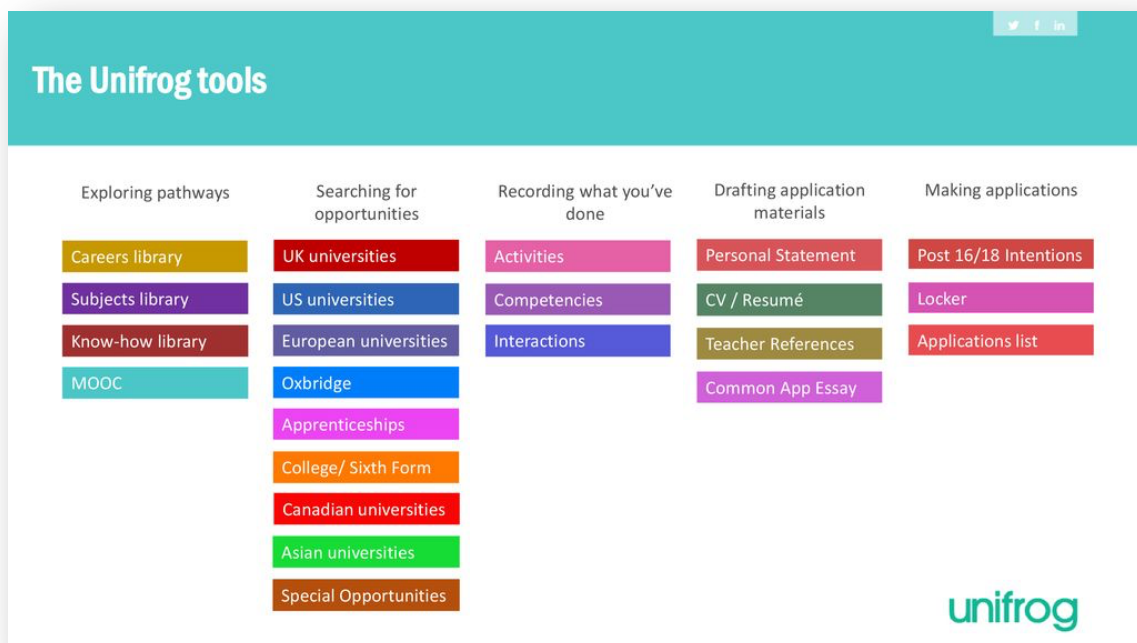
Unlocking Careers Potential with Unifrog

Unifrog is a fantastic online platform designed to support students in making informed choices about their future. Every Year 7-11 student has been issued an email to access their account, and all parents should have received an email with a link to create their own Unifrog account. This allows parents to explore career pathways, university options, apprenticeships, and more alongside their child.

Recently, staff attended a training session led by Kathryn Donnelly, meaning Unifrog will now be embedded even further into lessons across the curriculum. Teachers will be using Unifrog resources to help students develop essential career skills, explore subject-related job opportunities, and track their progress towards future goals.

Encouraging your child to log in regularly will help them research careers, build a strong CV, and make well-informed post-16 and post-18 choices. If you haven't yet activated your parent account, check your emails for the link or contact the school for support.

Unifrog is a brilliant tool—make the most of it! 🚀



Careers Spotlight: Jobs of the Future!

The world of work is always changing, and by the time you leave school, there will be jobs that don't even exist yet! Technology, sustainability, and new industries are creating exciting career opportunities.

Here are a few fast-growing career areas you might not have considered:

- ◆ **Cybersecurity Specialist** – With more people using technology, keeping data safe is more important than ever!
- ◆ **Green Energy Engineer** – Help create renewable energy solutions like wind farms and solar panels.
- ◆ **AI & Robotics Developer** – Work on the latest technology, from self-driving cars to virtual assistants.
- ◆ **Healthcare Scientist** – Discover new medicines and improve medical treatments to help people live healthier lives.
- ◆ **Esports Coach** – Competitive gaming is a huge industry, and professional players need expert coaches!

Thinking about your future now can help you choose the right subjects and skills to prepare for exciting careers ahead. What job do you think you'd like in the future? 🚀





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Year 9: GCSE Options – Time to Start Thinking!

Choosing your GCSE subjects is an exciting step in your school journey, and the time to make your choices is coming up soon! Your options will shape what you study in Years 10 and 11 and can even influence your future career path.

Over the next few months, you'll receive information about the GCSE options process, including subject choices, advice on making the right decisions, and key dates. You'll also have the chance to speak to teachers and careers staff to help you decide.

Top Tips for Choosing Your GCSEs:

- ✓ **Think about what you enjoy** – You'll be studying these subjects for two years!
- ✓ **Consider your strengths** – Choose subjects where you feel confident and can succeed.
- ✓ **Keep your options open** – If you're unsure about your future career, pick a balanced mix of subjects.
- ✓ **Ask questions** – Talk to teachers, parents, and careers staff for guidance.

Look out for upcoming assemblies and information sessions about your GCSE options—your future starts here! 🚀

Supporting Your Child with SEND Through GCSE Options

Choosing GCSE subjects can feel overwhelming, especially for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As a parent, you play a key role in helping your child make the right choices. Here are some ways you can support them:

- ◆ **Consider their strengths and challenges** – Talk about what subjects they enjoy and feel confident in. Some subjects may have coursework elements that could suit different learning styles.
- ◆ **Look at available support** – Our SEND team is here to help. If your child has an EHCP or additional learning needs, we can discuss any adjustments or extra support available for certain subjects.
- ◆ **Keep options open** – If your child isn't sure about a career path yet, choosing a balanced mix of subjects can help keep future opportunities open.
- ◆ **Talk to teachers and careers staff** – We are here to provide guidance and answer any questions you or your child may have about GCSE choices.

If you'd like extra support in guiding your child through the options process, please get in touch with the school's SEND team or careers team—we're happy to help!





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Post-16 Providers – Open Events – February 2025

Date	Day	Provider	Time
03/02/2025	Monday	East Durham College – ED6 – A Level	5.00pm - 6.30pm
04/02/2025	Tuesday	New College Durham – Apprenticeships Event	4.30pm - 6.30pm
08/02/2025	Wednesday	East Durham College – All Areas	5.00pm - 6.30pm
11/02/2025	Monday	Middlesbrough College – Apprenticeship Expo	2.00pm – 6.00pm
13/02/2025	Thursday	Hartlepool College – Big Apprenticeship Event	5.00pm – 7.00pm
15/02/2025	Saturday	Sunderland College – Bede	10.00am - 12.30pm
24/02/2025	Monday	Northern School of Art	10.00am – 12.00pm

OUR CAREERS ADVISORS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING 1:1 CAREERS GUIDANCE TO YEAR 11 STUDENTS

College Websites

Byron Sixth Form: <https://www.st-bedes.durham.sch.uk/byron-sixth-form-college/>
Durham Sixth Form Centre: <http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/>
East Durham College: <https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/>
English Martyrs Sixth Form: <https://ems6.bhcet.org.uk/>
Hartlepool Sixth Form: <https://www.hartlepoolsixth.ac.uk/>
Hartlepool College: <https://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk/>
Middlesbrough College: <https://www.mbro.ac.uk/school-leavers>
New College Durham: <https://newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>
Northern School of Art: <https://northernart.ac.uk/>
Sunderland College: <https://www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/>
Newcastle College: [College Courses For 16 to 18 Year Olds \(ncl-coll.ac.uk\)](https://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/)

Useful Careers Websites

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
Prospects: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
ICould: <https://icould.com/>
Careers Box: [Home - CareersBox](#)
Careers4U: [Careers4u –](#)





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Labour Market Information (LMI) Careerometer

Careerometer lets you compare the average wages and working hours of up to three jobs in England. You can also use it to find out the predicted demand for these jobs in the future.

How to use it: Type in the first career that you're interested in and select from the drop-down list, then add your second and third choices to see the comparison.

Check it out here: [Careerometer – LMI For All](#)

You could also check out the **National Careers Service**: [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#) They provide careers information, advice and guidance. They can help you make decisions at all stages in your career.



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