



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

"creating opportunities for success"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Careers Education at Newstead Wood School

I am delighted to welcome your child back to school and hope they are settling in well. As part of our commitment to preparing students for their futures, I am pleased to share an overview of the Careers programme we have at Newstead Wood School. All students have had a Careers assembly this week, introducing what they can expect in Careers education this year. Please do ask them about this.

Year 7: Starting the Journey - Let's talk about transition. For our newest cohort, we begin with Transition Workshops designed to support students in adjusting to secondary school life while introducing them to the concept of career pathways. These sessions aim to build confidence, encourage self-awareness, and spark curiosity about the world beyond the classroom.

World of Work Wednesdays Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to attend lunchtime career talks delivered by professionals from a wide range of industries. These voluntary sessions allow students to hear real-life stories, ask questions, and begin to explore the diversity of career options available to them. If you would like to volunteer to speak about your career, please get in touch with us.

Career Insight Days There will be planned Career Insight Days across the year, where students can engage in hands-on activities, workshops, and challenges linked to a specific sector. These experiences help students connect curriculum learning with the real world.

Encounters with Further and Higher Education To broaden horizons and raise aspirations, students will also take part in Further and Higher Education encounters. These may include visits from universities, talks about apprenticeships and T-Levels, campus tours, and interactive sessions to explore university life and highlight all progression routes.

Looking Ahead: Work Experience Week Year 10 and Year 12 will take part in Work Experience Week from Monday 13 to Friday 17 July. This is a key milestone in our careers programme, giving students the chance to spend time in a real working environment, develop employability skills, and gain a deeper understanding of professional life. These experiences often inspire students and help them see the relevance of their learning. All work experience enquiries should be emailed to Mrs Bull, our Careers Co-ordinator pbull@newsteadwood.co.uk.

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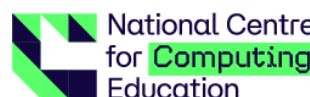
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Careers Week – July 2026 We will round off the year with Careers Week in July, featuring a packed schedule of workshops, speed networking, guest speakers, and interactive events. This celebration of future possibilities will give students a chance to reflect on what they've learned and look ahead with excitement and confidence.

Career Guidance Meetings All Year 11 and 12 students will have Career Guidance meetings – they will soon receive details of their appointment. These offer personalised support, helping students explore their interests, set goals, and make informed decisions about their future pathways. Career guidance meetings are available to all year groups and can be booked throughout the year by emailing me at jclarke-mcdermott@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Unifrog Unifrog is an online platform designed to support learners in making informed decisions about their futures. Students can easily explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next step after school.

Each student has their own account and will use Unifrog to build up their profile throughout their time at Newstead Wood School. Please do encourage your child to log in regularly for updated career resources, labour market information and to record key activities and achievements to use in future applications such as talks attended, extra-curricular activities and trips.

Parents can now have their own Unifrog account by signing up here: www.unifrog.org/code The sign-up code you will need is: **NXWSParents**

(Please note you will not have access to your child's account as it will not be connected to your account.)

Through your login you will be able to:

- Research careers
- Compare pathways
- Make shortlists and explore the Know-how library
- Attend webinars delivered by Unifrog, employers, and universities to learn more about the opportunities available to your child.

You can also sign up to Unifrog's parent/caregiver newsletter when you first sign in to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

I have included a link to a useful Parent Webinar recording on how to use the platform and how to support your child to get the most out of it. [Click Here to view recording](#)

I look forward to working with you to support your child's career education journey at Newstead Wood School. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in our careers programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch at jclarke-mcdermott@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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