

Future Destinations



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Aim of careers
education and
guidance

To enable you to make well
informed, realistic career
decisions about your future
and put plans into action





Options after Sixth Form



UNIVERSITY



JOB



APPRENTICESHIP



COLLEGE
COURSE



GAP YEAR

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University



Higher education - Level 4 and above



Subject-based course



Vocational course



Single/joint/combined



Types of course

Degree (BA, BSC)

HND/HNC

Foundation degree

Degree with foundation year



Entry grades vary



University – Where to study?

- ☐ University/college
- ☐ Stay local
- ☐ Move/live away
- ☐ City/town university
- ☐ Campus university
- ☐ Consider your priorities
- ☐ Look beyond the prospectus



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University - benefits

- ☐ Study something you are passionate about
- ☐ Gain skills and qualifications
- ☐ Independent living
- ☐ New friends/activities
- ☐ More time to work out a career plan



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Things to consider

- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Is it the best option for you?
- ☐ Getting it right:
 - Course
 - University



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Apprenticeship



Train for a job in the workplace



Industry recognised qualifications



Levels 2-6 - Intermediate, Advanced,
Higher, Degree (Level 6 degree level)



National database of
apprenticeships

[Find an apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk)
[- GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
 [\(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



Apprenticeship Benefits

- ☐ Start earning money
- ☐ No student debt
- ☐ Gain 'real life' work experience
- ☐ Start progressing your career
- ☐ New experience – new friends, activities etc.



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Things to consider

- ☐ Do you have a career goal?
- ☐ Are there jobs locally that would suit you?
- ☐ Can you afford to move away?
- ☐ Jobs limited in some sectors
- ☐ Degree apprenticeships competitive (may need to start lower)
- ☐ Research the labour market!



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Further Education (college)



Courses free to under 19s



Train you for job/career sector. Some examples:

Veterinary nursing
Engineering
Personal Trainer
AAT



Courses to prepare for university – e.g. Art Foundation



Points/grades for university from Level 3

Gap Year



Earn money



Gain relevant experience



Test out career ideas



New experience - travel, gap year projects



Study



Warning: make sure you have a plan!

Other Employment



Local job market - Advanced manufacturing, logistics, engineering, health and social care, hospitality, business, finance, IT, retail /customer service.



Finding jobs:

Job boards

Job Centre

Employer websites

Agencies

Direct Contact

- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> (Getting a Job)



Career Planning



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Help available at Latimer



Careers programme
in school

Information – websites, careers programmes (unifrog)
Careers events
External speakers
Visits



Work experience



Opportunities to volunteer/gain skills



1 to 1 careers
meetings

Booked appointments
Drop-ins

Unifrog



One-Stop-Shop where students can:



Explore career interests:

Personality tests
Interest profiles
Careers library



Find opportunities



Universities



Apprenticeships



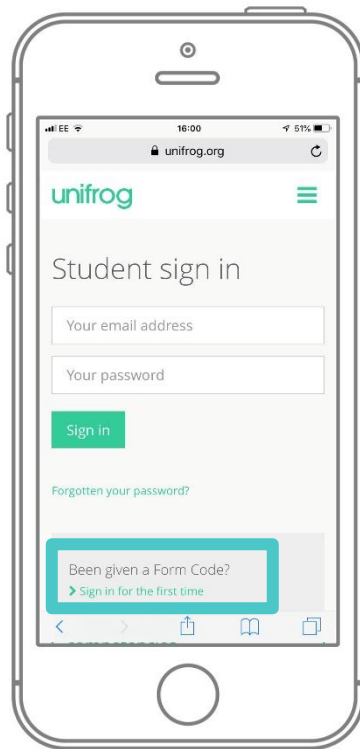
Scholarships/bursaries

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Parents & carers, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to

www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in

for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

LASWparents

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

Information Sheet



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6th Form Information Sheet

General Careers Information	
National Careers Service Look out for the link to the Job Profiles for information on a wide range of careers	iCould Videos covering careers and opportunities, case studies and Buzz Test
Prospects What job would suit me? What can I do with my degree?	Careerplot Research different job sectors, job sector quiz

Higher Education	
UCAS Course search, explore options, how and when to apply	The Complete University Guide What, where to study, league tables, open days
What do Graduates do? Graduate destinations from different university courses/subjects	Prospects Applying to university, post-graduate study, graduate jobs, what can I do with my degree?
Open Days University open days calendar	What Uni? Find courses, read reviews, student views
Informed Choices A Level subjects linked to a range of university courses and careers	Discover Uni and Unistats Information and guidance on higher education, student views, graduate outcomes
Student Finance Takes you step by step through the process	The Uni Guide Search for courses using points/A Level grades

Apprenticeships / Training	
Find an Apprenticeship National database of apprenticeships at all levels	NGTU - Not Going to Uni Search by sector and region, including national schemes.
UCAS - Understanding Apprenticeships UCAS Apprenticeship Finder Includes higher/ degree level apprenticeships	Career Map Many higher-level opportunities, including graduate roles
Step into The NHS: Apprenticeships Full range of apprenticeships in the NHS (not included on other sites)	The Bedford College Group Northampton College Starting Off Local apprenticeships
Amazing Apprenticeships Information about apprenticeships and other options, including trainee case studies	

Prospects Services - Northamptonshire www.prospects.co.uk

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Gap Year / Volunteering	
National Careers Service - Gap Year Advice Ideas for a gap year, useful websites	Do IT Connecting people to do good things National database, search by area
Gap year Prospects.ac.uk Includes information on graduate gap years	Volunteering Matters National programmes - home and abroad
UCAS Gap Year Ideas Advice, suggestions, factors to consider	East Midlands - Groundwork Get involved in local community projects

Post-18 Further Education (College)	
Bedford College Group Tresham College - Bedford College Group	Northampton College Northampton College
Moulton College Moulton College	Stamford College Stamford College

Employment/Job Search	
National Careers Service Advice on job vacancies/job sites, applications, CVs, interviews	Find a job - Jobcentre+ Register for the job-matching service, search for jobs
Gov.uk Information on work, employment rights, pensions	

Work Experience	
Springwood Virtual Experience Free virtual work experience programmes	Student Ladder Work Experience Companies offering work experience in a range of sectors
Success at School Ideas for work experience and how to find it. Tips for developing relevant skills.	Speakers for Schools Links industry leader employers to schools and students
Ways to develop skills National Careers Service Ideas for work experience and volunteering	Virtual Work Experience Lifeskills (barclayslifeskills.com) Virtual and online opportunities and activities

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Quote

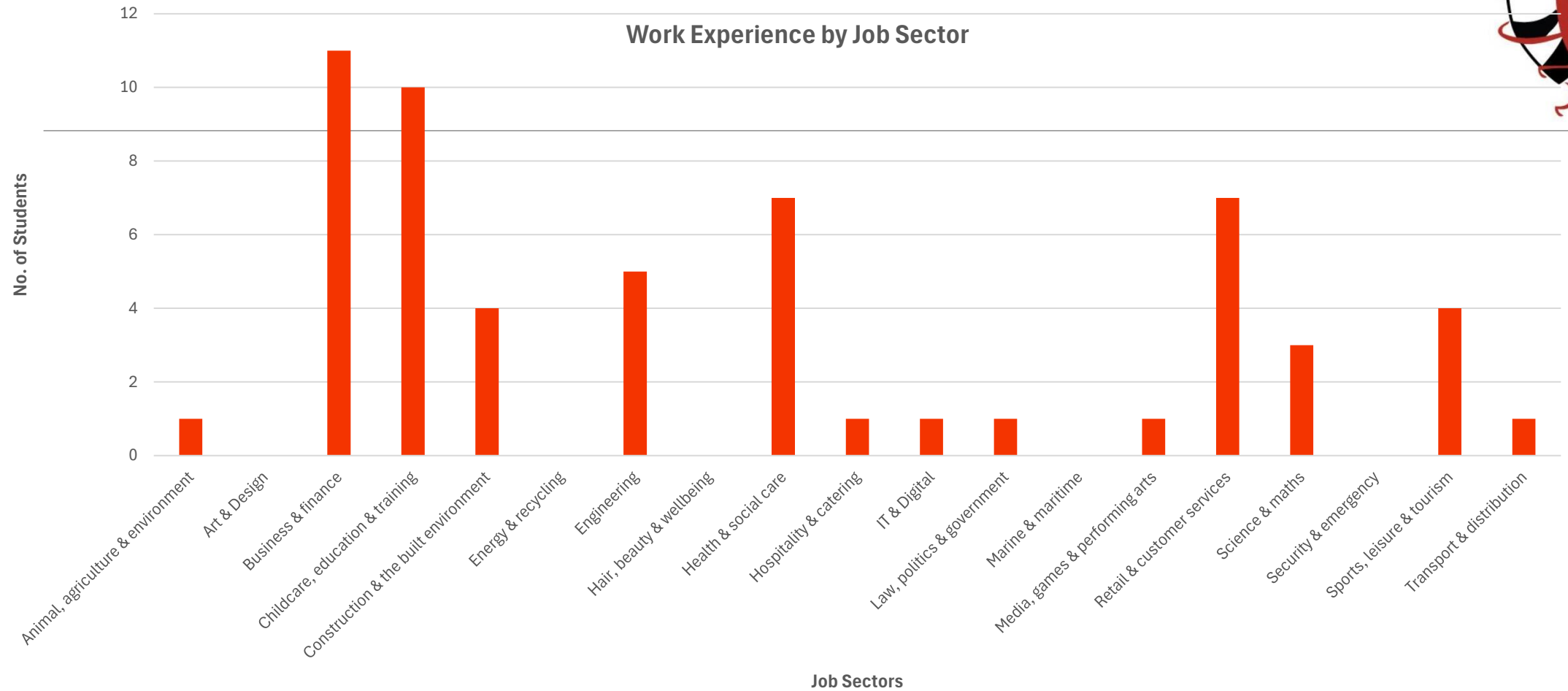
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“Seek lots of advice from other people but don’t always run with them. It’s important to run your own race”

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Work
Experience:
The benefits





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One thing I learnt from my work placement



**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

'I learnt the ins and outs of how the business is run'

'I learnt that perseverance is key within a teaching job'

'I learnt to think more on my toes, making decisions by myself'

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What was I most proud of

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

‘I received a paid summer internship as a result of my placement’

‘I am most proud of how quickly I was able to create relationships with the children with the little time I had in each class, I really enjoyed speaking to them and getting to know them’

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What is the impact of the placement on my future?



**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

‘Not only had the business given me an enjoyable time whilst on work experience, I could also see myself working in this career in the future’

‘I now have a clearer idea of which teaching path I will enjoy most as a future career’

‘This has made me understand the passion I will need for my future career and doing what I enjoy is the most essential thing for a successful career’

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Work Experience at The Wellcome Sanger Institute

By Reggie Hall

1st July 2024 – 5th July 2024



Introduction to work experience

- My name is Reggie Hall, I am a Year 13 student at The Latimer Arts College.
- I am studying A level biology, chemistry, and maths, as well as partaking in an EPQ project.
- I wish to pursue a career in biomedical sciences once I have completed my studies.
- When I first learned that I would be going on work experience, I knew I wanted to go somewhere that would help me decide whether this career was right for me. I was offered a placement at The Sanger Institute, and this is where I completed my work experience earlier this year.

What is The Sanger Institute?

- The Wellcome Sanger Institute is a world leader in genome research that delivers insights into human, evolutionary and pathogen biology.
- It is located on the Wellcome Genome Campus, in Hinxton, Cambridgeshire.
- It was founded in 1992 by Sir John Sulston, in an effort to undertake the most ambitious project ever conceived in biology – the Human Genome Project.
- It is named after Frederick Sanger, a huge figure in the field of genomics.



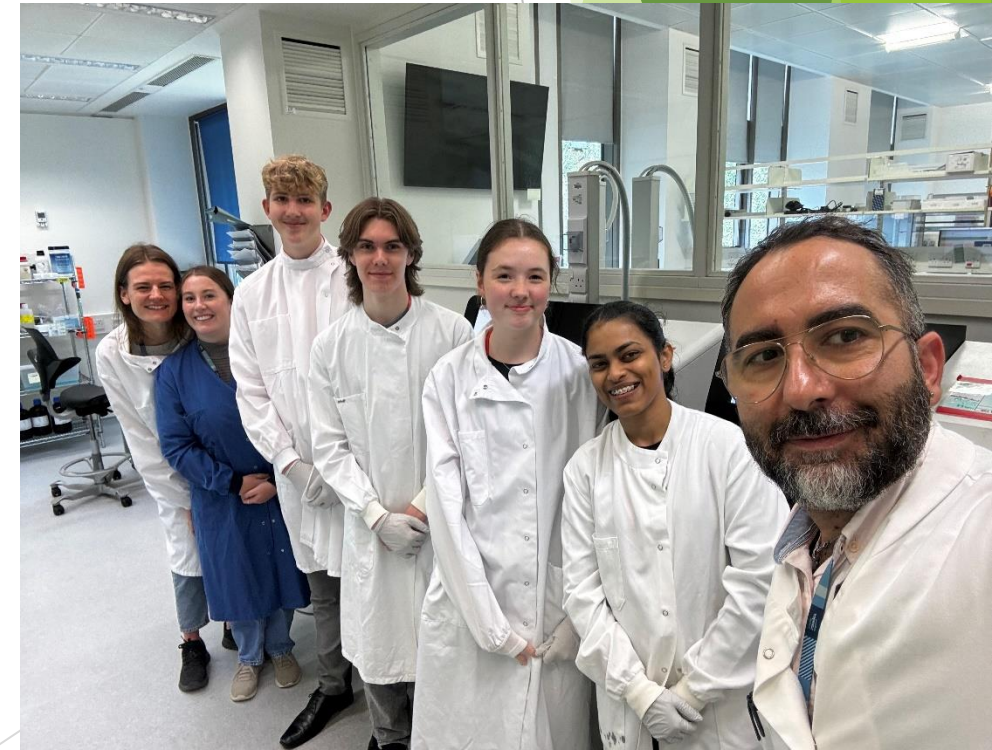
What did I do on my work experience?

- At The Sanger Institute, I had a timetable for each day that involved many different activities, such as...
- A few tours of the campus, including the data storage rooms, where over 90 petabytes of data is stored, which is equivalent to around 351.6 million iPhone 15's!
- An observation session of the pre-PCR and post-PCR malaria sequencing laboratories, where samples are prepared and processed before having their genetic information sequenced, using specialised machines.
- A work-from-home day, where I researched and created my own presentation on a topic that linked to genomics.
- Presented my findings on the final day in front of a group of scientists that work at The Sanger Institute, and received lots of feedback on how to research effectively.



My experience at The Sanger Institute.

- During my short time at the Sanger Institute, I got to experience many interesting aspects of work in a research focused setting. I took part in and observed some truly fascinating work.
- I also met many amazing people, who shared with me their vast knowledge on many subject matters, and information about how they reached the position they are in today.
- I already had an idea that I wanted to go into lab work, and this experience massively helped me to conclude that I wanted to pursue a career in a laboratory environment, particularly in a research based field.



So, why is work experience so important?

- For me, the most important part of work experience was that it provided an insight into the world of work post-18, and really helped me settle on what I wanted to do in the future. At this stage of life, knowing whether a career path suits you or not is vital in helping you to decide what you will go on to do after A-levels.
- On work experience, you will meet so many interesting people that can give you valuable lessons about the jobs they do, and what they did to get there. It also gives you a chance to network, and connect with people that may be able to help you later in life, with mentorship, career advice, or even job opportunities.



The Latimer Arts College Work Experience 2025

For this academic year, the dedicated work experience week is from the

30th June – 4th July 2025

This will take place after the conclusion of Year 12 mock examinations.

