



April 2026

## Oriel High School Careers

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the holidays. We hope you enjoyed your time with family and friends and a restful break. The new term is often one of the busiest when it comes to careers related activities, so please do look through the newsletter to make yourself aware of events and trips that are upcoming and could be something your child would be interested in.

### Year 10 WEX

We are now in the run up to the year 10 work experience taking place from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July. I would like to remind you that the deadline for placements to be logged on UNIFROG, to ensure enough time for the appropriate documentation to be sent between parties, is the **22nd of May**. It is possible to register placements after this time, but we cannot guarantee that all the documentation will be received in time after this point. The process can be very quick, if the company is prompt in checking their emails and uploading their employer's liability, but as we know, emails can often slip down the list.

We currently only have 1/5 of the year group with places registered on Unifrog, yet speaking with students, I know there are far more who just haven't logged it yet. Please can parents make this a priority over the next few weeks, so we can ensure students are taking part in this fantastic and meaningful opportunity.

### Gatwick work experience

Our friends at Gatwick run a work experience programme each year and I would like to make you aware of the opportunity to apply for it. Unfortunately, it doesn't coincide with our week this year, but it is a fantastic opportunity to learn from a very comprehensive experience. Registrations are now open and you need to apply for a chance to be selected by Gatwick.

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/2A7DB8F3-8B7A-4AFE-37ED-08DE8B1D2F9A>



### Year 11s

We are still having conversations with students about their future pathways, and I'd like to remind you that students can have more than one application submitted for various institutions. For some students this is prudent because of the uncertainty of the results they are likely to achieve. It is wise therefore to have aspirational applications, secure applications and back up applications for all eventualities, if your student

meets this profile. Some students are only applying to course which require grades 5 and 6s, when they have previously been attaining 2s and 3s. Whilst this may be possible to achieve if they have been working hard, to not have a back up plan runs the risk of being declined for entry, should their results not meet the requirements. This will leave them with very little time to process their results and try to secure an onward pathway, if they have not already thought about it.

## **Year 7 and 9**

### **Speed Careers**

Our annual Speed Careers event is taking shape, and we will welcome lots of external companies (currently over 40 representatives) to school on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, to speak with all of year 7 and 9. On the day students will have the chance to learn about apprenticeships, careers and local companies. Year 7s will be taken out of P2 for either the first or second half of the lesson and will have 30 mins to race and visit as many as possible in their time. Year 9s will develop their speaking skills by quizzing the visitors about what they do for a living during either p3 or p4.

### **General**

#### **Farm to Fork**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April we will be taking our first trip because of our new partnership with the Prept Foundation. Students from Hospitality and Catering class in year 10 will be heading to Plumpton to learn all about the food supply chain, from the Farm to the Fork. They will tour the working farm and then have a chance to hear from professionals in the food industry. Students will then prepare (and eat) a two course meal for everyone in the professional training kitchens, taught by a professional chef. This is part of Oriel's commitment to link the learning our students experience in school, to the workplace.

#### **UCFB year 12**

In May, we will take our sport students to tour UCFB based in Wembley. During their trip, students will learn about the various degree pathways available to them post 18 which are all related to sport, and specifically football. The trip is designed to show them the huge opportunities within the often overlooked, business side of professional sport. Students from the UCFB often progress to work with elite teams and look after elite players, or work within the media and marketing side of sport. The trip will include a tour of Wembley Stadium as this is where the lectures are based, surrounded by professional sport.

#### **BDO Insight Experience year 12/13**

Our friends at BDO have reached out to us to encourage our students to apply to the insight programme. This opportunity would be a great addition to a young person's CV and would allow them to develop key skills working in a fast-paced financial environment. If your child has interests in working in finance or accounting specifically, please send them to see Mr Povey for more details.

#### **GelBottle x British Beauty Work Experience**

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/95B7C0C8-95E1-4CE6-3083-08DE836AFB8B>

In-person placement in Brighton | 27-28 May | 10am-3pm | Ages 16-19 | Students apply by 22 April

Are you passionate about beauty and curious about turning that passion into a career? Join the British Beauty Council and The GelBottle Inc – the original creators of BIAB™ – for an exclusive behind-the-scenes insight into one of the UK's fastest-growing nail brands. This work experience will give you an exclusive insight into the beauty industry and roles available, as well as giving you hands-on experience and knowledge to help you get started with your career. You will need to be able to commute to BN1 2RA and attend both days.

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