

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Careers Support at Hendon School

As students are beginning Year 11, for many they will be thinking about their next steps once they complete their GCSE's. At Hendon School we are committed to providing outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after their GCSE's. So that they are able to make informed decisions. Students can do this in several different ways:

Impartial Careers Advice:

All Year 11 students will have a meeting with Mrs Mohammad, our Careers Advisor. She runs a mixture of small group sessions and individual meetings. She is in school every Wednesday and Thursday and students can drop in at lunchtimes to ask questions. Mrs Mohammad is also happy to speak to parents if they have questions and can be contacted via Careers@hendonschool.co.uk

Personal development, extra-curricular and online work experience:

Throughout the year, students will have dedicated assemblies and mentoring sessions explaining their different options available. In January they will have a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership team to discuss their options based on their mock results.

We run a series of events for National Careers and National Apprenticeship weeks and invite into school guest speakers. During 2024-25 our careers focus will be on "Careers in Construction."

Students can also complete free on-line module and work experience opportunities to explore different opportunities. We recommend students use:

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/>
www.springpod.com

Unifrog – online platform:

All students have free access to Unifrog the carers and destinations platform. Each student at Hendon School has their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV. Students can access to a wide variety of video and written content, interactive quizzes and tests, including:

Section of the platform	Examples of what students can do	Suitable age range
Quizzes	Finding their interests, personality type, preferred work environment, and skillset.	Years 7-13
Exploring pathways	Explore careers, career sectors, subjects, sign up to free webinars, explore MOOCs and courses, and find wider reading materials.	Years 7-13
Recording what you've done	Record their in-class and extracurricular activities, record examples of their skills, and see the record of CEIAG events the school has added to their accounts.	Years 7-13
Searching for opportunities	Find scholarships, activities, and bursaries to support their HE journey. Find and compare degrees in the UK and overseas, live apprenticeships, and FE courses.	Years 10-13
Application materials / Making applications	Write their CV, cover letter, Personal Statement, and more. Track their applications and record their Post 16 / 18 intentions.	Years 11-13

Students access the platform by clicking a link in their welcome email, where they create a password and can begin using the platform. They sign in to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

You can also have your own Unifrog account. You'll be able to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps. The sign-up code you need is: **HENDparents** and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code You can also sign up to Unifrog's parent / carer newsletter when you first sign in to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

For more information, please contact the Careers team via careers@hendonschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



Noelle Doona
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