



Success through future choices

***Year 10 Parents'
meeting
24 June 2026***



Welcome to
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Introductions

- Miss Padwal – Careers Leader
- Mr Aplin – Deputy Director of Sixth Form; Careers team
- Mr Devani – Independent Careers Advisor
- Mr Harding – Headteacher

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Content...

- Maximising success at GCSE (DHA)
- Careers-events and guidance in Years 10 and 11 (YPA)
- What employers are looking for (YPA)
- Optimising A Level choices (MAP)
- Apprenticeships and other pathways (SDE)
- Useful sources of further information (SDE)
- Using Unifrog to support your child (YPA)



Questions?

Please use the chat to ask questions which would be of ***general interest*** to all parents.

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**What are
we trying
to
achieve?**





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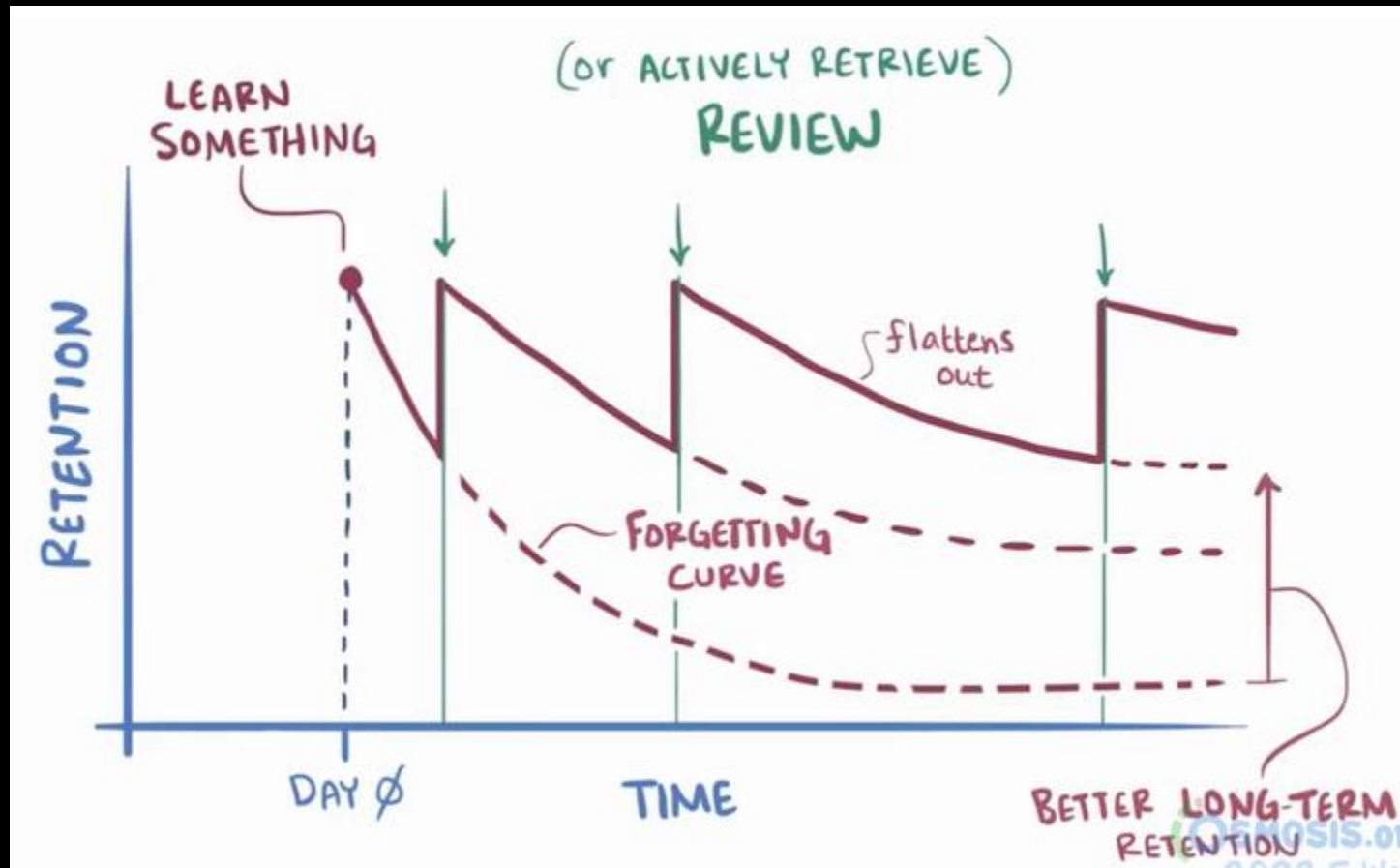
**We support our
students to become**

*Confident
Well-rounded
Independent
Creative
Responsible
Caring*

Maximising success at GCSE



Strengthening long term retention



Practical ideas

- Work on addressing your weaker areas from Year 10.
- Pre-learn some Year 11 content.
- Use the 'Steps to Success' revision programme strategies.
- Complete summer bridging work, where set.
- Use online platforms, such as Oak National Academy, Seneca Learning, or the BBC learning website.

Careers- events and guidance in Years 10 & 11



In Year 10, students have already benefitted from...

- Attendance at our whole school 'What Next?' event.
- Allocated time to research and present on a job role of interest during form time.
- Opportunity to undertake Morrisby Psychometric testing with additional appointment with Mr Devani.
- Assembly with Windsor Forest Group to explore college options.
- Designated PCS and English lessons to learn how to construct a successful CV and Cover Letter ahead of Year 11 Mock Interview Day.

In Year 11, students will benefit from...

- AUTHT1 - Mock Interview Day (inc. 20 minute meeting with business professionals with tailored feedback).
- AUTHT1 - Assembly with Global Academy.
- AUTHT2 - Designated 1:1 careers guidance meetings with Mr Devani.
- AUTHT2 - Careers related focus day exploring skills across a range of industries with speed networking opportunity.
- SPRHT1 - Workplace visits supported by *Learning to Work*.
- SUMHT1 - Sixth form taster week, interviews and transition day.

**What
employers
are looking
for**



The World Economic Forum report

- Greater need for soft skills, above all integrity as well as other character based skills (e.g. the ability to motivate and employ strategic vision).
- This is not a new demand but it is growing.
- Students should look for opportunities to practice these skills to be able to exemplify these in an interview scenario.

Optimising A Level choices



Pre 16 Qualifications

- Most competitive universities will select on the basis of GCSE profile as well as A level results.
- *Informed Choices* [website](#) provides advice on Russell Group universities.
- Professional predictions are a good indicator and can help inform future choices and the direction your child is tracking towards.
- As a selective school GCSE outcomes are expected to be high, this mean their profile is looked at.
- Do what they enjoy and are good at. Work backward to view the pathway.

Subject Entry Requirements

- Meeting the minimum criteria does not always lead to success at A Level.
- The jump to A Level is huge and the subject content can be very different to GCSE.
- Just because a child has done well at GCSE this does not always translate to A Level.
- A grade 7 is often the minimum for a subject.
- The maths chance graph here will show us this as an example.

Maths GCSE into A Level Outcomes

- Data below shows students' 2023 GCSE maths grades vs 2025 A Level outcomes.
- Grade 7 + data shown as this is the minimum grade for students to take GCSE maths at LGS.

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
9	34	16	4	0	0	0	0
8	4	20	8	4	0	0	0
7	0	3	3	4	2	1	0

Competitive University Advice



Course Requirements

- No more than 2 particular A Levels are ever specified for a particular course.
- Minimum is 0.
- Leeds is a good example for economics; mathematics is not needed!
- Computer science – don't always need mathematics.
- Look *really closely* at the entry requirements.
- Are you being realistic?

Case Study Examples

- Sometimes, we see students with Science and Maths “thrown in” when their strengths might lie in humanities.
- Not every degree course requires science or maths.
- If science and maths are not required for a particular degree, students may disadvantage themselves in taking them if they end up getting lower grades at A Level.
- Students who do not make their A Level choices themselves often struggle as they aren’t motivated in the subjects they have been told to do.
- It is ok not to know what they want to do and students should follow their strengths at this stage.

Further Mathematics A Level

- Universities will often say further maths is desirable, but this is because not all Sixth Forms offer it.
- For some courses it is essential ...but students should only consider further maths if they tracking towards a competitive university.
- We require at least a grade 8. Ideally, students will have obtained a grade 9 at GCSE, otherwise it they can find it A Level further maths very challenging.
- All students taking further maths at Langley Grammar will be entered for AS in the summer of Year 12.

Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships explained

- Structured program of on-the-job work experience.
- Leads to a formal accredited qualification.
- Salary - paid employment.
- All learning/qualifications related costs paid by employer or training organisation.
- Often leads to full-time employment.

Levels of Apprenticeships and equivalent educational levels

Intermediate

Level 2

GCSE

Advanced

Level 3

A Level

Higher

Level 4/5

HND/HNC/FD

Degree

Level 6

Bachelor's Degree

Master's

Level 7

Master's Degree

Examples of Apprenticeships

- Level 2 - Often craft or trade related (e.g. Rail Operative, Plasterer, Commis Chef, Administration Assistant)
- Level 3 - Dental Nursing, Legal Executive, Data Technician
- Level 4/5 - Engineering Technician, Data Analytics, HR Administrator, Civil Service Executive Officer
- Level 6/7 – Software Developer, Solicitor, Banking, Economist, Surveyor, Biomedical Scientist

Useful sources of further information



What is UniFrog?

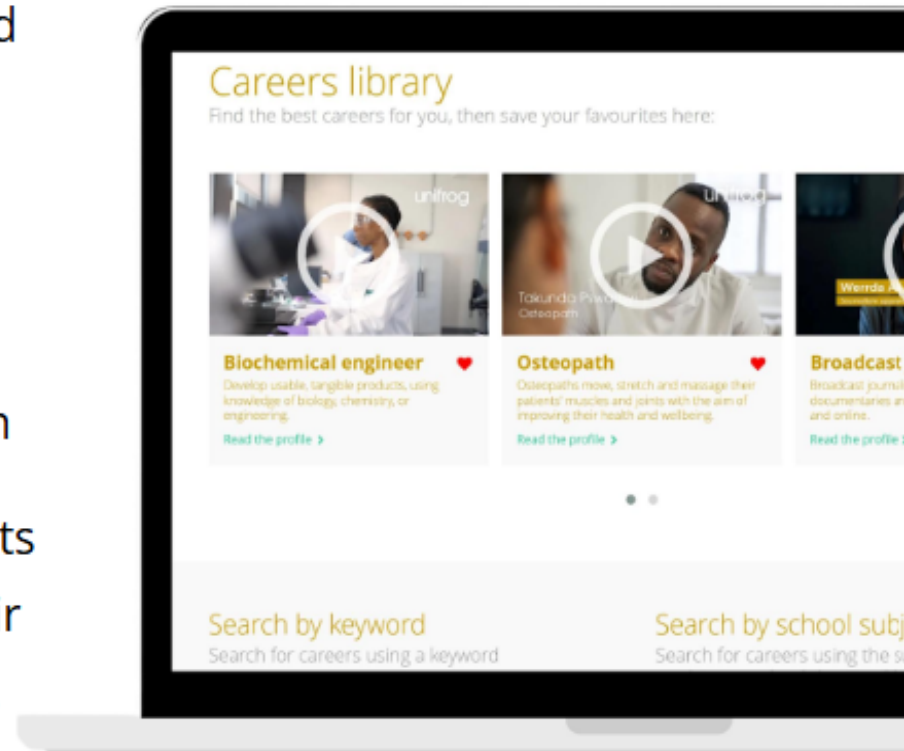
- Online platform designed to support young people to make informed decisions about their futures.
- They partner with schools to provide a range of online tools and lessons to help students explore their interests, find their best next step, and apply successfully.
- The online platform is suitable for all students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13 and beyond.

The Careers library

Students can explore over 600 careers and read up on key details like:

- typical duties
- necessary skills and qualifications
- local and national labour market information

They can also watch videos with industry experts who share their own journeys and some of their favourite and least favourite parts of their jobs.

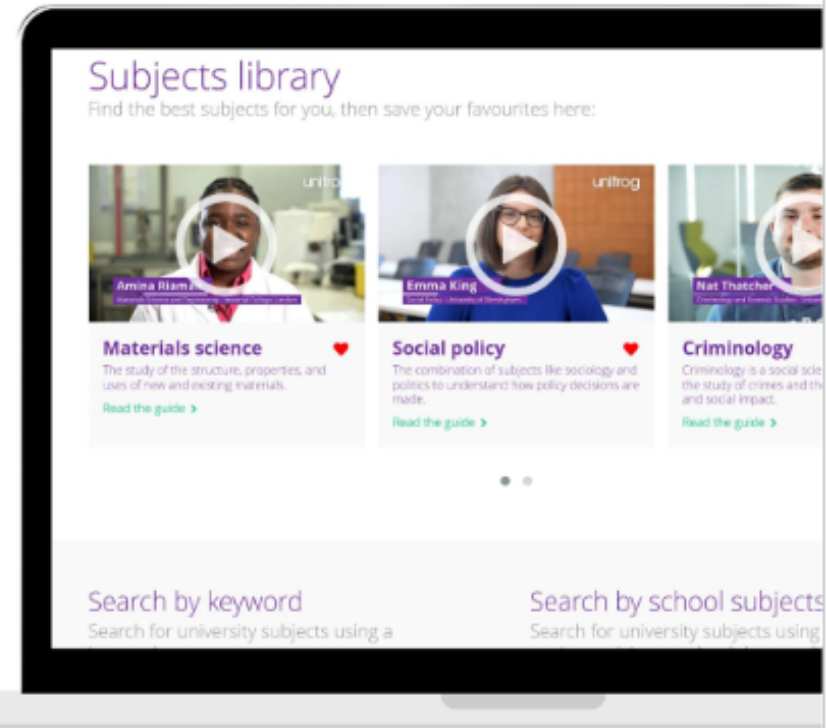


The Subjects library

Students can explore over 100 university-level subjects and read up on key details like:

- the top 10 related school subjects (to help them choose their level 3 subjects)
- recommendations for wider reading to develop their interest in the subject
- interesting facts, including cross-curricular topics

They can also watch videos with real students to find out what it means to study the subject.

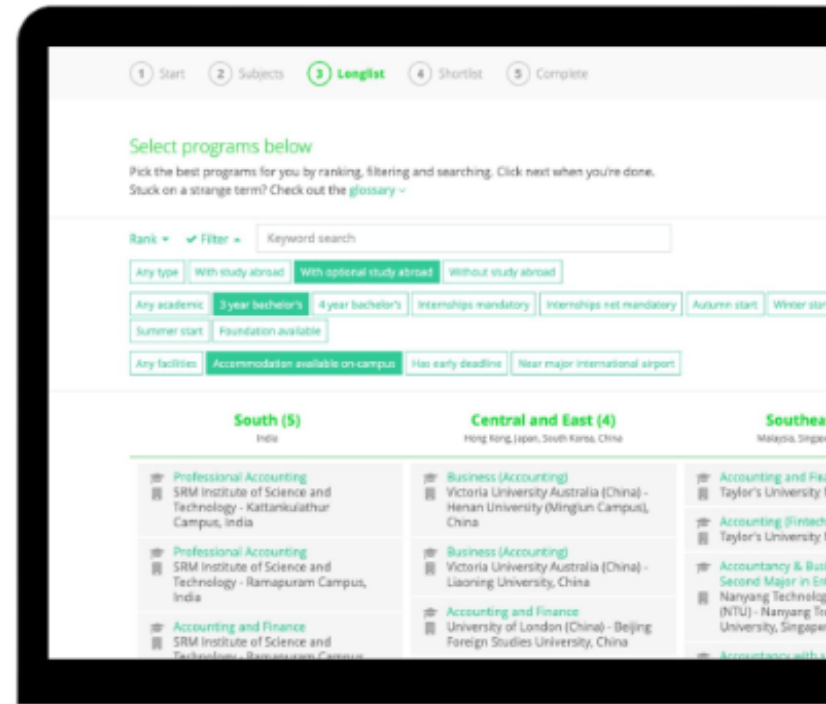


The search tools

Students can search for live apprenticeships and university courses taught all over the world, using the filter and rank options that are important to them, like:

- type of university
- duration of apprenticeship
- distance from home
- % in work or education following completion

They can save their favourites on a shortlist to come back to when they're ready to apply.

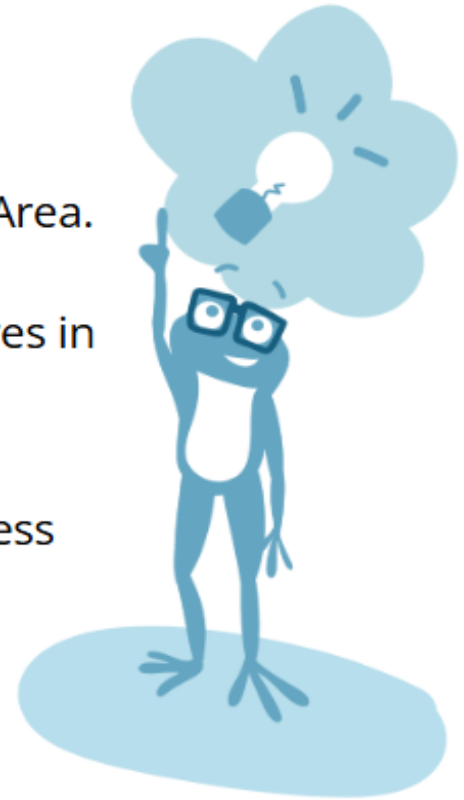


GDPR

GDPR is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for everyone within the European Union and the European Economic Area.

Unifrog takes data security very seriously. They have several features in place to protect school and student data.

They only use EU data centres, have multiple firewalls, layered-access security, and more. Information on this can be found at unifrog.org/about#security.



Unifrog's privacy policy can be found here: <https://www.unifrog.org/privacy-policy>

Service terms can be found here: <https://www.unifrog.org/website-terms>

Sign up details for parents/guardians

You can create your own account to view key details about your child's Unifrog journey and access the tools in the same way students do.

Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/parent and create an account using your email address or Google single-sign on.



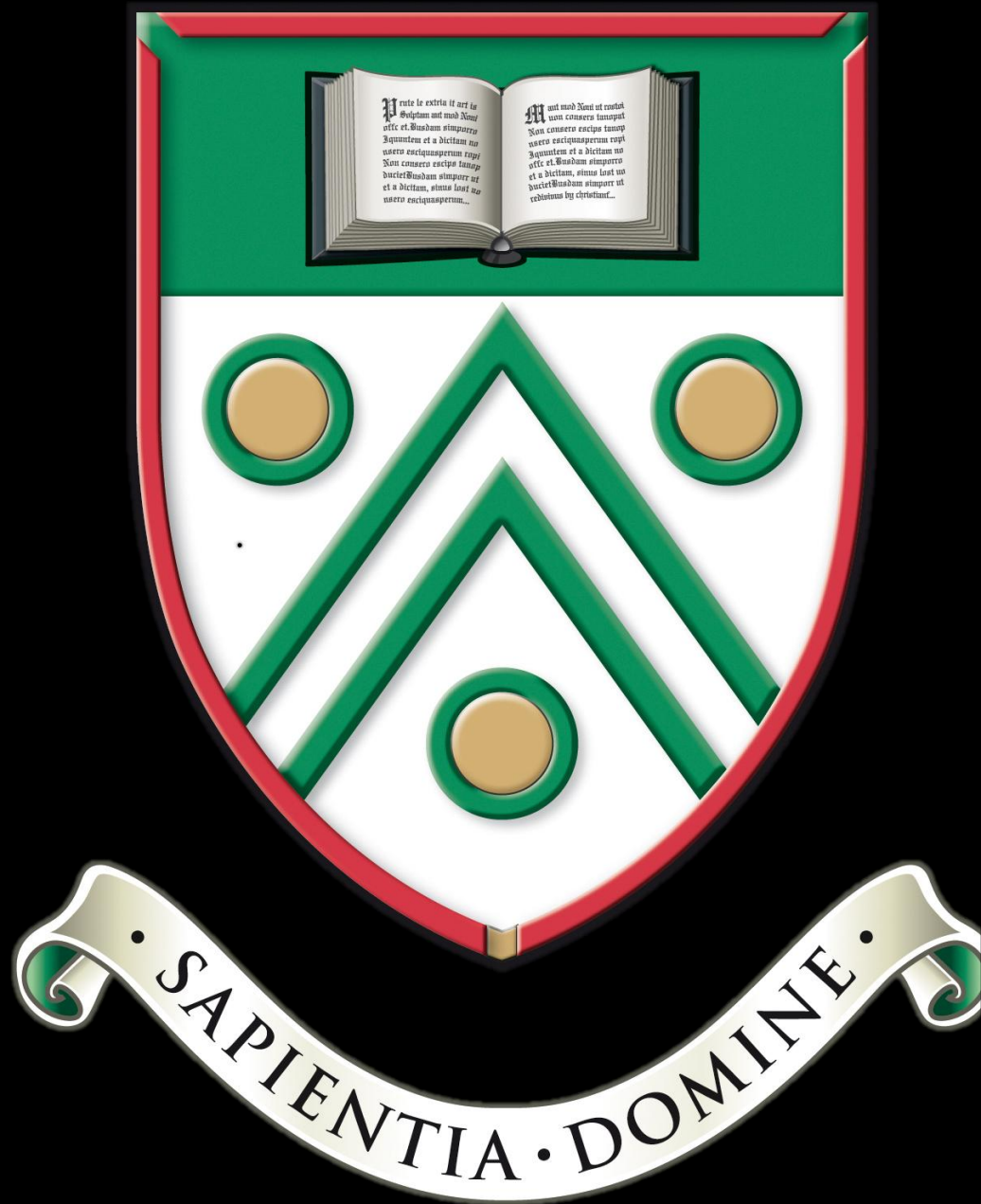
Useful sources of information

- <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/careerometer> - for average occupational salary trends and growth rates in all professions
- <https://luminate.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do> - detailed analysis of graduate destinations broken down by undergraduate course
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- [The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships 2025](#)
- <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships>
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
- http://www.prospects.ac.uk/types_of_jobs.htm - detailed profiles on all occupations

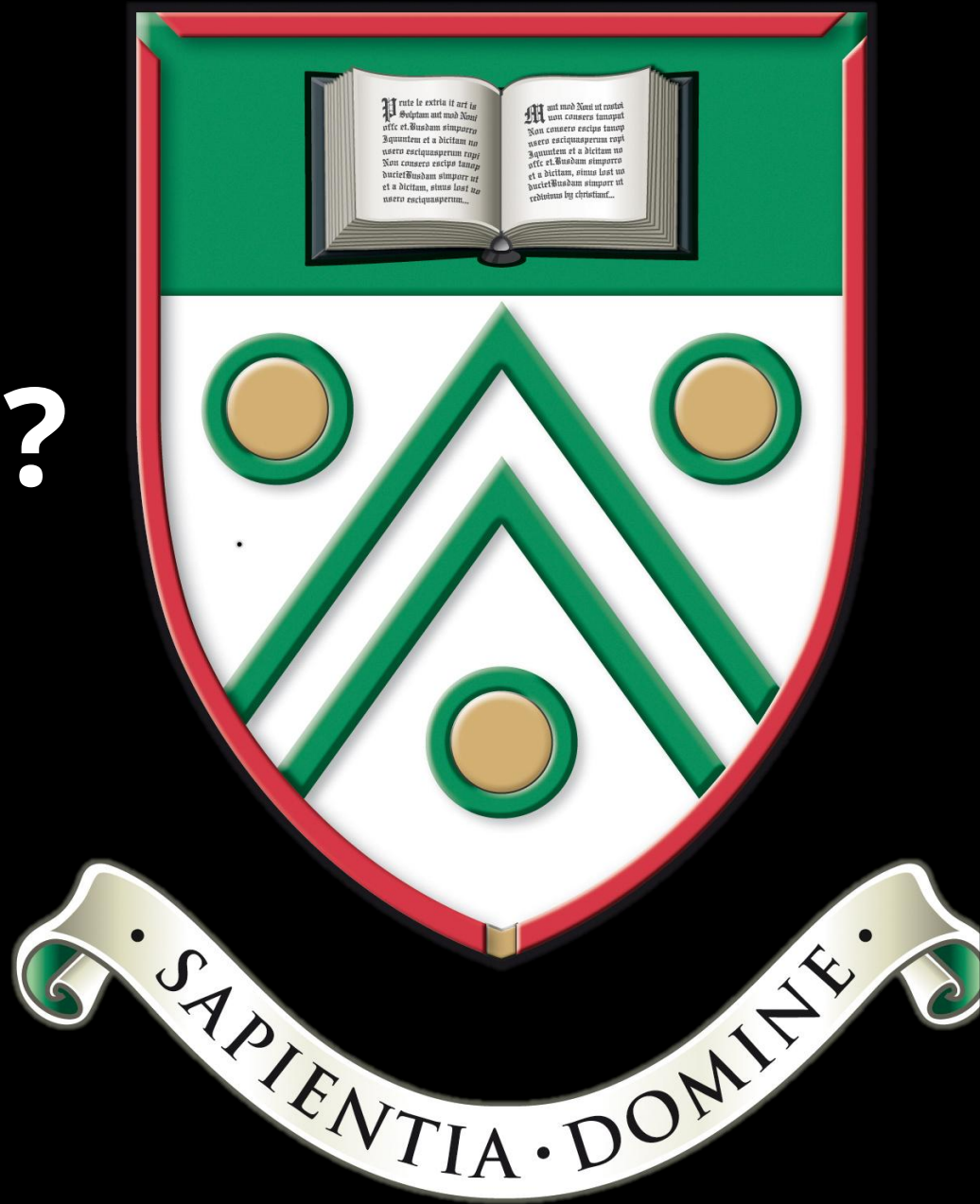
Work Experience

- <https://pathwayctm.com/>
- <https://www.springpod.com/>

Summary



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