



March 2026

Oriel High School Careers

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Spring, let's hope the weather realises that fact soon too! Please make yourself aware of the upcoming events taking place for different year groups in and around Careers.

Year 8s Gatwick trips

The final Stem visits take place next week with the remaining two groups from year 8 concluding the trips programme for this year. Students should register as normal with their mentor and be in full school uniform. Students are to head to reception and the corridor leading to the main hall to meet with me at 8:30, ready for departure at 08:35. They will need a snack/drink and will return to school by the start of p4.

Date	Class
16 th March	8c/Ma2
18 th March	8c/Ma3

Year 12s

Good luck to all year 12s out on work experience next week. We hope you have a fantastic experience and learn lots of valuable skills during your time in the workplace. Year 12s have been given a booklet to complete during their time on placement which will help collate their thoughts and make them reflect on the things they have learned.

Year 10s

Work Experience for year 10s is drawing ever closer. A reminder that the deadline for these to be entered onto Unifrog is May 22nd. We have lots of students already logged on the system, with varied and fantastic experiences secured for the week in July (13th-17th).

Year 9s

We are pleased with the response by the year 9s to the options assembly and the well-attended parents evening. A reminder that submissions should be made online by the end of term 27th March. Should your child need any help, please do ask them to come and see us in the careers office which can be found in the sixth form corridor, near English.

Year 11s

Please take some time to revisit your child's applications to college or sixth form. We have seen a number of students recently who only have one option applied for, and worryingly, some of these students are looking like they will miss the entry requirements to go to their first choice. Please study these carefully and if your child's predicted performance will be close to the requirement threshold, please ensure they have a backup application and plan in place. For those unsure of performance, Crawley College, East Surrey and Plumpton will be your main options, and each college has some fantastic courses on offer.

University of Oxford trip

After Easter, we will be taking a group of year 11 and 12 students to visit St John's college and learn about life at one of the world's most prestigious universities. They will hear from current students and staff about how to apply and life in Oxford, combined with touring the college and the historical libraries.

Year 7 and 9

Speed Careers

Our annual Speed Careers event is taking shape, and we will welcome lots of external companies and visitors to school on 23rd 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 race to visit as many as possible in their time, and year 9s will develop their speaking skills by quizzing the visitors about what they do for a living. It is a fast and fun morning and if it sounds like something you might be interested in, please do get in contact.

New partnerships

We are pleased to announce that we will be joining forces with the Prept Foundation to enhance our food and catering lessons. The partnership will provide students with the opportunity to learn from professional chefs, who will come into school to work with students in lessons over the coming year, developing their practical expertise. It will also lead to other opportunities for selected students to visit professional kitchens and experience working in one under a professional chef's guidance.

We are also now in the infancy of our new partnership with British Airways. This will hopefully lead to more engagements from the BA staff over the next few years, highlighting all the roles within the travel sector, not just the pathways to becoming cabin crew or pilots.

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