



**THIS IS
YOUR TIME.
GET READY!**

HOW TO PLAN FOR YOUR DREAM JOB

WAYS TO DISCOVER THE REAL YOU

GROW YOUR CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS

WHY IT PAYS TO THINK AHEAD

GROWS Gloucestershire network

BE YOUR BEST SELF

YOU HAVE SO MANY TALENTS INCLUDING SOME YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DISCOVERED YET

How do you capitalise on your uniqueness to make an impact and live the kind of life you want? The world moves fast – by the end of Year 11 you'll be making important decisions to shape your future. Of course,

good grades are important. But being able to show all the amazing things you're capable of is really important too.

How can you do this? Well, you start by getting great experiences under your belt. That way you can show colleges, universities and future employers what you're made of. Often called 'life experiences', these activities give you a chance to put the textbooks aside and have some fun. Go on, you're worth it! There may be times when you don't quite get the grades, which means it's even more important to show your true range of talents. This might mean...

**"OUTSIDE SCHOOL EXPERIENCES ARE
ESSENTIAL TO SHOW YOUR PERSONALITY
AND HELP YOU STAND OUT."**

DEPUTY HEAD – GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOL



TAKING ON A VOLUNTEERING ROLE

**GETTING SOME WORK EXPERIENCE
WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY**

**FINDING A FREE OR AFFORDABLE
EXPERIENCE CLOSE TO HOME**

**IF YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO START
A NEW SPORT OR HOBBY, IT'S A GREAT
EXCUSE TO TAKE THE PLUNGE**

**THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS
BUT WE'RE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU.
YOU'VE GOT THIS!**



GIVE YOUR FUTURE THE EDGE...

WE ARE GROWING AND WE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TO HELP YOU BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE

WE PARTNER WITH YOUR SCHOOL TO OFFER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN SCHOOL TIME. IF YOU'RE SELECTED TO TAKE PART, IT'S BECAUSE YOUR SCHOOL SEES YOU AS SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR POTENTIAL

If you are one of the lucky ones, come along with an open mind and throw yourself into the activity. Ask plenty of questions and note down anything that will help you shape your future. You have the power to make this a life-changing experience.

**"REVISION IS NOW EASIER...
IT WAS USEFUL AND MOTIVATING"**
YEAR 10 STUDENT,
REVISION WORKSHOP

UNCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

WITH ACTIVITIES WE DELIVER IN SCHOOL

**STUDY
SKILLS**

**SUBJECT
TASTER
SESSIONS**

**INFORMATION
& ADVICE
WORKSHOPS**

**REVISION
WORKSHOPS**

**MOTIVATIONAL
SPEAKERS**

**UNIVERSITY
EXPERIENCES**

**CAREERS
GUIDANCE**

**"IT TAUGHT ME THAT I CAN BE WHATEVER I WANT,
I JUST HAVE TO FIND THE ROUTE TO GET THERE"**
STUDENT FROM AIM A LITTLE HIGHER SESSION

DISCOVER WHAT YOU LOVE

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES YEAR 10

Hone your
creativity into **KEY
INDUSTRY AREAS**



WHO KNOWS YOU BEST? YOU DO! AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU

In school or outside school, you can take part in all sorts of cool activities that we run with our partners. You'll get an insight into life at university and find out more about the types of subjects you could study.

Not into biology or English? No problem! How about sports science, music production or computing? Learn what it's like to be an engineer, a special effects make-up artist or a forensics expert. There's usually something for everyone!

**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED AROUND SCHOOL
FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES DURING YEARS
9 AND 10. YOU CAN SIGN UP AS SOON AS YOU
SEE THEM ADVERTISED.**

WWW.GROWS.AC.UK

ANIMAL SCIENCE YEAR 10



Take your **LOVE
OF ANIMALS**
to the next level

**BRING A FRIEND
OR COME WITH A GROUP!**

VIRTUAL
**FIND YOUR
FUTURE**
ALL YEAR GROUPS



GET ONLINE for
careers advice, subject
activities and fun talks

UNIVERSITY
RESIDENTIAL
YEAR 9



Discover university
life during **AN
OVERNIGHT STAY**

CSI
YEAR 10



Could you **SOLVE
A CRIME** using
evidence?

GET HANDS-ON...

**GRAB EVERY
OPPORTUNITY THAT
COMES YOUR WAY!
WHO KNOWS WHERE
IT MIGHT LEAD?**

**YOU WON'T BE LISTENING TO ENDLESS TALKS THAT MAKE YOU DOZE
OFF IN OUR SESSIONS. INSTEAD YOU'LL START TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO STUDY AND WORK IN THE REAL WORLD.**

You could be working with the same equipment that the pros use,
experiencing life on a university campus or working to solve real-world
issues. You'll be challenged but you'll also be supported to gain new skills
and grow your confidence.

LIVE YOUR DREAM!

**VISIT WWW.GROWS.AC.UK/EVENTS TO SEE
AN OVERVIEW OF OUR EVENTS INCLUDING
VIDEOS AND STUDENT QUOTES**

**"IT'S A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY AND I WOULD LOVE TO
DO IT AGAIN, I WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO EVERYBODY"**
YEAR 10 FROM CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SATURDAY STUDIOS

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

There are lots of resources out there to help and guide you. A great future lies ahead. Here are some of our top picks for finding yours.

WHAT'S MY PATHWAY?

Take the **SACU Careers Cloud Quiz**, a quick fire personality quiz that matches you to the kinds of careers and higher education courses that are right for you.
www.grows.ac.uk/sacu

PANTHER OR POLAR BEAR?

Ever thought about what kind of animal you'd be? **The Buzz Quiz** reveals your strengths and matches you to an animal according to your traits. The results can reveal exciting options for your future.
www.icould.com

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Careerpilot is where you'll find loads of information about different qualifications and job types. Build a record of your skills and find out how these can link to higher education.
www.careerpilot.org.uk

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

The **Bright Knowledge** website lets you look ahead to different stages of your educational journey and discover what's available. GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs, T Levels, Apprenticeships and more... it's all here.
www.brightknowledge.org/education

STAY IN TOUCH!

SIGN UP TO THE GROWS STUDENT UPDATES, PACKED WITH INFO AND TIPS
WWW.GROWS.AC.UK

PARENTS CAN GET UPDATES TOO.
TELL THEM TO SIGN UP AT
WWW.GROWS.AC.UK/PARENT

16 AND COUNTING

What are your options once you hit your 16th birthday? This **UCAS** website shows you how, what and where you can study to prepare for your dream career.
www.ucas.com/further-education

GROW YOUR FUTURE

GROWS.ac.uk is packed with handy links and resources. Explore your future options and learn more about going to university, as well as a range of resources, guides and activities to help you get there.

HOW GROWS CAN HELP...

WE ALSO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE DIFFERENT ROUTES (ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND WORK BASED) INTO HIGHER EDUCATION.

We are a resource for schools, young people and parents/carers, offering a range of outreach activities delivered by our network partners. By introducing young people to different options for gaining skills and growing confidence, we aim to help support you to make informed choices about your future.

GET THE BEST FROM THE GROWS NETWORK

WE OFFER...

- FREE AND FUN EVENTS BASED ON CAREER PATHWAYS
- HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS
- STUDY AND REVISION RESOURCES
- EXPERIENCES TO HELP YOU STAND OUT

WE HELP YOU...

- SEE HOW YOUR HOBBIES CAN BECOME CAREERS
- MEET EXPERTS IN ALL SORTS OF AREAS
- TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS
- BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

REGISTER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS AT WWW.GROWS.AC.UK

LET US HELP YOU FIND YOUR FUTURE

GO VIRTUAL...

**GO VIRTUAL AND EXPLORE AT YOUR OWN PACE,
A RANGE OF SHORT VIDEOS GIVING YOU...**

- Top tips for your year group from a careers adviser
- Have a go at home sessions linked to subjects
- Tour a university campus
- Read lots of guides on how to plan your future choices

Not only is it a fun way of getting in the know, you can also collect points and claim prizes, what's not to love?

www.findyourfuture.grows.ac.uk

COME ALONG...

**COME ALONG TO A FAMILY EVENT
IN THE AUTUMN TERM ON A
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, TO...**

- Get hands on with some quick, but cool activities
- Explore what future education options are available
- Chat to a careers adviser
- Get to see a university campus and students

You can bring your family and get involved as much or as little as you want. Not to be missed, book your places at

www.grows.ac.uk/FYF



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& UNIVERSITY CENTRE



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GLOUCESTERSHIRE



HARTPURY



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