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10 September & 13 November	Year 8 – Trips to Capital One HQ (Sign Up via email sent to parents)
10 & 17 October	Year 8 – RISE Employability Workshops
11 November	Year 10 – School & College Leavers Festival NEC (Sign Up)
4 & 5 December	Year 11 – Mock Interviews
3 March	Year 9 – Warwickshire Skills Show & Future Careers Fair Trip
4 March	Year 7 – Career Detectives
18–23 May	Year 10 – Work Experience Week

Dates are subject to change and extra events will be added throughout the academic year.

Parents/Carers/Alumni – If you could help to support any events or you are interested in speaking to students about your career, please contact careers@harris.covmat.org

The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

Harris Church of England Academy Awarded Quality in Careers Standard

In March 2025, Harris Church of England Academy proudly achieved the prestigious Quality in Careers Standard, a national award that recognises excellence in careers education, information, advice, and guidance (CEIAG).

This achievement reflects the school's strong commitment to preparing students for life beyond the classroom. Through a well-structured careers programme, Harris Academy ensures that every student receives personalised support, access to employer encounters, and opportunities to explore a wide range of future pathways.

The award highlights the school's collaborative work with local employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges, and universities, as well as its dedication to embedding careers learning across the curriculum.

We are delighted to receive this recognition. It reflects the hard work of our staff and the ambition we have for every student to leave Harris with the confidence and knowledge to succeed in their chosen path.

We will continue to develop and improve the careers programme. We will be reassessed for the award in three years.



GAIN EXPERIENCE!

The Power of Work Experience: A Glimpse into the Future

Work experience is more than just a week away from school—it's a chance to step into the real world, explore future careers, and discover new passions. For our current Year 10 students, their placements in May offered valuable insights and unforgettable memories.

From working with young children to fixing bikes, every student had a unique story to tell. Jack, who spent his week at Ricardo, said he enjoyed "learning and working out at the same time," while Ella found joy in helping the "tiny tiger" groups aged 3–7 at Focus TKD. Scarlett and Emily both had rewarding experiences in local schools, with Emily sharing how she enjoyed "taking a responsible position in a work environment."

Some students explored more technical or specialist roles. Shay, who worked at Paddox Cycles, loved "learning about bikes and replacing new parts," and Kuba, who supported the IT Lead at Boughton Leigh Junior School, said the experience helped him understand "how to function in a workplace and what IT technicians do around the school."

Others discovered a passion for animal care. Elsa's time in veterinary clinics gave her "crucial insights into the realities of the profession," while Katie, who worked at a dog day care, recommended it to anyone interested in working with animals. Even the social side of work experience left a lasting impression. Alfie, who worked at Winner Recruitment, simply said, "I enjoyed being with co-workers"—a reminder that the people we work with can make all the difference.

Work experience for 2026 will take place during the week commencing 18 May. Current Year 9 students are encouraged to start thinking now about where they might like to go. Whether it's a local business, a school, a veterinary clinic, or something completely different, it's always best to start early—popular placements can fill up quickly!

Information packs will be sent out in the Autumn Term, so keep an eye out and start exploring your interests. Your future might just begin with one incredible week.

Year 10 Work Experience

Work Experience Week: Learning Beyond the Classroom

While many of our Year 10 students ventured out into the world of work during Work Experience Week, others took part in a range of engaging and enriching activities right here in school. Although we aim to place every student with a company, it's not always possible—but we're committed to ensuring that all students gain valuable workplace insights and develop essential employability skills.

One of the highlights of the week was a **fantastic session with the Army**, where students explored a variety of career pathways and took part in hands-on activities designed to build teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills. A huge thank you to the Army team for delivering such an inspiring and energetic day!

Another standout experience was a **fascinating visit to Jaguar Land Rover's Prototype Testing Facility**. Unfortunately, we couldn't take photos as the designs are top secret. Students participated in a "Guess the Job" activity and discovered the wide range of roles available at JLR, from apprenticeships to graduate programs. It was an inspiring glimpse into the future of automotive innovation and a great opportunity to learn about cutting-edge technology in action.

Back at school, students also took part in the **Disco Dilemma enterprise workshop**, delivered by Proactive Young People. This fun and interactive session challenged students to solve a fictional business problem, developing key skills such as decision-making, budgeting, teamwork, and creativity.



Courses and Work Experience for the Summer

The Unifrog logo is displayed in white lowercase letters on a green rectangular background. The background image of the slide shows a laptop, a spiral notebook, a pen, and some seashells on a pink surface.

Looking to boost your skills, explore new interests, or get a head start on your future career? Unifrog has you covered! With its Online Courses and Work Experience tools, you can discover exciting opportunities that help you grow — all from your laptop or phone.

Online Courses (MOOCs)

Unifrog gives you access to hundreds of free online courses from top universities and organisations around the world. These are called MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and they cover everything from coding and psychology to fashion design and climate science.

Why try a MOOC?

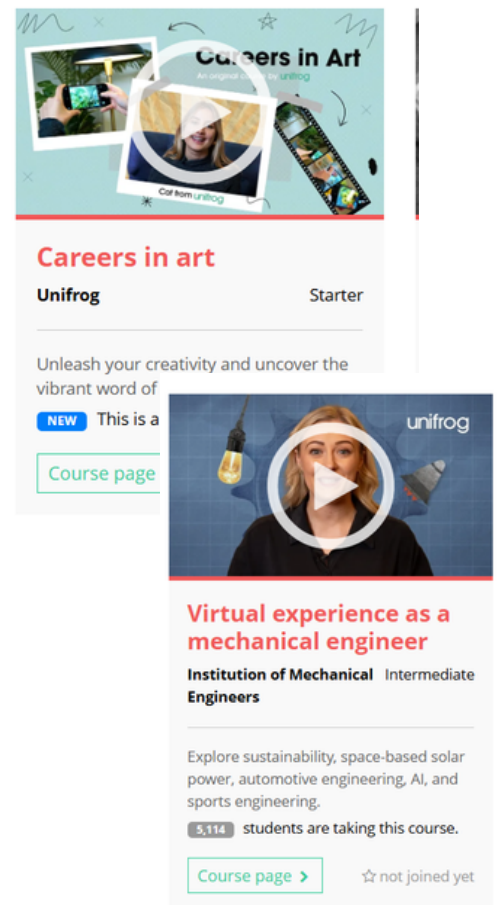
- Learn something new in your own time
- Show your passion for a subject on your CV or personal statement

Work Experience

Want to see what a real job is like? The Work Experience tool on Unifrog helps you find virtual and in-person placements with companies across different industries — from media and tech to healthcare and engineering.

Why do work experience?

- Build confidence and workplace skills
- Explore different careers before making big decisions



How to Get Started

1. Log in to Unifrog
2. Head to the "Searching for Opportunities" section
3. Click on "MOOCs" or "Work Experience"
4. Use the filters to find something that suits your interests and schedule

Use your Harris email to access Unifrog. Click "Forgot Password" to reset your password.

Career-Themed Fiction for Teens



Looking for inspiring reads this summer?

These books, all available through Warwickshire Libraries, explore careers, aspirations, and personal growth — perfect for those curious about their future paths. Let us know if you have any recommendations to add to the list.

1. *The Paper & Hearts Society* by Lucy Powrie

A heartwarming story about a teen who finds her people through a book club — great for those interested in writing, publishing, or creative careers.

2. *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo

Follows a teen mother with a passion for cooking who dreams of becoming a chef. A brilliant mix of ambition, responsibility, and creativity.

3. *Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman

Explores podcasting, online content creation, and the pressure of academic expectations. Perfect for teens interested in media or digital careers.

4. *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

A powerful novel-in-verse about a girl discovering her voice through slam poetry. Inspires confidence in self-expression and performance.

5. *Idol Gossip* by Alexandra Leigh Young

A behind-the-scenes look at the K-pop industry, following a teen who unexpectedly becomes a trainee — ideal for fans of music and performance careers.

6. *Geek Girl* by Holly Smale

A hilarious and heartfelt series about a socially awkward teen who accidentally becomes a fashion model — exploring identity, confidence, and unexpected career paths.

7. *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus

Involves journalism, investigation, and media ethics.

8. *You Don't Know Me* by Imran Mahmood

A courtroom drama told from the perspective of a young man defending himself—great for teens interested in law and justice.



Future Careers Fair

Last term, our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to attend the **Warwickshire Future Careers Fair** held in Rugby—a vibrant event designed to inspire and inform young people about the many pathways available to them after school.

The fair brought together a range of employers, training providers, colleges, and universities, all eager to share insights into their industries and the opportunities they offer. From engineering and healthcare to digital media and public services, students were able to explore a diverse array of careers and ask questions directly to professionals working in those fields.





Warwickshire Fire & Rescue

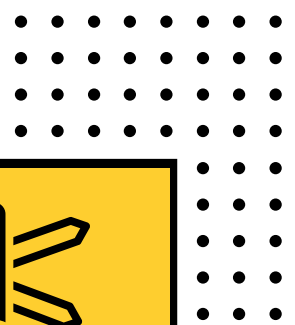
We were delighted to welcome Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to Harris recently for an engaging and informative visit. The team delivered a Q&A session to a group of interested students, offering a behind-the-scenes look at careers within the fire and rescue service. Students learned about both operational roles—such as firefighters and emergency responders—and non-operational careers, including roles in communications, logistics, and fire safety education. The team also shared valuable information about the different pathways into these careers, from apprenticeships to specialist training routes.

In addition to the Q&A, the team delivered an assembly to Year 8, introducing students to the wide range of opportunities available within the service and encouraging them to consider how their skills and interests could align with a future in public service.

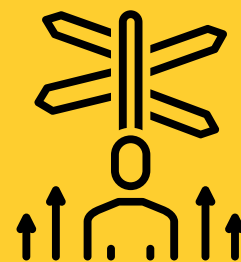


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Subject Spotlight: Science

WHY STUDY SCIENCE AT SCHOOL? ✨ ✨

Discover the Power of Curiosity!



EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

Science helps you understand *why* the sky is blue, *how* your phone works, and *what* keeps planes in the air.



SHAPE THE FUTURE

Want to be a game developer, doctor, engineer, forensic scientist, or even an astronaut? Science is your first step!



LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE

Studying science teaches you to:

- ✓ Think critically
- ✓ Solve problems
- ✓ Ask great questions
- ✓ Work as a team



IT'S MORE THAN JUST FACTS

Science is *experiments*, *explosions*, *discovery*, and finding out how things REALLY work.



SCIENCE = OPPORTUNITIES

Every job needs some science -- from chefs and athletes to nurses and engineers. Whatever you love, science can take you further.



Stay curious.



Ask questions.

Change the world.



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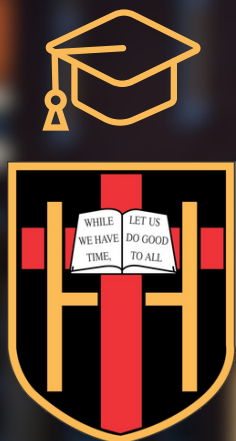
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Poster Project

We are producing posters to inspire our young people with career stories from ex-Harris students.

We would love to involve ex-students from a wide variety of backgrounds, pathways and careers.

To support us with this project, complete this [form](#).



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