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Dear Parents and Carers

We write to you to provide an update on the careers provision at Ormiston Victory Academy. We are excited to say that Unifrog is now up and running; we hope that your child has been able to access this from home. In the previous letter, we outlined how to access this. Unifrog is the universal destinations platform and is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student 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. Over the next few weeks, students will be given time during form to log into the platform and explore the variety of resources available to them. Please encourage them to use this at home as well.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to ensure students are best equipped to fulfil their potential. We want our students to have an understanding of themselves, their skills and all the opportunities available to them for the future. At Ormiston Victory Academy, we aim to help our students become enthusiastic lifelong learners and our careers provision is a key part of this.

We strive to offer high-quality, impartial career guidance that helps our students to make informed choices about which career pathways suit their academic needs and aspirations. Students will be prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training.

Ormiston Victory Academy employs a professionally trained Careers Team and has strong partnerships with other organisations to support our students' aspirations including a wide network of employers, apprenticeship providers and universities.

### **Careers Programme and Learning Pathways**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Programme</b>
7/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careers Form Programme/PSHE Curriculum</li> <li>• Careers Working Lunches to encounter a range of jobs and employers</li> <li>• Guidance Appointments on request for personal guidance on careers</li> <li>• Links between curriculum learning and careers – developing key skills in lessons</li> <li>• Educational visits and enrichment opportunities e.g. UEA and Into University.</li> <li>• Access to Unifrog Platform which provides information on job profiles, subjects, labour market and student activity recording.</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit to Norfolk Skills Festival – largest careers event in the area exposing students to over 100 local employers across different sectors and education providers</li> <li>• GCSE Options process to support their learning pathway into Years 10 and 11. This includes Assemblies, Options Evening, Subject Information with clear links to career opportunities in the future. Support for students and families with making these key decisions.</li> <li>• Careers Form Programme/PSHE Curriculum</li> <li>• Careers Working Lunches to encounter a range of jobs and employers</li> <li>• Guidance Appointments on request for personal guidance on careers</li> <li>• Links between curriculum learning and careers – developing key skills in lessons</li> </ul>

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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help You Choose platform with training and support to complete applications for colleges, sixth forms or apprenticeships.</li> <li>• Destination tracking and support to ensure each student has a clear learning pathway suitable to their needs for when they finish Year 11.</li> <li>• Careers Form Programme/PSHE Curriculum.</li> <li>• Careers Working Lunches to encounter a range of jobs and employers.</li> <li>• Sixth Form Open Evening and Induction.</li> <li>• Provided with information about Post-16 options and open evenings.</li> <li>• Guidance appointments offered to support decisions about their next steps.</li> <li>• Links between curriculum learning and careers – developing key skills in lessons.</li> <li>• Educational visits and enrichment activities.</li> <li>• Access to Unifrog Platform which provides information on job profiles, subjects, labour market and student activity recording.</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary work experience within school.</li> <li>• Work experience with external providers.</li> <li>• Visits to Universities and subject taster sessions.</li> <li>• Higher Education Fair to explore universities and higher apprenticeships.</li> <li>• Careers Form Programme/PSHE Curriculum.</li> <li>• Careers Working Lunches to encounter a range of jobs and employers.</li> <li>• Guidance Appointments on request for personal guidance on careers.</li> <li>• Links between curriculum learning and careers – developing key skills in lessons.</li> <li>• Educational visits and enrichment activities.</li> <li>• Access to Unifrog Platform which provides information on job profiles, subjects, labour market and student activity recording.</li> </ul>
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## **How we support the world of work and essential skills**

In every lesson and enrichment activity, we encourage the development of a wide variety of skills which are essential within the workplace including listening, presenting, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership, teamwork and communication. Our students are provided with a range of opportunities to meet employers throughout our careers programme, so they can learn about the range of career pathways and what employers are looking for. In Years 10 and 12, students will have the opportunity to arrange themselves a work placement with an employer to further develop essential skills.

## **Careers Contact**

A variety of information will be shared about careers throughout the school year. We would encourage students and families to check announcements on ClassCharts regularly so they can keep up-to-date and take part in experiences that are offered regularly. We also share information on our website and social media accounts – please follow us @CareersVictory

If you have any questions regarding careers or any requests for careers support, please contact Mr R Arger, Careers Leader on [r.arger@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:r.arger@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk) or 01603 343594, or encourage your child to speak to me in school, or their form tutor.

## **Parent/Carer Feedback**

It is important to us to continually review and reflect on the provision that we offer our students. We regularly gain feedback from our students but would like to ensure parents and carers are given the chance to give feedback. We have a brief online survey which can be completed on the link below.

We would really appreciate your time to give us your thoughts.

Link: [Parent/Carer Feedback on Careers](#)

Yours sincerely



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**Vice Principal for Quality of Education**



**Mr R Arger**  
**Careers Leader**