



Sixth Sense

HMD and National Apprenticeship Week

An Unbelievable Half Term

It has been a half term unlike any other in the history of your time in education. Never before has so much been required of you whilst not on-site, and with the final week of the half term remaining (can you believe its gone this quickly since Christmas!), I very much hope you all have time to decompress over the half term break next week, before we continue to learn remotely as Monday 22nd February (which is a 'Week 2').

Which Week?

This week: 8th Feb:

Week 1

15th Feb: **Half Term**

22nd Feb: **Week 2**

The Rules of Engagement

Online engagement is now the most important aspect of our online/remote learning. We can see that so many of you have overcome any previous barriers and are present, but need to know that you are participating and playing an active part in the lesson. The 'rules of engagement' are:

- 1. Check in and stay in your lesson for the duration.**
- 2. Remain muted when working on tasks set by your teacher, but maintain the connection, in order for your teacher to stay in-touch with you and for you easily access your teacher.**
- 3. Communicate verbally where possible and via the chat function where your microphone lets you down.**

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)

On the 27th January, Holocaust Memorial Day took place. Normally, within the Academy we would have marked this through an assembly or indeed tutor based session. Each year, HMD has a different theme, and this year's was "Be the light in the darkness".

For those of you who have not marked this day before. HMD is a time for us to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which then followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The aim of HMD is to seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own - it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented.

Through my own experiences is listening to Holocaust Survivors who have visited the Academy in previous years, these have been some of the most impactful accounts that I have listened to during my time as a teacher.

More information can be found at the HMD Trust's website: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/> or indeed you may choose to engage in another way. For example, BBC Radio 4 serialised Esther Safran Foer's memoir that tells the story of her quest to uncover how her family endured and survived the Holocaust across four generations and can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000rmhk> for the next couple of weeks.

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National Apprenticeship Week!

We are lucky in being supported through the National Apprenticeship Week this year by three separate strands.

If you envisage yourself progressing on to a destination where you gain skills within a specific vocation whilst being paid to work and learn, please look at each of these organisations.



1. Aim Higher

Aim Higher is providing it continued support to the Academy, as it has for so many years and as such, a separate page has been added on Page 3 with hyperlinks to their 30 min webinar from 3.30-4pm **this Wednesday**, in addition to details of how to access further advice and guidance from them.

Aim Higher are constantly adding webinars and experiences to support your next steps and are always worth bookmarking their page to check in with them regularly for these opportunities.

Go to page 3 of the newsletter now!

2. PiXL

I will sending a out two things from PiXL to you all:

1. Is bespoke access for us specifically to a 45min seminar regarding how to 'Get Into Your Top Choice' (GIYTC) Apprenticeship. This will require a specific link and an understanding that some time and space will be required to watch this in full. For those of you planning to take up this route, it could be some of the best 45mins that you spend this year!
2. An accompanying booklet to support you planning to secure your top choice Apprenticeship will be emailed to you all. Retain this in your inbox for further reference.

3. Unifrog.org

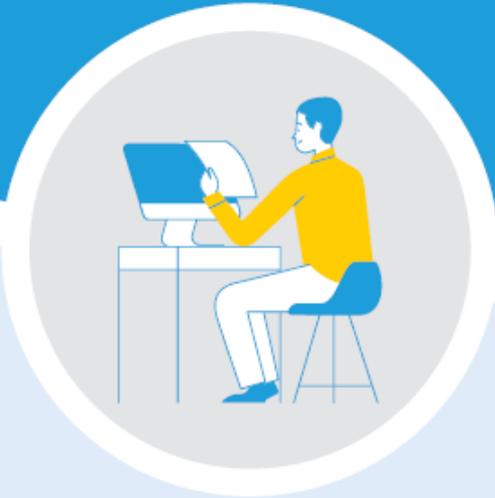
Our online careers platform is called Unifrog. Many of you were introduced to this during last academic year whether you were in Year 12 or indeed, Year 11.

All of you have been registered with Unifrog and are able to access their variety of careers tools, including an Apprenticeship search tool.

Go to www.unifrog.org and click the 'sign-in' button. From here you will be able to log-in and use the search tool to see which opportunities exist within your locality for apprenticeships that you might be interested in. From the results of the search, you can see how much the apprenticeship would pay, how long it would last, and even has a button to click to apply for anything that you are interested in.

For those of you yet to log-in or have forgotten your username, go to the <https://www.unifrog.org/reset-password> page and enter your academy email address for a new password to be sent to you immediately, in order to get back on to the website. Again, this is an essential website of which for you to bookmark!

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK



SHORT TALKS

SESSION 1

What are apprenticeships?

SESSION 2

How to find apprenticeships

SESSION 3

The apprenticeship application process

Get in touch with your UCP contact to access these short talks (these can be delivered live or pre-recorded)

<https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/speak-to-aimhigher/>

[CLICK HERE TO CHAT TO OUR FRIENDLY STAFF TODAY](https://www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk/ask)

<https://www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk/ask>

LIVE WEBINAR

Wednesday 10th February
3.30 - 4pm

An opportunity to listen to the stories of apprentices and ask them questions in our Q&A.

[SIGN UP FOR THE WEBINAR HERE](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/national_apprenticeship_Week)

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KEEP IN TOUCH

Don't forget to check out our social media too! We'll be sharing lots of useful information throughout National Apprenticeships Week.

