



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Unifrog – The Complete Destinations Platform



In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog: an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Year 10 now have access to this excellent website.

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the USA.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities when writing their UCAS personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

Year 10 students have been working through a series of tasks in PDC over the last few weeks to introduce them to the main tools within Unifrog. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to truly support your child. The form code you need is: **parentsecclesbourne** and you can sign up here: [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)

Unifrog provides links to online work experience which we are encouraging students to explore. I have attached to the end of this letter a summary of other online career related opportunities that was sent to Year 10 students last week.

For more information, go to [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) or [contact me: jearp@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:jearp@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

*Joanne Earp*

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Head of Careers

## Online Opportunities Update Feb 2021

Whilst it is difficult to take part in work experience at the moment there are lots of virtual opportunities that will allow you to find out about particular career areas and more importantly improve and gain new skills. These connections with employers will be extremely advantageous for applications for your next steps. You should record your experience within Unifrog in your 'locker'.

### 1) Unifrog Virtual Work Experience

Unifrog.org



Unifrog now have 75+ Virtual career related opportunities in the Special opportunities tool.

Here's how to find these new opportunities:

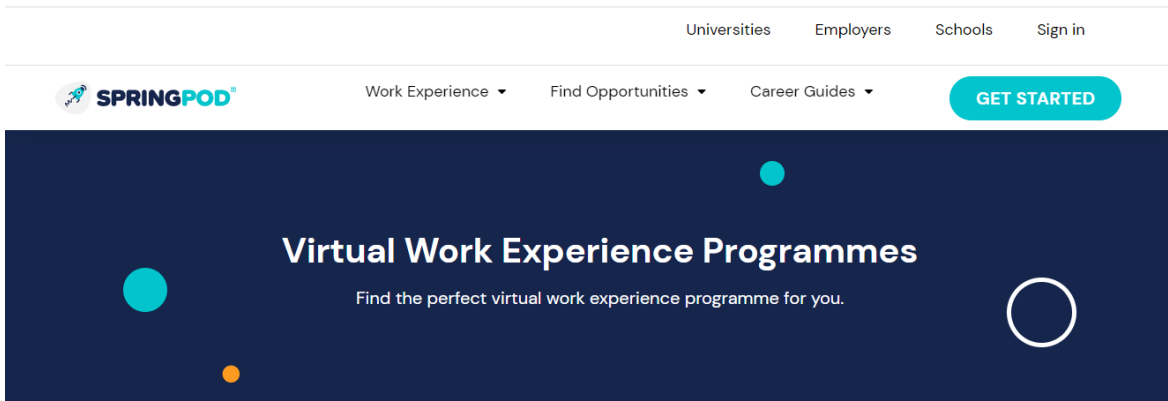
- Go to the Special opportunities tool
- On the 'Country' page students should select 'Rest Of World'
- On the 'Longlist' page they can filter for 'Virtual Work Experience'.

Unifrog are not offering the work experience but have just collected together lots of opportunities. Some are not free – ***read them carefully before you apply.***

If you need help searching for work experience on Unifrog watch this video

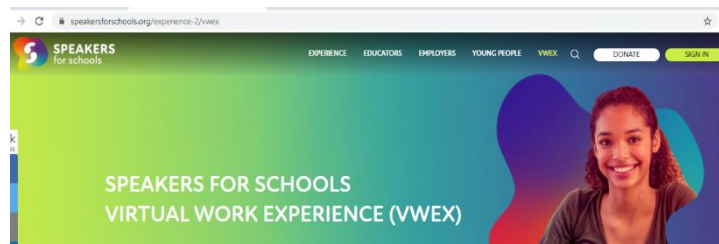
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2) Spring Pod <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>



SpringPod offer Insight Days and Virtual Work Experience. This is all completely free to students, the organisation is sponsored by companies. Mrs Parker will let you know about some of the opportunities but you can look yourself and apply to any that interest you.

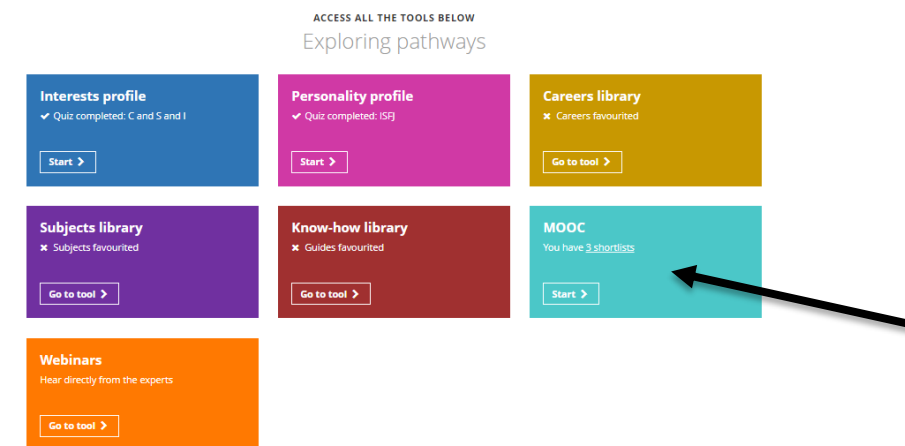
3) Speakers For Schools <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex>



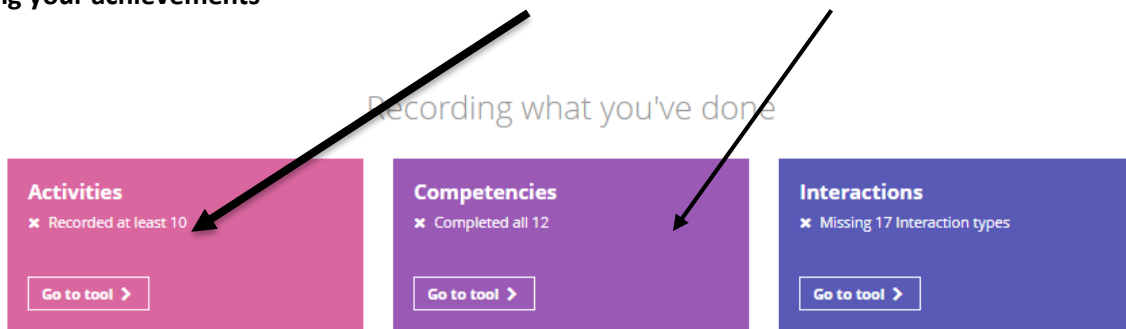
Speakers for schools are another organisation that offer free virtual work experience. Sign up to the site in order to browse current opportunities.

4) Unifrog MOOCs

MOOCs are massive , open, online courses. Unifrog brings together lots of courses at universities around that world that you can search by subject. Most are free but you may need to pay for a certificate at the end of the course, if you want one.

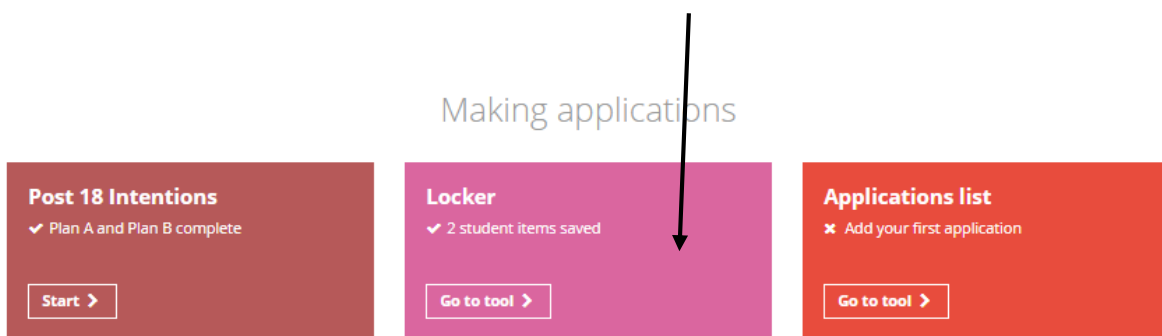


## Recording your achievements



Use the Unifrog Tools to record your activities and competencies to help you when writing applications in the future.

You can upload documents to your Unifrog locker as evidence of participation in events or just to remind yourself of what you've done.



If you require any help please email myself, Miss Earp, [jearp@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:jearp@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk) or Mrs Parker, [dparker@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:dparker@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)