

Careers Programme

2025/2026



The careers programme at GC helps students make informed choices about their next steps through a range of ambitious activities that prepares them for moving into employment, apprenticeships or higher level studies in the future.

Our Focus:

1. Providing learners with the opportunities, experiences and skills to move into their intended career destinations
2. Promoting social mobility and inclusivity
3. Enabling employers to access the skills needed for Gloucestershire and beyond

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| Careers Education Programme <i>The structured and sequenced programme of careers activities and events that support learners to make informed choices about their future</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Jul 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | All Levels |
| SD Sessions <i>Timetabled personal development and pastoral tutorial sessions</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Jun 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 / 3 / 4 / 5 | Entry 1/2/3 |
| Work Experience or Social Action <i>Dedicated time in industry or working on community projects developing skills (mandatory)</i> | [Bar from Oct 25 to Jun 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | Entry 1/2/3 |
| Careers Support <i>1:1 careers advice available year-round, in person or online. All students can access a trained adviser for guidance on options, pathways, and applications.</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Aug 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | All Levels |
| UCAS Support <i>HE offers. Including UCAS registration, finance talks, personal statements and support with applications. Alternative options exploration beyond Level 3.</i> | [Bar from Oct 25 to Jul 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 / 8 | Level 3+ |
| Enrichment Activities <i>Fun, engaging and skills development activities run by our enrichment team</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Jun 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 / 5 / 7 | All Levels |
| Progression Campaign <i>"This Time Next year" tutorials to discuss progression plans. Directed to Careers advisors if further guidance is needed.</i> | [Bar from Jan 26 to May 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 | Entry 1/2/3 |
| Open Events <i>Open evening event for current and prospective students. A chance to speak with lecturing staff about course offer</i> | [Bars: Oct 25, Dec 25, May 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | All Levels |
| Apprenticeship Event <i>Open evening to meet with local and national employers about GC apprenticeships offer. Current students have early priority access</i> | [Bar: Mar 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | All Levels |
| Futures/Freshers Fair <i>Enrichment, Careers and Employability welcome students to the Future/Freshers fair, to take part in fun, engaging activities and meet employers and HEI's</i> | [Bar: Sep 25] | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 / 5 | All Levels |
| Guest Speakers & Trips <i>Raising aspirations through employers talks, visits to workplaces, exhibitions and university events</i> | [Bar from Oct 25 to Jul 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 | Entry 1/2/3 |
| Application Deadline <i>Date for the diary: Progressing students must have made an application by March 31st</i> | [Bar: Mar 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | All Levels |
| Next Steps Online <i>Our online resource area to support students on their programme. Careers, employability, safeguarding, welfare and much more</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Jul 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 | Level 1/2/3 |
| Which 3 Skills <i>Dedicated Top 3 skills development for individual industries</i> | [Bar from Sep 25 to Jul 26] | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 | Entry 1/2/3 |