



**Finish 2025 strong and make 2026 work for you!**

**GROWS events are free, fun, & help you make career choices and new friends!**

At GROWS we have been providing support, guidance, assemblies, and amazing events for years. We know how hard it can be to link what you like doing to a career or even a subject you can study. From Winter 2025 right through to the Summer of 2026 we have two of our most popular events coming up and you are invited to book your place.

Feedback from students and parents / carers is always amazing, we hear of new confidence, a motivation to study, new career choices, new friendship groups and much more. So, take your chance and make your free time work for you. Try new things, make new friends, feed and handle animals and experience life on campus.

"I'd just like to say a big thank you for having the girls, they had a wonderful time and couldn't wait to go each week, I've noticed a big difference in x, she has experienced so many career choices and loved them all. Many thanks to you all for organising a wonderful event!"

Thank you ever so much for a successful event. It boosted my son's confidence and turned him to someone who now has a career to look forward to."

"I have had a great time; all the experiences have been amazing. Thank you GROWS!"

Both our Animal Experience and Year 9 Residential is detailed on the back of this letter together with booking links and joining information. You can sign up to GROWS and find all our events at [www.grows.ac.uk](http://www.grows.ac.uk) together with our resources, guides and more. We don't spam you, all the information we send is relevant for your year of study and we don't share your data with anyone. You can also join us socially at:

**TikTok @growsnetwork**  
**Facebook @growsgloucestershire**

We look forward to seeing you soon!  
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## Do you love animals?

Our two day experience is perfect for Year 9 students who want to find out more about courses and careers involving animals and animal care.



**What:** Year 9 Animal Experience\*

**When:** This event takes place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026

**Where:**

*Bristol Zoo Project - South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (Saturday, 08:30 and 15:50 – Transport will be provided from The University of Gloucestershire Oxstalls Campus)*

*Hartpury University (Sunday, 10:00 – 15:00)*

**Why take part:** This experience will provide opportunities to engage, explore and get ‘hands on’ with key areas in this field including animal management, handling, feeding, grooming and accommodation, as well as wildlife conservation, equine and livestock. An opportunity to discover future courses and careers in this wide ranging sector.

**How to apply:** Apply online at <http://www.grows.ac.uk/animal>

## Ever wondered what it might be like to go to university..... find out!

Our two-day, one-night Year 9 Residential Experience is a chance to fully discover what it’s like to be a university student, taking part in subject and social activities, as well as staying overnight in university accommodation. It’s a great chance to develop key skills and make new friends while you’re there!



**What:** Year 9 University Residential\*

**When:** July 2026 – Summer Holidays

**Where:** Hartpury University

**Why take part:** This is an amazing opportunity to put yourself in the shoes of a university student and find out what university life is all about. You can take on new challenges and get stuck into extra-curricular experiences that can go on your CV or college application, and you might just get the chance to make some new lifelong friends!

**Look out for dates after Christmas:** [www.grows.ac.uk/residential](http://www.grows.ac.uk/residential)

*Both events are completely free of charge and GROWS will cover the cost of food and all activities. If transport is a barrier, let us know as alternative options can be explored. GROWS work hard to meet the needs of all students, if you have any concerns, please give us a call. If your child is not feeling confident in attending, we can arrange for a previous attendee from their school to chat to them or have a conversation directly. We can issue an advance agenda for peace of mind, visits to site etc. \*Please note, priority places will be given to those students who meet certain criteria.*