

Sixth Form Bulletin

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"THE BEAUTIFUL THING
ABOUT LEARNING IS THAT
NOBODY CAN TAKE IT AWAY
FROM YOU."

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TERM DATES: Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

GENERAL NOTICES

Wednesday Strike Day

Thank you to all the Sixth Form students who responded so well to expectations on Wednesday to either attend lessons that were running, or stay on site to use the study facilities for independent work. The smooth running of the day was made easier by their responsible attitude and conduct, with lanyards at the ready. This was particularly helpful for the reception staff who had to monitor their arrival and departure throughout the day.

Lockers

We have a number of spare lockers for Sixth Form use located outside the study room. Students need to bring in their own padlock and let Miss Alonso know the number of the locker chosen.

YEAR 12 NOTICES

In - class assessments

These are now complete and we hope that students have taken advantage of this opportunity to test their revision strategies and work under timed conditions. They should be using feedback to adjust their working methods, using independent study time to prepare for the end of year exams.

Early Entry university applications

A reminder to those students involved that we have visitors from Peterhouse College, Cambridge University on Friday 10th February Period 1 in room 040. Those students should let their teachers know in advance if they are missing a lesson to ensure they have details of the work covered. A register will be taken to let teachers know where they are. It would be worth doing some research beforehand and be ready with any questions.

House Assemblies

A huge thank you to all those presenting house assemblies to other students in the rest of the

school this week. It can be a daunting experience to speak in front of a large audience and students did themselves proud in managing this and hope that it has helped develop their confidence in public speaking and presentation skills, as well as inspire younger students to take part.

Unifrog Learning Platform

Students have been using tutorial time this week to investigate a number of opportunities to develop their wider understanding through the Unifrog tools such as the Geek out section, Subject guides, Read, Watch & Listen, Moocs etc. either linked to their subject areas or career aspirations. Tutors will be checking their progress on these activities next week.

Parents- do have a look at this platform with your child, as there is a wealth of information to support next steps after Sixth Form.

Work Experience

Year 12 students will be sent a google form next week to notify us when they have secured a work experience placement for the last week of the summer term, **17th- 21st July 2023**. Once we have employer details we will be in contact with them to ask for details of the placement and confirmation of insurance details. We need to do this well in advance to ensure students have valuable and appropriate placements.

If any parents have contacts with workplaces that would be interested in offering placements to any of our students, we would love to hear from you.

Year 12 Google Classroom information room

Students should be reminded to keep checking this google classroom as plenty of opportunities are regularly posted to help with future aspirations whether to do with careers, apprenticeships, university courses, open days etc.

YEAR 13 NOTICES

Subject Stars

Congratulations to our most recent subject stars in Year 13.

Computing	Sanam Joshi	PE	Joel Kodua
Art	Alisha Khan	Sports	Shay Van Breda
Chemistry	Kacey Batt	IT	Kesar Samra
English	Grace Collison	Psychology	Lubna Tadmuri
Product Design	Jack Havard	Economics	Oliver Broadway
Food Tech	Chloe Neocleous	Photography	Emily Burgess
Business	Orpheas Nikopoulos	Physics	Luke Powney
Biology	Delphine Ville	Geography	Rasleen Punni
German	Katie Ginger	Maths	Wemi Adebajo
		Media	Jason Godden



Mathematics Education Innovation

The MEI taught Data Science course is aimed at Post 16 Mathematicians and covers the following aspects of Data Science:

- Domain knowledge (the importance of understanding the context you are working in)
- Exploratory data analysis
- Presentation of data and visualisations
- Modelling with data and machine learning

It is a demanding course that requires pupils to complete practical assessments and an externally assessed exam through 12 online lessons delivered on a weekly basis. The area of Data Science is a developing field of potential employment and the skills that pupils' delivered by taking part in the course will be beneficial in their future studies and careers. Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who successfully completed the course:

Luke Powney
 Anas Sheik Al Ard
 Lucas Taylor
 Oliver Broadway
 Oliver Edwards
 Rana Singh

Progress checks issued

Year 13 paper progress checks were issued in tutorial time this morning and are also available to view digitally via Edulink tomorrow. Students will be reflecting on these progress checks next week and setting targets for the forthcoming term. Well done to Year 13 - good routines and revision are really paying off for the majority of our students as we enter the final few weeks of term.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school has been a concern in Year 13 over recent weeks. Students need to be on the school site for 08:30 and in registration every morning. Students who are consistently late to school will be placed on a punctuality report and those who are of concern will be requested to complete a CSS on a Friday after school. Punctuality to registration allows students time to plan for their day ahead supporting good organisation and productivity.

Year 13 Assessments 20th February 2023 - 7th March 2023

Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised. The assessment calendar and revision topics will be shared with students on Monday 6th February.

Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications. Students should receive replies about offers by **18 May 2023** and all decisions need to be made by **8 June 2023**.

Students do NOT need to make a firm or insurance choice until the deadline of 8th June meaning they have time to consider their options.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Students receiving no offers

This is a rarity, however some students may find themselves in a position where they do not receive any offers. If this is the case, we as a sixth form team are here to support the students in their next steps. You can read further information on this here.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing/what-clearing-plus>

Student Finance

Student Finance opens at the beginning of March and it is recommended that students apply early. More information can be found on the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

Key dates:

Friday 3rd February: Year 13 reports issued

Thursday 29th June 2023: Year 13 Prom