



Sixth Form Message

We were extremely impressed and proud of our Year 12 students and how they conducted themselves during the UCAS Discovery Trip. The students all remembered to greet and thank the coach driver, who meets lots of students on his travels, and commented on how our students were the nicest he had seen. I know, as a parent, sometimes it can seem that you're talking to a brick wall, but I want to reassure you that you are raising extremely polite and caring young adults.

The trip was a valuable opportunity for students to realise that not all universities are the same, to explore overseas opportunities, and dive into the range of options available to them. Several students left the trip requesting an early careers meeting to help them narrow down their next steps. The trip came at a perfect time, as it helps students to focus on achieving the grades required for their preferred universities or apprenticeships; it aided their understanding of UCAS points and how they influence university/course choices. Furthermore, it helps motivate students to fully dedicate themselves to their studies and solidifies their understanding of the importance of enrichment studies, such as EPQ or Further Maths. Please do encourage your child to explore their next steps by using the UCAS websites and also Unifrog.

Our Year 12 work experience is on the horizon, which again will help students solidify which post 18 path is right for them. Students have already been busy arranging placements and adding these to Unifrog. We do have a list of contacts from previous years, so if students are struggling to find anywhere, please come and ask Mrs Schumann or myself. It doesn't matter if a placement is in the exact industry a student wants to work in. The transferable skills that students will develop through this experience are invaluable, and students will be able to reflect on these when making applications next year.

Our Year 13 students are now entering the final countdown to the start of the exam period, which commences in 7 weeks. Teachers have been supporting students with their revision and some students are in the final stages of their coursework. We know that this period can be a stressful time for students, especially as university and apprenticeship places depend on achieving the desired grades. In PSHE sessions this term, Year 13s have looked at exam stress and ways of dealing with the pressure. We have put links on the following page to support websites and encourage students to read the advice from [Young Minds](#) on exam stress. As always, if you are concerned about your child, please do get in touch so we can work together to support them.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG.\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)

KEY DATES

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th May A Level art and photography exams
Monday 12th May 2025 Exams begin
Monday 9th June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

COMING UP

Year 13 Connolly Foundation - deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday 3rd April

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)
Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)
- [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

STUDENT NOTICES

Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn

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EXAM INFORMATION

Please use [this link](#) to find information on when your exams are taking place

REMINDER

All students must sign in and out of Sixth Form. There are several ways to do this... you can use the chromebook on my desk or scan the QR code on your lanyard and use your phone.

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