



### Sixth Form Message

In assembly today, we took a moment to celebrate how far we've come this year, and there was so much to celebrate, it was hard to condense all our amazing successes into just one presentation! Having a full Sixth Form cohort has been incredibly rewarding and we've seen our students grow in confidence, leading to numerous successes in both personal and academic growth.

Academically, we are absolutely over the moon as we issue the final reports to Year 13s this term. They truly reflect the dedication and hard work of our students, and it's evident in the fact that the majority of them have either met or surpassed expectations - well done to everyone!

We had fantastic news today that 3 of our chemistry students received awards at the RSC UK Chemistry Olympiad where over 16,000 Year 12 and 13 students took part. This is an amazing achievement as they were only 4 months into their A Level chemistry course when they took part and the Olympiad papers cover the entire course and then some! Well done to Chloe H and Shahir, who gained Bronze awards, and Henry for receiving a silver award.

Mr Sale, Head of Juniors, brought in treats for the students who have been helping the Yr5s and 6s with their reading and handwriting interventions, as well as for those who organised the Valentines Disco. We also celebrated the numerous fundraising events the Sixth Formers have organised, resulting in over £600 being raised for charity since the start of the year. Please take a moment to engage with your child and celebrate all the activities they've been involved in. Encourage them to pause, reflect, and give themselves a well-deserved pat on the back. Let's head into the next term with even more enthusiasm, energy, and determination to make it the best one yet!

With just four weeks before the start of exam season when our year 13's will be sitting their final exams, there is an air of excitement mixed with nerves as they approach the finish line. Our students must believe in themselves; apply the time and energy in a disciplined way and take pride in how they have reached this point. This is the time to believe in themselves. There is still time to put in the extra and secure the grades we know you are very capable of! Our Year 12's will also be sitting some exams and should adapt the same mindset; practice the art of consistency coupled with discipline and self belief. Good luck to all students with their exams. To find out more information about the school's exam timetable please refer to the exam information section found on page two of this bulletin.

When we return after the break we will also be focusing on securing work experience placements for our Year 12. Many of our students have already secured great placements. Please do encourage your child to start approaching businesses. We use unifrog to manage placements, which makes it a very simple process for prospective employees.

## 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...](#)
- [Student finance](#)

## SUPPORT

### Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

Mental Health Support: [Kooth](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

Vaping: [Childline](#)

Delete social media: [BBC](#)

Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)

### Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

## KEY DATES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May A Level art and photography exams

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Exams begin

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Yr12 Mocks

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

## COMING UP

Student Finance applications are now open. To assist you, please click on the link provided: [Student finance - when to apply](#).

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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](#)

## 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.

## STUDENT NOTICES

### Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn

Please do follow this page on LinkedIn where you will find a wide range of degree apprenticeship opportunities and more!

### Explore Forage

Find the perfect job simulation or short course to build your skills and get noticed by recruiters.

### Job Simulations

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