



Sixth Form Message

We are looking forward to welcoming the Year 13s back into normal lessons after having completed their January mock exams. Teachers are busy marking their papers, ready to provide essential feedback that students can work on over the next few months in the run up to their summer exams. We have been impressed how students handled the two week mock period with maturity and determination, and hope students have been developing good revision habits. Art and photography students still have their exam to come and we wish these extremely talented students all the best. We are looking forward to seeing the amazing pieces of art they create, as we are always in awe of their abilities.

Apprenticeship vacancies are starting to appear on Unifrog and we have several students that are interested in pursuing this route after Sixth Form. We have Cathy Eckett, an expert in the field, coming into school to talk to our students on Wednesday 22nd January at lunchtime. If students in both Year 12 and 13 are interested in finding out more, they can sign up using the link to Google Form overleaf and on their Google Classroom noticeboards.

We are also organising a trip to the Excel centre in London for Year 12s to visit the UCAS discovery event on March . The UCAS Discovery event is the perfect way for students to choose which university or apprenticeship is right for them and will provide attendees with the opportunity to discover all their options under one roof. UCAS can help students find out about traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more. We would like to take the whole Year 12 cohort and more details will be sent out later this week.

Year 12s should also be trying to find work experience placements for the week 30th June to 4th July. We have already seen students sign up to some interesting placements and the valuable skills gained through this experience can be used in Year 13 to support university and apprenticeship applications. Once students have secured a placement, they should record this on Unifrog so the appropriate paperwork can be sent out.

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](#)

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

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 22nd January: Year 13 Art and Photography Mock

Wednesday 29th January: Holocaust trip Periods 3 and 4

Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip

Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening

Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 & 13 UCAS Discovery

Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

Sixth Form Early Closure P5 - Yr 12&13: Monday 20th January 2025 ,
Monday 9th June 2025.

COMING UP

- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- Junior School Valentine's Disco - Thursday 13th February

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STUDENT NOTICES

Degree Apprenticeship Opportunity

We are in the process of arranging for an expert to visit our Sixth Form and speak with students about degree apprenticeships. If this is a route you are thinking as a possible next step, please complete the form below:
[Degree Apprenticeship - Opportunity to find out more](#)

KS5 Wider Reading Programme - deadline January 24th

A reminder to students who have engaged with the programme and are very close to achieving an award. Please ensure you read all 15 texts by the deadline.
7 students have already received an award - well done!

Bedfordshire Police Work Experience

Great news! Bedfordshire Police have their Work Experience week the same as ours! If you would like to do your work experience with the police force, please read the posters on the Google Classroom noticeboard. If you need help with your applications, please ask.

Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship

If you are interested in a solicitor degree apprenticeship with Wedlake Bell, there is a useful webinar coming up to help you with your applications etc on Wednesday 5th February 2025 4.15-6pm

EXAM INFORMATION

Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place