

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

Holy Mary, we turn to you with humble hearts asking that you present our prayers to your son, Jesus. May your intercession bring us the grace and blessings we need.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 23rd May 2025

News and Reminders

Change is upon us!

Congratulations to all our Sixth Form students for their continued efforts throughout the term. What a half term it has been. Year 13 have been on their final push and focused on their exams. Most have been with us for the past 7 years and we will truly miss them all. We saw off our Year 13 students with a most wonderful leavers mass and look forward to celebrating with them at Prom on the other side of the exams.

As they transition to study leave, exams and contemplation of big changes ahead, we welcome Year 12 to step up, stretch their legs and now embrace taking on the responsibilities that come with being the most senior pupils in the school. This term we have launched UCAS Hub with Year 12, working with all students to access and populate sections of the platform that begins their journey of, "where to from here?" This has been complimented by inviting past BGN Sixth Formers to present to our current cohort on how their Sixth Form studies influenced their pathways into their current careers. It has really demonstrated to all of our students the link between what they are doing now, and how this REALLY DOES create options in the years ahead.

Finally, the May Half term is traditionally a special half term at BGN as Year 12 students undertake their pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting community members of the Diocese of Birmingham. This year we have 32 students taking part and they have been busy training, upskilling and fundraising which culminated in a sponsored 17km walk "The Rosary Ramble" through the Oxfordshire countryside (Please see photo and info below). We wish you all a safe journey and look forward to hearing about the life changing experiences you encounter.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Half Term
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Lourdes Trip
Monday 2nd June – Return to School – Week A
Monday 9th June – Year 12 Futures Conference Including at 6pm
Student and Parent/Guardian Information Talk on Student Finance
Friday 20th June – Sunday 22nd June – Year 12 Biology Trip
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June – Year 12 Work Experience
Thursday 26th June – Year 13 Prom
Friday 4th July – Inset day – School Closed
Thursday 10th July – Sports Day
Tuesday 22nd July – School closes at 12:30pm for Summer

Any past students interested in raising awareness of careers, pathways and the motivation of our current cohort should contact Mrs Rebecca Russell on RRussell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk or telephone BGN reception on 01295 264 216.

Useful Links

As always, please check your school email address regularly. A lot of important and useful information is sent out to you this way.



[Lloyds Banking Group: 1-day Workplace Etiquette Work Experience](#) [May 27th](#) or [May 28th](#)

Want to feel confident stepping into the world of work and have something impressive to add to your CV?

Join Lloyds Banking Group for a 1-day virtual work experience designed to give you a real edge in today's job market, this is your chance to gain career-ready skills that employers are actively looking for.

Date: Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th May 2025 10:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Online (link provided upon registration)



[Insight to St. James's Place: 1-Day Work Experience](#)

Thursday 29th May 2025

St. James's Place is one of the UK's largest advice-led wealth management firms, managing over £190 billion in client assets. With more than twenty offices across the UK, they offer outstanding graduate, apprenticeship, and internship opportunities for future talent.

During this transformative experience, you'll **uncover** how leading financial advisers shape the financial futures of their clients, **step into** the world of high-level investment management and strategic financial planning, and **gain** powerful insights from industry experts on how to build a standout career in the world of finance and wealth management.

Date: Thursday, 29th May 09:30am – 3:30pm

Location: Virtual (link provided upon registration)



Our taster days are a perfect intro to our degrees in Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics.

Take a seat in our studios and be taught by some of our expert tutors using industry software

Get a feel of what it's really like to study at Escape Studios

Meet other students who are interested in the creative industries

Find out if your chosen discipline is right for you.

Wednesday 9th July 10:00am - 1:00pm (BST)

6 Mitre Passage, North Greenwich, London, SE10 0ER



Coventry University Health Discovery Fair July 2025.

Proudly presented by School of Health and Care. This event is designed to showcase our Health and Care courses and to connect students with our talented teams and partners.

Here's everything you need to know:

Dates to choose from:

Thursday, 10th July 2025


Friday, 11th July 2025

Monday, 14th July 2025


Tuesday, 15th July 2025


Wednesday, 16th July 2025


 **Time:** 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM


 **Location:** Alison Gingell Building, Whitefriars St, Coventry, CV1 5FB


What's Happening:


 **Engaging Course Sessions:** Dive into inspiring and focused sessions that showcase our Health and Care courses

 **Interactive Activities:** Roll up your sleeves and take part in fun, hands-on activities designed to make learning both practical and enjoyable

 **Explore Modern Facilities:** Discover the cutting-edge resources and spaces that make Coventry University the perfect place to grow your skills

 **Connect with Academic Staff and current students:** Get valuable insights into career pathways and receive guidance from our experienced and supportive team

 **Vibrant Student Interaction:** Our current students will be on hand to meet you and share their experiences

 **Meet our Practice Partners:** Meet with key employers from local hospitals and trusts and develop your understanding of possible career paths.

Please email Mrs Russell if you are interested in attending this event with your preferred date

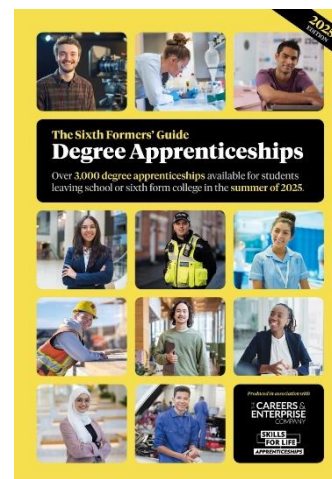


Virtual Work Experience with Springpod

Get stuck in with immersive and informative virtual work experiences with leading employers such as the NHS, Barclays, and Airbus. These incorporate real workplace activities – from observing a live surgery to designing a lunar landing module – and the chance to speak with, and hear from, industry professionals.

The Degree Apprenticeship Guide

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is the new A-Z guide to degree apprenticeship employers in the UK. Produced in partnership with **The Careers & Enterprise Company** and the **Department for Education**, the guide explains how degree apprenticeships offer a work-led, debt-free route to a university degree and a graduate job. It features inspiring interviews with degree apprentices working in different industries & sectors, expert guidance from degree apprenticeship employers, and showcases many of the top degree apprenticeship programmes available in 2025.



Young Professionals connect students with thousands of companies that offer Apprenticeships and Virtual and In-Person Work Experiences through apprenticeships.co.uk. Young Professionals also host [industry events](#) in STEM, Law, and Business & Accounting and [digital practice interviews](#).

Summer Schools

Universities offer summer schools for Year 12 students, to give you a taster of university life and what it's like to study at university. Local universities include Warwick, Reading and Birmingham, you can check directly with universities you are particularly interested in or you can search 62 summer schools/residential events [here](#) via UniTasterDays
Booking deadlines are approaching fast.



Check out The Uni Guide Podcast for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode,

E41: Mental health at uni – what to know before you go

Listen to this and all previous episodes [HERE](#).

Browse 659 exciting events listed on UniTasterDays for students, with more being added daily. Including open days, subject taster days, information fairs on studying abroad...Your next university adventure awaits! Check them out [HERE](#)

Explore various university subjects through the dynamic [webinar platform](#), featuring the UK's first video subject guide. You can browse the videos, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

The Students' Guide to University is your all-in-one free brochure for essential university guidance. Packed with insights from university experts across the UK.
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Summer 2025 Work Experience Opportunity

Join an InvestIN Summer Experience.

These programmes offer hands-on experience at some of the most exciting industry locations across London, giving you the chance to explore what your future workplace might look like.

They also offer accommodation in London, where you will be able to stay at UCL Halls of Residence. The programmes are now over 85% full, and registration is already closing for the most in-demand options. You can explore all available summer schools and register your place [here](#).



The **universal** destinations platform.

Webinars:

- Mon 2nd June 4:30pm - [Inside the mRNA vaccines: science that saves lives](#)
- Mon 2nd June 5:30pm - [Neuroscience taster: how does the nervous system work?](#)
- Tue 3rd June 4:30pm - [Criminology and forensic psychology taster: understanding why children kill](#)
- Tue 3rd June 5:30pm - [Interactive marketing taster: celebrity branding and cancel culture](#)
- Thur 5th June 4:30pm - [Where can a degree in psychology take me?](#)
- Thur 5th June 5:30pm - [Where could a career in construction take me?](#)



The Youth Voice Census is your chance to share how you feel about school, work and life. Your answers will be used to help inform real-world change to make your experiences better.

Depending on the answers you give, the survey can take between 20 and 40 minutes to complete. You can start and stop as many times as you like, saving your progress as you go!

Complete [the census here](#).

OPEN DAY CALENDAR

[Search the Opensdays.com calendar of university and college open days](#)



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TASTER DAYS

- [Lincoln College Subject Study Days: August](#) To apply, see website with [the outline programme](#).

Student Finance Calculator

The Student Finance Calculator is now open for students starting university in September 2025.

Mansfield Public Talks

Recordings of past Mansfield Public Talks can be found on Mansfield's YouTube channel, [here](#)

Attacks on Knowledge

Friday 30th May 5:30pm - Richard Ovenden OBE

Richard Ovenden, Keeper of the Bodleian Library, discusses the long history of the deliberate destruction of knowledge, and the social importance of preserving it, looking through the lens of libraries and archives as institutions established by society to support the preservation of and access to knowledge.

He will look across 5000 years of history, and examine the current digital domains of knowledge and the ways in which control of society is increasingly exercised through control of knowledge in digital form.



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[A New Sky](#)

Professor Chris Lintott

Wednesday, 28 May 2025- 19:00

[Astronomy](#) [Science](#) [Physics](#) [Technology](#)



[From Machiavelli to Nietzsche: How Modern Thinkers Saw Ancient Lawgivers](#)

Professor Melissa Lane

Thursday, 29 May 2025 - 18:00

[Rhetoric](#) [Philosophy](#) [History](#) [Politics](#)



[Blind Spots & Bad Decisions: Why We Fall for Financial Traps](#)

Professor Raghavendra Rau

Monday, 2 June 2025 - 18:00

[Business](#) [Finance](#) [Psychology](#) [Economics](#)



[Lawgivers in Modern Revolutions](#)

Professor Melissa Lane

Thursday, 5 June 2025 - 18:00

[Rhetoric](#) [Politics](#) [Modern](#) [Law](#)



WE ARE AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

A leading organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits.

Discover resources in the [student zone](#) and the [parent and carer zone](#)

HTQs COURSE LISTING

Explore this brand-new resource which lists all the Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) available across the country, organised by subject area with course levels, provider locations and links to the provider websites.

[HTQ Course Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

MEDICAL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITES




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Lourdes Trip Donations

Support our Year 12 Lourdes Group by making a donation through the school shop [here](#). Scroll down to select the Voluntary Donation. You can then donate between £1 -£20. (Once in your basket you can use the reference **Lourdes Group** in Child's Name section and Year12

The trip will be happening over the half term, but the fundraising will continue and any help you can give is very much appreciated. We accept donations online, via instructions above, cash and cheques.

And, of course, do pray for them as they will for all of us!



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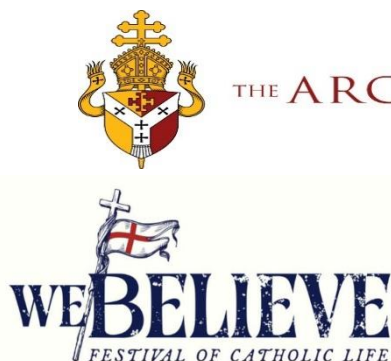
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Lourdes Group Sponsored Walk



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM

[WeBelieve](#) is a celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, from **Friday 25 to Monday 28 July**.

This festival is a bringing together of Catholic ministries and creatives from across the UK to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, with a celebration of Catholic life.

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