



**‘Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1:8**

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week ending Friday 19th November 2021

### This week's news and reminders

**Lateral flow tests:** these will need to **continue** until further notice. Please remember to test twice weekly on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening. Please ask for a new box if you need one. Boxes are available in the LRC

**Extended Project catch up lessons:** Mrs Harris is running EP catch up lessons in the LRC every Tuesday after school from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. The sessions are available to all students from any EP class.

#### A few dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – tutor group and whole sixth form photographs
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive: Y13 mock exams
- ~~Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June~~ – Year 13 Prom !!
- Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive: year 12 work experience

**16-19 Tuition Fund:** please see attached details of how this fund will be administered in the 6<sup>th</sup> form

**New items have been highlighted in pink.** Please refer to previous weeks' bulletins for more ideas you can explore.

### Year 13: to do list

1. **Hold the date:** All going well Covid-wise, the Whatley Hall has been reserved for the 2022 Y13 Prom! Prom will consist of a 3-course waiter served meal and disco. It is always a wonderful event and we do hope that all Y13 will get their glad rags on and join us! Tickets will be c£35/40 depending on what 'extras' students would like on the evening. We will require a £10 deposit before Christmas to confirm the booking with the hotel and reserve a seat. More details to follow.
2. **Yr13s** – please complete the quick **Survey Monkey questionnaire (Yes/No)** so we have a clear picture of your individual future plans: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLCCT9C>



3. **Parents asked several questions about UCAS and/or Apprenticeships during Sixth Form Parents' evening.** Students who are interested in apprenticeships will usually send in a university application as well (as a back-up).

**University route: Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Research UCAS Hub; Unifrog and Subject leagues tables:

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

#### What you need to do

- Search for subject & universities on Unifrog
- Go to open days: <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>
- Select 2/3 Russell Group universities and 2/3 non-Russell Group as a safe insurance choice
- Write Personal Statement – email Mrs Ellul for help
- Do extra reading from: Read, Watch, Listen on Unifrog
- Super-curricular ideas at TED Talks
- Update CV for jobs at university
- Check cost of accommodation at shortlisted universities
- Calculate how much student loan student may get based on family income:  
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>
- Talk to form tutors and Mrs Ellul

**Apprenticeship route:** Some apprenticeships for Sep 2022 will be available now, but most appear in the new year. Research <https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/vacancies/> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/top-100-apprenticeship-employers-announced>

#### What you need to do:

- Get email updates from government website
  - Check Unifrog (it has daily updates)
  - Practice online tests
  - Write covering letter (Personal statement starting with facts about employer)
  - Update CV to upload on apprenticeship application
4. **Reminder re privilege passes:** application form attached

### YEAR 12: to do list

1. Year 12 Work Experience will take place this year from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to encounter the world of work, explore job sectors you may like to work in the future and gain valuable experiences to be able to write about in your personal statements. In previous years students have gained work experience in education, law, technology, business, finance and more. Many students have even travelled abroad to undertake their work experience! Aim high and apply to as many companies as possible. Please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible
2. The Cambridge University Sixth Form Law Conference was founded over forty years ago to give Year 12 students who may be interested in studying Law at degree level a balanced view of the Law, both as an academic subject and as a profession, and also to offer an insight into life as a Cambridge undergraduate. [www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com](http://www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com)
3. Robinson College Access Program: Robinson College at Cambridge University are running an online scheme aimed at preparing students for university. The Year 12 strand will focus on academically-selective universities: what it's like to study at them, preparing to apply for these universities, and support in developing study skills and subject interests." The program is for UK state school students. You can sign up here [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9RDbdraRHqOD7cG](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RDbdraRHqOD7cG) until 17th December.
4. InvestIn Summer Experiences: Immersive activities, site visits, 1:1 career coaching and networking sessions; all tailor-made for ages 12-18. Students simply cannot find this anywhere else. Highlights include:
  - Law: Argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court

- Investment Banking: Trade the stock market in a City skyscraper
- Engineering: Explore a Boeing jet with aerospace engineers
- Medicine: Shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- Psychology: Attend clinical patient consultations
- Tech: Experience robotics and artificial intelligence
- Places are highly limited. Students can use code SUMMER15 for 15% off before December 31st. Watch this introductory video: [InvestIn Education](#)

### Everyone to do list!

1. Get Revising brings you ongoing revision techniques on [How to study effectively](#)
2. Earn while you learn: Apprenticeships virtual careers fair featuring 30 national employers from 6th to 10<sup>th</sup> October – check it out at [Careers fair](#)
3. A reading treat: Short, insightful articles which draw on current scholarship, often on really eclectic subjects. Recent articles include Architecture in James Bond films, the physics behind Karate and solar-powered sea slugs. Ideal for Y10 - Y12 students who are looking for simple, short starting points to explore their interests! <https://daily.jstor.org/>
4. Super-curricular suggestions: Strong applicants to competitive universities tend to have explored their chosen subject through wider reading outside the classroom, as well as doing very well in their GCSEs and A-levels. We call this sort of exploration ‘super-curricular’, as it builds on and enhances what you are studying in school. We do not expect you to pay for this sort of exploration and have endeavoured to provide resources that are mostly freely available. [Podcasts, Articles, Films](#)

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