



‘For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.’ Daniel 6 26-28

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.

EP deadlines: Please see attached list of deadlines for EPQ

A few dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 30th November – tutor group and whole sixth form photographs
- Friday 10th December: EPQ catch up day most students to work on their EP from home for a day of intensive study on one subject alone
- Monday 17th Jan to Friday 21st inclusive: Y13 mock exams
- Thursday 30th June – Year 13 Prom !!
- Monday July 4th to Friday July 8th inclusive: year 12 work experience

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

Year 13: to do list

- **Reserve your place at Prom:** Don't forget you need to click onto parent pay by the end of next week and pay £10 deposit to secure your ticket for prom.

- **UCAS BGN deadline – 10th December:**

We are now 3 and a half weeks away from the Christmas break, and the UCAS deadline is looming. If you are applying for a university place, I expect most of you to send off your application **before 15th December** – and if you want to enjoy offers for Christmas, send it off sooner!

Applications received after the 10th December may get delayed due to the Christmas break, followed by the busy mock exam period in January, so you would be risking your application not to be processed in time.

What you need to do:

- Finalise your personal statement - send it to Mrs Ellul or one other teacher to check it
- Complete your 5 university choices
- Attach your personal statement and pay UCAS for the application – the application comes onto the BGN platform for checking. Then Mrs Ellul will check through your application, attach your academic reference, and send it off to the universities.

- The **Advanced Maths Support Programme** (AMSP) supports students in making the transition to university study in mathematics and related subjects. They are offering a free online course designed specially to support students who have studied A level Mathematics and are progressing to an undergraduate degree course this autumn until. This is a free online course supporting year 13 A level Mathematics students to make the transition to university study: <https://amsp.org.uk/news/he-transition-course>. Also, Oxford's MAT livestream 2021 is on every Thursday at 17:00 <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/matlive>
- **Allied Health Professionals**: Course details at <https://www.iseethedifference.co.uk/course-finder/>
- **Interested in studying at a university in London?** Hear from leading institutions and find out which one could be the right choice for you. Sign up for a Unifrog Webinar on Monday 29 November @ 18:00 UK time at: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-uk-universities/359-study-in-london>
- **Investin STEM and Medicine Summer experiences**: https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-stem-summer-experience?mc_cid=a998c0fdf8&mc_eid=329687d356
- **Apprenticeships fair**: UCAS/Discovery on **30th November** <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-apprenticeships-fair-404796>
- Some ideas of **how to look for a football* apprenticeship** (*change the key word for your area):
 - Set up an alert with the word football* on this site: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
 - Check out the names of the Top 100 apprenticeship providers: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f903559e90e072c9fdb3dff/top-100-apprenticeship-employers-2020-list.pdf>
 - Companies offering sports apprenticeships: [Sports Apprenticeships](https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-530440)
 - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-530440>
 - Do google searches with 'Warwickshire apprenticeships' or other nearby counties

It's about trawling through websites until you find what may suit. **Level 4 apprenticeships are quite rare**, so it's a good idea not to rely solely on finding one at the end of Year 13 and applying for a university place as well – you can reject your place in August if you find the right apprenticeship for next September.

Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK Register with this website to get updates on all available apprenticeships nationally

YEAR 12: to do list

- **Yr 12 checking out university options**: When I googled 'oxford university events for year 12' I found really interesting stuff that applies to super-curricular knowledge that would be great in

personal statements **for ANY university!**

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/events-calendar>

- **Doing your research for Post-18 ideas:** Try googling this one! It has even more stuff for Year 12s! 'Birmingham university events for year 12'. Be adventurous – add taster sessions, masterclasses, summer schools, open days to your searches – for any university that you may be interested in.
- **Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK** Register with this website to get updates on all available apprenticeships nationally
- **Yr12s News from Oxford University:** A resource hub for a wide range of ages is available at: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources>
- **New free short online courses** – they help you decide what path is interesting for you, and you can write about this in your personal statement: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

Everyone to do list!

1. Get Revising brings you ongoing revision techniques on [How to study effectively](#)
2. 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/>
3. 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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