



Lord, teach me how to live a life that reflects who You are. As I grow in my faith, provide a community where we can teach and support one another to live out Christ's model for living well. Amen.

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week ending Friday 21st Jan 2022

This week's news and reminders

PSHE in tutor time: As we begin the slow return to normal, we have been able to extend tutor time and therefore have more time for our PSHE programme. All students will now be undertaking a programme of Personal Social Health Education and Relationship and Sex Education, and this will mostly take place in Thursday and Friday tutor times. This term each Thursday year 12 are focusing on their options post year 13 and starting their careers guidance programme and year 13 are exploring money management including budgeting, loans, tax, student finance etc. On a Friday students will start their RSE programme and we will be covering topics including consent, healthy and unhealthy emotional/physical relationships, contraception, unplanned pregnancy.

Safe Drive Stay Alive: normally we take all students to the Thames Valley Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation but unfortunately this year and last year it had to be cancelled. We are very lucky that, through a connection with one of our current students, we are able to take part in the pilot programme being offered by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue service. This is an interactive presentation that aims to make young drivers and their passengers more aware of the risks of the road and it is an important part of our PSHE programme. The presentation will take place during period 4 (Y13) and 5 (Y12) on Wednesday Feb 2nd, attendance is expected, and students will not be allowed to go off site when it is their allotted presentation.

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

Unifrog: *Staying Positive Webinar* runs from 5:00 – 5:45 pm on Monday 31st January
We can all find it difficult to stay positive sometimes. This webinar will give you the chance to hear from an expert on how to build your mental resilience, an essential skill for both the workplace and life!

And don't forget Unifrog's [Skills & Enterprise Week](#) from 31st January to 4th February! There is the chance to win a grant to run your own enterprising event at school, would Lord Sugar hire you? They also have lots of resources and information available to boost your employability. Click the link and boost your potential earnings!

Careers interviews: We are pleased to tell you that the careers adviser is in school weekly and available for one-to-one careers interviews. Students who would like an appointment with them should e mail Mrs Harris and ask her to book them in. Once you have booked an appointment please make sure you attend!

A few dates for your diaries:

- Wednesday 2nd February Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue service Road Awareness presentation.
- Friday 18th February School closed to all staff and pupils. Holiday in lieu of June Queen's Jubilee bank holiday.
- Thursday 30th June – Year 13 Prom.
- Monday July 4th to Friday July 8th inclusive: Year 12 work experience.

Welcome to our new section on the Supra-Curriculum!

From now on there will be a new section in the bulletin listing, mainly online, resources that encourage students, and those blessed with an enquiring mind, to extend and deepen their knowledge and understanding of subject areas. Aimed at both years, these suggestions come from subject teachers so guide you to reliable sources to broaden research and pique interest in your chosen topic. Doing this enables students to attain the higher grades, they really impress university admissions tutors but most importantly can help to sustain (or re-ignite) a passion for chosen fields of study!

Recommended this week...

What's happening in Business?

How does high inflation affect you?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/business-60061936>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-60050699>

Mega merger

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-60022163>

Takeover

<https://www.tutor2u.net/business/blog/microsoft-to-buy-activision-blizzard-for-69m>

Ped in action

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jan/07/riverford-raises-price-veg-boxes-costs-soar-across-the-board?fbclid=IwAR2nooliwvRh44kgB39BqLiKJxFytr2mSb5KkV2PDfeG1OfM19irOjRdbY>

Marketing strategy, external environment and theme 4 cultural/social factors

https://www.bbc.com/news/business-59976598?fbclid=IwAR0F2rrhIKcOwPdRHd-h2BgAujEPbtUe7kB5HMy147wsdi4u0bZirMAiY_M

Chemistry:

TED Talk

The galactic recipe for a living planet

https://www.ted.com/talks/karin_oberg_the_galactic_recipe_for_a_living_planet#t-14857

Did you know that one of the most notorious poisons is also a key ingredient for life as we know it?

Join space chemist Karin Öberg and learn how she scans the universe in search of this paradoxical chemical using ALMA, the world's largest radio telescope, to detect hotbeds of molecular activity and the formation of life-sustaining planets.

History and anyone interested in Politics/current affairs:

Podcast

'Americast' which focus on the political situation in USA. These two episodes focus on the murder of a black jogger: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0b67c55> and bias in the judicial system:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0b4wwt9>

Also the series <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p07h19zz> is great fun and really interesting!

Psychology wider reading/watching:

British Psychological Society – Research Digest blog

<https://digest.bps.org.uk/2021/02/23/belief-in-conspiracy-theories-is-associated-with-lower-levels-of-critical-thinking/>

TED talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KYU2j0TM4> The power of introverts | Susan Cain
Podcast

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09tmsp8> - BBC Radio 4 – All in the mind – ‘The kindness test’. Claudia Hammond and guests discuss what kindness really means. What happens in our brains when we act kindly? Is there a role for it in the worlds of business and politics?

Para estudiantes de español:

Escuchar con frecuencia el español (por ejemplo en la radio, la tele o en Youtube) te dará confianza con tu propia habla española. También te vendrán más fáciles las pruebas auditivas porque estarás más acostumbrado/a a reconocer las pronunciaciones distintas y las palabras que oyes.

Así que te recomiendo esta serie de podcasts:

<https://www.spanishlanguagecoach.com/>

Puedes subscribirte a esta serie para no perder ningún episodio. También puedes descargar (o leer en línea) una transcripción de cualquier podcast que te interese. Los podcasts exploran varios temas, incluso los temas que has estado estudiando como parte del curso de español.

¡Aprovéchate!

Of general interest, especially Drama and Media:

Mansfield Public Talks from Mansfield College, Oxford are free and open to all. The next talk is on Friday 28th January at 5:30pm entitled ‘Enacting Intimacy’ with Ita O’Brien, the world’s leading intimacy co-ordinator and founder of Intimacy On Set, whose credits include *Normal People*, *Sex Education*, *It’s A Sin* and *I May Destroy You*. This will be a fascinating talk on the ethics, aesthetics and politics of portraying sex on stage and screen.

Year 13: to do list

- For those taking Spanish Mr Jones has asked that you **read the chapter from the Spanish history textbook on Spain’s “Transition to Democracy – 1975-81”**. **Highlight vocabulary you don’t know.**
- Yr13 UCAS applications:
Deadline is Wednesday 26th January (late applications may be considered if there are spaces on the courses)
Go to applicant days before you decide on Firm and Insurance
Student Finance opens late Feb/early March
Accommodation details will appear on the university websites
Please read your emails about making changes to your application, and the 14 day cooling off period
- Please ensure you are following up with Mrs Ellul. And remember it’s not too late to start the application process, you’ll be cutting it fine, but it is still possible to keep all your options open.

YEAR 12: to do list

- **Year 12 Work Experience**
Please see the letter attached regarding year 12 work experience and a list of possible employers to help students find placements.

- **Taster webinars from Unitaster:** These webinars allow students to find out more about what to expect on university courses, why they may wish to consider them, application tips and careers. There are 100's of subject introductions available. [Search all webinars.](#)
- **Yr12 Science opportunities:** Summer school, virtual open days, neuroscience talks, and funded foundation year at Birmingham University: [In2Science](#)
- **Yr12 Study music at BIMM (British & Irish Modern Music Institute) and start your dream career in music.** You can order your BIMM prospectus at: [BIMM prospectus 2022-2023](#)

Everyone to do list!

- [How to study effectively](#) Follow the link to access practical tips, techniques and resources that will help.

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