



We pray for those who need guidance and help through the day. May they use their time productively working towards a positive future for themselves, their communities, and the wider world. May we use the teaching that Jesus Christ has given us to inform our school day and every day of our lives.

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week ending Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

### This week's news and reminders

We were grateful this week to have speakers come into school to hold sessions with the Students.

On Tuesday Mr Ortega, our Adviza representative, worked with a group of students discussing apprenticeships and CVs (Please see attached PowerPoint). We had some students take the opportunity to book follow up one to one sessions with Mr Ortega, these appointments are open to all students and can be arranged through Mrs Harris.

On Wednesday we had a very engaging and thought-provoking talk from the Oxfordshire Fire Safety Team. Looking at what we think it is to be a good driver and, very interestingly, what it is to be a good friend and the effect that can have in keeping people safe on the roads. Look out for a bumper sticker coming home next week to support the 'It's Not Worth The Risk' campaign, highlighting the fatal four.

On Friday we had a presentation from National Citizen Service for Yr11 and Yr12s on the program they offer young people in the community. Follow the link to find out more  
<https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs>

Next Tuesday is *Safer Internet Day 2022* which is a global day to 'promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively'. We will be using some of their resources next week with students and there is advice for parents/carers and young people on their website: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

**Apprenticeships:** What do Coca-Cola, British Airways, Vodafone and the NHS have in common? They're all dying to meet you at [National Apprenticeship week](#) from Mon 7 Feb to Fri 11 Feb 2022

**Opportunity in Banbury:** A company have approached BGN directly to see if any of our students would be interested in applying for a STEM apprenticeship as a Lab Technician for a local company. Please follow this link if you are interested: <https://www.tiro.co.uk/app-vacancies/bam-nuttall-banbury-laboratory-technician-level-3/>

**InvestIN** are delighted to announce events in a *Success Beyond School* series for 2022. These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. There are 5 fantastic seminars this term, including topics such as 'how to help your child choose their career' and 'how to inspire young women to become entrepreneurs.' These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.  
[https://investin.org/pages/parent-events?mc\\_cid=331f78d8ea&mc\\_eid=31afdc5164](https://investin.org/pages/parent-events?mc_cid=331f78d8ea&mc_eid=31afdc5164)

**Online Medical work experience:** [Ward round live](#) and [A&E live](#) are two courses which may interest students who want to study biological and medical sciences. Follow the links to find out about course content, costs and dates.

**Careers in medical research:** We have been running a series of careers talks 'Have you thought of a career in Medical Research?' for almost a year now. These run from 4pm-5pm and can be watched live by students and are later uploaded to YouTube. Each talk features three different people from Medical Research Departments in the University of Oxford talking about their careers. The next three talks are 2 Feb, 8 March (International Women's Day) and 6 April. More information and registration links can be found here: <https://www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/get-involved/schools>

#### **A few dates for your diaries:**

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February School closed to all staff and pupils. Holiday in lieu of June Queen's Jubilee bank holiday.
- 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.

#### **Welcome to our section on the Supra-Curriculum!**

This is the 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...

#### **FEBRUARY AT GRESHAM COLLEGE**

Click this [Watch Now](#) link to choose [LECTURES BY SUBJECT](#) or see below for particular highlights available over the coming weeks.

#### **THE MATHS OF PROPORTION IN ART, DESIGN AND NATURE *Sarah Hart***

*Monday 7 February 2022, 1pm Museum of London / Online*

[Register Now](#)

#### **INFECTIONS WHICH USE THE RESPIRATORY ROUTE *Chris Whitty***

*Wednesday 9 February 2022, 6pm TBC Museum of London/ Online*

[Register Now](#)

#### **PROKOFIEV THE SOVIET ARTIST *Marina Frolova-Walker***

*Thursday 10 February 2022, 6pm LSO St Luke's / Online*

[Register Now](#)

#### **THE OIL SHOCK AND NEOLIBERALISM *Martin Daunton***

*Tuesday 15 February 2022, 1pm Barnard's Inn Hall / Online*

[Register Now](#)

#### **EXPLORING THE DEEP SEA *Kerry Howell***

*Tuesday 15 February 2022, 6pm Barnard's Inn Hall / Online*

[Register Now](#)

#### **THE EVOLUTION OF CANCER THERAPY *Eleanor Stride***

*Wednesday 16 February 2022, 6pm Barnard's Inn Hall / Online*

[Register Now](#)

## Digital Resource Hub

The University of Oxford has compiled the best of its digital resources into a [Digital Resource Hub](#) to support learning and exploration. They can help parents and teachers to feed the curiosity of growing minds and inspire them to think broadly. These resources can also enable older students to explore their passions and interests further, and to discover more about Oxford.

The University of Oxford [Computer Science reading list](#) compiles a list of useful books, resources and activities that can help you understand and explore Computer Science.

### Mansfield Public Talks:

#### **Where is the Centre of Gravity? Public Service in Fractious Time with Sir Ian Blatchford**

Sir Ian Blatchford reflects on navigating the choppy waters of 'public service' in times of fiscal austerity, Culture Wars and Covid 19. **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm**

#### **Surviving the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Tom Fletcher CMG**

Tom Fletcher, former foreign affairs advisor and British Ambassador to the Lebanon, discusses his new book, Ten Survival Skills for a World in Flux. **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm**

Sign up [www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks](http://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks)

### **Highlighted by [netsixthform.co.uk](http://netsixthform.co.uk) for those interested in Biology:**

Wonders of life with Brian Cox - [click here](#)

Horizon documentaries with Michael Mosley - [click here](#)

Biology Ted Talks - [click here](#)

Our Secret Universe: The hidden life of a cell - [click here](#)

Incredible medicine: Dr Weston's Case Book - [click here](#)

Visit [www.netsixthform.co.uk](http://www.netsixthform.co.uk) for more subjects, more resources and more ideas.

## Year 13: to do list

Mercifully short to do list by recent comparison, so make sure you're following up on the suggestions above!

**For Year 13 UCAS applicants:** Attend applicant days to find out more about the universities you applied for and the course itself. Sometimes, universities may give you a reduced offer after you attend.

## YEAR 12: to do list

**Year 12 Residential summer school in Oxford: UNIQ Oxford (in person) – applications now open – deadline 7 February 2022** UNIQ is Oxford University's flagship access programme for UK state school students. It features loads of online support to help you make a strong application, and currently includes a residential in Oxford where you'll get to spend time in the Physics department working with academics and students and stay in one of the colleges. It's an amazing opportunity, and I strongly encourage anyone who is eligible to apply. The deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> February, so apply soon! It shouldn't take more than about 10 mins, so is well worth doing.

You can find more information on the UNIQ website: <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/> including the application form, details about who is eligible, and more information about what the programme involves.

## **British Bangladeshi and Pakistani Year 12 Access Programme 2022**

**Dates: February to October 2022**

**For: Y12 UK student from a British Bangladeshi or Pakistani background or mixed race with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage**

In order to help improve representation of British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students at top universities, Jesus College is supporting students from these backgrounds in making competitive applications to universities like Oxford. This online programme will run from February to October and includes a variety of information sessions, panel discussions, application support sessions, Q&As, academic lectures and competitions. Spaces will also be offered to teachers and parents/guardians. We look forward to working with our colleagues across the University of Oxford to deliver an exciting programme of events for 2022!

**The deadline for applications is Sunday 13 February 2022**

**Full details at: <https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/access-outreach/british-bangladeshi-pakistani-programme/>**

### **Everyone to do list!**

**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

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