

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

“Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed”, Blessed Mary, let us never forget to trust in your love and guidance, helping us to live our lives as a pilgrim church on the move, growing ever closer to your son, Jesus.
Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 25th September 2026

News and Reminders

Thank you to all of you who attended the Sixth Form Information Evening on the 15th of September. Slides from the evening have been emailed home to all Year 12 families. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Sixth Form team.

16-19 Bursary forms are available via the website or from Mrs Russell in the LRC. If funding school equipment, travel or food is proving difficult, please do not struggle in silence.

Well done to all our Year 13 students for getting through the Early Assessments this week. It's been a lot, especially for those supporting Open Events, Promo Videos or Interhouse Competitions, but you've done it! Now you can build on what have learnt from this experience to make sure your study habits are helping you to feel fully prepared for your remaining months in Sixth Form and ready to reach your highest goals.

Don't forget, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages on Monday 28th September, and we are extending the scope of celebrations worldwide. Students are welcome to wear colours or an item of clothing that represents and honours their chosen language / country.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th October – UCAS Early Application Deadline

Tuesday 6th October – 6th Form Open Evening

Friday 9th October – Inset Day

Thursday 22nd October – Prizegiving

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October - Half Term

Friday 6th November – BGN Day

Friday 13th November – UCAS Application Deadline

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.

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

UCAS & UNIVERSITY



Applying for UCAS Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry (6pm deadline 15th October)

1. Thursday 10th September: Students give or email first draft personal statements to tutors
2. Thursday 17th September: Tutors return feedback on first draft to early applicants
3. Thursday 24th September: Students hand in final draft to tutors
4. Thursday 1st October: Tutors return final draft to tutees
5. Early applicants complete and pay for UCAS application by 8th October

Applying by the Equal consideration deadline, students need to follow this timeline:

1. Thursday 8th October: Students give or email first draft personal statements to tutors
2. Thursday 15th October: Tutors return feedback on first draft
3. Thursday 22nd October: Students hand in final draft to tutors

Half Term Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

4. Thursday 6th November: Tutors return final draft to tutees
5. **All applicants complete and pay for UCAS application by 13th November**

Check your courses, in case you need to apply to sit admissions tests such as LNAT for Law.



University League Tables 2027

Our 2027 league tables rank the best universities in the UK, overall and in 74 subject areas, and allow you to compare universities ahead of starting university in 2027

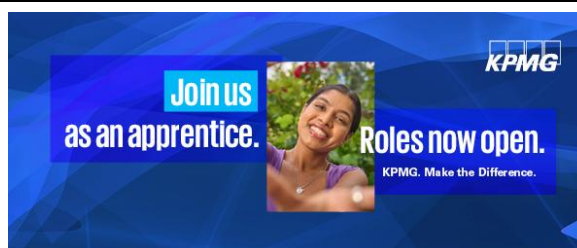
EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

KPMG's 2027 apprenticeship programmes are now open

Audit, Tax and Corporate Services · £25,500–£28,000 starting salary.

KPMG have opened applications for their 2027 apprenticeship programmes in Audit, Tax and

Corporate Services — school leaver routes into a Big Four firm, where students earn a salary from day one and study towards a professional qualification or a degree with dedicated study time built into the working week.



Buro Happold is a world-renowned, international engineering consultancy with a strong focus on creating sustainable, inclusive, and innovative solutions to complex built environment challenges.

Virtual Careers Fair: Early Careers Employability Workshop

Date: Thursday 22nd October. Time: 4.30pm to 5.45pm. Registration Link: [Virtual Employability Workshop](#)

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This interactive session is designed to support students in developing key employability skills and exploring exciting career pathways, particularly in STEM. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain insights into the world of work, learn about careers in Engineering, enhance your career readiness, and engage with professionals in a supportive, inclusive environment.



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Department of Veterinary Medicine

VetCam 2027 - Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th March 2027

A two-and-a-half-day residential programme for Year 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University. The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students. Places are only available for students studying Chemistry A Level with predicted grades of A*/A. To view a provisional programme for the event and for more information, please visit [here](#).



LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

[Insight to Lloyds Banking Group](#)

Tuesday 6 October · 5pm–6pm · Online · Free

Your first step into banking and finance
One hour inside Lloyds Banking Group — and first access to eight in-person Saturday events at their offices.

Clifford Chance

[Insight into Clifford Chance Law Firm](#)

Friday 9th October · 5pm – 6:30pm · Online · Free

One of the world's leading law firms. 34 offices, 23 countries — plus their in-person events and work experience, explained.

Deloitte

[BrightStart Apprenticeships and Work Experience at Deloitte](#)

Wednesday 7 October · 5:00–6:30pm · Online.

Start your career at one of the world's largest professional services firms — straight from school.



National Energy System Operator

[Higher Apprenticeship · No degree required](#)

[£30,000 a year to become an engineer. No degree. No debt](#)

Warwick Location

NESO run Great Britain's entire electricity system. You earn while you learn, study towards a Level 4 HTQ in Engineering at NESO's partner college with travel paid, and work alongside real engineering teams on Britain's energy system. Finish successfully and you are considered for a permanent Power System Engineer role



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Sunday 27th September from 9am - 1.30pm
- Saturday 3rd October
- Sunday 4th October, 9am - 5pm, focusing on Pain

Management and Mental Health

Students and parents can register for free at this link: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>



For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

- Saturday 26th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

[https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-](https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/)

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[The Journey to Your Future: Can Rail Get You There – On Time, On Budget, On Track?](#)

Explore how data can help the rail industry make better decisions and keep journeys on time, on budget and on track.

Thursday 10th October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Students will:

- Join a **45-minute virtual briefing** with the Project ROUTE team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Receive a **certificate on completion**
- [Register now!](#)



[NavigATE 2026/27 Webinar Schedule](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships' NavigATE 2026/27 webinar schedule, now featuring new evening sessions, is perfect for parents and carers. Kick off the new term with 'Understanding apprenticeships' on 24th September, 'Job search support, claiming benefits and opportunities' on 7th October and a series of 3 sessions through October, November and December that cover key elements of securing an apprenticeship



Medical opportunities for students aged 14–18 and considering careers in medicine or healthcare:

- London 1 Day Medical Work Experience (Anatomy, A&E, Surgery, Radiology, Oncology and more)
- Free Future Doctors Weekend (On Demand)

Students can complete the course and obtain a certificate

[1 Day Courses](#), [Virtual Week](#), [Free Course](#)



Introducing the Bright Stars Scholarship

An exclusive university scholarship for future optometry students, offering £10,000 towards university costs. Register your interest and after you've applied for an Optometry course at your chosen university, we'll invite you to join us for The Bright Room. Following the event, we hope to match you with a local practice where you can work part-time and begin to learn more about Optometry. Then, when you start university, you'll receive £2500 each year, over the 4 years of your optometry course. When you finish university, you'll be a fully qualified Optometrist, ready to see where a career at Specsavers could take you. [Find out more HERE](#)



[Outlook Expeditions](#)

Learning experiences like no other – an all-encompassing preparation course for life.



STEM Learning's research placements are engaging, real-life workplace experiences. They take place during the summer holidays after Year 12 and consist of one to three weeks on placement, along with pre-and-post activities including independent study. Placements take place in a variety of locations including offices, museums, research centres, laboratories or fieldwork

settings. Students can take part in a placement at no cost.

Read the [guide for student applicants](#) here.



Delivered by top professionals, our Insight Days enable students to gain the foundations of an industry, try their hand at an interactive career simulation, receive career coaching and participate in a live Q&A session. Insight Days have two

intakes per academic year, with dates available on Sundays in November and March. Students can choose to attend the non-residential programmes in-person at UCL in London or live online (UK time zone).



STEM Club Heading into its third year running, STEM Club takes place on Thursday lunchtime in B17 from 1:50 to 2:05 pm. Students prepare a 5-slide PowerPoint and present it to their peers who ask questions at the end. A great forum for getting experience presenting on a topic they research.

SUBJECT TASTER DAYS & UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

OPEN DAY CALENDAR

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

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

Music at Mansfield: Of Birds and Beasts

Borislava Ilcheva and Jacob Benda

Mansfield College presents the sixth in its professional termly concert series on **Saturday 24**

October at 7pm.

Thanks to donations from an anonymous individual, and kind support from alumnus Mr Jan Fischer (PPE, 1987), these funded concerts are offered free of charge to the public, as well as to members

of Mansfield College. The concerts will be held in Chapel once a term, and are an hour in length, without interval.



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<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now>



[AI as Therapist? Intimacy Without Understanding](#)

Professor Matt Jones

Tuesday, 29 Sept 2026 - 18:00

[Artificial Intelligence](#) [Technology](#) [Psychology](#) [Society](#)

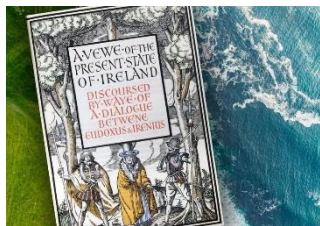


[Women of Bath and Willesden: Ordinary Women in English Literature](#)

Professor Marion Turner

Wednesday, 30 Sept 2026 - 13:00

[Literature](#) [Gender](#) [Society](#)



[Shakespearean England and Views of the Irish Language](#)

Professor Mícheál Ó Mainnín

Thursday, 01 Oct 2026 - 18:00

[Language](#) [Literature](#) [History](#) [UK](#)



[Our Sovereign Soil](#)

Professor Ian Mudway

Tuesday, 06 Oct 2026 – 18:00

[Public Health](#) [Environment](#) [Sustainability](#) [Society](#)

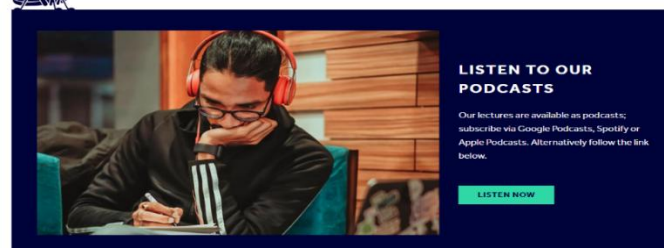


[What Do You Need a Mathematician For? Perspectives from the 17th Century](#)

Professor Volker Remmert

Wednesday, 07 Oct 2026 – 18:00

[Maths](#) [History](#) [Science](#)





[What Economists Really Do](#)

The University of Oxford Department of Economics' What Economists Really Do series is a free series of talks designed to inspire the study of economics by exploring some of today's most pressing issues.



Melvyn Bragg and his guests discuss the history of ideas - including topics drawn from philosophy, science, history, religion and culture



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Webinars:

- Monday 28 September 4:30pm - [Insider tips to make your personal statement unbeatable](#)
- Monday 28 September 5:30pm - [Could you get a lower university offer? Funding, support, and hidden opportunities](#)
- Tuesday 29 September 4:30pm - [Build a creative portfolio that gets you noticed](#)
- Tuesday 29 September 5:30pm - [Medicine and dentistry applications: beat your competition](#)
- Wednesday 30 September 4:30pm - [UCAS unlocked: complete guide to UK university admissions](#)
- Wednesday 30 September 5:30pm - [Tips for parents and caregivers: supporting your child's UK university application](#)
- Thursday 1 October 4:30pm - [Step into the Met Police: unlock your future in policing, PCSO, and specialist staff roles](#)
- Thursday 1 October 5:30pm - [Parent to parent: shared experiences on how the British Army funds university bursaries, paid internships, and apprenticeships](#)
- Monday 5 October 4:30pm - [On the frontline: unlocking your career in healthcare](#)
- Monday 5 October 5:30pm - [Turn your passion for the planet into a career](#)
- Tuesday 6 October 4:30pm - [Can your creativity become a career?](#)
- Tuesday 6 October 5:30pm - [Decoding finance careers: real routes, real careers, real advice](#)
- Wednesday 7 October 4:30pm - [Engineering careers: build the future and solve real world problems](#)
- Wednesday 7 October 5:30pm - [What parents and caregivers need to know about apprenticeships](#)
- Thursday 8 October 4:30pm - [Unlock your potential: find where you belong in the British Army](#)
- Thursday 8 October 5:30pm - [Explore your pathways: where could studying psychology take you?](#)
- Thursday 8 October 6:30pm - [Parents and caregivers session: supporting your young person's journey to higher education](#)

[The Woman Engineer Podcast](#)

This podcast is hosted by Inès, Lauren and Sarah, three engineers with very different journeys through chemical, aerospace and nuclear engineering. Their introductions cover what sparked their engineering journey, the power of mentorship and asking questions, why it's okay to take unexpected career turns, how transferable engineering skills are across sectors, pushing outside your comfort zone and staying curious.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Virtual Work Experience – February half term

Dates: 15th to 19th February 2027

Times: 9.00am to 12.30pm each day (TBC)

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This live virtual event invites students who are interested in a career in STEM to gain hands on experience. Throughout the week there will be a series of workshops that are aimed to not only give students an introduction to core engineering disciplines, but also across business services such as marketing and finance, this is to develop a wide understanding of our industry.

We also include site visits to bring engineering to life.

At the end of the week the students are tasked with producing a concept design presentation for a current project. Our Young Employees Forum (YEF) take the lead with arranging the week. The

YEF are a community group of young Buro Happold employees who come together for socials, sports, networking and knowledge-sharing. Be prepared to have some fun. Application link is not open however please share the expression of interest link below and we will inform students via email once applications are open.

Registration Link: [Virtual Work Experience Expression of Interest](#)



Interested in STEM?

EDT delivers a range of programmes and tailored activities for companies supporting young people at every key decision-making point throughout their educational journey.

Industrial Cadets is a widely recognised, accredited awards scheme providing industry-based experiences on pathways through education to employment.

Together, with our partners we collaborate and unite, inspiring young people to discover the exciting world of STEM, creating a funnel of diverse early talent interested in entering the STEM industries, answering the needs of key growth areas.



[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.



VIRTUAL MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications, luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing.

Future Careers Experience



Future Careers Experience can be accessed at any time and at your own pace. This program is designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding of different roles and potential career pathways within Amazon whilst also helping you build employability skills. It includes activities related to the various career pathways and CV building.

UNIVERSITY ALTERNATIVES



STUDENT EVENTS, LIFE, ADVICE & DISCOUNTS



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

What should you study at university? Finding your subject | Episode 56

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

Browse 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.

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