

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found: call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unjust man his thoughts and let him return to the Lord and he will have mercy on him, and to our God: for he is bountiful to forgive, For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways my ways, sayeth the Lord. For as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are my ways exalted above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-9

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Y12 early assessment week
- Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y13 early assessment week
- 13<sup>th</sup> October: School individual photos – Please dress smartly
- Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y13 Progress Report 1
- Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y12 Progress Report 1

### Important information and reminders

- **16-19 Bursary Fund:** please see the attached information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund. Deadline for applications with supporting evidence is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Late applications cannot be processed as is explained in the letter
- **Words of advice and offer of support:** please see the attached letter from Mrs Batsel the School Nurse
- **Early assessment weeks:** See dates above. During these weeks all students will be set a formal assessment in all their subjects. This is to ensure that they are coping with the adjustment to A Level courses and are on the best individual study programme if they are in Y12. We also need to monitor and track student progress in case of the event of another lock down. Please therefore put these dates into your planner; make sure that you are fully up to date and discuss with your teachers any areas you need to focus your preparation on. These assessments will also inform the first Progress Report to parents.
- **Dress Code:** This week we have had a couple of complaints should we say 'have raised concerns' from staff about the shortness of some of the skirts 6<sup>th</sup> formers are wearing and the fact that they are far too revealing and therefore totally inappropriate to wear in school. The rule is that your skirt should be longer than your arm if you reach down your side. If unsure of BGN Sixth Form Dress Code requirements, please refer to page 9 in the student planner or the Sixth Form area on the BGN website.
- **Study Skills:** Last week in extended tutor time, we did a variety of study skills/adjusting to A level activities with year 12. The following You Tube clips are very useful on note taking and organisation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY9C4256gKw> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsR-10piMp4> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAhRf3U50IM> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V\\_a8NNiAOKg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_a8NNiAOKg)

### Year 12 Messages:

- **Hit the ground running:** Please make sure you are completing all work set both in and out of lessons in the lead up to the Assessment week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. These will be conducted during timetabled lessons and on content covered in their respective subjects so far.
- **Signing in and out:** Due to the more flexible student timetables because of the current pandemic students are reminded that if they are NOT in registration in a morning, they MUST sign in via the student lists located in the LRC. Furthermore, if they leave the school site before the end of the school day they MUST sign out.
- **Bulletin:** We send a Sixth Form bulletin out every Thursday via email. Please do read through it and the attachments. It is updated every week. Do read through the information contained in the year 13 section below. It will give you an insight as to what is expected of you next year.  
**Pathways to Law programme:** <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions/pathways-law> Past students have benefitted from this programme by having reduced grade university offers in law and other university courses. Applications are now open for the 2020/2021, Information on the selection criteria and application form can be found on [The Sutton Trust Website](#).

### Year 13 Messages:

- **Virtual open days are the way ahead;** please book a place as numbers may be limited. <https://www.opendays.com/>
- **Sign up for a virtual exhibition!** You have the opportunity to explore courses you're interested in and speak to universities and colleges from around the UK. By taking part, you can talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on applying through UCAS, and more. You have the opportunity to explore courses you're interested in and speak to universities and colleges from around the UK. By taking part, you can talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on applying through UCAS, and more.

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- Each event is dedicated to one of the following subject areas:
  - Business, law, and finance – 30 September
  - Biological and physical sciences – 16 October
  - Social sciences, humanities, and teaching – 23-24 October
  - Maths, engineering, and computing – 2-3 November
  - Creative subjects – 13-14 November
- **Subject taster days.** These are available through: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>
- **Examples of personal statements** may be a great inspiration, but please be aware to remain original as plagiarism will be picked up: <https://universitycompare.com/personal-statement-examples/>
- **UCAS application information:** This can be found on the VLE in BGN in BGN areas/Careers Advice in the folders with the Bulletins, Conference and Application process. Please email Mrs Ellul with any questions, or for feedback on your personal statement.
- **UCAS Early Entry:** Please email Mrs Ellul if you are applying to Oxford or Cambridge, for Med/Vet/Dentistry, and for Russell Group Universities (if you know exactly which courses and universities you are applying to). To prepare for this, please complete your online UCAS application and email Mrs Ellul a copy of your personal statement if you need any help. Completed and paid online applications for the early entry (15th October) are due by Monday 28th September for checking, attaching the school reference and then sending off to UCAS by the

school. It is possible that there may be more competition for university places after the unusual year we have just had.

- **UniTaster Tuesday Weekly Webinars:** Our impartial university guidance webinars have seen over 4,000 registrations to date and have featured approaching 100 university practitioners. They are continuing for the rest of year and provide a great opportunity for students to find out more about key university guidance topics and studying different university subjects. Students can book places on upcoming events and browse all the recordings from events so far at [www.unitasterdays.com/tuesdays](http://www.unitasterdays.com/tuesdays)
- **Applying to university for September 2021:** Please see the attached powerpoint presentation.
- **University of Oxford Virtual Open Days - Friday 18 September:** The University of Oxford will be holding a Virtual Open Day on Friday 18 September, including a programme of video content from the Department of Computer Science. We will have a number of videos available throughout the day from our staff and students, starting at 10:00 and finishing roughly around 17:00. Our academic tutors and students will be available throughout the day to answer your questions via live text chat. As soon as joining instructions are available, they will be posted on the Department of Computer Science website: [www.cs.ox.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/opendays) and on the University website: [www.ox.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.ox.ac.uk/opendays) Registration is highly recommended for the Virtual Open Days. Register to receive useful information about the event: [https://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/open\\_days\\_registration](https://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/open_days_registration)

**Undergraduate applications** -For all students wishing to apply to study on an undergraduate course starting in 2021 (or applying for deferred entry in 2022), the deadline is **18:00 (UK time) on 15 October 2020**.

It is very important that you submit a UCAS application form, *and* separately register to sit the Maths Admissions Test (MAT). Both have the same deadline: 18:00 BST on 15 October. We recommend that applicants submit their UCAS form and register for the MAT well in advance of the deadline, so that any last-minute problems can be resolved.

For detailed information on the application process please see: <http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/howtoapply>

- **University entrance tests:** Mrs Khabiri has sent home today via email an application form and information for any students who need to take an entrance test in November. Please note the deadlines – **BMAT – 30<sup>th</sup> September** and **all other tests – 12<sup>th</sup> October**. A copy of the application form is also attached to this bulletin.
- **University fairs and Virtual events:** Please explore the attached information sheet about free events. They will allow you to have a look at subjects and explore without the cost of travel!

If you have any questions relating to anything Sixth Form, please contact:

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