

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



You heal, You protect, You care, You love,
You guide, You govern, You are kind, You are patient,
You are thoughtful, You are strength.
You Lord are our Creator.

Amen.

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 11th September 2020

Dates for your diary:

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

Important information and reminders

- **Welcome back!** It is so good to see you all and thank you for adjusting so well and so quickly to the demands of our 'new BGN normal'. Hopefully now you all have your final timetable; a planner; access to the VLE and are using your BGN e mail address daily. If not please come and see Mr Thornton ASAP. We are disappointed that tutor time will no longer be compulsory for all of you and there are some who, because of your timetable and the new rules, are not in tutor time that often. Please if that is you, 'talk' to us via e mail, it is essential that we keep in touch with each other and that we are able to support you academically and pastorally. Your tutor, Mrs Ellul; Mr Thornton and Mrs O'Donnell are available every tutor time so please come in even if you do not have a lesson if you need to see us. In addition, Mrs O'Donnell is available most days again e mail her if you have anything you need to discuss and she will make a time to meet with you. Year 13, you need to start to show your personal statement for UCAS to your tutor and Mrs Ellul so please upload them to Unifrog and we will see them and then start an e mail conversation with us, again Mrs Ellul or Mrs O'Donnell will be able to make time to sit down with you and go through your statement with you. You just need to 'book' us!
- **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.
- **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=IY9C4256qKw> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsR-10piMp4> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAhRf3U50IM> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_a8NNiAOKg

Year 12 Messages:

- **Congratulations:** to all year 12 students for making a commendable start to their Sixth Form studies. We are happy that you have embraced the challenges of the new "norm" and adjusting to the blended learning of BGN Sixth Form.

- **Dress Code** : Just a reminder when you are on site for lessons you are required to meet the dress code expectations. Please see the BGN website for details.
- **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 21st September 2020.
- **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.

Year 13 Messages:

- **Virtual open days are the way ahead**; please book a place as numbers may be limited. <https://www.opendays.com/>
 - **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
 - **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 and on the University website: 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
- 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 – 30th September** and **all other tests – 12th 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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