

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Preach the gospel,  
when necessary, use words.

St. Francis of Assisi.

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Dates for your diary:

- 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

- **Pupil Leadership Team:** Please see the attached exciting information about our new PLT!!
- **Oxford Brookes news: Open Days - Saturday 3rd October and 21st November** - Our first Open Day of the academic year is next Saturday 3rd October with sessions running from 10.00-19.00, and a further one planned for Saturday 21st November. Please click here - [booking](#) It is open for both events, as well as the link to our Virtual Tours.
- **Black History Month 2020**  
Oxford Brookes is proud to be part of the annual celebration of Black History Month, joining universities, schools, local authorities, voluntary organisations and employers, with a programme of events and activities to highlight the history and achievements of BAME communities and perspectives on BAME inclusion. This year's events will all be streamed live on Zoom. Please refer to [this](#) if you would like to get involved.
- **Absence from school:** Just a little reminder that if your son or daughter is unable to attend a lesson, due to illness or an appointment, you must contact the absence line.
- **Unifrog Webinars:** This year Unifrog's **Global HE Week** (5-9 October) is supported by international applications consultants, The University Guys. As part of this, they are running a series of webinars for students. Each webinar is a one hour session and will feature speakers from top international universities. Please sign up below if you are interested at [https://www.dropbox.com/s/5apkdj20lzw50f8/UK-student-facing-webinar-series.pdf?dl=0&mc\\_cid=b3e998c45b&mc\\_eid=a1adb78c75](https://www.dropbox.com/s/5apkdj20lzw50f8/UK-student-facing-webinar-series.pdf?dl=0&mc_cid=b3e998c45b&mc_eid=a1adb78c75)
- **The OxLEP Skills - Calling all parents!** please have a look at this. Webinar will bring together local businesses to take part in a Webinar to help young people in years 11, 12 & 13 better understand their career options and the essential skills employers are looking for – sometimes referred to as employability or transferrable skills. They are a set of skills that virtually every job requires and which more and more employers are asking for. With the impact of Covid-19, these essential skills are more important now than ever before as businesses look to recruit young people who can adapt to changing business needs and economies. The Skills Webinar for students and parents will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm**. Please click on this link to register: <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-local-enterprise-partnership/> With a key focus on the 8 essential skills of Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork, businesses taking part in the webinar will talk about their sector/industry, the roles within it and the part these skills play in how they recruit young people. We will also look at Pathways Post 16 including Apprenticeships and Traineeships along with Higher Education routes. There will be the opportunity for students/parents/teachers/careers leaders to put questions to each business via a Live Chat and replies will be posted on the site. Employers confirmed include; Wilmott Dixon, Amey, Catapult, Royds, Withy & King Law Firm, NHS Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital, Integration Technology, Royal Air Force, Oxford Brookes University, Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial Construction, BAM Nuttall (EKFB), BMW Car

Manufacturer, plus a Business Coach, OxLEP Skills (Local Labour Market Information) and Skills Builder Platform.

- **Careers Adviser:** I am pleased to be able to tell you that our Career's adviser, Shona, will be coming into BGN every other Thursday starting next week and she will be exclusively supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> Form until Christmas. If you would like an appointment with her please let Mrs Lillis or Mrs Harris know and they will make one for you.
- **Medicine:** All of you are interested in becoming a Pharmacist or Doctor, please google 'Swansea University Clinical Careers Showcase – Virtual Event Series'. This gives you the link for free talks to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### Year 12 Messages:

- **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.
- **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:

- **Swansea University:** presents virtual sessions to prepare you for university. <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/som/schools-engagement/virtual-sessions/> The College of Arts and Humanities at Swansea University are holding several webinars for students to find out more about a variety of different subjects and they also have virtual open days soon. Students will have the opportunity to meet Academics, Colleagues and Student Ambassadors to discuss:
  - course content
  - where your degree can take you (Workplace skills and common careers - Employability)
  - Student experience - discuss with a student their experience of university including fresher's week and their societies experience
  - Q&A opportunity with recruitment staff and students.
- **UCAS Live and Virtual Exhibitions:** Right now, 73% of students applying to university and college are yet to decide their final choices. With many open days cancelled, students need more help than ever to get the facts they need to make informed decisions. To help, UCAS is hosting live, virtual exhibitions, dedicated to their interests. With advice on how to research options during the pandemic, writing personal statements, and student finance, it's your chance to get their questions answered by subject and admissions specialists.  
Go on the link to book your place  
<https://click.email.ucas.com/?qs=860995dd0c62e58f2944de8e50cfc046c1aea4c15d246e948d18a71728942e5749158a74660807210003c4f36f0213bad5c370f4847d1e67>
- **Apprenticeships:** For Apprenticeships in IT, Engineering, Accountancy and much more please visit <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/coding-week-poster-bundle/>
- **Aston University:** Undergraduate open day 3<sup>rd</sup> October. For further information, please visit <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/opendays/undergraduate>
- **UCAS applications:** Let Mrs Ellul know if you are planning to apply to UCAS by the 15th October deadline. The internal deadline for completing the online application is Monday **5th** so the application can be checked for any errors or omissions - you only pay for it once you attach your personal statement - but you do need to complete all the sections and mark them as completed. Some students are assuming that their application needs to be ready on the 15th - if so, it risks missing the early deadline!

- **Engineering Apprenticeships for Sept 2021 intake:** The attached brochure gives helpful information about apprenticeships at MGTS. They are aiming to open their applications for Monday 26th October 2020 to start their recruitment for September 2021 intake. A virtual tour will be announced later.
- **Choosing 5 universities:** Have a look at university leagues tables to ensure you are aiming high, and that your insurance choice is not too far down the list for your subject. <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings> and <https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2020/sep/05/the-best-uk-universities-2021-league-table>
- **Subject taster days.** These are available through: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>
- **Examples of personal statements:** These may be a great inspiration, but please be aware to remain original as plagiarism will be picked up: <https://universitycompare.com/personal-statement-examples/>

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