

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Lord Jesus, you promised to be with your people always,
and so we know that you are with us in good times and bad.
Nothing that ever happens to us can separate us from your love.
Help us always to be positive in our attitude,
that we may seek and find the best in people and in situations,
and so draw good out of all that happens to us.
Amen.

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 25th September 2020

Dates for your diary:

- 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

- **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 6th 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.
- **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
- **Financial Information:** – **Worth a watch!** Martin Lewis presented a 'Financial Education Special' on 10th September which is available now on ITV hub. It is aimed at all ages but suitable for year 12 and 13 as it covers budgeting together with mortgages and savings.
- **LRC:** Whilst needing to ventilate the LRC because of Covid 19, please bear in mind that it will be much cooler in there than normal. With this in mind, please remember to wear warmer clothing.

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:

- **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.
- **SUN Parent Hub: Virtual Higher Education Day** :The Southern Universities Network is delighted to invite parents of any of your students considering university – to attend the very first SUN Parent Hub Virtual Event! Aimed at the parents of young people aged 16-18, the suite of digital talks and workshops are taking place on Thursday 1st October from 3pm-7pm. Featuring a host of 20+ live and pre-recorded sessions, the event is designed to provide you with everything you need to know in order to support young people to make the next steps toward their future in education and work. Alongside expert speakers from the region's most prominent Higher Education Providers, we are also excited to announce that Baasit Siddiqui from the popular television show GoggleBox will feature as a keynote speaker. Attendance at the event is FREE, register NOW: <https://sun.onlineopendays.com/>
- **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>
- **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 will be able to explore courses you are interested in and speak to universities and colleges from around the UK. You can talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on applying through UCAS, and more. Visit https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition?sort_by=search_api_aggregation_1
- **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/>
- **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.

- **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.

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

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