

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away,
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices

Saint Teresa of Avila.

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 16th October 2020	
Dates for your diary:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week beginning 19th Oct: Y13 Progress Report 1• Week beginning 9th Nov: Y12 Progress Report 1	
Important information and reminders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual UCAS taster event dedicated to specific subject-areas so you can get all the info and advice you need: UCAS futures in science – 16 October UCAS futures in social sciences, humanities, and teaching – 23 & 24 October UCAS futures in maths, engineering, and computing – 2 & 3 November UCAS futures in the creative arts – 13 & 14 November Please apply through: https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition• UK University and Apprenticeship search: They will be hosting 10 Webinars on Wednesday 4th November from 12pm to 6pm. The event is completely free of charge, and open to students in Year 12 and 13. Webinar topics include: Choosing a Course, Personal statements, Studying in Scotland, Higher and Degree apprenticeships, Life at University, Introduction to creative careers, Why study at a business school, Student finance, and Why choose an apprenticeship? Details of presenters and times are found on the following link: https://ukunisearch-london.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable• UniTasterDays: There are lots of events listed in many different subject areas. Please visit this link https://www.unitasterdays.com/Search.aspx?MILES=99999&PC=OX169HY• 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.	
Year 12 Messages:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Scholars applications now open: The deadline for applications is 6th November 2020. Consisting of four events (virtual or on-campus), the Reading Scholars programme will give Year 12 students an insight into the Higher Education environment, experience of a range of academic sessions within their chosen strand (14 strands in total, including a Law strand this year for the first time), and the opportunity to receive mentoring support from one of our current students studying a subject related to their strand. The Reading Scholars programme is particularly beneficial to those considering applying to the University of Reading due to the following benefits for those completing the programme:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Guaranteed conditional offer or invite to interview if applying to University of Reading○ Two grade drop on most courses where made an offer from the University of Reading○ If University of Reading offer is firm choice, can apply for £1000 Reading Scholars bursary in first year	

https://www.reading.ac.uk/web/files/ta/Reading_Scholars_Yr12_Brochure_2021.pdf?dm_i=4R68,EMY9,XWCJ8,1PF4T,1

- **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:

- **Personal Statements:** If you need **help with your personal statement**, email Mrs Ellul a short paragraph about what you want to study, and what readings, MOOCs and podcasts you've experienced
- **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 3rd October. For further information, please visit <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/opendays/undergraduate>
- **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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