

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy

Amen.

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 9th October 2020

Dates for your diary:

- 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

- **School Photographs:** Please be at school by 9am prompt on 13th October and go to your tutor base as normal. For those students who are not normally in first thing on a Tuesday, this may be your only opportunity to have your photo taken or update your photo on Sims.
- **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>
- **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.

Year 12 Messages:

- **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:
 - 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:

- **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>
- **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!

- **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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