

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



A Prayer for the first week of Advent.

*All-powerful God,
increase our strength of will for doing good,
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,
where he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.
Amen*

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 4th December 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Friday 11th December - Year 11 Taster Day –Working from home day for all year 12 and 13 students** is 'Sixth Form Taster Day' when Year 11 students have the chance to experience a day in the life of a 6th former. For that reason, Year 12 and Year 13 are asked to work from home for the day. This is NOT a day of extra paid employment! It is a school day and should be spent on schoolwork. It is a perfect day to get into the zone and work on an NEA, your EPQ or something which needs extended concentration which is not easy to do in a study period. Deadlines are coming up so use this day to make a difference!
- **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

- **Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference – Year 12:** Exciting opportunity for current year 12 students who are interested in studying law. The 2021 Conference will involve a 2 or 3-hour interactive online session, of Law. The interactive sessions will **run between Monday 22nd March and Friday 26th March**. Applications open at **9am on Tuesday 1st December 2020**. This year, eligibility will be based on widening participation criteria. This will be students who:
 - Are currently or have ever been in local authority care
 - Are or have recently been eligible for Free School Meals
 - Have a self-declared disability
 - Would be the first in their generation to attend higher education Are recognised as a refugee or are a person seeking asylumApplications will close once we have reached a capacity of 800 and so we recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible. If this capacity is not met, applications will close on 31st December 2020. (<http://www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com>)

VIRTUAL TASTER DAYS

- **Birmingham University:** Birmingham University have announced extra flexibility for 2021 admissions - Given Covid-disruption, they are reducing entry requirements across their programmes by at least one grade on the typical offer. This is in addition to pre-existing reductions, such as those related to the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (where students get have their offer reduced by one grade with an A in their EPQ), the 'Pathways to Birmingham' programmes, and contextual offers. Visit Virtual Open days at Birmingham University on <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/how-to-apply/index.aspx>
- **University of Birmingham Open days:** These are being held virtually held on **Saturday 5th December** where there are many activities planned to help students learn more about what life is like studying at the University of Birmingham. **To register**, log onto <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/opendays/index.aspx>

- **UniTaster Tuesdays** - Online weekly university guidance webinars #UTDIAG. UniTasterDays in collaboration with HELOA are delivering impartial university guidance webinars at 12pm and 2pm every Tuesday. They have one key aim - to support students considering university to make informed decisions. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>
- **Virtual UCAS taster**: This event dedicated to specific subject-areas so you can get all the info and advice you need: Please apply through: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition>

POST 18 CAREERS

- **Engineering apprenticeship - Year 13s**: There is an exciting opportunity for a Level 3 Advanced Engineering Apprenticeship with an employer in Woodford Halse - <https://3pa.uk.com/> 3PA Limited is an established machinery company selling equipment into mostly the plastic processing industry and are starting to manufacture some of their own products. They are looking to recruit an in-house workshop apprentice who can graduate into a fully trained service engineer. To apply, please complete the online application - <https://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/>
- **Year 13 apprenticeship**: Hydac Technology Ltd design and manufactures a range of hydraulic products and have facilities in Witney and Charlbury in Oxfordshire. They have specialists in all areas including Electronics, Fluid Engineering, Accumulator Technology and more. They are looking to recruit an apprentice to join them in their Charlbury site for further information please visit <https://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/>
- **Apprenticeships**: For Apprenticeships in IT, Engineering, Accountancy and much more please visit <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/coding-week-poster-bundle/>

UCAS AND FINANCE INFORMATION

- **UCAS applications**: Keep working on your UCAS applications - please ensure you check your subject exam boards on your application.
- **Finance** -Information on eligibility and Loan payments/repayments can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- **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/>
- **Portfolio for interview**: Get advice and information about putting together a portfolio ready for interview visit <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/62341/portfolio-advice>
- **UCAS support from Sheffield university**: Please visit https://explore.sheffield.ac.uk/areas-of-interest/how-toapply?utm_source=Uni%20UK&utm_medium=Link%20from%20email&utm_campaign=November%20email

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- UNIFROG have just added **virtual work experience** opportunities to the Unifrog platform! Students can now search for virtual work experience placements at top employers around the world using the Special opportunities tool. Some of the FREE opportunities include:
 - **JPMorgan Chase** Investment Banking Virtual Experience
 - **Accenture** Virtual Experience Programmes
 - **Clifford Chance** Business and Human Rights Global Virtual Internship
 - **HM Government** Cyber Discovery Virtual Work Experience

Students can also find paid-for programmes such as InvestIN's Future Doctor Programme.

How do I find these opportunities?

The virtual WEX placements are all on the **Special opportunities tool**. You can find the tool in the 'Searching for opportunities' section of the Student homepage

OTHER INFORMATION

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