

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



*"The future starts today, not tomorrow."  
Pope St. John Paul II*

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 Taster Day** – This is likely to be a work from home day depending on the Covid 19 situation. More information to follow.
- **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 asylum

Applications 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 on **Saturday 28 November** or **Saturday 5 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>
- **University of Bath:** Please see the attached information to find out more and visit [www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/year-12-opportunities-2020-21/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/year-12-opportunities-2020-21/)
- **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>
- **University of Sheffield:** Throughout the months of November to December there will be lots of opportunities for students to join online subject specific Taster sessions such as Engineering, Social Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry and Health. These sessions will be useful to year 12 students also who are starting to think about post 18 options. For more information, please visit

[https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days?utm\\_source=experience&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=11967134\\_Schools%20Taster%20Session%20Email](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days?utm_source=experience&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11967134_Schools%20Taster%20Session%20Email)

- **Uni Taster Days:** De Montfort University talks have created a new resource for students. This bespoke student toolkit will cut through the noise, help students understand the process of applying to university and find out if university is right for you. Please visit <https://www.unitasterdays.com/common/ect.aspx?trackId=5&t=2&f=24&mid=7131&ds=06/11/2020&url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.dmu.ac.uk%2fstudy%2flive-stream%2findex.aspx>
- **Unifrog – Discovery Webinars:** A free webinar series starts this coming Monday on Liberal Arts & Sciences, Business & Management, Hospitality, Engineering, Psychology, Law, Creative Arts & Design, Computer Science, and Medicine. At each webinar students will hear from admissions staff and academics regarding what it's really like to study the subject at university. For further information, see the attached sheet.
- **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>
- **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>

## 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

- **University How to Guide for Parents, Carers and Guardians:** There will be a webinar session from Coventry University on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please visit <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/62321/a-university-how-to-guide-for-parents-carers-and-guardians>  
**Advice and Guidance on how you can support your child looking to go to University. Top tips delivered by the Coventry University Recruitment Team.**
- **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%20emaily](https://explore.sheffield.ac.uk/areas-of-interest/how-toapply?utm_source=Uni%20UK&utm_medium=Link%20from%20email&utm_campaign=November%20emaily)

## 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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