

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



*Lord, may I receive this day,
as much respect and encouragement,
and building up,
as I give to others today.
Amen.*

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 13th November 2020

Dates for your diary:

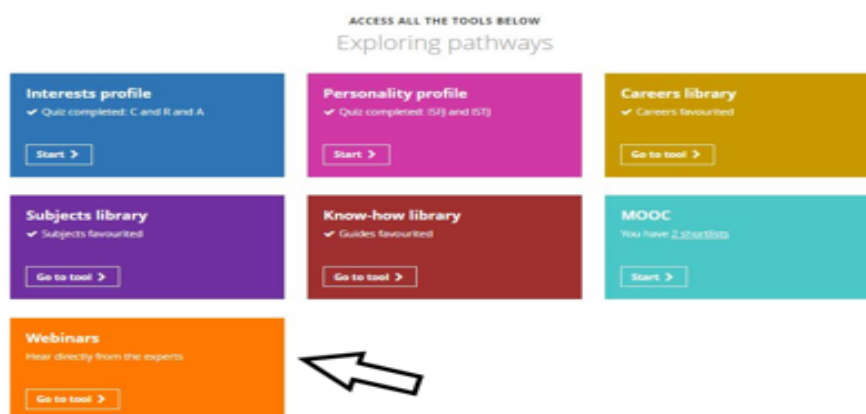
- Tuesday 17th November – This is an extra school photograph date for only those year 12 students who missed having their photo taken on 13th October. Please be at school by 9am and dress smartly.
- Parents' evening: Thursday 19th November 4pm until 6.30pm on TEAMS. Appointment times to be arranged with individual teachers.

Important information and reminders

- **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
- **University of Southampton:** They are currently offering lots of online events which students can take part in, such as the **Sixth Form Philosophy Conference** 7th – 11th December email phil-outreach@soton.ac.uk to register your interest , **The Human Worlds Festival** 12th – 22nd November please visit <http://www.humanworldsfestival.com/> , **European Security and Relations with Russia** – 23rd November <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roundtable-european-security-and-relations-with-russia-tickets-127853680801> you will need register for this event. There are also webinars and other interesting events taking place. For more information go to www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges
- **The October Parents' and Carers' Pack** looks at the differences between T Levels, traineeships and apprenticeships, dyslexia support, the BAME Awards 2020, apprenticeships in engineering, Top 100 Employers, Life as a mature apprentice with the NHS and much more
- **Unifrog:** Check out this new Subject Discovery Tool on Unifrog. Visit your unifrog homepage today!

New Webinars tool

Students can now sign up for **free Unifrog webinars**, directly from the student homepage. They'll find the new tool in the 'Exploring pathways' section:



When students sign up for a webinar, they can let us know if there's anything specific they'd like us to cover. They also have the option to be put in touch with the institutions and employers taking part to learn more.

- **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>
- **Online talk about Ecosystems** <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/62162/ecosystems-with-university-of-east-anglia-and-the-university-of-sheffield>
- **Virtual UCAS taster** 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>
- **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:

- **Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences:** BWAMS are hosting their annual Dr.EAM junior conference this year. It is a free outreach event aimed at year 12 students who are considering a career in medicine. Find out what a career in healthcare has to offer on **Saturday 28th November 9am til 4.30pm. Not to be missed.** Please see the attached documents for further information or visit www.bwams.co.uk
- **The Ambition Nottingham Post-16 programme** is now open for applications. This is designed for students who wish to progress onto Higher Education courses in a range of different subject areas. We offer support in choosing the right course, personal statement advice, general application support and understanding student finance options. We also aim to develop an understanding of what it is like to study at the University of Nottingham and there will be opportunities to hear from our current students and ask them questions. If students have further questions, they can [book](#) onto one of our Information Session on **Tuesday 17th November 5:00-5:30pm.** **Applications are now open and close on 4th December 2020**
For more information, the application form and full entry criteria, [visit](#) our website.

Year 13 Messages:

- **UWE Bristol:** Are you considering a career in Building Surveying and Project Management? It is a professional, chartered career, with excellent progression, international prospects and a varied work environment – from residential properties to Castles to stadiums and everything in between, making it truly exciting- but a career that students often aren't aware of. Please see the attached for further information.
- **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>
- **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>
- **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/>
- **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/>

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

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