

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



*In busy days of noise and action
And especially when my journey seems long
And my energy is spent –
Lead me to be still, Lord,
And discover anew
That you are with me
Amen*

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 6th November 2020

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 6th November – Please order your school photography by this date to benefit from free delivery to the school.
- 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.

Important information and reminders

- **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:

ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW
Exploring pathways

Interests profile ✓ Quiz completed: C and R and A Start >	Personality profile ✓ Quiz completed: ISJ and ISTJ Start >	Careers library ✓ Careers favoured Go to tool >
Subjects library ✓ Subjects favoured Go to tool >	Know-how library ✓ Guides favoured Go to tool >	MOOC You have 2_start5000 Start >
Webinars Hear directly from the experts Go to tool >		

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.

- **University of Northampton**- Please visit <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/community/schools-and-colleges/schools-and-colleges/> to view a wide range of virtual events happening soon or click on one of the headings below!
- **Our talks, sessions, and events**
We provide a number of interactive talks that can be delivered in your school or college, or virtually, throughout the year. New for 2020, we have a series of live virtual sessions and events taking place each week.
- **Online resources**
A number of our interactive sessions are now available as pre-recorded, online sessions, with supporting materials.
- **Personal Statement Feedback**
Getting the personal statement right is important. It not only supports your university application but is a reflection of yourself. For students who have completed our Personal Statement session and have their first draft ready to go we will give you some tips and feedback on where to improve. We can only give feedback on courses we offer to ensure we give relevant advice.
- **Register your interest**
Complete our easy online enquiry form to register your interest for future events and activities.
- **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:
[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>
- **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:

- **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:

- **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>
- **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/>

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