

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



*A Prayer for the second week of Advent.*

*Dear Jesus, you entered our world on  
Christmas as the Prince of Peace.*

*This Advent, as we strive to become  
the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill  
us with a deep and abiding peace.*

*Help us share that peace with  
everyone we encounter, especially  
Those who need it most.  
Amen*

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week Ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS



- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Working from home day.** Please remember that all Sixth Form must not come in to school tomorrow, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and should work from home.
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Please be aware that the school will now be closing at 1pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Christmas planner:** Students have been asked to complete a Christmas holiday planner, a further copy of which is attached. The aim of this is to encourage them to strike the right balance between having a relaxing break and being ready for school on 5<sup>th</sup> January. They use it to identify when they can work on homework / NEA / EPQ / consolidation / revision and getting ahead for next term. Thanks for your support with this.
- **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

- **OXBRIDGE: Physics Quantum Club**  
**When:** Starting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and running weekly until May Prof. [ALEXANDER LVOVSKY](#) will be running a Quantum Club which includes quantum tutorials, virtual lab tours, lectures with world leading quantum physicist and lots of homework! There is an entrance test for the course which takes place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.  
**Audience:** An opportunity for very keen A-level physicists with strong mathematical abilities  
**More information and booking:** Free event. More information and booking [here](#)
- **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>
- **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>
- **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>
- **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

- **All About Apprenticeships - December Parents' and Carers's pack** – In the December issue we look at volunteering, Post-16 SEND options, T Level subjects coming soon, apprenticeship award winners, Traineeships FAQs, Job coach support and more! Please click on the link above for more details and to view the December issue.
- **APPRENTICESHIPS- Year 13** - Engineering Trust Training Ltd specialises in Engineering Apprenticeships. They are notified annually of Apprenticeship vacancies and asked by employers to recruit their future Technicians and Engineers. An Advanced Engineering Apprenticeship can take up to 4 years to complete and disciplines range from Mechanical, Aviation, Electrical, Electronic Engineering to Design and Maintenance. **To apply.** Visit the Website: [www.theengineeringtrust.org](http://www.theengineeringtrust.org) and complete the on-line application form.
- **Apprenticeships:** For Apprenticeships in IT, Engineering, Accountancy and much more please visit <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/coding-week-poster-bundle/>



### UCAS AND FINANCE INFORMATION

- **Financial support for a degree in healthcare:** All students will receive at least £5000 a year to help them with their studies, and they won't have to pay a penny back. You can [apply here](#) if you have any questions, give them a call on 0345 6060 655 or email [advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk](mailto:advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk)
- **UCAS preparation Yr12:** Applications for the King's College London [Online Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series](#) are now open. There will be online lectures and they will also learn about the different elements of applying to medicine and dentistry including the UCAT, Personal Statements, and Interviews. Lectures will be held online on Wednesday's at 6-7pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2021. The first three lectures will take place on 03 February, 10 February, and 17

February. The remaining nine lectures will take place in Spring, Summer and in the run up to applications in October. For more information about eligibility criteria and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is **10:00 Monday 18 January**.

- **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](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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