



We pray, Lord, for all
who will need strength and courage
in the day ahead:
- for those who face danger;
- for those who risk themselves for others;
- for those who must make an important decision today;
- for people who are seriously ill;
- for those facing persecution or torture.
We ask you, Lord, to give them the power of your Spirit.
Amen..

Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week beginning: Monday 11th January 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Bursary:** We are now considering applications for Term 2 of the Bursary. Please see the attached information. Those students who were in receipt of the bursary last term will have already received an email. Please note that all applications should be submitted by email and the deadline is **Friday 15th January**.
- **Tutor time:** starting on Monday, tutor times will be live on the MLTV once a week at 9am as usual. Tutors will be in touch via the MLTV to let you know when your tutor time is. Assemblies will be recorded and sent out once a week on the message function of the VLE and Miss Smith will send out a prayer by e mail each morning. We will also be in regular touch by e mail as usual.
- **Important changes to the timetable:** Please see your email from Mrs O'Donnell about changes to the timetable.

WEEKLY WELLNESS TIPS AND IDEAS

- Well, here we find ourselves again. One of the great things about having to go through something a second (or third, or fourth...) time is you know what to expect, ways to do things better. One of the most important things we all can do this time around is to REALLY look after ourselves, both physically and mentally. As such, please set at least 15mins a day aside for YOU. Each bulletin we will give you some useful information to use throughout the week, tips, links or things to consider. For this week, please use the link below to identify any suggestions that would work for you.
<https://www.bupa.co.uk/newsroom/ourviews/staying-healthy-lockdown>
- Please remember that we, the Sixth Form team and the BGN community are here for each and every one of you, whatever you may need. All you need to do is reach out and let us know.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

YOUR MONEY MATTERS: Martin Lewis OBE, founder of MoneySavingExpert.com decided to put his money where his mouth is on 'buyers training' to fund the financial education charity Young Money, creating the very first financial education textbook for secondary schools. This guide, mapped to the national curriculum, will empower students with cutting-edge education on the money issues they will face now and in the future. The whole textbook can be downloaded for free at: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/07/martin-lewis-financial-education-textbook-rolled-out-to-700-scho/> This week we are looking at Saving, on the attached pdf.

- **How to use it:** I browsed through and focussed on some little bits as I went along:
 - You can explore why people save and then think of what you'd save up for (slide number 12).
 - For the mathematically minded, you can see how interest is calculated (slide 17)
 - Types of saving accounts are on slide 28
 - A Money and Mental health scenario is found on slide 28

YEAR 12

- **Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences 2021:** Bookings are now open for the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences. Please click on this link for further information.
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/student-conferences>
- **UniTaster On Demand:** This has many subject specific taster recorded webinars that will help you decide on a career path after you finish you're a levels. The range of taster subjects includes Midwifery, Psychology and Games, Animation & VFX. Please register on:
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>
- **Medicine in Action:** This returns with a special half-day online programme for aspiring medics on January 26th. From brain surgery to life in A&E and more, uncover the science and technology driving medicine, discuss the societal implications and find out what life is really like as a medic at Medicine in Action. As usual, there will be plenty of opportunities to interact, with questions, polls, quizzes and more - join us in 2021! It costs £8 and you can book on:
https://thetrainingpartnership.org.uk/book/?study_day_id=8655
- **Summer Schools : Discover Bath** Summer School programme (available in 21 different subject areas) which may be suitable for some of your Year 12 learners. Discover Bath is a summer programme taking place over 4 days in August 2021. The focus is on a 4-day summer school, where students will work on university level work and will have some work to do before and afterwards to make the most of the experience.
- **Yr12 Online Summer schools:**
These Summer Schools are run in partnership with the Sutton Trust. Every year, UCL runs a number of Summer Schools for Year 12 state school students. The Summer Schools offer a taste of studying a degree programme and of university life.
Students can register their interest now on our website or visit <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/year-12-summer-school-online>
Full applications open on Monday, 11 January and close on Tuesday, 2 March 2021.
- **Oxbridge virtual conferences:** BOOK NOW to secure a place. Bookings for the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences 2021 will be different to previous years. This year, we are asking students to book themselves on to the conference. Teachers will still need to book themselves on in order to access our teacher content, but we hope that this new system will make your lives easier during a busy time. Bookings will **open in January 2021** and can be made via our **website**.

YEAR 13

- **Replying to university offers:** There is no rush! The universities will hold your place until the reply date of 5th May, so you have plenty of time to decide on your Firm and Insurance offers. Both choices need to be 'your favourites', with one aspirational choice and the second one based on a realistic idea of your achievements in your subjects.

VIRTUAL TASTER DAYS

- **Virtual tours to UK universities are available at the press of a button:**
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>
- **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>
- **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>

UCAS AND FINANCE INFORMATION

- **Student finance calculator:** The calculator will tell you the maximum amount you can get for a maintenance loan. Find out more on: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- **Undergraduate Webinar:** Student Finance Information and Advice University of Roehampton Tuesday 26th January 2021 Online, 4.15pm BST 16:15 – 17
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/63345/undergraduate-webinar-student-finance-information-and-advice>
- **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>

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