

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

God of blessings, in this year ahead, give us a spirit of listening... Sing Your song of love over us, renewing our faith and courage, so we may join our voices together, discovering new harmonies of hope, new melodies of reconciliation.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 19th January 2024

News and Reminders

Welcome back! This is the start of a new calendar year but with students sitting Mocks and some BTEC assessments, you can certainly tell we are well into the academic year.

Everyone should, by now, be in good habits with regards to organising your time, studies, resources, and equipment for lessons. If any of you feel, or are being told, that this is not the case, now is the time to make the changes needed. Yr12 reports came out on Wednesday 18th January and can be seen on the VLE (if anyone has not been able to access their report, please let Mrs Russell know). Please pay close attention to your ATLs they should be 1s, if they are not, think about how you can raise them. If you have any questions about your reports and /or results please speak to your subject teachers. If you need support with any aspect of life in Sixth Form please speak to any member of the Sixth Form Team.

Mrs Harris delivered an informative assembly to the Yr12s on Careers, Tutors will have time to go through the topics covered in more detail with students next week. Please see useful links below for career quizzes.

Paperwork is coming in for some very exciting work experience placements for Year 12s. Those of you still looking, don't be shy! Keep sending the emails and making the calls, don't forget, in the job market it's often who you know not what you know so, explore your networks of family and friends. If you haven't really thought about what you would like to do yet, **START NOW!**

As always, please check your school email address regularly. A lot of important and useful information is sent out to you this way.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th February – ParentPay deadline for Yr12 UCAS Trip (Please see letter attached)
Wednesday 31st January – UCAS Applications Deadline
Friday 2nd February – Friends of BGN Quiz Night (Tickets available via the online school shop)
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – School Closed for Half Term

Yr12 Mock week will be Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May.

Useful Links

MedicMentor are thrilled to invite students in years 10-12 / S3-S5 / NI11-13 and their parents to a FREE virtual "Get Into Dentistry" UCAS conference on Saturday, January 28th, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Learn more at:

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

These conferences provide tailored advice for aspiring dentists, covering crucial topics such as:

- A Day in the Life of a Dentist - Tactically choosing universities - Personal statements - UCAT - Dental school interview skills - Medical Leadership Programmes - Awards Programmes - Extracurricular activities - Work experience - Building a CV - Applying for scholarships

The Get Into Dentistry Conferences occur monthly, offering you the chance to connect LIVE with a Dentist who will provide a solid overview of the career and a strong foundation for a successful dental school application. Attendees will also receive a certificate to enhance their university applications. **We encourage both students and parents to participate in these valuable sessions.**

Spaces are limited, so students should register as soon as possible using the link below:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Deadline for In2STEM Extended!

Students can now apply by 28 January 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break. We're delighted to let you know that the application deadline for the In2STEM programme has now been extended to **Sunday 28 January** to allow more young people to benefit from our fantastic opportunity.

Every year, the In2STEM programme supports Year 12, students from low socio-economic backgrounds by giving them access to hands-on work experience placements, skills workshops and events. Students connect with STEM experts to get the knowledge and guidance they need to confidently choose their future career and produce high-quality UCAS and apprenticeship applications.

Students must meet our [eligibility criteria](#) and a teacher reference is required to verify this. A reference request is sent to the teacher's email inbox automatically when their student applies.

Please encourage your students to apply to our 2024 programme so they can benefit from our enriching summer STEM opportunity!

[Student Application Form](#)



Year 12 International Masterclass in Particle Physics (in person, student can attend on their own)

When: Friday 15th or Monday 18th March 2024, 8.45am-4.30pm

Where: Department of Physics, University of Oxford

Who: A-level physics (or equivalent) students. We may prioritise applicants from under-represented backgrounds.

What: This is an exciting opportunity for students to take part in an International Masterclass in Particle Physics. Students will learn more about Particle Physics with Oxford researchers and gain insight into topics and methods of research relating to matter and forces. They will perform measurements on real data from the LHCb experiment and participate in a video conference to discuss the results.

How to apply: Student apply directly via this [online form](#). **The application deadline is 23:59 on Mon 5th Feb 2024.** We will inform applicants no later than Thu 8th Feb 2024 if they have been allocated places.

More information: Visit our [event page for the PPMC](#).

Year 12 Taster Morning (24th February, deadline 5pm 16th February)

When: Sat 24th Feb 2024, 10am–12:45pm (registration open now, closes 16th Feb 2024)

Where: Online event (Saturday morning)

Who: Curious year 12 students

What: If you are in year 12 (or equivalent) and you are considering studying physics at Oxford, but you're not quite sure about either physics or Oxford, then this event is for you!

We're going to be showcasing some of our favourite bits of the subject through interactive workshops, and talking about what it's like to study here. There'll be a chance to put all your questions to a panel of current undergraduates too. Come and join us! This event was also held on November 2023 and some of the content of this event will be the same as the Y12 Materials and Physics Day. We recommend that you do not attend this event if you attended either of these previous events.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#) (booking is open and will close at 5pm on the 16th February 2024)

Year 12 Online Masterclasses (dates in March and June)

When: Sat 16th March or 15th June 2024, 10am - 3:30pm (registration open, closes 5pm 8th March and 7th June 2024)

Where: Online events (Saturday morning)

Who: Curious year 12 students

What: Considering applying to Oxford to study Physics? Join us for a day of finding out more - about Oxford, about Physics, and about what you can do to take your studies to the next level. As well as including our Physics Access Officer's guide to Oxford admissions, this day of online workshops and lectures will also feature a lecture on cutting edge physics research and interactive problem-solving workshops, plus a chance for you to put your questions to our panel of current Oxford Physics students. Come and join us! These events are identical and students **should not register to attend both**.

More information and booking:

[Click here for more information and to register for the March event.](#)

[Click here for more information and to register for the June event.](#)

Adult Supporter Session (6th March, deadline 5pm 4th March)

When: Wed 6th March 2024, 7pm (registration open, closes 5pm 4th March)

Where: Online event (Wednesday evening)

Who: The adult supporters of prospective applicants

*****Please note: this event is not for students, it is for the adult supports of prospective physics undergraduates. Share this with your supporters, whoever they are and get them come along!*****

What: This session is our first event developed just for the adult supporters of our prospective applicants. It aims to provide information about the application process for physics and the physics course and department, as well as more general information about university applications, admissions and life. Please visit the event page to find out more and to register to attend. There will be a substantial question and answer session as well as a chance to hear from some of our current undergraduate students about their experiences as applicants and now as students.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#) (booking is open and will close at 5pm on the 4th March 2024)

COMPETITIONS

What lights up your love of Physics? From curiosity to cosmos

When: Teachers must submit their students videos by 23.59 on Monday 19th February 2024

Who: The competition is open to year 12 students from state schools/colleges in England

What: Inspire your students to explore the fascinating world of physics by encouraging them to enter our exciting physics competition. Teams of up to three create a captivating video that showcases what fuels their fascination with physics. Videos should be around 3 minutes long and will be judged on content, creativity and clarity. From robots that navigate our daily lives to the renewable energy solutions shaping our future, physics is the force behind it all. The top ten teams will join us for an overnight event at Merton College where they will present their video to the judging panel and other finalists. The teams will receive:

- £400 in Amazon vouchers (for single entrants) or £600 in Amazon vouchers for teams of two or three (to be split equally among team members)
- £1000 for physics equipment awarded to the school/college of all finalist teams

The overall winning team will be announced at the Merton event and will be given the opportunity to go on the ultimate physics field trip, a visit to CERN (accompanied by a teacher from the school).

More information: Visit the [Physics Partners website](#). Please read the [terms and conditions](#) before entering.

The British Physics Olympiad – March competitions

The British physics Olympiad offers a series of competition papers that stretch and challenge physics students (14-18 years). In March we run the [Intermediate Physics Challenge](#) (Year 11) and [Senior Physics Challenge](#) (Year 12). These papers are both one-hour long and free. Visit the [BPhO website to register](#).

MEDICAL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITES

All Allied Healthcare university courses mandate work experience in a caring or service role within health or related fields, including direct observation of healthcare. Acquiring such work experience can be challenging, and there are areas that students may be interested in but cannot explore. That's why our LIVE Virtual Work Experience presents an incredible opportunity for students. Find out more here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

This programme is suitable for students who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing- Midwifery- Paramedicine- Physiotherapy- Occupational Therapy- Dietetics
- Radiography- Prosthetics and Orthotics- Speech and Language Therapy- Pharmacy

Students can register individually at any time throughout the programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Students can register using the link below:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now opened for 2023-2024! This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free.

Students can apply for a placement, for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Registering for these programmes is simple - students just need to complete the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

LCMB Building Performance Ltd in Adderbury, near Banbury, are looking for an Engineering Apprentice to join their team from September 2024.

Further details and application can be found in the link below:

<https://www.lcmb.co.uk/lcmb-are-looking-for-an-engineering-apprentice-to-join-our-team>

Are you interested in Law?

[Causeway Education](#) are working with law firm [Wedlake Bell](#) to host an application masterclass for Y13 students interested in applying to solicitor degree apprenticeships. This information will be useful for students considering applying to any firms, although there will be colleagues from Wedlake Bell able to answer questions specific to their application process. The webinar will show students the steps in an apprenticeship application, the reason why certain methods are used e.g. assessment centres and tips and tricks to prepare for this process. We will look at key themes such as showing an understanding of a firm, the apprenticeship route, and developing commercial awareness.

The webinar will take place on Tuesday 30th January 4.30-6pm. Students can sign up for the webinar here: <https://forms.office.com/e/GxQGpPZ8eE>.

Please see attached poster giving details of the Careers Open Evening at Norbar in Banbury on 6th February.



Applications to our UK Summer Schools and brand new Access Apprenticeships are now open!



What are the UK Summer School programmes?

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers school-age students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to **choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers.**

Students will apply to one of our 13 top-tier UK university partners where they will take part in:

- **Social activities**
- **Taster academic sessions**
- **Application skills workshops**
- **Alongside the in-person programme, every student will have access to long-term support with university applications via our online portal STO.**

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend. [More information](#)

What is the new Access Apprenticeships programme?

Over a year, we will be offering students the opportunity to learn more about one of three different apprenticeship sectors: **Banking and Finance** (London based), **Engineering** (Birmingham based), and **Law** (London based). They will need to live within commutable distance of the programme they are applying for.

At the end of the programme, students will walk away with:

- A **work experience placement** at one of our partner organisation.
- **An in depth understanding of apprenticeships** and whether it could be the right route for them.
- **Networking opportunities** for future career opportunities.
- **Access to our online portal STO** for ongoing application support and career advice.
- **A personal application mentor**, including learning where to find current apprenticeships and understanding different application processes.

All costs including travel, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

[More information](#)

How can they apply?

To apply for either programme, they should:

Attend, and have always attended, a **state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college.

Currently be in **Year 12**

We prioritise students based on a range of **social mobility criteria** including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood.

Both programme applications close on **March 7th at midday**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your students to apply soon! [Apply link](#)



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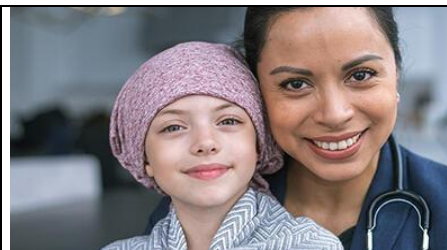


Capital Structure Theory Explained

Professor Raghavendra Rau

Mon, 22 Jan 2024

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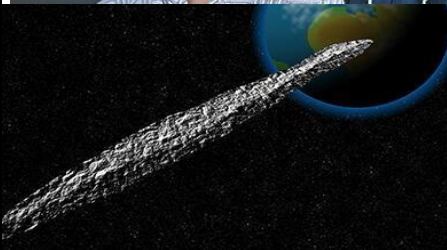


[How Cancer Genomics is Transforming Cancer Care](#)

Professor Sanjay Popat

Tue, 23 Jan 2024

[Medicine](#) [Science](#) [Biology](#) [Chemistry](#)



['Oumuamua': Our first interstellar visitor](#)

Professor Chris Lintott

Wed, 24 Jan 2024

[Astronomy](#) [Physics](#) [Science](#)



[Satirical Cartoons: A History](#)

Martin Rowson

Thu, 25 Jan 2024

[Literature](#) [Politics](#)

Mansfield Public Talks Recordings of past Mansfield Public Talks can be found on Mansfield's YouTube channel, [here](#).

Thur 25 Jan, 5:30pm

Zur Erinnerung: In Memory - Holocaust Memorial Day

With James Wolffe KC

[BOOK NOW](#)

Ahead of World Holocaust Day on 27 January, former Lord Advocate of Scotland James Wolffe KC tells the extraordinary story of one family, and how his Jewish grandmother survived the Second World War in Berlin.

Fri 2 Feb, 5:30pm

The Jocelyn Bell Burnell Lecture: Christopher Wren's Cosmos

With Professor Katherine Blundell

[BOOK NOW](#)

Renowned astrophysicist, Fellow of St John's and former Gresham Professor Katherine Blundell, shows how Wren's curiosity, skills, and diverse scientific interests led to remarkable endeavours and foundational advances in 17th century astronomy.

Fri 9 Feb, 5:30pm

Pearl: a story of memory and loss

With Sian Hughes and Lucinda Rumsey [BOOK NOW](#)

The Booker long-listed novel Pearl is 'an extraordinary achievement: a meditation on grief and madness, and a deeply felt, gorgeously imaginative reworking of the 14th century poem that was its inspiration'. Author Sian Hughes discusses her debut novel with Mansfield medieval literature specialist and Senior Tutor Lucinda Rumsey.

Personality Quiz - the Buzz Quiz

Find out your personality type and what jobs might suit you.

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In under 5 minutes, discover:

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- Your strengths and what makes you tick
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- Popular subjects and courses for your personality type

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Join our [Subject Taster Days](#) to gain first-hand experience of studying at university level and student life. You will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions.
- Experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics.
- Discover our facilities and student life during a Campus Tour.
- Hear about the career potential of the courses on offer.

Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give insight into a range of courses within a subject area. You can find a list of which courses are included here: [promotional poster](#) Also on display in the LRC.



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Keble College Subject Taster Days: Engineering, Philosophy and Computer Science

What: Academic tasters in these subjects, meet current students and get advice and guidance related to the application process for these degree courses

When: 10:00-15:00 on the following dates - Engineering: 12th February; Philosophy and Computer Science: 13th February 2024

Who: Year 12. Priority for non-selective state schools.

Where: Keble College

Links: [For further information and booking](#)

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on>

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Course selection is not the only thing to consider when applying to university, make sure you are seeing the whole picture by attending open days. <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>



[Visit UniTasterDays](#)

Check out The Uni Guide Podcast **for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode, E:25 Coming out at university and support for LGBT+ students Listen to this and all previous episodes [HERE](#).**

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Explore various university subjects through the dynamic [webinar platform](#), featuring the UK's first video subject guide. You can browse the videos, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

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Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Fri 19 - Sat 20 Jan: [Pray24Brum](#)

Sat 20 Jan: [Tabor Living Volunteer open event](#)

Sun 21 Jan: [Sunday of the Word of God](#)

Tues 23 Jan: [Online discussion forum - How do we make the climate crisis a priority election issue?](#)

Wed 24 Jan: [Restore Training Course, Session 1](#)

Thu 25 Jan: [Ecumenical Service, Kings Heath](#)

Fri 26 Jan: [100th Anniversary of the charity Lepra](#)

Wed 31 Jan: [Restore Training Course, Session 2](#)

Thu 1 Feb: [Anniversary Organ Recital, St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Wed 7 Feb: [Restore Training Course, Session 3](#)

Wed 7 - Wed 14 Feb: [Marriage Week](#)

Sat 10 Feb: [Pre-Lent Reflection Day](#)

Sat 10 Feb: [Singing Day at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Wed 14 Feb: [Tabor Living Volunteer open event](#)

Sat 17 Feb: [The Trinity Conference 2024](#)

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