

Sixth Form Bulletin



Monday 11th September 2017



CFS students doing a brilliant job as volunteers at the World Para Athletics Championships in the summer.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September

On Friday 29th September the Senior Prefects will be hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. This will take place in the Main Hall at break-time and at lunch. Please come along and buy a cake! Any students who also want to bake a cake are very welcome! See Miss Goodman for further details.

Signing In / Signing Out

Sixth Form students are permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime. Students must ensure they sign out when leaving. This is essential health and safety requirement. Year 12 & 13 Signing-Out Sheets are located in the Year 12 Study Centre and Sixth Form Common Room respectively. If a student arrives to school after 9:00am they are must sign in and advise the Sixth Form Office, likewise if they are leaving early they must advise the office and then sign out.

Punctuality

It is expected that all Sixth Form Students are on the school site by 08:35 each morning. Students entering the school site after 08:40 will be issued with a punctuality detention for 08:10 the following school day.

Ski trip – February 2018

Letters are now available from the Sixth Form office for Sixth Form ski trip during the February half term 2018. A great trip for beginners and more experienced skiers. See Mr. Jenkins for more information.

Berlin Trip – Easter 2018

Letters now available from the Sixth Form Office for the Sixth Form trip to Berlin during the Easter holiday 2018. For more information please see Mr Taborda.

Year 12 Information

Year 12 Photographs – Monday 18th September

All Year 12 students will have their individual student photograph taken on Monday 18th September, all photographs will take place in the Main Hall. Students will be photographed at the following times:

Year 12 students in the study centre period 1	9:00am – 9:10am
Year 12 students in the study centre period 2	10:00am – 10:20am
Year 12 students in the study centre period 4	12:20am – 12:30pm
Year 12 students who have games period 3	1:20pm
Year 12 students in the study centre period 5	2:15pm – 2:30pm

Exam Concessions

Students in Year 12 who had exam concessions for their GCSE's such as additional time for Special Educational Needs are required to speak to **Miss Goodman by Friday 15th September** to make her aware of this information. If a student does not make us aware of this information they will not have the concessions they are entitled to, made available to them when they sit their exams.

Change to assembly venue

The Y12 assembly on Monday 18th September will take place in the Refectory. Students need to make their way to the Refectory at 8:35. They will be directed to where to sit.

Subject Change Deadline – Friday 15th September 2017

Year 12 students have until Friday 15th September to make change their AS subjects. They must come and see either Mr Taylor or Mr Jenkins.

Sutton Trust Pathways programme

There are 3 pathway programmes – Banking, Law and Coding. They are aimed students from state schools interested in studying these subjects at university, giving them the information, advice and guidance on applying for degrees and careers. Students must meet certain academic requirements and preference is given to students who are either the first generation in their family to attend university or have been eligible for Free School Meals. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply.

K+ Programme – King's College

The King's College K+ scheme is designed to help able students from certain backgrounds make successful applications to university. Students must have at least English and Maths at 4 or above and 6 A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent with a minimum of 5 A or A* grades and/or 7's or above and be the first generation in their family to attend university. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply.

Year 13 Information

EPQ Sessions

Sessions for students completing the EPQ will run weekly from Monday 11th September at 3:30 in Room 136. See Mr Belas for further information.

Study Periods – Period 5

Year 13 students who have a non-timetabled lesson during period 5 are able to leave the school site after registering in the Library at 2:15, if they are not required to attend a mentoring or support session.

Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

Re-sit forms will be available from the Sixth Form Office or Ms Cole from Monday 11th September, the deadline for Re-sit forms to be returned is **Friday 22nd September**. Re-sit forms must be submitted with payment enclosed, otherwise they will not be processed. For modular A Levels, if a student is not re-sitting any modules in a subject their A2 Predicted Grade will be their AS Grade. Only if a student is half way or more towards the higher grade boundary in terms of UMS Marks, and is re-sitting an AS Module, will they be predicted one grade higher at A2 than the AS grade they attained. For linear A Levels, students may be awarded one grade higher, however for A*/A predictions unit marks will also be taken into account.

Oxbridge Applicants

Students who wish to apply to either Oxford or Cambridge need to make Mr Jenkins aware of this in the first week back in September. Students also applying to Oxbridge, or doing Medicine/Veterinary or Dentistry need to make their Form Tutors aware as their UCAS references will need to be completed first.

UKCAT Test – Students applying to studying medicine may be required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test. Applications are made directly by the student online at **www.ukcat.ac.uk**.

Applications can be made anytime between **2nd May 2017 and 19th September 2017, with testing beginning from 3rd July 2017**. You will be able to book your test slot date when you register online. Students applying to study a medicine related degree at any of the institutions listed below are required to sit the UKCAT:

University of Aberdeen

Cardiff University

University of Dundee

University of Durham

University of East Anglia

University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

Hull York Medical School

Keele University

University of Central Lancashire

King's College London

University of Leicester

University of Manchester

University of Newcastle

University of Nottingham

Plymouth University

Queen Mary University

Queen's University Belfast

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of St Andrews

University of Birmingham

St George's University

University of Liverpool

University of Warwick

See Mr Jenkins for more information and advice.

BMAT Test – Students studying medicine or veterinary medicine may be required to sit the Bio-Medical Admissions Test (BMAT). Those who need to take the BMAT exam need to inform the Exams Officer (Mrs. K Cole) by **Friday 15th September**, so that they are entered for the exam, which takes place on **Thursday 2nd November 2017**.

Institutions that commonly require students to sit the BMAT are:

- *Brighton & Sussex Medical School*
- *University of Cambridge*
- *University of Oxford*
- *Imperial College London*
- *University College London*
- *University of Leeds*
- *Lancaster University*

For more information on the BMAT visit **www.bmat.org.uk** or see *Student Guide in Sixth Form section of the school website*

LNAT Test – Students studying Law at a university may be required to sit this test. Applications need to be made online at **www.lnat.ac.uk** Registration opened on 1st August 2017 and testing starts from 1st September 2017.

PAT/HAT/ELAT/MAT – Admissions Tests

Students applying to Oxford and Cambridge are required to sit an aptitude test for certain subjects. Students sitting any of these tests need to obtain an application form from Mrs Cole. There is no cost to sit these tests, the deadline to return the form to Mrs Cole is **15th September**, and the test date is **2nd November**.

Studying Abroad

Students interested in studying at a foreign university can find information on all universities in the world which run courses in English at www.astarfuture.co.uk

Study in the Netherlands

Students who study at a Dutch University incur tuition fees of €1951 per year for 2015-16, a significant reduction on UK tuition fees. To find out more information on studying in the Netherlands visit www.studyinholland.co.uk

Apprenticeship & University Information

University Open Days

Students should avoid going to Open Days on a school day. If there is a special reason why you need to go to one that falls on a school day, you **MUST complete a yellow Absence Request Form** obtained from the Sixth Form Office. The Sixth Form will then decide whether to give you permission to attend or not.

Absence Request Forms MUST be filled in for university interviews also.

For a full list of University Open Days visit www.ucas.com/open-days

National Apprenticeships

www.future-talent.com is a national apprenticeship resource for 15-19 year olds. The website features apprenticeships, entry level jobs and courses for students who are not looking to go to university in September.

Careers Guidance Website

All About School Leavers is a website which provides advice, jobs and career information for students interested in the world of work when leaving school. The website address is; www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

Mon	11th Sept	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Gordon
Tues	12th Sept	Year 13 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Westwood
Wed	13th Sept			
Thurs	14th Sept	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Fri	15th Sept	Subject Change Deadline		

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon	18th Sept	Year 12 Assembly School Photographs	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Tues	19th Sept	Year 13 Assembly	Main Hall	Miss Goodman
Wed	20th Sept			
Thurs	21st Sept	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
Fri	22nd Sept			Mr Jenkins