

# Sixth Form Bulletin



## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Positive Referrals

This year we will be using positive referrals for Sixth Form students. Staff can award these for academic effort and achievement and for contributions to the wider school community. There will be termly prizes for the students with the most points!

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> September

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

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|---|-------------------|
| 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 were required to speak to **Miss Goodman by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30 in Room 136. See Mr Belas for further information.

### **Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades**

Re-sit forms will be available from the Sixth Form Office or Ms Cole from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, the deadline for Re-sit forms to be returned is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk).

Applications can be made anytime between **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, with testing beginning from 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> September**, so that they are entered for the exam, which takes place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.lnat.ac.uk) Registration opened on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and testing starts from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> September**, and the test date is **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ucas.com/open-days)**

### **National Apprenticeships**

[www.future-talent.com](http://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](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

## Diary Dates

### Diary Dates for This Week

|                                   |   |                  |              |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | Year 12 Assembly<br><b>School Photographs</b> | <b>Refectory</b> | Mr Jenkins   |
| <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | Year 13 Assembly                              | Main Hall        | Miss Goodman |
| <b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>Guest Speaker – Period 1</b>               | <b>Main Hall</b> |              |
| <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b> | Sixth Form Assembly                           | Main Hall        | Mr Taylor    |
| <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>Re-sit deadline</b>                        |                  |              |

### Diary Dates for Next Week

|                                   |                                 |           |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| <b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | Year 12 Assembly                | Main Hall | Mr Jenkins          |
| <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | Year 13 Assembly                | Main Hall | Miss Goodman        |
| <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   |                                 |           |                     |
| <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | Sixth Form Assembly             | Main Hall | National Poetry Day |
| <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b> |           |                     |

*Mr Jenkins*