

Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 25th September 2017



Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford with A Level RS students following an interesting and thought provoking talk delivered to the Sixth Form.

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 Ms Goodman for further details.

Open Evening – Wednesday 4th October

On **Wednesday 4th October** the Year 6 Open Evening is taking place. Students may be asked by departments to help on the evening. Senior prefects assisting that evening need to be in the Year 12 Study Centre at 5:30 and be in full dress-code. Thank you in advance for giving up your time to assist with the evening.

Curriculum Day/ Assembly changes

Thursday 5th October is a curriculum day so the school will not be open for the majority of students. Students sitting the English and Maths re-sit mocks will be required on site. In addition other students may be required to attend on that day. As a result of this **the Sixth Form Assembly will take place on Wednesday 4th October in the Main Hall. There will be no Year 13 Assembly on Tuesday 3rd October.**

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 available from the Sixth Form Office for the Sixth Form trip to Berlin during the Easter holiday 2018 and there are still places available.

Essay Competition

Students studying Economics are invited to write a 1500 word (+ or – 10%) magazine article discussing the following: *"Cashless payments are now commonplace. Is this, and other developments in FinTech, fundamentally changing the provision of traditional financial services?"* The winning entry from the school will be submitted to the London schools competition organised by the Worshipful Company of International Bankers' (WCIB). Entries to be submitted to Mr. McClurg by **October 31st**.

Year 12 Information

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 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 6/9/17 - 13/9/17

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12Y	100%
2 nd	12Q	99.5%
3 rd	12L & 12M	99%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	12K	0.5%
2 nd	12V	0.6%
3 rd	12P,12Q, 12X	1%

Year 13 Information

Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

The deadline for re-sit forms to be returned was Friday 22nd September. However if you have omitted to obtain a form and **still wish to re-sit please see Mrs Cole** as soon as possible. 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.

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.

Accountancy Event

EY (Big Four accountancy firm) are offering a Choices insight event, advertising their foundation programmes, work experience and also their chartered accountancy programme for Year 13, for the ACA qualification. The event takes place Monday 6th November from 17.00-19.00 in their London Bridge office. See Mr McClurg or <https://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/events-and-contacts/events/face-to-face-events/schools-choices-evening-london> for more details.

A Level English Literature

Year 13 English Literature Coursework submission dates are as follows:

- Final drafts due **30th October**
- Final coursework due **8th November**.

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 was **15th September**, and the test date is **2nd November**.

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1 st	13Q, 13V, 13Y	100%
2 nd	13X	99.4%
3 rd	13W	98.3%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13K, 13P, 13X, 13Y, 13Z	0%

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

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

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 25 th Sept	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Tues 26 th Sept	Year 13 Assembly	Main Hall	Ms Goodman
Wed 27 th Sept			
Thurs 28 th Sept	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	National Poetry Day
Fri 29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Main Hall - Breaktime		

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon 2 nd Oct	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
Tues 3 rd Oct			
Wed 4 th Oct	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Gordon
	Open Evening		
Thurs 5 th Oct	Curriculum Day		
Fri 6 th Oct			

Mr Jenkins