

# Sixth Form Bulletin



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017



**A big thank you to all the students who helped with the Macmillan Coffee morning. We raised £530!**

## **Open Evening – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Sincere thanks to all of you who worked so hard on Wednesday to make Open Evening such a success. Many of you were very versatile, taking on different tasks during the evening; all of you were excellent role models to younger students and ambassadors for the school. Well done to you all.

## **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 a few 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**.

## Lockdown Procedure

It is important that all students know what to do if we need to go into 'lockdown'. This may be necessary for several reasons - for example:

\*An intruder on site      \*Falling debris      \*High levels of air pollution

If we need to go into lockdown, this will be signified by 6 short blasts on the school bell. At that time you will be required to remain in your classroom / study base with your teacher until further notice. (If you are doing Games outside, you will be brought into a nearby space / changing room.)

Your teacher will receive subsequent email updates as to what they need to do. Please listen carefully to what you are told. There is no reason why your learning cannot continue during a 'lockdown'. Later this week, we will practise the lockdown procedure. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

## Lockers

There are still some lockers available – please see Mrs De'Ath in the Sixth Form Office.

## Year 12 Information

### Conflict Resolution talk – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Period 5

Year 12 will be off timetable during Period 5 on Tuesday 10th October to hear an important talk from a guest speaker. Please go to the **Main Hall at 2:05** and sit in your normal assembly positions.

### 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 25/9/17 - 29/9/17

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12P	97.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12W	96.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12K	95%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12M, 12X	0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12K	0.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12Q	1.3%

## Year 13 Information

### **Predicted Grades**

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 on Mondays 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 for more details or <https://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/events-and-contacts/events/face-to-face-events/schools-choices-evening-london>

### **A Level English Literature**

Year 13 English Literature Coursework submission dates are as follows:

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

### **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 was **15<sup>th</sup> September**, and the test date is **2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

### **Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 25/9/17 - 29/9/17**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	13Y	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13Q	94.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13W	94%

<b>Position</b>	<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Punctuality %</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	13 13X, 13Y	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](http://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](http://www.astarfuture.co.uk)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Gordon
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
	<b>P5 – Year 12 Conflict Resolution talk</b>	<b>Main Hall</b>	
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>			
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	Nick Brewer (Guest speaker)
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>			

### Diary Dates for Next Week

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Guest Speaker
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>			
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Sixth Form Assembly	Main Hall	Y13 Students
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>			

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