

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 22nd February 2016



Upper School Mock Exams

A reminder that mocks exams for both Year 12 and Year 13 are coming up. **Year 12 mock exams run from Monday 14th March to Saturday 19th March** and **Year 13 from Friday 18th March to Thursday 24th March**. Year 12 & 13 students will be on study leave during their specific mock 'weeks' and will only be required to attend for their exams. Please ensure you know when your mock exams are scheduled to take place. A copy of the timetable is attached to the bulletin and is on the school website in the 'Sixth Form' section.

Students in Year 12 studying A2 subjects are required to sit the mock exam in that subject but should attend school as normal during the Year 13 mocks and attend their Year 12 lessons as normal unless sitting an A2 mock exam.

Summer Exam Clashes

Those of you with clashes should now have been given information on this by Ms Cole. Please can you read the details and return the attached reply slip acknowledging that you have read and understood the instructions. Slips need to put in the box in the Upper School Office.

Litter

All students are reminded to keep the Sixth Form Common Room and the Sixth Form toilets clear of litter. Please take care of the areas that are designated for you. We do not like receiving complaints from other members of staff about our Sixth Formers.

Year 12 Information

UCAS Parent Information Evening

A reminder that the Year 12 UCAS Parent Information Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd March at 7p.m.** in the Main Hall. This is a very important evening where your parents can find out more about the UCAS process, so they can best support you through your applications.

Year 12 – One Voice Presentation

There will be special assembly for all Year 12 during **Period 2 on Thursday 3rd March**. The talk will be delivered by conflict resolution charity One Voice on the on-going Israeli-Palestine conflict. As well as being given an insight into the history of the region and the conflict, students will hear from two students, one from Israel and one who grew up in Palestine, about their own experiences and their desires to see a peaceful and permanent resolution to the conflict. To find out more about the work of One Voice see <http://www.onevoicemovement.org>

AS English Literature Catch-up Class

There are AS English Literature catch-up classes for the 'Heart of Darkness' and 'Passage to India' every Thursday at 1:40 in Room 136. See Ms Watson for further details.

Sutton Trust Summer School

The Sutton Trust Summer Schools are free, subject-specific residential courses for Year 12 students. Priority on these summer schools will be given to students who meet all or most of their criteria. See the website or Mr Jenkins for further details. www.suttontrust.com The deadline for applications is **11th March 2016**.

Oxford University Study Days –Engineering & English

These days are designed to give Year 12 students an opportunity to explore studying English or Engineering at St. Peter's College, and the University of Oxford. The Engineering day takes place on **Tuesday 5th April** and English on **Monday 11th April**. The deadlines to apply are **Friday 19th February** and **Friday 26th February** respectively. See Mr Jenkins for application criteria and how to apply.

The UCL Physical Sciences Conference

The conference themes are Chemistry and Physics, so to attend applicants should have an interest in one or both of these subjects. The conference runs from **5th April to 8th April, 2016**. The deadline for applications is **5pm Tuesday 23rd February 2016**. See Mr Jenkins for further details.

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 1/02/16 – 5/02/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12T	96.7%
2 nd	12S	96.5%
3 rd	12P	94.8%

Year 13 Information

Year 13 Prom – Wednesday 29th June 2016 at Kings Oak, High Beech

Deposit of £20 needed asap. Further instalment of £25 due by 26th Feb and £20 by 24th March. Payments may be made online or in cash/cheque to the Upper School Office.

UCAS - Firm and Insurance Choices

When you have received all your responses from your universities you need to select a **FIRM** and **INSURANCE** choice. If you receive all your replies by 31st March, you have until **May 4th 2016** to make your choices. See Mr Jenkins for further advice. Use TRACK to confirm your offers @ www.ucas.com/track

Student Finance Applications

Applications for student finance are now able to be completed online. Please go to <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login> to start your applications. See Mr Jenkins for further details/queries. The deadline to complete your application is **27th May 2016**.

UCAS Extra

UCAS Extra opens on **Thursday 25th February**. If a student is not holding any offers – because they have rejected them, or been rejected – they can make one application at a time until they receive an offer they wish to accept. Upon accepting the offer students are not permitted to make any additional applications. See Mr Jenkins for further information or visit www.ucas.com/extra

Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 1/2/16 – 5/2/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13J	96.7%
2 nd	13X	92.7%
3 rd	13Z	91.3%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13J	0.0%
2 nd	13O	1.0%
3 rd	13Z	1.7%

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.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

Mon	22 nd Feb	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Miss Owen/ Miss Heaton
Tues	23 rd Feb	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Hoque
Wed	24 th Feb	Sixth Form Application Deadline		
Thurs	25 th Feb	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Fri	26 th Feb			

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon	29 th Feb	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Taylor
Tues	1 st March	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Steele
Wed	2 nd March			
Thurs	3 rd March	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Evans
		P2 – Year 12 One Voice talk in the Main Hall		
Fri	4 th March			

Mr Jenkins