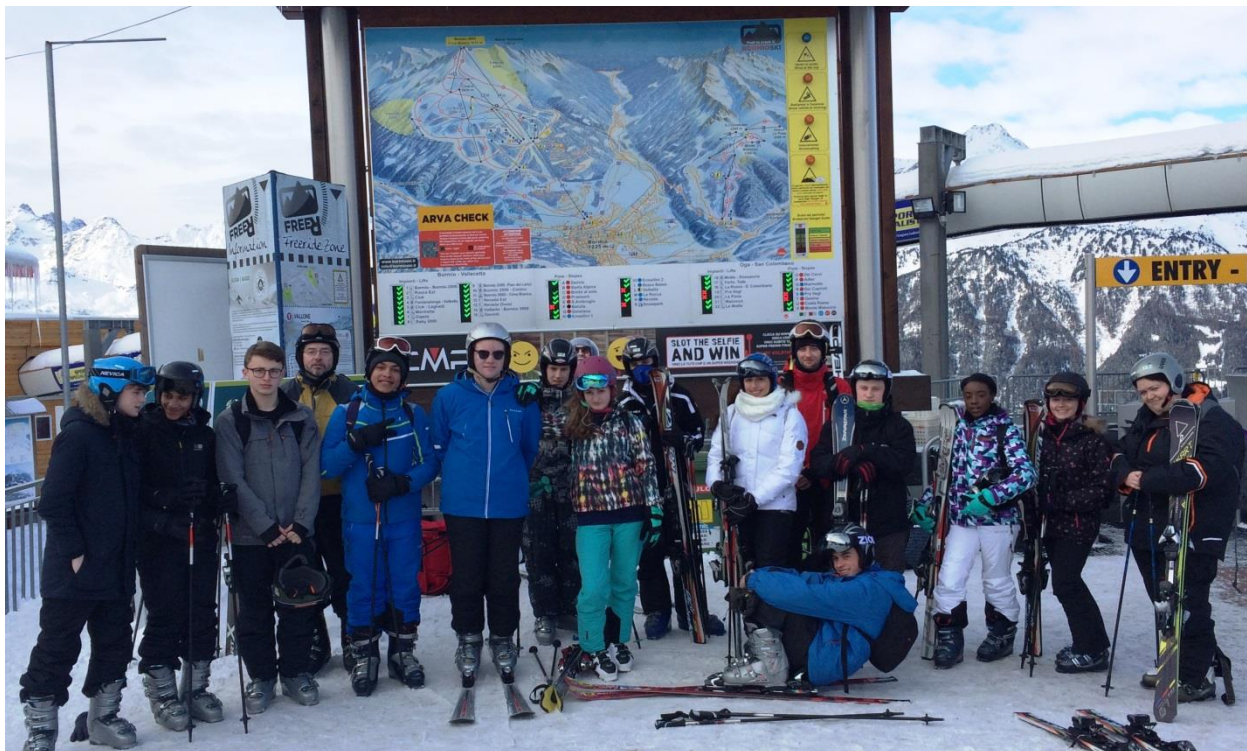


# Upper School Bulletin

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016



***Upper School students and staff enjoying the snow and sun in Bormio, Italy, during the Upper School Ski Trip. A fantastic week of skiing!!***

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 13 from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

The school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. There are lots of activities taking place this week including Drop Everything And Read time at 3-3.15pm. There is also running a 'Shelfie' Competition – Selfies of you reading in unusual places. To enter you must send your photos to:

[literacy@chingfordfoundation.org](mailto:literacy@chingfordfoundation.org)

Please put your name and form in the subject line. The winner will receive a Kindle Fire. The closing date is **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Get snapping!

There are lots of ideas for budding writers and great book recommendations on the World Book Day website. Try and take some time this week to have a look:

[www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

## **Berlin Trip**

Forms / copy passport and EHIC card should be **handed back by 4<sup>th</sup> March** to 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.

## **Year 12 Information**

### **UCAS Parent Information Evening**

A reminder that the Year 12 UCAS Parent Information Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [www.onevoicemovement.org](http://www.onevoicemovement.org)

### **Pathways to Property – Summer school 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

The Summer School run at the University of Reading offers an excellent way for Year 12 students to explore jobs and careers within the property sector. Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures, seminars and trips to explore themes around property, sustainability and regeneration, engage with employers and leading professionals and experience university life. The programme is entirely free of charge, and travel, food and accommodation costs will all be covered. Students who enrol on the Real Estate & Planning course at the University of Reading will also receive a £1,000 bursary as well as the opportunity to apply for further financial support. **The deadline is 31st May 2016.** For more information see [www.reading.ac.uk/pathways-to-property](http://www.reading.ac.uk/pathways-to-property)

## 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](http://www.suttontrust.com) The deadline for applications is **11<sup>th</sup> March 2016**.

### Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 8/02/16 – 12/02/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12P	96.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12T	94.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12Q	94.2%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12P, 12Q, 12W	0.5%

## Year 13 Information

### Year 13 Prom – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Kings Oak, High Beech

Payments may be made online or in cash/cheque to the Upper School Office.

**2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of £25 due 26<sup>th</sup> February and £20 by 24<sup>th</sup> March**

### 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](http://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 **27<sup>th</sup> May 2016**.

### UCAS Extra

UCAS Extra opens on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ucas.com/extra)

## Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 8/2/16 – 12/2/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 <sup>st</sup>	13J	97.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13K	94.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13M	92%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	13Z	0.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13J, 13O	0.7%

## 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](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.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk)

## Diary Dates

### Diary Dates for This Week

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Taylor
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Steele
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> March			
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Evans
		<b>P2 – Year 12 One Voice talk in the Main Hall</b>		
		<b>UCAS Parent Information Evening @ 7pm</b>		
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> March			

### Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Miss Fleming
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> March			
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> March			

**Mr Jenkins**