

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 7th March 2016



Year 12 students taking part in the Get Set for Community Action day

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
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 be returned to the Upper School Office ASAP!**

Spanish Revision Club

A Level Spanish revision club on Wednesdays after school (15:15-16:15) from now until they do the exam on Tuesday, 24th May. It is mainly aimed for Y12 students but Y13 can also join since we will be covering main grammar points and doing some practice.

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.

Pure Potential – Finance Event – Wednesday 30th March

PP: Finance is a completely free event, where we will introduce leading financial firms (including Deloitte and EY) to ambitious sixth formers, through workshops, presentations and a careers fair. Students will have an opportunity to see the Bloomberg trading floor platform in action! The state-of-the-art teaching and research resource will allow students to gain first-hand exposure to technology widely adopted in all the leading global investment banks in the major financial centres of the world: The City of London, New York's Wall Street and Tokyo's Citibank's.

The event takes place at Westminster Business School, London during the Easter break on Wednesday 30th March. The event will run from 11:30am – 5pm. See Mr Jenkins on details of to apply. **Deadline is Sunday 20 March.**

Year 12 Information

Pathways to Property – Summer school 25th – 28th 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

Alison Wetherfield Law Conference – Saturday 18 June 2016

The programme is a LSE outreach initiative which aims to provide young people with an interest in law the opportunity to improve their education and career development. Delivered by academics from LSE's Law Department, the conference will lead students through an engaging programme of lectures and legal exercises. You will have the opportunity to talk with LSE representatives about admissions and other aspects of the university application process and with current undergraduate law students about student life.

See Mr Jenkins for eligibility criteria and how to apply or visit www.lse.ac.uk/alisonwetherfieldlaw. Application deadline is **Friday 29 April.**

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**.

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 21/02/16 – 25/02/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12X	95.7%
2 nd	12S	95%
3 rd	12Q	93.7%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	12Q, 12X	0.0%
2 nd	12P	0.5%

Year 13 Information

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

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

2nd instalment of £25 due 26th February and £20 by 24th 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

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 opened 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 21/2/16 – 25/2/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13M	94%
2 nd	13L	91%
3 rd	13J	90%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13J, 13O	0.0%
2 nd	13X	0.9%

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.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

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

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon 14th March	Beginning of Year 12 Mock exams		
Tues 15th March	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Steele
Wed 16th March			
Thurs 17th March	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Millan
Fri 18th March			

Mr Jenkins