

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 20th June 2016



EU Referendum Vote

On **Wednesday 22nd June** the Upper School will hold a referendum on the UK's membership of the EU, a day before the country votes. During morning registration students will be required to go to their 'polling station' to cast their ballot. The results will be revealed during an assembly on **Friday 24th June (Main Hall)**. Students need to register first in their form room and then go to vote at their 'polling station'. Students will vote in the following locations:

Main Hall: 12T / 12X / 12W Common Room: 12P / 12Q / 12R Refectory: 12S / 12Y / 12V

Students should wait in their polling station until 9 before proceeding to Period 1 as normal.

A2/AS Level Results Day – Thursday 18th August

Year 13 students will be able to collect their A Level results on **Thursday 18th August** from **7:30 am** in the **Refectory**. Members of the Upper School team will be on hand to help with university acceptances. **Year 12 students** will be able to collect their results from **9:45 to 10:15 am** in the **Refectory**.

Thursday 23rd June – Induction Day

On Thursday 23rd June the Upper School Induction Day will take place for the new intake of students. Year 12 students (except Senior Prefects and certain others who are behind with their work) are not required to be school on this day. Please use this time to research university courses, work experience etc. Senior Prefects need to meet in the Year 12 Study Centre at 8:30am. Thank you in advance for your help on the day.

UCAS Subject References

In order to help your tutor write your reference you need to hand a BLUE UCAS subject reference request form to **all of your subject teachers**. Please complete the top of form, and if you can indicate the subject(s) you are likely to study. The forms can be collected from the Upper School Office.

University Challenge!

The Sixth Form has entered a 'University Challenge' style quiz run by the University of Lincoln. We are looking for a team of 4 Year 12 students to take part in the competition. Students across the country will compete for the first prize of £1000 for their school/college and £50 for each participating student from the winning team. See Mr Jenkins if you would like be considered for the team.

EPQ

There will be a meeting for all students who wish to undertake the EPQ. It will be on **Monday 20th June, in Room 137 at 3:20**. Please see Mr Belas for further details.

Ski trip – February 2017

Letters are now available from the Upper School Office for Upper School ski trip during the February half term 2016. A great trip for beginners and more experienced skiers, please see Mr Jenkins for more information.

Week beginning 27th June – Enhancement Week

The week beginning the 27th June is a critical week as students will be beginning UCAS applications as well as being informed about the differing post Sixth Form options. Furthermore it will be involving the teaching of important PSHE topics.

The Pulse!

There will be a meeting on **Monday 20th June** at 1:25 in Room 155 for any students who want to be involved with the school's online newspaper, The Pulse. See Mr Belas for more information.

Apprenticeship & University Information

Year 12 Students Considering Studying Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary

UKCAT Test – Students applying to studying medicine may be required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test. Applications are made directly by the student online at www.ukcat.ac.uk.

Applications can be made anytime between 1st May 2016 and 22nd September 2016, with testing beginning from 1st July 2016. You will be able to book your test slot date when you register online. Students applying to study a medicine related degree at any of the institutions listed below are required to sit the UKCAT:

*University of Aberdeen
Cardiff University
University of Dundee
University of Durham
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Hull York Medical School
Keele University
University of Central Lancashire
King's College London
University of Leicester*

*University of Manchester
University of Newcastle
University of Nottingham
Plymouth University
Queen Mary University
Queen's University Belfast
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Birmingham
St George's University
University of Liverpool
University of Warwick*

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 16th September**, so that they are entered for the exam, which takes place on **Thursday 2nd November 2016**.

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**
- **The Royal Veterinary College**
- **University of Leeds**
- **Lancaster University**

** For more information on the BMAT visit www.bmat.org.uk or see Student Guide in Upper School section of the school website*

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

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 Upper School Office.

We 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

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| Mon 20 th June | Year 12 Assembly | Refectory | Mr Jenkins / Mr Taylor |
| Tues 21 st June | | | |
| Wed 22 nd June | EU Referendum Vote | | |
| Thurs 23 rd June | Year 12 Induction Day | | |
| Fri 24 th June | Upper School Assembly | Main Hall | Mr Jenkins |

Future Diary Dates

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| Mon 27 th June – Fri 1 st July | – Enhancement Week | | |
| Wed 29 th June | Year 13 Prom | Kings Oak | 7pm |

Mr Jenkins