

# Upper School Bulletin

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016



*Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl Demetrios Lati and Latisha Osei and Deputy Head Girl Megan Hardie and Deputy Head Boy Oliver Clarke*

## **Additional Assemblies – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

There will be an additional assembly on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** in the Refectory. Students need to go to the **Refectory** at 8:35 and sit in their normal seats.

In addition there will be an assembly in the **Main Hall** on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, with a guest speaker giving advice on careers in the technology sector. Students need to go to the Main Hall at 8:35 and sit in their normal seats.

## **Tuesday – 5<sup>th</sup> July – NUT Strike**

Whilst some schools in the area may be closed, **all Year 12 students should** attend school as normal on this day. The timetable will run largely as normal.

## **Guest Speaker – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 12 students will be off timetable during Period 3 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to hear a talk from BBC Journalist & Broadcaster, Robin Lustig. Students need to go to the Main Hall at 11:15 and sit in their normal assembly seats. Students will go to Period 4 at 12:20 as normal.

## **EPQ**

A reminder that the deadline to hand in to Mr Belas initial EPQ proposals is the end of the day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. In addition there will be an EPQ session on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3:20** in room 137.

## **A2/AS Level Results Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Year 13 students will be able to collect their A Level results on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk)

Applications can be made anytime between **1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**, with testing beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> September**, so that they are entered for the exam, which takes place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](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	4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Assembly	Main Hall	Guest Speaker
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
		EPQ session @ 3:20 in Room 137		
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> July			

### Future Diary Dates

Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Guest Speaker @ 11:20	Main Hall	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Sports Day	Year 12 lessons as normal	
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mrs Tickner
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> July			

**Mr Jenkins**