

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 11th July 2016



Year 12 students and staff at the end of a grueling day of sporting challenges! Well done to 12Y who were overall Sports Day Champions!!

Guest Speaker – Tuesday 12th July

Year 12 students will be off timetable during Period 3 on Tuesday 12th 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.

Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Through the Holocaust Educational Trust we are able to offer **two places** on their Lessons from Auschwitz Project. The four-part course aims to educate about events of the Holocaust and consider the lessons for today. The project includes a one-day visit to Poland and an opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor's testimony. The project is open to any student in Year 12 but is most suited to students interested in studying History, Politics or Law at university. To apply students need to explain in 500 words or fewer why they would be suitable for the project. Application letters need to be submitted to Mr Jenkins by **3:30** on **Thursday 14th July**. See Mr Jenkins for more details.

Last day of term

Wednesday 20th July is the last day of the summer term. Periods 1-3 will run as normal. At **12:20** students need to go to the Refectory for an assembly before being dismissed.

New Academic Year – Wednesday 7th September

The first day of teaching of the new term is **Wednesday 7th September**. On that day Year 13 students should gather in the Upper School Common Room at **8.35 am** at the latest. There will then follow an assembly, tutor time and lessons.

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**.

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

Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship

Following on from last week's talk on careers in the Civil Service, you can find information on the Apprenticeship scheme at www.gov.uk/civil-service-apprenticeships. See Mr Jenkins if you have any questions.

Year 12 Students Considering Studying Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary

UKCAT Test – Students applying to study 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.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

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

Future Diary Dates

Mon	18th July	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Tues	19th July			
Wed	20th July	Last day of term		

Mr Jenkins