

Upper School Bulletin



Monday 26th September 2016



Megan, Saoirse and Oliver at the MacMillan Coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes and all the students who helped with the event £495 raised - congratulations

Open Evening – Thursday 6th October

On **Thursday 6th October** the Year 6 Open Evening is taking place. Students may be asked by departments to help on the evening. Senior prefects assisting that evening need to be in the Year 12 Study Centre at 5:30 and be in full dress-code. Thank you advance for giving up your time to assist with the evening.

Curriculum Day

Friday 7th October is a curriculum day so the school will not be open for the majority of students. Students sitting the English and Maths re-sit mocks will be required on site. In addition other students may be required to attend on that day.

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. See Mr. Jenkins for more information.

Debating Society

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday at 1:30 in Room 133. All students welcome. Last week's topic was the controversial return of Grammar Schools and this week will debate if referendums really are a suitable way to make big decisions such as Brexit. See Mr Bagan / Ms Wilson for further details.

A Level Literature Support

For Year 12 & 13 students studying English Literature there will be a weekly support session on Mondays in Room 136 from 3:15-4:15. It will commence on Monday 19th September. See Ms Watson for more details.

The Pulse

Any students interested who want to contribute to the school's online newspaper, The Pulse, need to come to a meeting on Thursday 29 September at 1.30 in 151.

General Reminder

- Students and parents are reminded to **always** contact the Upper School Office when reporting absences, leaving items for collection or paying in cash payments. **The correct number for the Upper School is 020 8506 3871.**
- Students are reminded that other than for fire escape, they should not use the main school reception area as a walkthrough.
- Sixth Form toilets should be treated with respect and any problems to be reported to the Upper School office.

Year 12 Information

University Fair – Friday 30th September

On Friday 30th September all Year 12 students will be all be attending the University Fair at the Emirates Stadium. Students need to meet at Chingford Station at 9:15 and must be following the full Sixth Form dress code. Students should bring money or a packed lunch. We will be returning to school for Period 5 so students should have the required equipment.

'Pathwaystolaw' programme

The programme ran by LSE, Queen Mary and University of Roehampton is for students from state schools interested in studying Law at university, giving them the information, advice and guidance on applying for Law degrees and careers in law. Students must have at least 5 As or A*s at GCSE and be either the first generation in their family to attend university or have been eligible for Free School Meals. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply. Application deadline is **Friday 7th October.**

K+ Programme – King's College

The King's College K+ scheme is designed to help able students from certain backgrounds make successful applications to university. Students must have at least 5 As or A*s at GCSE and be the first generation in their family to attend university. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply.

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 14/9/16 – 20/9/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12W	100%
2 nd	12P	99%
3 rd	12X	98.7%

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

Year 13 Information

Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

Re-sit forms are available from the Upper School Office or Ms Cole. These need to be returned ASAP. Re-sit forms must be submitted with payment enclosed, otherwise they will not be processed.

For modular A Levels, if a student is not re-sitting any modules in a subject, their A2 Predicted Grade will be their AS Grade. Only if a student is half way or more towards the higher grade boundary in terms of UMS Marks, and is re-sitting an AS Module, will they be predicted one grade higher at A2 than the AS grade they attained. *For the new style linear A Levels, students will be predicted a grade higher than they achieved at AS.*

Students need to bear in mind that the only opportunity they will have to sit AS re-sits is in the summer of 2017, when they will also be sitting A2 exams. Therefore, students should not be re-sitting more than one unit in each subject.

EPQ

A reminder that all students completing the EPQ must attend the weekly sessions on Mondays at 3:30 on 137. See Mr Belas for more information.

General Studies

It is not compulsory for Year 13 students to sit the A2 General Studies examination. However all students will be following the A Level Course during tutor time in order to develop their general knowledge. We advise Year 13 students who are applying to universities which accept the grade or points from General Studies to sit the exam, however it is optional. Students need to inform Mr Jenkins if they wish to be entered for A Level General Studies, it is an opt-in system.

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

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Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13P	97.3%
2 nd	13T	97.1%
3 rd	13Y	69.9%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13P, 13X, 13V	0.0%
2 nd	13Y	0.6%

Study in the Netherlands

Students who study at a Dutch University incur tuition fees of €1951 per year for 2015-16, a significant reduction on UK tuition fees. To find out more information on studying in the Netherlands visit www.studyinholland.co.uk

General University Admissions Tests

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

LNAT Test – Students studying Law at a university may be required to sit this test. Applications need to be made online at www.lnat.ac.uk Registration opened on 1st August 2016 and testing starts from 1st September 2016.

PAT/HAT/ELAT/MAT

Students applying to Oxford and Cambridge University are required to sit an aptitude test for certain subjects. Students sitting any of these tests need to obtain an application form from Mrs Cole. There is no cost to sit these tests, the deadline to return the form to Mrs Cole is **16th September**, and the test date is **2nd November**:

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.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

Mon 26th Sept	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Tues 27th Sept	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Wed 28th Sept			
Thurs 29th Sept	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Ms Tickner
Fri 30th Sept	University Fair – Year 12 out P1- P4		

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon 3rd Oct	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Millan
Tues 4th Oct	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Taylor
Wed 5th Oct			
Thurs 6th Oct	Upper School Assembly Open Evening	Main Hall	Ms Bishop
Fri 7th Oct	Curriculum Day English GCSE re-sit mock @ 9am Maths GCSE re-sit mock @ 2:15		

Mr Jenkins