

# Upper School Bulletin



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016



**I hope students are practising their baking skills! Please bring in a cake if you can and give generously this Friday for the MacMillan Coffee Morning.**

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the Senior Prefects will be hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. This will take place in the Main Hall at break-time and at lunch. Please come along and buy a cake! Any students who also want to bake a cake are very welcome! See Mrs Tickner 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. See Mr. Jenkins for more information.

## **Debating Society**

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday at 1:25 in Room 133. All students welcome. 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 19<sup>th</sup> September. See Ms Watson for more details.

## 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

### Year 12 Photographs – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

All Year 12 students will have their individual student photograph taken on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, all photographs will take place in the Main Hall. Students will be photographed at the following times:

Year 12 students in the study centre period 1	9:00am – 9:10am
Year 12 students in the study centre period 2	10:00am – 10:20am
Year 12 students in the study centre period 3	11:30 – 11:40pm
Year 12 students who have games period 4	1:20pm
Year 12 students in the study centre period 5	2:15pm – 2:35pm

### University Fair – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September all Year 12 students will visit at university fair at the Emirates Stadium. Further details to follow.

### 'Pathwaystolaw' programme

The programme ran by UCL & LSE 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.

### 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 13 Information

### Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

Re-sit forms will be available from the Upper School Office or Ms Cole from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the deadline for Re-sit forms to be returned is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. 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.

## 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](http://www.astarfuture.co.uk)

## 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](http://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](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*

**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](http://www.lnat.ac.uk) Registration opened on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and testing starts from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **16<sup>th</sup> September**, and the test date is **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

## **Diary Dates**

### **Diary Dates for This Week**

<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Year 12 Assembly Year 12 Photographs	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>			
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Ms Goodman
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>MacMillan Coffee Morning</b> <b>AS Re-sit deadline</b>		

### **Diary Dates for Next Week**

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

**Mr Jenkins**