

Upper School Bulletin



Monday 12th September 2016



Massive congratulations to Joss Foot (12V) who won Gold in the School Games Javelin competition, throwing a personal best of 59.57m!

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 23rd September

On Friday 23rd 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.

Signing In / Signing Out

Upper School students are permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime. Students must ensure they sign out when leaving the premises. This is essential health and safety requirement. Year 12 & 13 Signing-Out Sheets are located in the Year 12 Study Centre and Upper School Common Room respectively. If a student arrives to school after 9:00am they are must sign in and advise the Upper School Office, likewise if they are leaving early they must advise the office and then sign out.

Punctuality

It is expected that all Upper School Students are on the school site by 08:35 each morning. Students entering the school site after 08:40 will be issued with a punctuality detention for 08:10 the following school 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.

Year 12 Information

Year 12 Photographs – Monday 19th September

All Year 12 students will have their individual student photograph taken on Monday 19th 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

Exam Concessions

Students in Year 12 who had exam concessions for their GCSE's such as additional time for Special Educational Needs are required to speak to Miss Goodman by **Friday 16th September** to make her aware of this information. If a student does not make us aware of this information they will not have the concessions they are entitled to, made available to them when they sit their exams.

Subject Change Deadline – Friday 16th September 2016

Year 12 students have until Friday 16th September to make change their AS subjects. They must come and see either Mr Taylor or Mr Jenkins.

'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 10th September, the deadline for Re-sit forms to be returned is **Friday 23rd 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 2015, when they will also be sitting A2 exams. Therefore, students should not be re-sitting more than one unit in each subject.

Oxbridge Applicants

Students who wish to apply to either Oxford or Cambridge need to make Mr Jenkins aware of this in the first week back in asap. Students also applying to Oxbridge, or doing Medicine/Veterinary or Dentistry need to make their Form Tutors aware as their UCAS references will need to be completed first.

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

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 – For students applying to Oxford University

Students applying to Oxford 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.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

Mon 12th Sept	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Goodman
Tues 13th Sept	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Wed 14th Sept			
Thurs 15th Sept	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Fri 16th Sept	Subject Change Deadline		

Diary Dates for Next Week

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

Mr Jenkins