

# Upper School Bulletin

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016



**English Literature students: Hamidah, Sarah, Elena, Christina and Sophie at a performance of King Lear at the Barbican.**

## **Final Day of Term – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Periods 1 – 3 will run as normal on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, after period 3 all Upper School students will come to the Main Hall for a brief assembly.

## **First Day of Spring Term**

The first teaching day of the Spring Term will be **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Students need to arrive by 8:35 as normal. There will be an assembly in the Main Hall at 8:35. Some students however may be required to attend on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** for academic review meetings and/or work catch-up.

## **Use of the Library**

A reminder to all Upper School students who use the Library that you are not permitted to consume food in the Library and that mobile phones are not to be used for any reason when in the Library.

## **Debating Society**

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday at 1:30 in Room 133. All students welcome.

## **Creative Writing Club**

If you have any interest in writing; fiction, poetry, non-fiction or even academic writing, then come along to Creative Writing club! The club runs **Thursday lunchtimes in room 137**. Come along for a chance to share work and enter competitions!

## **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. 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**

### **GCSE Certificates**

If you did not attend the Chingford GCSE Certificate presentation evening, please make sure you collect your certificates from Mrs Cole in room 9. Please note that we are only obliged to keep certificates for 1 year after issue.

### **Sutton Trust US Programme**

Students interested in studying at an American University should consider applying for the Sutton Trust US Programme, which is a week-long summer school at an American University. To apply and to find out more information visit <http://us.suttontrust.com/> The deadline for applications is **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**.

### **Lloyds Scholars Spring School: Alternative Paths to the City**

This spring school run by UCL is designed for students who are considering a career in the financial sector, without necessarily wanting to study a finance related degree. Students will receive careers workshops, academic sessions and meet with current UCL staff and students. See Mr Jenkins for selection criteria and how to apply. The deadline for applications is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

### **Nuffield Research Placements**

Nuffield Research Placements give students the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians for 4 - 6 weeks over the summer holidays. See Mr Jenkins for the eligibility and criteria and how to apply or go to <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/applicants>

## Year 12 Social Mobility Foundation Programmes

The Social Mobility Foundation offer a range of free programmes available for students covering Accountancy, Architecture, Banking & Finance, Biology & Chemistry, Business, Engineering & Physics, Law, Media & Communications, Medicine, Politics and Technology. There are certain criteria which students need to meet. See Mr Jenkins for further details. The closing date for applications is **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 28/11/16 - 2/12/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12X	99.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12K	98.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12P	96.3%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12X	0.6%

## Year 13 Information

### Year 13 Prom – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The next instalments for the Year 13 Prom will be as follows:

£35 by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

£20 by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

You should either pay on-line or bring the money into the Upper School office by the due dates. Total cost of the ticket is £65. It is not too late for those who haven't signed up – the more the merrier!

### KPMG Programme

KMPG offer two schemes for Sixth Forms students once they have completed their A Levels. For students interested in the schemes offered by KPMG please visit <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/school-leavers> or see Mr Jenkins for details.

### 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.

### 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)

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1 <sup>st</sup>	13T	96%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13Y	94%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13R	92.5%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	13P	0%

## Apprenticeship & University Information

### **EDT – Year in Industry**

The Year in Industry is a gap-year option for students interested in STEM subjects, IT and Business, offering the opportunity to gain paid work experience and skills that will help during their further studies and into in to employment. Go to [www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry](http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry) or see Mr Jenkins for more details.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Goodman
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Tickner
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>			
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Ms Tickner
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prom Deposit - £35</b>		

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

<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
	<b>A Level Presentation Evening</b>		
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of term</b>		

**Mr Jenkins**