

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 21st November 2016



Sena, Saoirse and Molly with the 22 children's Christmas gift boxes ready for delivery. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation and who donated a gift!

Upper School Work Review

On Tuesday 29th November selected students from Year 12 & Y13 will be required to meet with a member of the Upper School Team for a book review. If you are one of those selected students you must bring all of your books/folders for each of your subjects to your review meeting that will be scheduled within one of your study periods.

Community Language Exams

If any students wish to be entered privately for AS/A Level exams in community languages please see **Mrs Cole – Exams Officer – Room 9 by 30th November**, who will find out if we are able to offer that particular language. Private fees will be charged for all entries. We are definitely able to offer OCR AS/A Level in Turkish & Persian for summer 2017, as the OCR GCE qualification is a written paper only. Please obtain a request form from Mrs Cole.

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!

Cross-curricular Sixth Form Literacy club

Having trouble with essays? Can't quite figure out how to start a piece of work? Trouble with literacy? Then book a slot in the Sixth Form Cross-curricular Literacy club! A box will be in the school Library. Just write on the form next to the box your name, form, preferred time and a brief outline of what you need help with, and then pop it in the box before **4pm on Wednesdays**. You will then receive your time slot for a 15 minute 1:1 session with me to work through any issues you are having. The 1:1 sessions will take place on Thursdays, between 3:20-4:20 in Room 150. If you haven't booked a slot, come and see me in room 150 on Thursday at 3:15 and I'll see if there are any free slots. You can get help with any subject, focusing on literacy skills or essay writing skills. Any questions see Miss Knowles (English Faculty).

Debating Society

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

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.

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

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>

Goldsmiths Progression Scheme

This programme gives students access to a range of opportunities that will challenge them academically and support progression into Higher Education. There are 7 subject strands: Computing, English, Media, PPE, Psychology, Theatre & Performance and Visual Cultures. The deadline for applications is **Monday 21st November**. See Mr. Jenkins for further details.

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 7/11/16 - 11/11/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12X	98.7%
2 nd	12Q	98.5%
3 rd	12L	97%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	12X	0.7%
2 nd	12L, 12Q	1%

Year 13 Information

Year 13 Prom – 5th July 2017

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

£35 by 16th December 2016

£20 by 10th 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!

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

Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 7/11/16 – 11/11/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13T	100%
2 nd	13X	99.5%
3 rd	13V	99.2%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13T	0%
2 nd	13P	0.9%
3 rd	13X	1%

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 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

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 21st Nov	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Millan
Tues 22nd Nov	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Taylor
Wed 23rd Nov			
Thurs 24th Nov	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Ms Goodman
Fri 25th Nov			

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon 28th Nov	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Tues 29th Nov	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
Wed 30th Nov			
Thurs 1st Dec	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mrs Tickner
Fri 2nd Dec			

Mr Jenkins