

# Upper School Bulletin



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016



The US Presidential election takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Who will win?

## Guest Speaker – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

All Upper School students will be off timetable during Period 3 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, to hear a talk from Andy Chew, who is the Managing Director in Cisco UK and Ireland. Students need to go to the Main Hall at 11:20 and sit in their normal assembly seats.

## Remembrance Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

To commemorate the end of the hostilities at the end of the First World War and to remember those who have lost their lives in conflict, there will be a two-minute silence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10:58.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Unfortunately, we cannot offer the Edexcel Italian or Russian GCE qualification, which enquiries have also been made about, as both the AS & A levels involve a speaking/conversation unit which we cannot support.

## 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, 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 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

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> November**. See Mr Jenkins for further details.

### Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 17/10/16-21/10/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12X	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12K	97.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12L	96.5%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	12X	0.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12M, 12Q	0.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12L, 12P, 12V	1%

## Year 13 Information

### Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the Kings Oak in High Beach. Please hand in the £10 deposit to the Upper School Office ASAP. Total cost of the ticket is £65

### 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>	13X	98%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13R, 13V	92.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13P, 13Q, 13W	90%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 <sup>st</sup>	13W	0.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13X	0.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13R	0.9%

## Apprenticeship & University Information

### 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)

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mrs Evans
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Guest Speaker – Period 3</b>	<b>Main Hall</b>	
<b>Thurs 10<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Taylor
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Remembrance Day: 10:58 – Two-minute silence</b>		

### Diary Dates for Next Week

<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Jenkins
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mrs Tickner
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Miss Heaton
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			

***Mr Jenkins***