

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 31st October 2016



Year 12 Politics students on a recent trip to the Houses of Parliament

Thank you!

A very big thank you to all the students who have acted as tour guides and shown prospective students and parents around the school. All visitors were very impressed with you and thought you were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Upper School Parent/Tutor Evening – Wednesday 2nd November

The Upper School Parent/Tutor evening will take place on **Wednesday 2nd November**. It is important that you and your parents attend, as your first tracking report will be discussed at the meeting. Please return your parent reply slips as soon as possible and make an appointment with your form tutor.

Guest Speaker – Tuesday 8th November

All Upper School students will be off timetable during Period 3 on Tuesday 8th 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.

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

English Literature Reading Scholars Programme

The programme aims to give Year 12 students a real taste of life as a university undergraduate, and to provide practical support as participants begin their higher education application process. Featuring input from leading academics, current undergraduate e-mentors and university alumni, the programme furthermore aims to challenge participants academically and enhance their current studies. **Applications close on Friday 4th November 2016. The application form and brochure can be downloaded here: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/teachers-and-advisors/events-and-activities/ta-readingscholars.aspx>.**

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 2/10/16–18/10/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12X	98.7%
2 nd	12W	96.7%
3 rd	12K	95.9%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	12K, 12X	0.0%
2 nd	12P, 12M, 12P	0.5%
3 rd	12Y	0.9%

Year 13 Information

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will take place on Wednesday 5th 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

Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 12/10/16– 18/10/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13Q	96.0%
2 nd	13R	93.1%
3 rd	13V	92.5%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13P, 13Q, 13W,	0.0%
2 nd	13X	0.5%
3 rd	13Y	0.7%

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

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 31st Oct	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Mahmood
	English GCSE re-sit @ 9am		
Tues 1st Nov	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Wed 2nd Nov	Parent-Tutor Evening		
	Maths GCSE re-sit/ BMAT/HAT/MAT @ 9:15am		
Thurs 3rd Nov	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Fri 4th Nov	Maths GCSE re-sit @ 9am		

Diary Dates for Next Week

Mon 7th Nov	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mrs Evans
Tues 8th Nov	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Ms Tickner
	Guest Speaker – Period 3	Main Hall	
Wed 9th Nov			
Thurs 10rd Nov	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Miss Heaton
Fri 11th Nov			

Mr Jenkins