



Parent & Carer Bulletin

The Sixth Form Parent & Carer Bulletin provides you with key information to keep you up to date with what is going on in Sixth Form.

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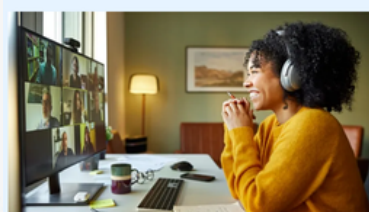
General Notices

Year 12 – This week in Horizons we launched UCAS with the second half of the year group. Mrs Brown explained the UCAS process and introduced the UCAS Hub. We got all students to sign up and make a start on their applications. We will guide them through each step of this process. There is also a comprehensive UCAS application guide on their Google Classroom.

Year 13 – All students are on study leave now for their exams. Please remember that students are welcome to still come in to school to use the study spaces.

Apprenticeships

[Linked here](#)



Degree apprenticeships explained

Students Virtual

Part of event series: [University discovery: HE advice and the things you ought to know](#)

Join our webinar to discover how degree apprenticeships let you earn a salary, gain real work experience, and graduate with a university degree. Learn how they work, how to apply, and find out what a typical day for a degree apprentice looks like. This session will give you the insights you need to take the next step, get your questions answered, and help you decide if degree apprenticeships are the right route for you.

> Mon 8 Jun 16:30-17:15 UK time

Key Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 10th June – Careers Advice & Guidance – Virtual Parental Engagement Session – 5pm – 5.30pm.
- Year 12 Mock exams and Study Leave starts Tuesday 16th June until Wednesday 24th June.

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Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Everything you need to know about personal statements', 'Life at university: beyond the books', 'Economics taster: does money make us happy?', 'Graphic design taster: how can design create change?', 'What do criminologists actually do?' and 'Pharmacology and pharmaceutical science: solutions in health, from lab to life'.*
- University of Cambridge events series - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Medicine - Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026', 'Personal Statements and Subject Exploration Webinar', 'Mathematics - Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026' and 'Medicine with Dr Eric Jou - The Murray Edwards Webinar Series'.*
- University of Oxford events - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Oxford Maths Admissions Test Livestream - Algebra' and 'How to... Find and make the most of supercurricular activities for your personal statement'.*
- University of Sunderland - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Undergraduate Open Day'.*
- The University of Law - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'LLB Taster Session - Inside Criminal Law' and 'Student Life'.*
- University of Surrey - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Physics: Quantum Physics'.*
- University of East Anglia - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Webinar: How to Choose the Right Course & University for You?'.*

St Thomas More Catholic School Sixth Form

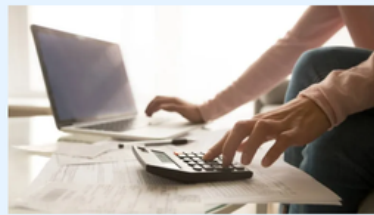
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Opportunities for Parents & Carers next week

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked here](#)



Navigating the maze of student finance and savvy living at university

Students Parents Virtual

Part of event series: [University discovery: HE advice and the things you ought to know](#)

Being independent is freeing, but it can also be expensive! Make sure you're on top of your finances by attending this webinar, where you'll hear from universities on all things UK student finance, including information about loans, scholarships and bursaries, and how to enjoy your university experience on a budget with top tips for sensible spending and budgeting.

> Tue 9 Jun 16:30-17:15 UK time

Oxford University Parent & Carer Session

In The Know – Applying to Oxbridge: how it works | 9 Jun 2026



Series	In The Know – Parents' Information Sessions
Date	9 June 2026
Location	Online
Cost	Free
Target audience	Parents

[Linked here](#)

Is your child or young person you are caring for thinking about applying to Oxbridge? If so, this session is for you.

The application process to Oxford and Cambridge is made up of multiple steps, several of which are not required by other universities. In this session we will explain how the application process works, what each of its steps is designed to do (and what it is not designed to do!), what admissions tutors are looking for, and how to put together a strong application. We will also focus on the question of choosing a college, as well as the option of an Open Application. We will share useful admissions statistics for both Oxford and Cambridge, and explain their relevance as well as provide the context in which they must be understood. In addition to talking about the admissions process itself, we will also dedicate some time in this session to sharing what life at Oxford and Cambridge is like for students, and what things are worth considering before applying here.



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Ongoing Opportunities

- UCAS Hub Live Sessions - [linked here](#) - UCAS run live sessions in the UCAS Hub to help those researching their next steps, and record them all. You can access them using the link above. The topics covered include universities, apprenticeships, interviews and auditions.
- Prospects - Future You webinars - [linked here](#) - Get inspiring advice and in-depth insights from employers, careers advisers, students and graduates by attending the Future You webinars from Prospects.
- Join the dots - [linked here](#) - Join the Dots is a university transition programme designed to support students facing the greatest challenges in making a successful transition to university.
- Year 13 - Pathways to Newcastle - [linked here](#) - Through our academic-led online programme, you could receive lower entry requirements to Newcastle University and develop the skills you need for success at university and beyond.
- Aspire Guide - [linked here](#) - Your essential guide to careers, further education and university.
- Amazing Apprenticeships - [linked here](#) - Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector. For over a decade we have been working to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and technical education, promote their benefits, and push the boundaries of what the sector can do.

Useful Links

- University Open Days - [linked here](#)
- UCAS Apprenticeships - [linked here](#)
- UCAS - [linked here](#)
- Sixth Form Bursary - [linked here](#)
- Unifrog - [linked here](#) (all students have an account)
- University Taster Days - [linked here](#)
- Student Finance Guide - [linked here](#)