



## 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 had Newcastle University in to speak about 'The Sociology of Surveillance' – a session which got students to investigate and debate the sociology of CCTV surveillance systems and the impact on our society. They also had a session on student life, which gave them an insight into day-to-day life as a university student.

Year 12 Mock exams start next week on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and run until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – all students have study leave over this period. They are expected in school as normal on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 13 – All students are on study leave now for their exams. Please remember that students are welcome to still come into school to use the study spaces. It is the final exams next week. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday 13th August for Results Day!

### Key Upcoming Dates

- Year 12 Mock exams and Study Leave starts Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- 26th June – INSET Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – STM Summer Concert – 6pm



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## Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Mini-masterclass: business and mastering entrepreneurship in an AI world'*, *'Mini-masterclass: thinking like a psychologist'*, *'Mini-masterclass: explore the latest in law and legal studies'*, *'Mini-masterclass: exploring the theories that shape education'*, *'Mini-masterclass: from stage to studio, exploring opportunities in creative and performing arts'* and *'Mini-masterclass: how engineers shape the world around us'*.
- University of Cambridge events series - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Making a competitive Cambridge application - St John's College Webinars 2026'* and *'Archaeology- Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026'*.
- University of Oxford events - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'An overview of the Oxford admissions process (for students and teachers)'*.
- The University of Law - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Real World Lecture: Can You Be a Good Leader without doing Bad Things?'* and *'Real World Lecture: Can Artificial Intelligence Have a Positive Impact on Wellbeing?'*.
- University of Essex - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'Business Taster: Could Psychedelics Change the Way We Work? Exploring Mental Health in Business'*.
- University of Wolverhampton - [linked here](#) - coming up: *'How to ace your Personal Statement for UCAS'*.



[Linked here](#)

## Apprenticeships



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## Opportunities for Parents & Carers next week

### University of East Anglia – Parent & Carer Session

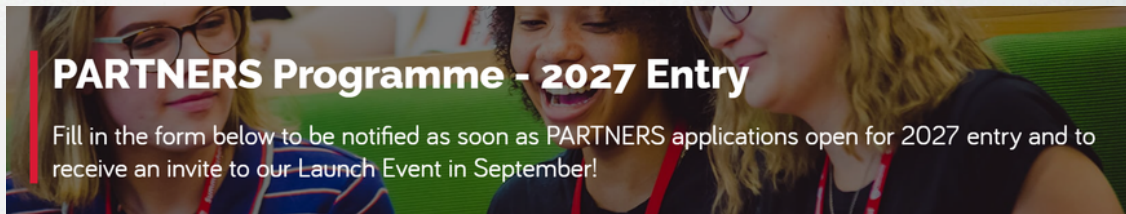
[Linked here](#)

HE Guidance: A Guide to University for Parents/Carers with Lois Braysher & Harry Ward, Higher Education Advisers from University of East Anglia

June 16 @ 18:00 - 18:45

This webinar will provide parents and carers with an introduction to university, helping you to better understand the process and be able to help your young person make a successful application.

## Newcastle University – PARTNERS



[Linked here](#)

PARTNERS is a supported entry programme which entitles students to receive a lower offer, attend a free Academic Summer School and access dedicated support from application to enrolment.

Many of our students go on to study at Newcastle University, so this is a great way for them to secure a lower offer and receive additional support.

The form linked above is an 'expression of interest' form, which will notify those who have signed up as soon as applications for 2027 open, and provide direct access to the most up-to-date information about eligibility criteria and how to apply for PARTNERS 2027.



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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.
- Channel Talent - [linked here](#) - Channel Talent is a live and interactive video conferencing / webinar service which links universities and businesses to schools. Channel Talent beams university lecturers, admissions personnel, university students and apprentices into the school classroom in addition to including individual students.

## 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](#)