



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 – It has been lovely to have students back with us this week following their time on study leave. In Horizons this week, students had a session on personal statements, and then had time to start preparing their own personal statement ready for university, apprenticeship and job applications.

Year 13 – We look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday 13th August for Results Day!

Apprenticeships

Careerpilot

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

[Linked here](#)

- What are the benefits of a higher/ degree apprenticeship?
- What job sectors offer Higher and Degree Apprenticeships?
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeship vacancies
- Degree Apprenticeships offered at universities

Key Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 8th July – Healthy Eating – Virtual Parental Engagement Session – 5pm – 5.30pm
- Friday 17th July – Last day of the academic year
- Thursday 13th August – A level results day

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Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Fine art taster: what is contemporary painting?'*, *'What is clearing for UK universities and how do you navigate it?'*, *'Interactive session: how does where you live impact your health?'*, *'Sociology taster: how do we study 'society' scientifically?'*, *'Faulty parachutes: a business taster on why entrepreneurs take the leap'*, *'Musical theatre taster: how 'The Wizard of Oz' was reimagined for the stage'* and *'Psychology taster: how do our memories shape us?'*.
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Trinity College Virtual Open Day'*, *'Natural Sciences (Biological) – Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026'*, *'Cambridge for Beginners'*, *'Human, Social and Political Sciences – Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026'*, *'Economics – Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026'* and *'Politics – Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions 2026'*.
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'St Hugh's Connect – How to... Prepare for admissions tests and interviews'*.
- University of Essex – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Did You Consent to Your Online Childhood? Sharenting Risks Explored'*, *'Is the UK Racist?'* and *'Genomics Meets AI: Can We Detect Cancer Earlier?'*.
- University of Exeter – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Discover University: Personal Statements'*.
- University of Manchester – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Virtual Open Day'*.
- University of East Anglia – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Webinar: I love chemistry – but what next?'*.
- University of Liverpool – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Personal statements and maximising your summer'* and *'Personal statements and maximising your summer'*.

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers Next Week

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)



Parents and caregivers session: how to help your child navigate through Clearing for UK universities

Parents

Virtual

Join this dedicated session to find out all about Clearing including when it opens and how to apply, things your child should consider when applying, and what support you can offer throughout the process. University experts will answer your questions live, signpost where to find resources, and share hints and tips for results day.

> Tue 7 Jul 17:30-18:15 UK time

University of Oxford Parent & Carer Sessions

Session 1 For Families - a guide to university

Monday the 6 July at 6pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated university information and guidance. In the session, we will focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child's progression to higher education.

We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university. We will also touch on some aspects of the University of Oxford. There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences of applying to university and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.



Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process

Thursday the 9 July at 6pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process. In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future.

We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford. There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences of applying to Oxford and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

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University of Oxford Parent & Carer Session



Tuesday, July 7, 7:15 PM **Upcoming**

In The Know Session 3 - Preparing for going to university

Guest speaker: Professor Robert Vilain, Senior Tutor (St Hugh's College), and Professor of German and Comparative Literature (University of Oxford).

Whether staying close to home or moving farther afield for university study, the transition from school or sixth form college to undergraduate level is a time of change.

This session will explore the benefits and challenges of this process. Most importantly, we will help you find out what is worth noting in advance of sending your child to university, and how to prepare them (and yourself) for this. We will discuss financial considerations (including financial support available at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as how accommodation and food costs can vary a lot between universities although the tuition fees are the same). We will also turn our attention to the study and welfare support provision at university, and will cover some of the key questions you and your child should be asking of universities in advance of joining.



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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

[Linked
here](#)

The University Guys Parent & Carer Session

FREE Europe University Admissions Webinar

The University Guys

Designed for students, parents, and schools supporting young people, this live webinar unpacks the complex and varied world of European university admissions. Understand country-specific systems, strict deadlines, entry requirements, and how to build competitive applications with clarity and confidence.

 Tuesday, July 7, 2026

 Delivered Online



[Linked
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.
- 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](#)