



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

We have been very impressed with the fantastic start our Year 12 students have made in Sixth Form, and it has been equally lovely to welcome our Year 13 students back as they begin their final year. Both year groups have shown a positive attitude and made an excellent start to the academic year, and we would like to congratulate them all on their efforts so far.

16 – 19 Bursary

All students have been made aware of the 16 – 19 Sixth Form Bursary. This provides financial support to students for Sixth Form related expenses.

There are eligibility criteria which includes:

Looked after person (in care), Care leaver, In receipt of income support, Disabled and in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, Eligible for Free School Meals, Lower family income

Students should apply for the Bursary via the link on the school website – [linked here](#).

Key Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 24th September – Sixth Form Welcome/Meet the tutor evening – 5pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 15th October – UCAS Early Entry Deadline



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Absence reporting – STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com or
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Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'The mathematics behind the world: from Taylor Swift to facial recognition'*
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Applicant Webinar Series – Cambridge Colleges demystified'* and *'Applying to Christ's'*
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Preparing for Medical School Webinars'*
- University of Law – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Real World Lecture: Must Justice be 'Seen to be Done'?''*
- University of East Anglia – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Webinar: How to Choose the Right Course & University for You?'*
- The University Guys – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Asia-Pacific University Admissions Webinar'*

Apprenticeships

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

- 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

[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](#)