



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 – In Horizons this week, we launched the EPQ. It was great to see the amazing effort students had put into their EPQ mood boards over the summer, and we are delighted by the number of students who have signed up to complete this additional qualification.

All students have signed up for a leadership role within the school. They were able to choose from a wide range of opportunities, including Literacy Leaders, Student Mentors, Wellbeing Champions, and many more. From previous years, we know that students find these roles extremely rewarding, while also developing valuable skills such as communication, teamwork, confidence and leadership. We are excited to see our Year 12 students begin their leadership journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across the school community.

Year 13 – This week, Year 13 had their first Life Skills session. This is the first in a series of short weekly sessions designed to provide students with information about real-world topics. This week's session focused on banking, covering key information that will help students manage their finances as they move towards greater independence. Students found the session really useful and engaged well with the content.

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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Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Natural sciences taster: why one science isn't always enough', 'Law taster: does prison work? Exploring overcrowding and the early release scheme', 'Psychology taster: what makes faces so special?', 'Becoming a doctor', 'Designing the medicines of tomorrow: a pharmaceutical science taster', 'Psychology taster: why smart people make bad decisions', 'Sports science taster: why can't everyone run fast marathons?', 'What makes an entrepreneur? And can you learn how to be one?', 'Criminology taster: can you spot a liar?' and 'From electrical to mechanical: which engineering course is right for you?'*
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Applicant Webinar Series – The Cambridge Foundation Year', 'Applicant Webinar Series – Applying to Cambridge live Q&A', 'Churchill College Webinars: Making a Competitive Application to the University of Cambridge' and 'Applicant Webinar Series – Careers after Cambridge'.*
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Astrophoria Online Open Day' and 'Application Preparation Day'.*
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'The Great Gatsby – Channel Talent English Literature: F. Scott Fitzgerald, Capitalism as Tragedy', 'Webinar: A Step-By-Step Guide to Writing a Standout Personal Statement'.*

Apprenticeships

The essential guide to degree apprenticeships

[Linked
here](#)

The Sixth Formers' Guide
Degree Apprenticeships

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

University of Brighton Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)



Parents and caregivers session: a parent's guide to open days

Parents Virtual

Choosing the right university is a huge milestone for both students and their families. While prospective students may focus on finding the right course and campus, parents often have different priorities, such as wellbeing and accommodation. Join the University of Plymouth as we explore ten key things parents should look for at an open day and share practical tips to help you support your child in making a confident, informed decision.

> Mon 14 Sep 18:30-19:15 UK time

The Brilliant Club Parent & Carer Session

Making Good Uni Choices: Making informed decisions about courses and where to apply

Tuesday 15th September, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

In this webinar, Year 12 and 13 students and parents/carers can learn more about how to choose five courses and universities for a UCAS application, and understand contextual offers. You can also hear from current undergraduate students about their experiences.



[Linked
here](#)

Suitable for students too.

Parent Guide to Education Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)

Wednesday 16 September
7 – 8PM





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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](#)