



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, students took part in a range of Taskmaster-inspired activities. These challenges required them to work together, using their creativity, problem-solving skills, and ability to think outside the box. Students really impressed us with their initiative and ideas, and we had a lot of fun seeing the different solutions they came up with for each scenario. The other half of the year group will take part in these activities next week.

Year 13 – Year 13 had another great Life Skills session this week, focusing on UK political parties. The session provided students with an overview of the different political parties in the UK and encouraged them to think about what is important to them when deciding which party to vote for. Students actively participated throughout the session, and it was great to hear them share their thoughts and opinions.

Apprenticeships

Health Apprenticeship Discovery Sessions

[Linked
here](#)



Key Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 24th September – Sixth Form Welcome/Meet the tutor evening – 5pm – 6.30pm
- Monday 12th October – Wednesday 14th October – Year 13 Celebration Retreat
- Thursday 15th October – UCAS Early Entry Deadline

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Opportunities next week

- UniFrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Let's talk about university! Benefits, concerns, and real answers', 'Earn while you learn: the ultimate guide to apprenticeships', 'The gap year game plan: how to travel and build your CV', 'Engineering the future of healthcare: meet the experts', 'Becoming a lawyer', 'Biomedical science taster: how scientists diagnose illnesses', 'AI everywhere: cybersecurity, fintech and big data', 'Where could a degree in education take you?'*.
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'History Interview Webinar 2026', 'Human, Social and Political Sciences Interview Webinar 2026' and 'Linguistics Interview Webinar 2026'*.
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Crescendo Music Programme – Songbooks and Amateur Musicking'*.
- University of Roehampton – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Writing a Winning Personal Statement Webinar'*.
- Heriot-Watt University – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Mathematics – Becoming an Actuary... Get paid to predict the future!'*
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Psychology: Online Identities and Social Media', 'Economics/Business: Understanding Financial Markets – Why They Matter to the Economy', 'Think Tank – The Oil Industry – Cutting Edge', 'Creative Writing: Beyond Language? How to Write About Music', 'English Literature: The Power of Horror' and 'Physics: Explosions in Space – The Sun's Bad Days!'*

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)



Supporting next steps: a parent and caregivers' guide to post-18 options

Parents Virtual

Part of event series: [Exploring post-18 options >](#)

Supporting your child with their post-18 choices can feel overwhelming. In this session, we're busting the common myths around university, apprenticeships, and internships. Hear directly from universities and employers to get clear advice on the pros and cons of each pathway, plus practical ways to guide your child through their decision-making.

> Mon 21 Sep 17:30-18:15 UK time

University of Cambridge Parent & Carer Session

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SEP

Applicant Webinar Series - For parents and supporters: live Q&A

Online

An opportunity to ask questions to our admissions staff.



[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](#)