



## 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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Welcome Evenings last night. It was wonderful to meet so many of you, and we hope you found the event both informative and enjoyable.

**Year 12** – This week in Horizons, the other half of Year 12 took part in their 'Taskmaster' afternoon. It was a fantastic session, and once again we were extremely impressed by the students' creativity, teamwork, and ability to develop innovative solutions to the challenges they were set.

**Year 13** – Our Year 13 students attended their RAP Launch Assembly this week. Mr Tait highlighted the importance of their upcoming mock examinations and shared valuable advice on managing their time effectively and preparing thoroughly in the lead-up to the mock exam period in November.

During this week's Life Skills Briefing, Dr Caffull delivered a session on 'Budgeting for University'. This topic was selected in response to student feedback about areas they would like to learn more about. The session covered a range of key financial considerations, including accommodation costs, managing income and expenditure, part-time employment, grocery shopping, and other day-to-day living expenses. Students found the session extremely useful and gained valuable insights into the financial aspects of university life.

### Key Upcoming Dates

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 13 Celebration Retreat
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – UCAS Early Entry Deadline
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 13 Parents' Evening

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## Opportunities next week

- Unifrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Insider tips to make your personal statement unbeatable', 'Could you get a lower university offer? Funding, support, and hidden opportunities', 'Build a creative portfolio that gets you noticed', 'Medicine and dentistry applications: beat your competition', 'UCAS unlocked: complete guide to UK university admissions' and 'Step into the Met Police: unlock your future in policing, PCSO, and specialist staff roles'.*
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Applicant Webinar Series – My Cambridge Application', 'Applicant Webinar Series – Student support: welfare, wellbeing and support for disabled students', 'Assessments and Interviews' and subject specific interview webinars.*
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Online Personal Statement Workshop'.*
- Royal Holloway, University of London – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'A Guide to UCAS and Personal Statements'.*
- University of Roehampton – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Choosing the Right University & Course for You'.*
- Aston University – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Mastering Your Personal Statement'.*
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'right4me Engineering – General vs Specialism, Insights into University Modules & the Learning Experience', 'Psychology/Neuroscience: Brainspotting – The Anatomy of the Brain, Behaviour & Psychological Processes with Dr Eva Balgova', 'Getting Started with the Extended Project Qualification with Becky Naylor-Teece', 'Business: Defining & Embedding Business Values', 'Criminology: Cybercriminals – Offender Motivations & Behaviours with Dr Iain Reid', 'Philosophy/Religious Studies: Kant and Freedom with Dr David Grumett' and 'HE Guidance: Making Applying to University Easy – A Step-By-Step Guide to Writing a Standout Personal Statement'.*

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## Opportunities for Parents & Carers

### Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked  
here](#)



**Tips for parents and caregivers: supporting your child's UK university application**

Parents Virtual

Part of event series: [University application masterclasses](#) >

Help your child navigate the university application process with confidence! In this dedicated session, we'll share practical guides and tips on helping them choose the right course and institution. Plus, learn how to constructively support them in structuring and refining their personal statement.

> Wed 30 Sep 17:30-18:15 UK time

### Unifrog Parent & Carer Session



#### Parent to parent: shared experiences on how the British Army funds university bursaries, paid internships, and apprenticeships

Parents Virtual

Whether your child is curious about the Army or you simply want the facts, this supportive session is here for you. Hear directly from parents and caregivers who've been in your shoes as they share honest insights into Army life and the journey into it, including paid internships, university bursaries and apprenticeships. Plus, walk away with practical tips to support your young person at every stage of exploring their options.

> Thu 1 Oct 17:30-18:15 UK time

[Linked  
here](#)

## Apprenticeships

### Accessing Apprenticeships Film

[Linked  
here](#)



Watch this short film to hear from ten different apprentices about the routes into their amazing apprenticeships.



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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](#)