



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 our Work Experience Launch with Careers Coordinator, Mrs Alphonse. The session explored the importance of work experience, strategies for securing a placement, and guidance on making professional phone calls and writing effective emails. Students then had the opportunity to begin researching potential placements and making their initial contacts with employers. Work experience will take place during the week beginning 11th January 2027, and students are encouraged to secure their placements as early as possible. The remaining half of Year 12 will take part in this session next week.

Year 13 – In Life Skills this week, Mr Tait delivered a session on Getting a Car, following feedback from students requesting further information on this topic. The session covered the financial responsibilities associated with car ownership, including the different ways of acquiring a vehicle, such as purchasing a used car or leasing, as well as an overview of insurance options and costs.

As part of the Wider Curriculum programme, students also attended a Post-18 Pathways session with Careers Coordinator, Mrs Alphonse. The presentation provided an overview of the range of opportunities available after Sixth Form, including university, apprenticeships, employment, volunteering, gap years, and Higher National Certificates (HNCs), helping students to consider and plan their next steps beyond Year 13.

Key Upcoming Dates

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

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Opportunities next week

- Unifrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'On the frontline: unlocking your career in healthcare', 'Turn your passion for the planet into a career', 'Can your creativity become a career?', 'Decoding finance careers: real routes, real careers, real advice', 'Engineering careers: build the future and solve real world problems', 'Unlock your potential: find where you belong in the British Army' and 'Explore your pathways: where could studying psychology take you?'*
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *Subject specific interview webinars to help students prepare for undergraduate admissions interviews.*
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Crescendo Music Programme – Film Music.'*
- University of Sunderland – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Primary Education: A Journey Through the Key Stages'.*
- Newcastle University – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'INSIGHTS Black History Month Lecture: Beyond recognition: Structural racism and the health of the Black community' and 'Tina Gharavi's Night and Day: Adapting Virginia Woolf's novel for the cinema screen'.*
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'insight4me Chemistry: Organic Chemistry – Applications in Drug Discovery & Cancer Therapies', 'Literature/Theatre/Classics: Sophocles' Theban Plays in the 21st Century: Tragedy, Politics and Adaptation', 'Geography/Politics: The Geopolitics of the Arctic', 'HE Guidance: The Transition to University – Guiding Students through University Life and Support', 'Psychology: Experiencing Live Research Design as a Participant Before Following Project Progress & Research Outcomes – Seminar 1', 'Politics: Rights in the UK – Past, Present, Future', 'Psychology Unlocked: Your Journey from Degree to Career', 'Prevent What? Contemporary Issues in Terrorism and Counter-radicalization' and 'insight4me English Literature – Gothic Literature'.*

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)



What parents and caregivers need to know about apprenticeships

Parents

Virtual

Part of event series: [Routes into... >](#)

Apprenticeships are on the rise for school leavers, with 23% of all UK apprenticeships started in 2024 by people aged under 19. Sign up to this webinar to find out about all things apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, and how to support applications. You'll have opportunities to get all your questions answered so you can better understand your child's next steps on the route to an apprenticeship.

> Wed 7 Oct 17:30-18:15 UK time

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session



Parents and caregivers session: supporting your young person's journey to higher education

Parents

Virtual

Join us for this special parents' session to explore the benefits of higher education and how to prepare for university. Learn about the support available at UWE Bristol and discover practical ways to help your child make a confident transition into higher education.

> Thu 8 Oct 18:30-19:15 UK time

[Linked
here](#)

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Parents: All You Need to Know About Applying to University Webinar

University of Roehampton



Parents: All You Need to Know About Applying to University Webinar
Wednesday 7th October 2026 from 5:30-6pm

Panellists will include:

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Student Recruitment Education Specialist

Admissions Officer

Finance Officer

A current Roehampton student

📅 Wednesday, October 7, 2026

📺 Delivered Online

📺 Webinar

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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](#)