



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, the second half of the Year 12 cohort took part in their Work Experience Launch. As a result, all Year 12 students have now received guidance on the work experience process, including how to identify and secure a suitable placement. Students have also been reminded that all placement details must be recorded on Unifrog as part of the preparation process. Should students require any support, they are encouraged to speak with Mrs Alphonse or a member of the Sixth Form team.

In Wider Curriculum, students took part in a financial awareness session focusing on credit, savings and ISAs. The session aimed to develop students' understanding of personal finance and equip them with valuable knowledge to support their future financial decision-making.

Year 13 – In Life Skills this week, Year 13 students attended a session entitled 'How to Choose a Property: Your Rights as a Tenant – Top Tips!'. The session explored a range of important considerations when searching for accommodation, including factors to consider when choosing a property, typical rental timelines, useful websites and letting agencies, tenancy agreements, and household bills. This practical guidance was designed to help students prepare for the responsibilities of independent living. In Wider Curriculum, students participated in a session on relationship safety, focusing on stalking. The session helped raise awareness of the warning signs, the impact on individuals, and the importance of seeking support when needed, providing students with valuable knowledge to help keep themselves and others safe.

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
- Friday 23rd October – Charity Walk
- Friday 27th November – INSET Day

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Opportunities next week

- Unifrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Beyond ChatGPT: exploring the science and society of artificial intelligence'*, *'Physics taster: why is reaching Mercury so difficult?'*, *'Packed cells, broken systems: exploring prison overcrowding'*, *'What universities really want to see in your portfolio and audition'*, *'Can data make elite athletes better?'*, *'Computer science taster: can AI save lives?'*, *'How scientists reconstruct the lives of dinosaurs'* and *'Clinical psychology taster: can our thoughts really change how we feel?'*.
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Fitzwilliam College and Zero Gravity: The Cambridge Foundation Year'*, *'Applicant Webinar Series – College admission assessments explained: how to prepare and what to expect'* and *Subject specific interview webinars to help students prepare for undergraduate admissions interviews*.
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Online Interview Workshop'*.
- University of Sunderland – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Art and Design Creative Careers Talk'* and *'Master your Nursing Personal Statement'*.
- University of Law – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Real World Lecture: Can AI Save Your Life?'*.
- Newcastle University – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'INSIGHTS: Outsider Animals: How the creatures at the margins of our lives have the most to teach us by Professor Marlene Zuk'* and *'NCL in Action: A picture of health with keynote from Professor Chris Whitty'*.
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Film: When the Woman Directs – An Introduction to Female Filmmakers'*, *'Mathematics: Applications of Prime Numbers with Professor Shaun Stevens'*, *'UK Politics: Reviewing The Party Conference Season with Dr Eitan Tzelgov'*, *'Crafting a Research Question for the Extended Project Qualification'* and *'English Literature: Heatwave! Climate Dystopias in Literature with Dr Madeleine Chalmers'*.

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session

[Linked
here](#)

Suitable for
students and
parents



Unifrog UK University Fair

[Students](#) [Parents](#) [Virtual](#)

Get to know about university at our virtual fair where you can chat with over 30 UK universities! We'll be joined by experts from the universities of Reading, Exeter, Stirling, Durham, Loughborough, and many more! You'll have the chance to get your questions answered and attend live webinars on topics including student finance, personal statements, student life, and a dedicated parent session. Follow the sign up link to register, and view the full agenda on our exciting external events platform.

> Wed 14 Oct 16:00-18:30 UK time

Student Finance Parent & Carer Session

HE Guidance: Student Finance – Supporting Your Young Person – A Parent/Carer Event with Ben Pettitt and Natalie Sem, Higher Education Advisers from University of East Anglia

October 13 @ 18:00 - 18:45

[Linked
here](#)

The National Apprenticeship Show covers all levels of Apprenticeships, from entry level to higher and degree. This FREE event offers visitors a chance to engage, face-to-face, with some of the regions top Apprenticeship employers and providers.

Opening Dates & Times:

Tuesday 13 October 2026 10:00 – 14:30

Wednesday 14 October 2026 10:00 – 14:00

Parents/Carers/Individuals Dedicated Evening Opening:

Tuesday 13 October 2026 15:30 – 18:00

Apprenticeships



[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](#)