



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, we welcomed guest speakers from Lancaster University, who delivered an engaging and informative session on Study Skills and Revision. Students explored a range of topics, including effective revision techniques, memory retention, time management, wellbeing, and how to create a successful revision plan. The session was highly interactive, with students contributing enthusiastically and some even winning small prizes for their participation. A reminder that all Year 12 students have now attended their Work Experience launch session and should be actively arranging their placements. Once a placement has been secured, details should be uploaded to Unifrog. If students require any support with this process, we encourage them to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team or to Mrs Alphonse, our Careers Coordinator.

Year 13 – Earlier this week, many of our Year 13 students attended the Celebration Retreat at Ford Castle. During the retreat, students took part in a range of exciting activities, including ziplining, axe throwing and Jacob's Ladder. They also spent time reflecting on aspects of their lives that may currently be holding them back, considering how they can move forward positively and make the most of the opportunities ahead of them. It was a valuable experience that encouraged personal growth, resilience and self-reflection, and was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and staff alike.

This week also marked the UCAS Early Entry deadline, and we are delighted that all applications were submitted in good time. Even more encouragingly, we have already begun to receive offers from universities. Our focus will now turn to supporting the remainder of the year group with their post-18 applications, including UCAS applications, apprenticeship opportunities and personal statement development. If your child would benefit from any additional guidance regarding their next steps, please encourage them to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team or Mrs Alphonse, our Careers Coordinator, who will be happy to help.

Key Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 22nd October – Year 13 Parents' Evening
- Friday 23rd October – Charity Walk
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – October Half Term
- Monday 2nd November – Return to school
- Friday 27th November – INSET Day

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Opportunities next week

- Unifrog Webinars – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Ask an Olympic medallist: how are medals really won?'*, *'Let's talk about UK immigration'*, *'Criminology taster: is prison an effective form of punishment?'*, *'Public health is everybody's business: protecting whole populations'*, *'Climate crisis: why we are here and how do we fix it?'*, *'AI advances: can you decide what's human and what's machine?'*, *'Fashion taster: from idea to runway'*, *'Interactive session: using maths and data to predict climate change'*, *'From selfies to sentiment: how AI knows what you are feeling'*, *'Artificial intelligence: the mind of the machine'*, *'Marriage glitch? The real laws behind marriages that disappear'* and *'Biomedical science: saving lives behind the scenes'*.
- University of Cambridge events series – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Subject Masterclass: Environment, Law, and Economics'*, *'Subject Masterclass: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies'*, *'The Murray Edwards Sixth Form Lecture Series: Understanding Keats and 'Negative Capability' with Professor Raphael Lyne'*, *'Fitzwilliam College and Zero Gravity: Re-introduction to Cambridge and Fitzwilliam College'*, *'Subject Masterclass: Linguistics'*, *'Applicant Webinar Series – Cambridge interviews explained: Sciences'*, *'AI in teaching and learning Classics'*, and *'Applicant Webinar Series – Cambridge interviews explained: Arts and Humanities'*.
- University of Oxford events – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Crescendo Music Programme – 20th Century Authoritarianism and Classical Music'* and *'Balliol Outreach Open Evening'*.
- University of Sunderland – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Film and Performance Industry Online Talk'* and *'You be the judge'*.
- University of Law – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Personal Statements Workshop'* and *'LLB Taster Session – Inside Criminal Law'*.
- Channel Talent – [linked here](#) – coming up: *'Linguistics: The History and Politics of Constructed Languages with Dr Madeleine Chalmers'*, *'Think Tank – Public Health – Cutting Edge University Perspectives & Debate'*, *'Creative Writing/Literature: Lies & Parallel Worlds – A Creative Writing Workshop with Dr Colin Herd and Dr Corey Gibson'* and *'Behavioural Economics: What Video Games Teach Us About Behavioural Economics with Dr Sheheryar Banuri'*.



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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

The Brilliant Club – Parent & Carer Sessions



This programme has been designed to help you and your children navigate the journey to university, and consists of a mix of pre-recorded and live webinars

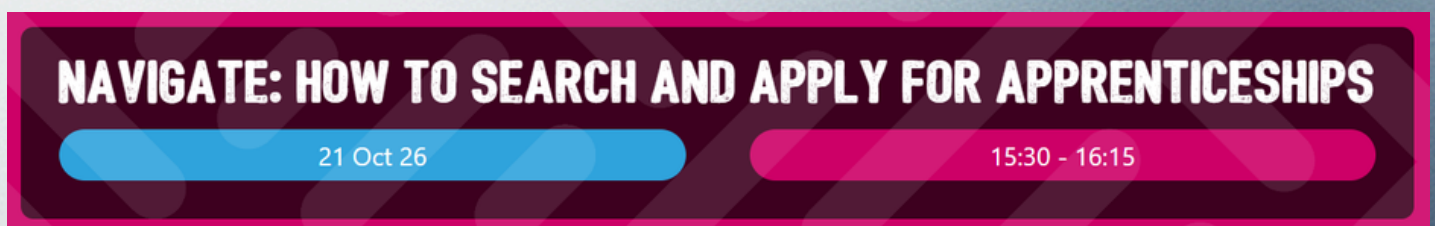
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Elevate Education Parent & Carer Webinar Series



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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](#)