St Thomas More Catholic School Sixth Form

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 - We had a lovely Welcome Service this morning for our Year 12 students. Thank you to those who were able to attend.
In Horizons, we welcomed a speaker from St John Ambulance, who delivered a session on Basic Life Support. It was a highly informative and interactive session, covering topics such as carrying out a primary survey, calling for help, placing someone in the recovery position, performing CPR, and using an AED (automated external defibrillator). The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and found it extremely useful.

Year 13 - Our Year 13 students begin their mock examinations next week. Study leave will run from Monday 9th November until Tuesday 17th November. No A Level lessons will take place during this period, although some vocational students may be required to attend lessons. Teachers will have already spoken to any students who are expected to be in school. The Sixth Form Centre will remain available as a study space throughout the study leave period. All students are expected to return to school on Wednesday 18th November. We would like to wish all students the very best of luck with their upcoming mock examinations.
We have set a UCAS application deadline of 4th December. This deadline is for students to submit their applications to the Sixth Form Team, after which we will undertake the process of reviewing and submitting each application. In order to give every application the thorough attention it deserves, it is important that students submit their applications by 4th December, or earlier if possible. We would greatly appreciate any support you can provide in encouraging students to complete their UCAS applications promptly.

Key Upcoming Dates

- Monday 9th November - Tuesday 17th November - Year 13 Mock Examinations
- Thursday 12th November - Year 12 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18th November - Virtual Parent Support Session -The STM Reading Canon and Promoting a Reading Culture at Home - 5pm - 5.30pm
- Friday 27th November - INSET Day

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Opportunities next week

- **Unifrog Webinars** - linked here - coming up: *'Biology taster: a short safari through the human microbiological zoo', 'Let's explore careers in fashion', 'From TikTok to protests: what makes people influential?', 'Think like a marketing expert: should you trust online reviews?', 'Geography matters: is there space for renewable energy in our landscapes?', 'Could your hobby make you money?', 'How to land your dream job after university', 'Explore earth sciences', 'Can businesses actually solve the climate crisis?', 'Politics taster: what do the 2026 midterm elections mean for the future of democracy in America?', 'What makes us click? The science and creativity behind modern marketing' and 'Sport psychology taster: how to perform under pressure'.*

- **University of Cambridge events series** - linked here - coming up: *'St John's Webinars 2026-27 - Introduction to Cambridge and Q&A', 'Magdalene College Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Interview Webinar', 'Churchill College Webinars: Interview Workshop (Science subjects)', 'Discover and Discuss: French', 'The Murray Edwards Sixth Form Lecture Series: Analysing Unseen Poetry with Sarah Upton', 'Churchill College Webinars: Interview Workshop (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)' and 'English Masterclass'.*

- **University of Oxford events** - linked here - coming up: *'Insight Into Humanities: Stories from Hadrian's Wall', 'Oxplore Livestream: Should we believe the history books?', 'Preparing for Interviews Workshop', 'Insight Into Science: Aerospace Engineering - it's not Rocket Science!', 'Insight Into Maths: The Foundations of Neural Networks', 'Insight Into Humanities: African Liberation Movements' and 'Crescendo Music Programme - Study skills: researching and writing a university essay'.*

- **University of Sunderland** - linked here - coming up: '*Business and Tourism Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Computing and Engineering Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Media, Journalism and English Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Teacher Training and Education Open Evening', 'Crime, Policing and Law Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Social Work and Social Sciences Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Art, Design and Performance Undergraduate Open Evening', 'Health Sciences and Wellbeing Undergraduate Open Evening', Discover your future in social work, care and community' and 'Journalism and Media Day'.*

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Opportunities next week

- **University of Law** - linked here - coming up: *'Real World Lecture: What Threats Should we be Alert to in Today's Society?', 'Studying at The University of Law' and 'Criminal Investigation Day: One Punch'.*

- **Channel Talent** - linked here - coming up: *'insight4me Media – Media Language with Professor Lee Edwards and Dr Helen Warner', 'Economics: Realistic Interventions for Market Failures with Dr Amrish Patel', 'Psychology: Experiencing Live Research Design as a Participant Before Following Project Progress & Research Outcomes', 'Forensic Psychology: Memory On Trial With Dr Jennifer Murphy', 'HE Guidance: Making Applying to University Easy – A Step-By-Step Guide to Writing a Standout Personal Statement' and 'Migration & The Media: Who Gets to Participate, Speak and Belong in Society?'.*

- **Newcastle University Insights Lectures** - linked here - coming up: *'The Poetry Book Society Autumn Showcase: Grace Nichols, Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe and Don Mee Choi'.*

- **University of Sheffield** - linked here - coming up: *'Sociology: 50 years after the Grunwick strike - The migrant women who fought back', 'Digital Media & Society: Digital Health', 'History: Confucianism & modern China', 'Civil and Structural Engineering: Power by design - Integrating renewable energy into structures', 'Human Geography: Could digital technology and the youth vote change the political map?' and 'Social Sciences: What makes something funny? Studying humour in the social sciences'.*

- **University of Reading** - linked here - coming up: *'Super-Curricular Webinar Series'.*

- **University of Buckingham** - linked here - coming up: *'Level 4 Intelligence Analyst Apprenticeship Insight Session'.*

- **King's College London** - linked here - coming up: *'Think like a Marketing Expert: taster session'.*

- **The University Guys** - linked here - coming up: *'Europe University Admissions Webinar'.*

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Opportunities for Parents & Carers

Unifrog Parent & Carer Session



Parents and caregivers session: navigating the UCAS journey from application to acceptance

Parents | Virtual

Supporting your child through their university application can feel like learning a whole new language. Join the University of Leicester as they break down the entire UCAS process – from writing personal statements and tracking deadlines to understanding offers, firm choices, and results day. Hear directly from university admissions experts to get clear advice on what to expect at every stage, plus practical ways to support your child.

› Wed 11 Nov 18:30-19:15 UK time

Linked here

Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships

Linked here



NavigATE: What to expect from the apprenticeship recruitment process	12 Nov 26	15:30 – 16:15

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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