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 - The second half of the year group took part in the 'Getting Ready for Exams' session. Once again, the session focused on two key areas: 'Preparing Well, Staying Calm' and 'Evidence-Based Revision Techniques'. We know that students value practical guidance on how to revise effectively, and we hope this session has provided them with a range of useful strategies to support their preparation and maximise their performance in the January mock examinations.

A reminder that the deadline for students to submit the Work Experience Unifrog Form is tomorrow, 27th November 2026. Well done to all students who have already successfully secured a placement. We know that some students are still working hard to find a placement; please encourage them to continue reaching out to employers and to speak to Mrs Alphonse or a member of the Sixth Form Team for support.

Year 13 - Students have been doing some excellent work in lessons this week, identifying areas for development following their mock examinations. Results from the recent mock examinations are being shared with students in lessons and will be made available to parents and carers via Arbor on 4th December.

We have sent off more UCAS applications this week, and many students are already receiving offers, which is great to see. We would appreciate your support in encouraging students to continue working on their applications ahead of the 4th December deadline. Students can speak to any member of the Sixth Form Team if they require additional guidance or support throughout the application process.

Key Upcoming Dates

- Friday 27th November - Year 12 Unifrog Work Experience Form Deadline
- Friday 27th November - INSET Day
- Wednesday 2nd December - Virtual Parent Support Session -Promoting Positive Attendance and Punctuality - 5pm - 5.30pm
- Friday 4th December - UCAS Internal Deadline
- Tuesday 8th December - Winter Concert - 6pm - 7.30pm

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Opportunities next week

- **Unifrog Webinars** - linked here - coming up: *'Study abroad: discover the Netherlands', 'Driving the future: discover how AI is transforming engineering careers', 'Step into the Met Police: unlock your future in policing, PCSO, and specialist staff roles', 'The skills you need to live and work with AI', 'Revision rescue: essential exam and test prep tactics', 'Explore Yale University's summer programme', 'Is Santa Claus a criminal?', 'The dark side of psychology: psychopaths, machiavellians, and narcissists' and 'Computer science taster: what if your city could think for itself?'.*

- **University of Cambridge events series** - linked here - coming up: *'Girton Interview Webinar', 'BA in Education Information Evening', and 'Humanities Exploration Day'.*

- **University of Sunderland** - linked here - coming up: *'Master your Occupational Therapy interview', 'Crime, Careers and Criminology' and 'Master your Paramedic Science Interview'.*

- **University of Law** - linked here - coming up: *''Careers in Law', 'From roots to diagnosis: mental health and the TikTok debate' and 'Sentencing and Punishment: What is just?'.*
- *Newcastle University Insights Lectures - linked here - coming up: 'Rebel English Academy: Mohammed Hanif'.*

- **University of Sheffield** - linked here - coming up: *'Criminology: Police misconduct - crossing, not holding, the thin blue line?' and 'Music: Why does music matter?'.*

- **Channel Talent** - linked here - coming up: *'Geography/Environmental Science: Sustainable Food Systems with Dr John McDonagh', ''I Love Chemistry – But What Next?' with Dr Maria J. Marin', 'Biological Sciences: The Gene Editing Journey – Are We There Yet? with Dr Richard Badge', 'Think Tank – UK's Relationship with Europe – Cutting Edge University Perspectives & Debate with Dr Pierre Bocquillon and Dr Liliana Harding', 'English: Skills & Insight – Close Reading of Previously Unseen Poetry – Workshop with Dr Jeremy Noel-Tod', 'Tackling the Extended Project Qualification Artefact', 'The Game of Creative Writing with Dr Gavin Goodwin', 'Politics/IR/Geography: Peace-making in the Middle East – Problems and Possibilities with Dr James Vaughan', 'Exploring the Anthropocene: Social Research Methods for Environmental Scientists & Geographers with Dr Dave McLaughlin' and 'Computer Science: Managing Cyber Attacks – Navigating a Data Breach Incident Response with Dr Rizwan Asghar & Dr Paulo Emílio de Vilhena'.*

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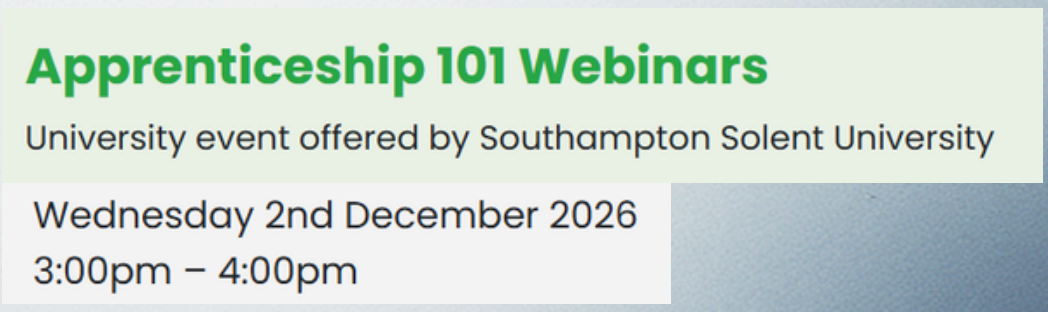
Opportunities for Parents & Carers

UCAS Parents' Podcast



Linked here

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