

Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 11th December 2017 (Week B)

Dates for
the Diary:

- Every Friday 3.30-6.00pm: UCAS help in the Common Room....only 1 week left to send.....

If you can't make a Friday please arrange another time with Mrs Livings

- Friday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day- if possible wear a Christmas jumper and pay a pound which goes to the Save the Children charity.
 - Friday 22nd December: Last day of term- we finish at lunchtime so no UCAS club. Lessons 1 and 2 as usual then time as a year group.
 - Monday 26th February: Mock Exams start- please make a revision plan.
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LRC

Thank you for generally respecting the working area in the LRC, we are very privileged to have access to this area, remember it is a working environment and you should not be eating or drinking in there. Please don't put us in a position where we have to ban anyone from using the room or worse still shut it altogether.

Absent Teachers

If your teacher is absent from your lesson they will always try to organise and leave work (where possible) for you. The cover team will attempt to cover these lessons so you should always come into school and go initially to your teaching room. The cover work will also be displayed in the common room just above Archie's tank

SQUID ACCOUNTS

Although you don't need a Squid Account to buy food in the common room, you will still need to be able to access this to pay for books, trips etc. Please do not cancel your accounts



Please be aware of how much time you are spending on your mobile phones, we do understand that these are mini computers and that you do use them to help you with your studies. However, it can be so easy to spend an hour of study time texting and checking social media websites, instead of studying.

Remember, if it's a lesson time, you shouldn't be on your phones. Please be discreet with your phones when not in lessons as the rest of school aren't allowed them out.

Wednesday Night Accelerating Progress Maths Sessions:

Every Wednesday in E2 there will be an additional maths lesson to revise topics from the previous half term. While these sessions are compulsory for some students they are open to all Yr12 and 13 Mathematics Students and will run 3:10 - 4:10pm each week following the timetable below;

13/12 - Differentiation



Please put all your rubbish paper, sweet and crisp wrappers in the bins provided. The common room is your area, please keep it clean and tidy.

Lockers

Mrs Booth has the keys for the sixth form lockers so if you want to hire one please see her.

Security and signing in

Please continue to *sign in* and *out of* school

Lanyards: Everyone now has a lanyard. Please have it on display at all times-do not keep it in your pocket.

Emails

Emails are important for communicating in school and enable you to keep up to date with all that is going on.

You should all have email accounts, please check to ensure this is working. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

Joke of the week

Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E?

Year 13 – UCAS : 37 applications have now gone off

The last week will be very busy and I won't have time after school to send them off (we have various after school events and finish at lunch on the Friday so school will be shut.....).That means we have 1 week.....

*Please remember that you need to get reference sheets from your subject teachers and give them to your **tutor** so that they can write their part of your reference. I then write the Head of Year comment at the end. The process takes time so please plan for this and keep talking to your tutor. Please let me know when you think you are ready and we can arrange a time to send. **It is no good turning up in the last week of term and thinking it is a 5 minute process to send-it often takes at least an hour.***

UCAS Tariff points calculator app - UniPoints

Our app has been developed to help you determine what your qualifications and grades are worth in the new UCAS Tariff system.

To calculate your Tariff points, simply enter your qualification level and predicted grade.

www.derby.ac.uk/unipoints

Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you have ever had free school meals or if your family's financial situation has changed in the past year or so, or if your parents get free prescriptions-please see me to see if you are eligible for the bursary. Also, if you have received free

school meals in the past please apply for them again. You can get your lunch in the Sixth Form canteen.

School Nurse

The school nurse and is available every Wednesday lunchtime, to offer confidential advice and support.

Be: 'Ready to Learn'

Teachers will normally set you work that involves preparing for the next lesson, such as reading through the next topic and making notes on the content of the forthcoming lesson. If you fail to do this you will not be ready to learn and your progress, given the amount of sheer content at A Level, will be seriously affected. Please be, 'Ready to Learn'.

Careers Interviews

If you are at all unsure about what you are thinking of doing after the sixth form it might be a good idea to arrange an interview with our careers advisor – Mrs Taylor from Ideas for Careers (see Mrs Booth who can set you up with an appointment). Mrs Taylor is very knowledgeable about apprenticeships if this is something you are interested in pursuing. Alternatively, she is available for a general chat about the next stage after sixth form. Year12s are welcome to make appointments as well as Year 13s. We have extra appointments available in December so make use of them.

Year 12s – Community Service

- Miss Charlton always needs volunteers to help at the Tea and Toast Breakfast Club during the week.
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Joke Answer



Because the angel had said, "No L!"

Happy Birthday this week to:



Alex Smith 14th December
Jake Douglas 15th December
Jacob Booker 16th December

Please do not take holidays in term time.

Year 12 please do not book holidays before we break up on the 25th of July.
This is very much a condition of you continuing on to A2 courses.

Events and Opportunities: please look through these carefully-there are lots of new ones this week

Please let your parents know about this.....

A parent's guide to apprenticeships

From:

[Education and Skills Funding Agency](#)

Part of:

[Apprenticeships: resources for teachers and advisers](#), [Further education and training](#), and [Apprenticeships](#)

Information for parents about the benefits of apprenticeships and the opportunities they provide.

[A parent's guide to apprenticeships factsheet](#)

If you use assistive technology (such as a screen reader) and need a version of this document in a more accessible format, please email info@sfa.bis.gov.uk. Please tell us what format you need. It will help us if you say what assistive technology you use.

This fact sheet gives parents and guardians:

- an overview of apprenticeships
- the benefits and progression opportunities available
- information about why an apprenticeship is the right choice for their son or daughter

[Becoming an apprentice](#)

Pay and conditions, how to apply, become a higher or degree apprentice. Apprenticeship levels, training, find an apprenticeship.

- [A guide to apprenticeships](#)
 - [Apprenticeship agreement: template](#)
 - [Higher and degree apprenticeships](#)
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Peterhouse college essay competition

You may already be aware that Peterhouse (the oldest College of the University of Cambridge) runs three [Essay Competitions](#) in History, Science and English each year for lower sixth students. Each competition has a prize pool of **£750** and awards will be made from this pool to deserving entries. This year's competition is now live and the deadline for receipt of all essays is **16:00 UK time 20th March 2018**. The deadline for entries is **16:00 UK time 27th March 2018**.

Please also note that the competition is now only open to online submissions. Entries by post/fax/email will not be accepted. We have made an [FAQ page](#) for entrants and their teachers,

For the Vellacott History Prize, please click here:

https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.pet.cam.ac.uk/files/vellacott_18.pdf

For the Kelvin Science Prize, please click here:

https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.pet.cam.ac.uk/files/kelvin_18.pdf

Finally, for the Thomas Champion English Essay Prize, please click here:

https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.pet.cam.ac.uk/files/campion_18_0.pdf

Apprenticeships and other opportunities

1. CyberFirst Bursary and Degree Apprenticeship – open for 2018 intake
CyberFirst offers students a real choice after their A Levels. A [CyberFirst Bursary](#) offers undergraduates £4,000 per year financial assistance and paid cyber security work experience to help kick start their career in cyber. A CyberFirst Degree Apprenticeship allows undergraduates to earn whilst they learn, ready for a job with the UK Intelligence Community.

New online challenge will test teenagers' cyber security skills -

www.gov.uk/government/news/new-online-challenge-will-test-teenagers-cyber-security-skills

[Higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies](#) from 40 top employers are now available to view on the Gov.UK website.

2. Notts Police Cadets are currently seeking to recruit 80 [PoliceCadets](#) to start in September 2018. Visit the website to find out who can apply.
3. Excellent opportunity – [higher apprenticeship](#) in finance with Reckitt Benckiser in Nottingham.
4. Rolls Royce opportunities: <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/30493/materials-laboratories-degree-apprenticeship/?TrackID=1675&BatchID=667#sc=jbe&me=email&cm=2017-11-24>

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING LAW AT UNIVERSITY

The [Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference](#) is an access program for students in Year 12 which is held at Cambridge University. Each year, 250 Year 12 students spend four days in the city, living in the colleges and attending a series of mini-lectures and social events. The aim of the Conference is to give those who attend a flavour of what life as a Law undergraduate is like. We have social events in the Union and even a Mock Trial which is often the highlight of the delegates week! We also have talks from law firms, a solicitor, a barrister and a High Court judge to show where a degree in Law could lead you! The aim is for the week to be both informative and fun!

If you are not convinced that you want to study Law, or that you want to apply to Cambridge, please do consider applying anyway! The Conference doesn't try to hard-sell Law or the University but can play a vital role in dismantling some of the stereotypes surround what it is to be a Cambridge student.

A past delegate said of the Conference "I have very little family history of University association, and attended a state school in Nottinghamshire with a virtually inexistent history of sending students to Oxbridge. I believed the stereotypes of Cambridge being for the rich and the elite, but attending the Conference and spending a number of days around current Cambridge students and academics was crucial to breaking down the stereotypes surrounding the University. Cambridge may have its history and traditions but - much to my surprise at the time - its students are normal people, from normal backgrounds, who enjoy doing normal things."

We are delighted to announce that we have 55 fully-funded places on the Conference this year, after the success of our funding scheme last year. This funding can be applied for via

the ordinary application process which can be accessed via the website. This funding covers the cost of the Conference, including accommodation, social events, and all meals.

Cambridge Admissions Office will determine who, of the applicants who have applied for funding, are most in need of financial support and will guide us in allocating the places. If you have any questions please email Emma Kemsley-Pein

at president@cambridgesixthformlawconference.com or Ben King

at slo@cambridgesixthformlawconference.com!

6. MORGAN STANLEY PRE-UNIVERSITY INSIGHT PROGRAMME

Morgan Stanley believes capital has the power to create positive change in the world. The biggest and most impactful changes come from people like you. If you come to Morgan Stanley, what will you create?

Step In, Step Up is an introductory two-day programme designed for Year 12 and 13 female students. This programme comprises of divisional overviews, case studies, panel sessions, a trading floor tour and interactive workshops. Participants will also have the opportunity to work as a team, develop their presentation skills and network with employees at all stages of their careers.

Programme dates: 13 - 14 February 2018

Deadline for applications: 5 January 2018

Register for the event [here](#).

To find out more about Morgan Stanley, please click [here](#).

7. A MESSAGE FROM KPMG STUDENT RECRUITMENT

KPMG Apprenticeship Schemes are a great place for your students to start their career.

Why does a firm like KPMG recruit apprentices?

Quite simply, because they are our future. Research shows that in classrooms across the UK more talented students, like yours, are considering starting a career straight after their A-Levels or Scottish Highers, rather than following the traditional university route. We think that your students have just as much potential to succeed at KPMG as our graduate trainees - our entry-routes reflect this belief.

KPMG's Apprenticeship Programmes offer plenty of support for your students at every step of the application process too - from making that initial decision to knowing what to bring along on the first day. As well as your students having their tuition paid for, they'll also earn while they learn.

Hear from [Louise](#), a teacher at a sixth form college. Today, Louise shares our commitment to supporting young people from diverse backgrounds.

Which areas can your students work in as a KPMG Apprentice?

There are several KPMG Apprenticeship Programmes available to your students which cover different areas of the business, all offering a refreshing alternative to the traditional university experience. There's loads of support available for your students at every step of the application process too - from making that initial decision to knowing what to bring along on the first day. As well as your students having their tuition paid for, they'll also earn while they learn.

KPMG Discovery is for Year 12 students looking to gain work experience. This two, three or five-day (depending on office location) programme will give them useful industry knowledge, career opportunities and the chance to develop the skills they'll need to apply for a role with us.

KPMG360 gives students the chance to join KPMG and work with some of the best and brightest in the business world. Importantly, it includes a foundation year that's specifically designed so they can experience all areas of the business before they go on to choose an area of specialisation and gain a professional qualification.

KPMG360 Digital is a new four-year apprenticeship programme that combines academic study with practical work experience. At the same time, they'll also study for a BSc degree in Digital and Technology Solutions with our training provider, BPP University.

KPMG360 Business Services is a two-year apprenticeship programme. As a new apprentice, your student will be fully supported throughout the programme with guidance from KPMG teams and gain a professional qualification.

If you've got any ambitious, bright students who might be interested in a KPMG Apprenticeship programme, then you or your students, can find out more and apply here by visiting our [careers website](#).

Here are some more useful apprenticeship/job websites for those of you not planning on going to university.....

General

www.getingofar.gov.uk - The National Apprenticeship Service
https://careerfinder.ucas.com/newalert
www.ratemyapprenticeship.com
www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk
https://gov.uk/jobsearch - The Universal Job match Service
www.amazingapprenticeships.com
www.purepotential.org
www.thejobsfairs.co.uk
www.getsmaat.com
www.getmyfirstjob.com
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
www.unisnotforme.com
and <https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/279/KPMG360%C2%BA>

CV Advice - Templates

www.reed.co.uk School Leaver Template

www.successatschool.co.uk Skill Up My First CV Template

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> Build a CV

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Finally.....

Remember that we still subscribe to the A level review magazines in print in the LRC Quiet Room, and the online archives are accessible via Favourites on school computers.

And if you're not already a member of the Public Library, join now to get free access to a number of online reference resources as well as books.

News Item of the Week:

In a highly controversial move Trump announces Jerusalem is the capital of Israel

There have been violent clashes near the US embassy in Lebanon, in the latest protest against President Donald Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Security forces fired tear gas and water cannon to force back flag-waving protesters close to the embassy complex north of the capital, Beirut.

Overnight the Arab League condemned the US decision.

It said the US could not now be relied upon as a broker of Middle East peace.

The protesters threw stones and set fires in the street close to the embassy in the Awkar district.

The security forces had barricaded the main road leading to the large complex.

Local media reported that some protesters had tried to break through the entrance to the compound, climbing barbed wire.

The demonstrators, many wearing black and white scarves, chanted slogans denouncing Mr Trump.

Some of the protesters tried to break into the US embassy



set, and an effigy burned

Lebanon Communist Party leader, Hanna Gharib, told the protesters the US was "the enemy of Palestine".

One group set an effigy of the US president alight.

Lebanon is home to hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees, including those who fled Israel after it was founded, and their descendants.

In other developments:

- Thousands of people demonstrated outside the US embassy in the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, some waving banners reading "Palestine is in our hearts"
- A burning object was thrown at a synagogue in the Swedish city of Gothenburg late on Saturday in what police said was a failed arson attempt. Jewish community leader Allan Stutzinsky said recent events had led to "higher threats"
- Israel's PM Benjamin Netanyahu will be in Paris on Sunday for talks with President Emmanuel Macron, ahead of meetings with EU foreign ministers on Monday

There have been three days of protests by Palestinians and their supporters since Mr Trump's announcement, both in the region and in nations further afield.



What Trump said and what it means for peace

Israel has always regarded Jerusalem as its capital, while the Palestinians claim East Jerusalem - occupied by Israel in the 1967 war - as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Mr Trump has said his decision fulfils a campaign promise and that it is "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality".

The **Arab League** resolution came overnight after hours of talks in Cairo. It was backed by a number of US allies, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, who had already voiced their concern.

The resolution said:

- The US had "withdrawn itself as a sponsor and broker" of any possible Israeli-Palestinian peace process through its decision
 - Mr Trump's move "deepens tension, ignites anger and threatens to plunge the region into more violence and chaos"
 - A request would be made for the UN Security Council to condemn the move
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Why Jerusalem is so important

Jerusalem is of huge importance to both Israel and the Palestinians. It contains sites sacred to the three major monotheistic faiths - Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Israel occupied the eastern sector - previously occupied by Jordan - in 1967, and annexed it in 1980, but the move has never been recognised internationally.



Why the city of Jerusalem matters

Some 330,000 Palestinians live in East Jerusalem, along with about 200,000 Israeli Jews in a dozen settlements there. The settlements are considered illegal under international law, though Israel does not regard them as settlements but legitimate neighbourhoods.

According to the 1993 Israel-Palestinian peace accords, the final status of Jerusalem is meant to be discussed in the latter stages of peace talks.

The last round of talks between Israel and the Palestinians broke down in 2014 and while the US is formulating fresh proposals, Palestinian officials have said Mr Trump's announcement has disqualified the US from brokering future negotiations.

Thought for the week..... with Christmas in mind

Christmas is a tonic for our souls.

It moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves.

It directs our thoughts to giving

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