

# **Sixth Form Student Bulletin**

## **Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Week A)**

### **Good Luck to everyone sitting exams over the next few weeks**

#### **Please arrive 15 minutes before the exam starts**

Over the next few weeks please make sure you read the bulletin as it will be one of our main ways of communicating with you. Please also regularly check the whiteboard in the common room and your school email account.

If you are ill on the day of the exam, please ring in or get one of your parents to ring, similarly if you are feeling especially anxious and want to talk to one of us before the exam please find us in the common room.

#### **Key dates:**

The Common Room is open every weekday night until 6.00pm and will also be open on the following Saturdays for revision: 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

- 11<sup>th</sup> June: Year 13 A2 courses start on this day
- UCAS Higher Education Evening: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June (open to Year 12 parents and students)
- UCAS Higher Education Day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Sheffield Hallam Arena ( voluntary contribution of £7.00 please)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year 12 Work Experience week

Good Luck to those of you who are taking exams this week, please remember we are here to help, please come and talk to us if you are feeling stressed or anxious.

Daily details of exam rooms will be displayed on the common room door, however if you have any concerns please ask Mrs Booth for more information.

### **Revision**

**Check the white board in the Common Room for details of revision sessions or ask**

**Mrs Booth**

### Saturday openings:

It was great to see so many of you in school on Saturday.

The Common Room is open every weekday night until 6.00pm and is open on the following Saturdays for revision: 19<sup>th</sup> May and the 9<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> June

You should now be spending 3 hours a night revising and 5/6 hours on Saturdays and Sundays (at least). Please use all of your study periods sensibly for revision and if the Common Room is full ask Mrs Booth if there are any rooms available. After school we can find you a room if you prefer that to being in the Common Room.

If you havent got a plan for revision please use the following websute which helps you get organised with a clear study plan: <https://getrevising.co.uk/>

**PUT YOUR MOBILE OUT OF REACH/EARSHOT when revising.**

**The distraction will slow down your revision and make it far less effective.**

- **Lesson arrangements:** You attend all lessons until the exam in the subject has taken place. The other exception is that if you have an exam in the morning you don't have to attend school the afternoon before it and if you have an exam in the afternoon you don't have to attend in the morning. You may decide you want to come to school, if there is a relevant revision session, but you don't have to. Tutorial period is not on now until after the exams. However, your tutors will be in the bases if you need somewhere quiet to revise. Enrichment is only on for GCSE Maths and English.
- **Exam timetables:** please check yours carefully and if you notice that there is anything missing or shouldn't be on because, for instance, you have dropped the subject, please see Mrs Booth – any exam clashes please see the Exams Officer.

### REVISING.....

If you are struggling seek help.....

### Key advice

- **PLEASE STOP GAMING.....\_if that is distracting you.....**

Half term revision sessions

29/05/18	9 - 3	RE Development of Christian Thought	A Level	Miss Fletcher	H2	Y12 and 13 in the morning. Y13 in the afternoon. Development in Christian thought.
29/05/18	10-4	Psychology	A Level	Miss Bird	H9	AM session 10-1 is year 13 psychology - approaches, biopsychology and aggression. PM session 1-4 is Year 13 psychology - issues and debates, and research methods.
29/05/18	9 - 3	History (Russia)	A Level	Mr Park	H3	Full day revising all four themes
31/05/18	10-4	Sociology and Psychology	A Level	Mrs Livings	Comm Room	Revision on units for the following week- Sociology in the morning and Psychology in the afternoon
31/05/18	9-12	English Literature	A Level	Miss Walter	21	A Level - poetry and unseen

- **Think about your phone...is it distracting you????? Please put it away when revising.**

### Revision Sessions during Term Time

German Spanish	Year 12	Lunchtimes to be agreed with students		
	Year 12	Week A Period 3 Week B Period 4		
Business	Year 12	Catch up lessons in V1		
	Year 13	Catch up lessons in V1		
Product Design	Year 12	After school TBC		
Spanish	Year 13	After school TBC		
Biology	Year 12	During May Half Term		
	Year 13	During May Half Term		
Chemistry	Year 12	Tuesday Lunchtime with Mr Murray		
	Year 13		After School on Mondays with GRS	1 lunchtime per week with AM (TBC)
Physics	Year 12	Thursday lunchtime in S8		
	Year 13	Thursday lunchtime in S8		
History	Year 12	After School TBC		
	Year 13	After School TBC		May Half Term Holiday
Religious Studies	Year 12	Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Fletcher		May half term
	Year 13	Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Fletcher		May half term
Maths	Year 12	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 pm in Room 32		
	Year 13	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 pm in Room 32		
Further Maths	Year 12	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 pm in Room 32		

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English Literature	Year 12	Thursday after school drop in sessions		
	Year 13	Thursday after school drop in sessions		Half term
English Lang/Lit	Year 12	Thursday after school drop in sessions		
	Year 13	Thursday after school drop in sessions		
Psychology	Year 12 and 13	Thursday after school 3.00 – 4.00 pm with Miss Bird	Lunch time drop in sessions with Miss Bird	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> May : Mrs Livings
	Year 13	1-1 support available with LB/SL during study periods or after school	The Saturday before Paper 3 SL will be available to mark practice papers and offer support	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June Mrs Livings Half term – Thursday pm
Sociology	Year 12	1-1 support available with LB/SL during study periods or after school		Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> May : Mrs Livings
	Year 13	1-1 support available with LB/SL during study periods or after school	School will be open on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June for revision	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June : Mrs Livings Half term- Thursday am

### Appropriate clothing

**Please dress appropriately for school. Think: Would I wear it in the workplace?**

#### **Leavers Hoodies**

If you wish to order a Hoodie – they are approximately £20 and come in all sizes and colours – there is a list on the common room door which shows colours and sizes, please add your order to this. A squid account has been set up for you – any problems or queries please see Mrs Booth



#### **Work Experience**

**Have you organised this yet? If you haven't had a booklet please ask Mrs Booth for one.**



## Communicating

Please try to put the school email app (OUTLOOK) on your mobile.....some of you are not aware of basic information which is sent out via the bulletin as well as information from your teaching staff because you are not reading emails from school.

**Emails – check your school email account daily**

## Financial help in the Sixth Form-could you claim the Bursary??

If you have ever had free school meals or if your family's financial situation has changed in the past year or so (such as a parent being out of work), or if **your parents/carers 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 (discreetly) in the Sixth Form canteen.



**Happy Birthday to:**

<b>Caitlin Morley</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Jasmine Rea</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Ethan Love</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>

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## Joke of the week

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

### **Please do not take holidays in term time.**

Year 12 please do not book holidays before we break up on 25<sup>th</sup> July. This is very much a condition of you continuing on to A2 courses. Year 13 A2 courses start on the 11<sup>th</sup> June

### **Joke Answer**

**A: Every morning you'll rise and shine !!**

### **Opportunities and Events**

I have been forwarding opportunities as they have come in this week-please check your emails regularly.

For anyone in Year 12 or 13 interested in teaching as a career.....

**Supporting potential teachers of the future for the East Midlands**

**Wednesday 4 July 2018, 9.30am - 3pm**

**Registration in the Atrium, Dearing Building, Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham**

A one day conference for Y12 and Y13 students who think they may be interested in a career in teaching.

The day will involve interactive workshops focusing on:

- university life and what to expect
- auditing skills as a step to identifying targets for personal development
- exploring a career in education

Coming out of the day students will have the opportunity to join a group that will have an ongoing relationship with the University of Nottingham ITE Partnership. This will include receiving termly newsletters through their undergraduate years and opportunities to gain experiences in partnership schools during their vacations.

**To book places at this event please use the below link to Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-potential-teachers-of-the-future-for-the-east-midlands-tickets-46006359259>

For further information or if you experience any issues with your booking please contact Emma Brown, Senior Administrative Officer in the School of Education: [emma.brown1@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:emma.brown1@nottingham.ac.uk)

Pathways to Property is a fully-funded a 4-day residential programme at the Henley Business School, University of Reading during which you will find out all about the real estate sector. This opportunity is not to be missed, and will really stand out on a personal statement or CV as independent research into a future degree course and / or career.

This short video gives a taster of what to expect: [Pathways to Property Trailer](#). You can apply using [this link](#).

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## Subject Specific Year 12 Taster Days at Leeds University

Bookings for a number of subject specific taster days taking place in June and July are now open (see poster attached). These are:

- Audiology, Cardiac Physiology and Diagnostic Radiography Taster Day – Thursday 5th July, 10:00 – 15:30
- Nursing Taster Day – Monday 25th June, 09:30 – 15:45
- Social Work Taster Day - Wednesday 27th June, 09:30 - 14:15
- Midwifery Taster Day - Date TBC

These events are all free of charge and are designed to give students a taster of what it's like to study these courses at University. Through taster workshops and lectures, students will have the opportunity to meet academic staff and current students from these course areas, as well as having a tour of the University campus. Lunch is also provided for visitors in the University students union.

We are only accepting bookings from individual students for these events. Applications can be made on the individual event pages at [www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events](http://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events)

Applications for all four events close on Friday 18th May at 16:00. Unfortunately we are unable to consider any applications after this date as we are likely to be over subscribed.

## Opportunities-Apprenticeships

[Business administrator intermediate apprenticeship](#) at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth. Excellent wage! Closes 9 May.

[4Talent Production Training Scheme](#) - opportunities across the UK and for the first time offering production apprenticeships for people with no industry experience at all. Closes 13 May.

Boots are continuing to recruit apprentices. Intermediate (level 2) apprenticeships – pharmacy adviser healthcare colleagues and warehousing, advanced (level 3) – science and pharmacy technician, higher (level 4/5) – business administration (branding, trading, marketing, supply chain, finance and global brands) and engineering). [More info.](#)

[Digital marketing advanced level apprentice](#), Alfreton. Closes 29 May.

[Mechanical apprentice](#) (advanced level), Buxton. Closes 28 May.

Pathways to Property - fully-funded 4-day [residential programme](#) (summer school) giving Yr 12 students aged an opportunity to find out all about the real estate sector. 23-26 July at the Henley Business School, University of Reading. [Apply](#) by 15 May.

[Travel research grants](#) are now open for application from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. Open to anyone over 18 years regardless of background and qualifications.

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/39306/engineering-higher-apprenticeship/?TrackID=1675&BatchID=821#sc=jbe&me=email&cm=2018-04-27>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/may/04/eu-offers-british-teenagers-free-interrail-pass>

Look at the link above for an incredible free travel pass in Europe for Year 13s.

## News items of the week

### **Grammar schools given £50 million**

Theresa May's gift to grammar schools was branded an elitist move that helps only a small number of brighter pupils but leaves countless others languishing behind





The cash will go to expanding 163 selective schools after the government's bid to build more was scuppered when Theresa May lost her majority at the election

Grammar schools today get a £50million Tory handout as comprehensives suffer cuts.

But furious union leaders said the money should be going to those crippled by Tory cuts, where heads have had to ask parents for help to buy books, pens and glue.

The PM today hands out the cash to expand 163 selective schools. It is feared the move will widen the gap between poor and rich pupils and scupper social mobility hopes.

National Education Union joint general secretary Kevin Courtney said: “The grammar school corpse has climbed out of its coffin once again despite evidence of the damage that selective education causes. Schools up and down the country are desperately short of funds.

“This is money that would be better invested in ensuring all schools could provide for their pupils without having to ask for money from parents.

“Selective education systems are also linked with greater inequality in social outcomes later in life.”

Nick Brook, deputy general secretary of school leaders’ union the NAHT, added: “The Government cannot point to a single piece of evidence that shows educational benefit of this misguided policy. While it may benefit a small minority, it will not close the gap between rich and poor pupils.



Education Secretary Damian Hinds

“The state-funded school system is heading towards insolvency. To pursue such an elitist policy as this is a - distraction at best.”

Education Secretary Damian Hinds claimed expanding grammar schools will give parents “more choice”.

He added: “We can give children of all backgrounds access to a world-class education.” To get a share of the funding, grammars will have to prove they can boost numbers of disadvantaged pupils.

Funding will also be provided to create new voluntary aided schools, run with local council help, if there is demand.

The move comes as 500 head teachers wrote to Mrs May to demand the reversal of £3billion cuts because they are damaging pupils' educations and futures.

Unions warn the school funding crisis is bigger than the NHS crisis.

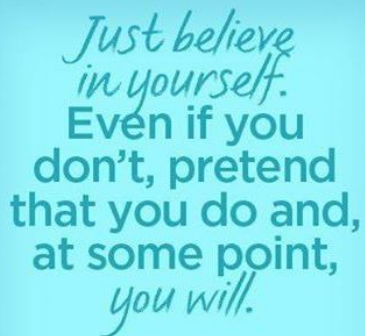
## **Futures decided by an exam at 11**

Grammar schools are state-funded secondary schools that select pupils by an exam taken by primary school children, known as the "11-plus".

There are around 160 grammars in England, out of 3,000 state secondaries.

Only a handful of local authorities in England have kept selective schools systems, including Kent, Medway, Buckinghamshire and Lincolnshire,

### **Thought for the week.....**



*Just believe  
in yourself.  
Even if you  
don't, pretend  
that you do and,  
at some point,  
you will.*

-VENUS WILLIAMS





