


Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 15th January 2018 (Week A)

We hope you have settled back into the new term – remember if you have any concerns please talk to one of us.

Don't forget to make a note of the following dates in your planners



Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 19th – 25th February: Half Term holiday
- Monday 26th February: Mock Exam period begins for Year 12 and 13- so now is the time to start revising.....
- Tuesday 13th March: Mock Results Assembly
- Wednesday 14th March: Year 12 and 13 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Friday 23rd March: Sports Relief Day
- Monday 26th: Re-sit week for anyone who failed a mock exam
- Tuesday 8th May: Summer Exam Period begins
- 11th June: Year 13 A2 courses start on this day
- Monday 2nd July – Friday 6th July: Year 12 Work Experience week

UCAS

62 applications have now gone which is an incredible number and 14 more than any previous year! Please don't reply to offers before you have discussed with parents, tutors and Mrs Livings. It is a very important decision and not to be rushed.

Apprenticeships

We are starting to get a few vacancies through for next September. Please read the Bulletin each week and see Mrs Livings if you want to apply.



Charity Matters



Our next Charity event is promoting and selling roses and poems and delivering them around school for Valentine's Day on the 14th February. We need lots of help writing poems and taking orders from staff and students – we will hold a charity meeting about this soon.

Mock Exams – have you started revising yet?

We have 6 weeks before the Mock Exam start, if you haven't already, you should be starting to organise your revision

- **Make a revision timetable (Mrs Booth has blank ones to get you started) please talk to her about this if you need help**
- **Check out revision websites**
- **Ask your teachers for past papers and mark schemes**
- **Check the specifications carefully so you know exactly what you need to cover**

Here are some revision tips :

1. Highlight key terms, concepts and people in your notes. Make documents that reflect this information. Consider putting this information into thinking maps or some other visual aid. It may seem like a lot, but the practice of reading and writing the items will help you remember them. It is a good idea to start assembling these lists early in the course rather than a few days before exams, when the task will be overwhelming.
2. Make flashcards to assist you in learning important terms and their meanings. This may seem basic, but the method works for all ages and saves time in exams as information is easier to recall.
3. Practise using past papers and questions from text books. Time yourself so that timing isn't an issue in the real exam. Hand in answers for marking.
4. Form a study group with fellow students. Studying in a small group can allow the members to compare notes and share studying or learning strategies. Quizzing each other can be a fun way to cover course information. Belonging to a study group will also help you to get explanations of concepts that you do not understand.
5. Study independently the night before the exam. This is not the time for all-night cramming sessions but a sensible amount of time going over some prepared revision information . By preparing for the exam weeks in advance, the final night should be dedicated to going over the flash cards and other notes. It should be a time of refreshing your mind, not trying to comprehend or understand information.

Revision session for Physics: Y12 electricity content on Friday lunch in S7 from now until mock exams with Miss Iwanczuk.

Emails – check your school email account daily

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

Mobiles

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.

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, 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 (discreetly) in the Sixth Form canteen.

Security and signing in

Thank You for taking the time to sign in and out of the common room, this information about when you are in school is extremely important.

Tea and Coffee

Please put in your loose change each time you have a drink so we can keep the tea and coffee club running – the honesty box is in the kitchen area of the



common room.

It seems some people are using the milk

and teabags etc but not contributing.

Joke of the week

What do you call an alligator in a vest?

School Nurse

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

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 Ideas4Careers (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.

Please do not take holidays in term time.

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

Joke answer

An investigator!!

Year 13 Opportunities

[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](#)

Events and Opportunities

Building Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship

Start date: September 2018

Starting salary: £12,000

Employer: Survey Hub Ltd

Address: 34 Regent Street, Nottingham NG1 5BT

Entry requirements: 112 UCAS points, e.g. grades BBC at A-Level or DMM at BTEC

Award: BSc (Honours) Building Surveying

Level: 4, 5 & 6

Length: 5 years

Training provider: Sheffield Hallam University

Delivery model: 4 days a week at work, 1 day a week at university

Fees to pay: None

If you are interested please email your CV to j.hockney@shu.ac.uk ?

The careers service have forwarded these 2 opportunities for people with 3 A levels:

Higher Apprenticeship Audit BDO SERVICES LIMITED | Nottingham 3 A Levels Sept start
<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/32699/audit-regional-apprenticeship/?TrackID=1839&BatchID=716>

Higher Apprenticeship - Digitalisation job with Siemens Plc Start Sept 2018 £304 pw
<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/32765/higher-apprenticeship-digitalisation/?TrackID=1675&BatchID=716#sc=jbe&me=email&cm=2018-01-12>

The application period for our post-GCSE Practical apprenticeship (for September 2018 intake) is extended to **Friday 26th January 2018 in Derby and Hucknall.**

More information can be found on the website here: <http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/apprentices-and-school-leavers#where-are-you-now/gcses-and-equivalent/the-practical-option>

Derby

[http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47792#/#/](http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47792#/)

Hucknall

[http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47771#/#/](http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47771#/)

We thought we'd share with you some of the huge range of school leaver opportunities that can be found on RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk!

Latest School Leaver Opportunities



AWE

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Intermediate Apprenticeship,
Advanced Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



Unilever

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Advanced Apprenticeship, Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



Marks & Spencer

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



RSM

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): School Leaver Programme

[View Jobs](#)



CGI

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Higher Apprenticeship, Sponsored Degree Programme, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



BBC

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Advanced Apprenticeship, Sponsored Degree Programme, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



Moore Stephens

Location(s): Central London, South East, West Midlands

Programme(s): Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



EDF Energy

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Advanced Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



GSK

Location(s): Nationwide

Programme(s): Advanced Apprenticeship, Higher Apprenticeship, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)

Haven't quite found what you're looking for? Take a look [here](#) at all of the current opportunities available on our website

[View all Vacancies](#)

Apprenticeships Royal Mail Nottingham Advanced Apprenticeships

<https://jobs.royalmailgroup.com/go/Apprenticeships/698801/?q=&q2=&locationsearch=&title=&location=nottingham>

Year 12 opportunities

If you are interested in a career with the NHS.....

There is a radiotherapy open day on

Saturday 27th January 2018

10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

The Nottingham Radiotherapy Centre

For more information or to book your place please contact Alex Tanner on:

Alex.Tanner@nuh.nhs.uk and follow us on Twitter: @SHURadiotherapy

@nottmhospitals

Peterhouse College Cambridge: Year 12 Residential

We are pleased to announce that applications are **now open** for your year 12 students to come to Cambridge to attend our free 2018 [Peterhouse Area Links Residential event](#), open to all state school students in our [link areas](#) of Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hillingdon on track to achieve AAA or above and interested in a course that we offer. Students attending the event will have the opportunity to find out about living at working at Cambridge through a range of activities including sample lectures and supervisions with University teaching staff, museum/department visits, talks from the admissions team and plenty of time to speak to current undergraduate students about life at Peterhouse. The event will take place on **Tuesday 27th –Wednesday 28th March 2018**.

The online [application form](#) for individual students will close on **29th January 2018** and we will contact successful applicants early in February.

Peterhouse Essay Competitions

Peterhouse is proud to organise our annual [Essay Competitions](#) in History, Science and English for Year 12 students.. We hope to encourage high-achieving students to apply to top universities by giving them a taste of the type of work they would experience and recognising their achievement through prizes and feedback from leading specialists. Each competition has a prize pool of £750 and all winners and highly commended entrants are invited to a prize-giving lunch at Peterhouse in late June. The deadline for receipt of all essays is **20th March 2018**. The deadline for teachers to confirm that entries are valid is **27rd March 2018**.

University of Leeds have the following Taster day which you might be interested in

Psychology Taster Day

Wednesday 7th March 2018, 10:00 - 16:00, University of Leeds

Organised in collaboration with our student volunteer group, PsychU, this day aims to give you an insight into studying Psychology at the University of Leeds. Through mini lectures delivered by current academics and academic workshops with our current students, you will find out what studying Psychology at Leeds is really like, with opportunities to ask questions of our current students and admissions tutors throughout the day.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/9R0H0KRmNgIDaWJB3>

Radiography Taster Day

Thursday 22nd March 2018, 10:00 - 16:00, University of Leeds

This day aims to provide an insight into studying these three healthcare sciences at degree level. With academic taster sessions and mini interactive lectures, you'll work with lecturers and current students to broaden your understanding of these areas of healthcare, the science behind them and future career opportunities.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/OwdfeJpGWtkccXxk2>

Dentistry Taster Day

Monday 30th April 2018, 09:30 - 15:00, University of Leeds

Run in collaboration with academic staff and our student volunteers, this day aims to give you an understanding of the dental surgery and oral science, and the dental hygiene and dental therapy courses at Leeds. Through a series of workshops and taster lectures, you'll leave with a greater understanding and appreciation of the skills required to study these courses at University.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/h4Nf06SpFJsqNK3F3>

Bookings for all events close Friday 2nd February 2018 at 17:00

Any questions can be sent to medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk

Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work Taster Day

Friday 23rd March 2018, 09:00 - 15:30, University of Leeds

This day aims to give you an overview of the three programme areas taught within the School of Healthcare: Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work. Through a variety of academic workshops, mini lectures and hand on practical sessions, you will gain a valuable insight into the life of a healthcare professional and the demanding nature of these roles. You will also hear from our academic staff on why you should study a healthcare profession at Leeds.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/NsfzGMXTgeCCDTuT2>

Applications for our UK Summer School are NOW OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that applications to our 2018 UK Summer School are now open!

The application form can be found [here](#). To be eligible for our programme your student(s) must be in Year 12 and meet our eligibility criteria.

Please do encourage your eligible students to apply. The deadline for applications is **Thursday 8th March 2018** at 5pm, and the deadline for teacher verification is **Thursday 15th March 2018** at 5pm.

We look forward to hearing from you and wish your students the very best of luck with their application!

**Best wishes,
The Summer Schools Team at the Sutton Trust**

News Item of the week

Nottingham railway station reopens after huge fire



The building was evacuated and trains were cancelled

Nottingham railway station has reopened following a huge fire that police say is being treated as arson.

At its peak 10 fire crews were tackling the blaze, which began at about 06:30 GMT on Friday.

Flames were seen coming from the station roof and smoke filled the foyer, prompting the building's evacuation.

The station reopened at 04:45 on Saturday and East Midlands Trains said many services would run as normal.

In a tweet, National Rail confirmed it had been deemed safe to reopen five of the seven platforms.

Jake Kelly, managing director of East Midlands Trains, said the fire had "clearly resulted in significant damage to the station", although emergency services and structural engineers approved the reopening.

"While we will be able to run many of our normal timetabled services, there will continue to be some disruption in the next few days," he added.

Deputy managing director of East Midlands Trains, Kirsty Derry, said because of the fire damage traveller services at the station are limited.

"Obviously it is safe but there are no toilet facilities, no catering facilities and people will not be able to have step-free access. "The main ticket hall, because of the impact on our IT, is not opening. We are happy to accept people who are taking reference booking details with them."

Anyone requiring step-free access is advised to travel from Derby.



Part of Nottingham railway station built at the start of the last century is listed but that section escaped the worst of the damage, for which Ms Derry is thankful.

"I can't praise their efforts enough really. The historic part, the listed part, is in really good condition. It is the newer part that opened in 2014 that has caught the brunt of the damage really," she said.

She added it is not yet known how long it will take to repair but "we are talking months rather than days and weeks".

Passengers are being advised to **check the latest travel information** before travelling to the station.

The fire, which damaged the main concourse roof and toilets, caused major disruption to services on Friday.

It took 60 firefighters to bring the blaze under control and the station remained closed for the rest of the day.

BBC Nottingham 14th January

Thought for the week

