

# Sixth Form Student Bulletin

## Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Week A)

*We hope you had a really lovely Easter holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the summer term.*

Thank you for your superb behaviour and attitude to learning all of you who used the Common Room in the holidays. The Common Room is open every weekday night until 6.00pm for you and will be open on the following Saturdays for revision: 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

➤ Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Leavers' Assembly



➤ Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Leavers' BBQ Please make a financial contribution to your tutors....we need about £2 per person. All Year 12 and 13 attend.

➤ Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Summer Exam Period begins

➤ 11<sup>th</sup> June: Year 13 A2 courses start on this day

➤ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year 12 Work Experience week

**4 weeks to the start of summer exams...** although some of you with oral and practical exams have them sooner than that

- **Lesson arrangements:** You attend all lessons until the exam in the subject has taken place. The exception is that tutorial period stops after the 1st May and Enrichment stops after 2<sup>nd</sup> May (except for subjects with an exam).
- **Timetables:** You should by now have collected your summer exam timetable– please check this 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 will be re-arranged and you will be notified.

## **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.
6. Make sure you have all needed supplies for the exam before going to bed the night before. This may include pens, paper, calculators, extra erasers, or any other items your exam requires.
7. Get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast on the morning of the exam. Try doing some relaxation techniques like deep breaths, or listening to music. This will help you start the exam with a calm, focused mind.
8. Arrive at least 15 minutes early for an exam. Rushing is not good preparation for an exam.

### **REVISING.....**

**If you are struggling seek help.**

**PLEASE STOP GAMING..... if that is distracting you.....**

**Think about your phone...is it distracting you??????**

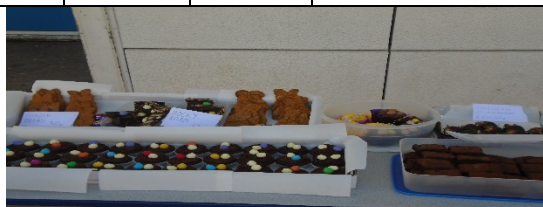
## **Charity Matters**

**The Cystic Fibrosis Chocolate Themed Fund Raiser Day raised £ 101.00**



## **Advanced warning of Revision Sessions during the Half Term holiday in May**

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
30/05/18	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



### **Sports Relief success**



**17-23 March**

**Well done the total raised after more sweet selling is £2000.06**

**What a fantastic achievement**

### **Revision Sessions during Term Time after Easter-this will be added to.....**

PE	Year 12	TBC		
	Year 13	TBC		
French	Year 12	Will be confirmed with individual students		
	Year 13	Will be confirmed with individual students		
German	Year 12	Lunchtimes to be agreed with students		
Spanish	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		
	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	Wednesday of Week 1 of Easter Holidays	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	Easter Holidays	May Half Term Holiday
Religious Studies	Year 12	Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Fletcher	Easter Holidays	
	Year 13	Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Fletcher	Easter Holidays	
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		
	Year 13	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 pm in Room 32		
English Literature	Year 12	Thursday after school drop in sessions		
	Year 13	Thursday after school drop in sessions		
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
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
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### **Appropriate clothing**

As the better weather approaches (hopefully) please wear appropriate clothing around school. Remember you are ambassadors and role models for the students in younger years. So please cover up appropriately-no short shorts and no revealing tops please! work or out for tea



Staff find conversations about clothing as

awkward as you do so please dress appropriately.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing - check out this website for help/advice**

[https://www.mindcharity.co.uk/advice-information/how-to-look-after-your-mental-health/apps-for-wellbeing-and-mental-](https://www.mindcharity.co.uk/advice-information/how-to-look-after-your-mental-health/apps-for-wellbeing-and-mental-health/)



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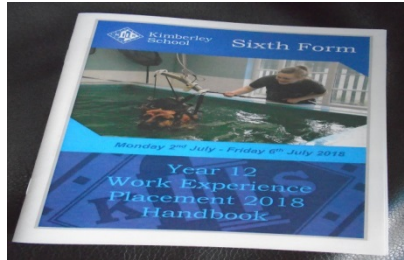
### **UCAS**

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. As Mrs Livings said in assembly please think very carefully about unconditional offers. You are paying £9000 a year just for the tuition fees....

**Leavers' BBQ:** The Leavers' BBQ is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Traditionally everyone pays £2.00 towards the costs and Year 12 volunteers prepare the room and space outside. If you would like to be involved there will be a short meeting at the end of tutor time with Mrs Booth in the Community Room on Tuesday

## 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 ap (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:  
Heather Reed – 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Zoe Toplis – 20<sup>th</sup> April**

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### Joke of the week

A ham sandwich walks in to a bar and orders a beer.....

**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:**

**Bartender; Sorry we don't serve food in here....!!**

## **Opportunities and Events**

Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship are now open

Follow the link for more information on these excellent apprenticeships with lots of career potential and excellent starting salary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fast-track-2018-opening-28-february>

**Notts Police Cadets** are currently seeking to recruit 80 Police Cadets to start in September 2018. Visit the [website](#) to find out who can apply.



## News Item of the Week: **Putin warns more strikes would spark 'chaos'** 15:47, UK, Sunday 15 April 2018

In a phone conversation with Iran's President Rouhani, the Russian leader says any further strikes in Syria would be



problematic.

Image: Rubble left behind after the Scientific Studies and Research Centre in Damascus was targeted

### **Key Points:**

- Donald Trump defends 'mission accomplished' tweet after [three sites hit](#)
- US tells UN Security Council it is 'locked and loaded' to strike again
- Russia says US has made 'catastrophic situation' even worse
- Theresa May to [address Commons on Monday](#)
- Jeremy Corbyn calls for [War Powers Act](#)
- Vladimir Putin says more strikes would lead to 'chaos in international relations'

## **Jeremy Corbyn calls for War Powers Act in wake of Syria airstrikes**

The Labour leader says MPs must approve future military action, amid disquiet at the PM not seeking parliamentary approval.



Mr Corbyn said the justification for the strikes was 'legally debatable'

Jeremy Corbyn has called for legislation which would make it necessary for MPs to approve future British military action.

The Labour leader made the call for a War Powers Act as he hit out at the Government's justification for launching airstrikes on Syria in the wake of a chemical weapons attack.

Britain, along with the US and France, hit chemical weapons facilities in a series of raids on three sites during the early hours of Saturday after civilians were targeted in Douma.

Prime Minister Theresa May has insisted the military action was "right and legal". Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said the world had "finally" said "enough is enough" as he defended the "proportionate" strikes.

But Mrs May's decision not to seek a vote in Parliament beforehand has provoked criticism. Mrs May will address the Commons on Monday, allowing MPs to scrutinise the Government's case. It is not clear if there will be a vote on the military action.

Speaking to the BBC's Andrew Marr show, Mr Corbyn said there should have been a vote ahead of the strikes.

"I think Parliament should have a say in this and I think the Prime Minister could have quite easily done that," he said. "She took a decision sometime last week that we were going to work with Macron and Trump in order to have an impact on the chemical weapons establishment in Syria.

"She could have recalled parliament last week - it is only the Prime Minister who can recall parliament - or she could have delayed until tomorrow when Parliament returns. There is precedent over previous interventions when parliament has had a vote.

"I think what we need in this country is something more robust like a War Powers Act so that governments do get held to account by Parliament for what they do in our name."

### **Thought for the week with revision in mind.....**

***Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, don't sit at home and think about it. Go and get busy (revising!).***

Dale Carnegie





