

Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 17th September 2018 (Week A)

We hope you had a good weekend and feel that you have settled comfortably into the Sixth Form. Remember, we are here for you so if you have any concerns, however small you think they are, please talk to your Tutor, Mrs Livings, Mrs Booth or Miss Iwanczuk.

Tuesday 18th 12.20pm Charity Meeting in the Community Room-all welcome



Dates for
the Diary:

Wednesday 19th September: Year 12 Information Evening for students and Parents 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm. **A letter with details has been sent out to your parents-if they didn't get it please let us know. Year 13s we need lots of help, please sign up on the common room door.**

- **Thursday 27th September, 5:00-7:30pm:** Year 5/6 Open Evening – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE! (All of you should help if possible)
- **Friday 28th September: INSET DAY (A chance to make sure you are on top of your work!)**
- **Wednesday 10th October:** Sixth Form Open Evening –everyone needs to help please, either with subjects or as guides
- **Tuesday 20th November:** Year 12/13 Parents' Consultation Evening – all students should attend this with their parents.

The Common Room

We have noticed an excellent start to the care and consideration exercised in the Common Room. It's your study space and it will only be useful to you if you carry on respecting each other by keeping noise to a minimum during lesson time.

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room is open until **6.00pm each day**. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods, please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space in school for you to work.

FIRE DRILL: Thank you

Thank you all for acting as superb role models during the fire drill.

Keeping your Common Room Tidy



Please put all your empty sweet, crisp wrappers, empty bottles in the bins in the common room, this is your own area for use by everyone, please aim to keep it tidy and clean.

Signing in and out

Thank you for taking the time to sign into the Common Room when you arrive and sign out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch). This will help us to have a clear idea of who is in school should we need to evacuate in an emergency. This is only necessary if you leave early or come in after period 1



Finger Print ID

If you haven't already done so, please see Mr Draycott in reprographics to have your finger print identification done, you will need this to be able to access the school site when the systems goes fully electronic.

Lanyards

These will be distributed to Year 12 students over the next few weeks. Year 13 please ensure you wear your lanyards around school, if you have lost the card, holder or ribbon please see Mrs Booth as soon as possible who will be able to organise a replacement for you. New cards will be distributed with your new photos on as soon as possible.

Enrichment

Please ensure you have signed up for an enrichment activity and if you are not sitting GCSE English or Maths, please let Mrs Booth know your choice. If you

have changed your mind about this, please let us know and we will do what we can to get you onto another activity.

If you are using Wednesday afternoons to complete a primary school placement or a nursing home placement Mrs Booth needs to know please.

Careers Interviews

Our careers advisor is next in school on Wednesday 19th September, she has one slot left at 2.20 pm – if you would like this appointment please see Mrs Booth as soon as possible. The advisor is next in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd October.

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD TIE OR BLAZER?

If you have any unwanted school ties or blazers that are taking up space in your wardrobe, could you please drop them into the common room, these may be of use to other students in younger years.

A few things to remember

Please do not take hot drinks out of the common room in open cups – this could be dangerous when students are moving around the corridors.



Please donate a few pence towards the tea and coffee club, this is completely funded by students so please donate if you use the facilities.



Monday 17 th September	Tuesday 18 th September	Wednesday 19 th September	Thursday 20 th September
Psychology – H9 Geography – H6	Sociology – H9	Maths and Further Maths – 30 ICT – C4	Chemistry – S9 EPQ – H10
Monday 24 th September	Tuesday 25 th September	Wednesday 26 th September	Thursday 27 th September
Physics – S1 Business – V1	Biology – S10 RS – H2	English Lit/Lang – E1	Languages (all) – H10
Monday 1 st October	Tuesday 2 nd October	Wednesday 3 rd October	Thursday 4 th October
History – H3	Food Tech – T11 Health and Social – T11	Product Design – T2	

Subject mentoring timetable

Subject mentoring after school for all Year 12

Year 12 Mentoring Sessions begin this Monday! (see timetable above). Meet Year 13s in the stated rooms after school to have a chat – it’s very informal, don’t be scared. The Year 13s will be there to answer any queries or questions you have about your subject and advise you on their experiences of year 12 and exams. There will be drinks and biscuits provided. Year 13 want to help and are very friendly and enthusiastic about helping you this year – they didn’t do this very long ago themselves, don’t be scared to ask any questions.

Please keep the kitchen area tidy and leave it the way you would want to find it.



Joke of the week

Why do some people like to eat snails?

Outside areas

During study periods, please avoid sitting on benches outside the Common Room and around school. You should be using these periods for studying, either

in the Common Room, the library, a classroom or at home. As Sixth Formers, you play a big part in setting the work ethic around school. If younger students see you relaxing outside and not working, they may feel that this is acceptable behaviour. So, show them how it's done! If you want to use your phone for a call please go in the 6th Form garden area.

Dress Code

Just a reminder to all sixth form students that although there is a non-uniform policy, appropriate clothing is expected to be worn, school is a professional environment and the way we dress needs to reflect this. Please cover up properly even when the weather is hot.

Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

When? Friday after school

Where? Common Room

Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please see Mrs Booth this week who will send you the online application form. If you have received free school meals in Year 11 or your parents have an NHS Exemption certificate you will certainly be entitled to a monthly payment from school to help you. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Joke Answer: A. They can't stand fast food!!

School Nurse

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

Emails

Please keep checking your emails, this is a vital tool for helping us communicate important information to you. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

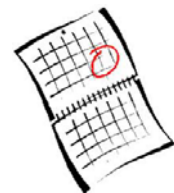
Mobile phones



Remember, if it's a lesson time, you shouldn't be on your phones – even in the Common Room. It is very tempting to keep checking your phone so unless you are using it for music or downloading information for your work, it is a good idea to keep it in your bag. If you need to make an urgent call during a study period, you can use our Sixth Form garden area.

Timetable issues

We appreciate that there have been lots of changes to individual timetables. Thank you for your patience and please just keep letting us know of any changes that we may not be aware of.



Year 13s, if you have dropped a subject and it is still on your timetable please come and see Mrs Booth or Mrs Livings.

Also, remember that you can't study a subject for which you have not met the entry requirements. If you think a mistake has been made on your timetable in this way, please do come and tell us.

Tutor time

When? Tuesday, P3

Compulsory – every week.

This period of time is carefully planned each week and essential for ensuring you have the necessary information about future possibilities, as well as

making sure we have done everything we can to ensure your success on your courses.

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**'.

Y5/6 Open Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening – volunteers needed!

You'll have seen in the key dates at the top of the bulletin that these events are coming up on Thursday 27th September and Wednesday 10th October respectively. We need as many of you to support at these as possible please. You may be asked to support a department, be a guide around school or register people as they arrive. Last year we had over 100 Sixth Formers in the blue Kimberley T-shirts to support us. The same turn out – or more – would be hugely appreciated again this year!

Year 12 Information Evening

On Wednesday 19th September we are running a Year 12 Information Evening for you and your parents. We will be showing a video created by Year 13 students detailing the things Year 13 students think it is helpful to know about when you start in the 6th Form. Some Year 13s will also talk personally about their time in Year 12 on the evening and I will go over the key dates and details I think it is important to know at the start of the year. We have done this for the past three years and it has helped parents to understand more about the experience of being a 6th Former

Volunteers: Science need volunteers for scribing for Year 7 tests

Please give your name to Mrs Booth if you can spare an hour of your study periods to help

Year 12s – Community Service

This needs to be arranged as soon as possible. The easiest to arrange is helping in one of your study periods in a lesson with younger students. So see a member of staff you would like to work with and ask.



Miss Charlton always needs volunteers to help at the Tea and Toast Breakfast Club during the week, especially on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8:15am until 8:40.

Please see Miss Charlton if you are interested in supporting her club.

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Lockers

would like a sixth form locker please see Mrs Booth. We need a deposit of £5 which you will get back when you return the

Please do not take holidays in term time. Please do not book holidays during term time. Please talk to your parents about this. Year 12 break up for the summer on 19th July next year so please ensure your parents know this. A2 courses start as soon as AS exams are over

Year 12 and 13 Events and Opportunities

Would you like to help Miss Walter with her Reading and Writing Club on a Wednesday after school? You would be helping to support younger students with their creative writing. Anyone who is interested should go and speak to her in room 21. This could be good experience for those looking at teaching. Biscuits provided too....

National Healthcare Careers Weekend and Partnering with Medic Mentoring: Hundreds of healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with your students who are interested in:

- Medicine

- Veterinary Medicine
- Dentistry

at our National Healthcare Weekends on the **10th & 11th Nov in Birmingham, 17th & 18th Nov in Exeter and 24th & 25th Nov in London.**

Students can register on the Medic Mentor website (medicmentor.org) and [find out more about the events here](#).

An opportunity for students looking to apply to Medical School

As the deadline for medical applications is 15th October, we're focusing this month on delivering a series of webinars, hosted by an NHS Doctor, to educate and inform:

Webinar 1 - Personal Statements for Medicine - 17th September 2018

Webinar 2 - The Road to Medical School - 19th September 2018

Students can register for the webinars using the following link:

www.medicalprojects.co.uk/webinars.

Moreover, as it's a new academic year we have updated our brochure with our current courses. If you'd like to read more about the team here at Medical Projects, or would like to know more about the courses we have available to students, please find our latest brochure which you can download here: [Medical Projects Information Brochure 2018/19](#).

Year 12 (and 13 if appropriate) subject taster conferences from Leicester University

These are a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into teaching and learning at university. Please see below for our taster dates for the next academic year, we will be opening bookings for the December and 2019 events shortly.

-Junior Emergency Medicine – Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September 2018

A hands on two day event aimed at students who are interested in studying medicine or nursing.

-Molecular and Cell Biology Open Day- 27th September 2018

This event is for Y12 students only, please email Dr Salvador Macip sm460@leicester.ac.uk to book.

-Discover Archaeology- 5th December 2018

-Studying Criminology- Thursday 13 December 2018

-Applying to Medicine- Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 April 2019

-Studying Geology and Geography- Wednesday 10 April 2019

We look forward to working with you over the next academic year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at wpteam@le.ac.uk if you would like to find out more about our events or if you would like us to come and visit you and your students in school or college.

University of Nottingham opportunities for Year 12s

Post-16 Pathways to Law and Pathways to STEM programmes

Applications for the Sutton-Trust funded Pathways programmes are now open. Students starting in Year 12 in September 2018 with an interest in pursuing a degree or future career in Law or STEM can apply for a 2 year support programme offering subject taster sessions, work related opportunities, academic support, an undergraduate e-mentor and a residential opportunity. In addition, students receive support with their UCAS applications and personal statements from the end of Year 12 and may be eligible for contextual offers and/or the Nottingham Potential Bursary if they meet certain programme requirements.

The programme is fully-funded and transport costs are also reimbursed for students to attend sessions.

Places are limited and students must meet eligibility criteria (including mostly 9-6 grades at GCSE), full details of which can be found on the attached summary sheet and by referring to the websites:

- Pathways to Law (nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystolaw)
- Pathways to STEM (nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystostem)

How to apply:

The Sutton Trust has further details about the Pathways programme and students apply online through their website:

- Pathways to Law <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>
- Pathways to STEM <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-stem/>

The deadline for applications is Monday 29 October 2018, and students or staff with queries about the programme can contact Elizabeth Tomlin (Elizabeth.tomlin@nottingham.ac.uk) or Jasmine Hickman (jasmine.hickman@nottingham.ac.uk). Please contact us if you would like us to come in to speak to Year 12 students about these programmes at the start of term.

News Item of the week: Should there be another referendum on leaving the European Union? What do you think?



The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has used a piece in the call for another referendum on EU membership. The paper itself also argues the public should be given the chance to vote on the final deal. It says a lack of consensus on the best way out of the EU since the referendum in 2016 has left the country in "a dangerous political vacuum".

Elsewhere, the senior conservative Brexit **Iain Duncan Smith**, writing in the Sunday Express, insists the vote was binding on politicians and Brexit must be delivered.

Meanwhile parts of the USA and The Philippines are experiencing devastating weather...

Storm Florence: Worst still to come, authorities warn

There are warnings the worst is still to come from a storm in the US that has already been linked to the deaths of at least 14 people.

Storm Florence has been dumping what has been called "epic" rain as it moves through North and South Carolina.



The volume of rain will cause "catastrophic" flash flooding, the US National Hurricane Centre says.

The slow-moving storm is heading west, but on Sunday it is due to turn north towards Ohio.

What are the warnings?

Florence, which started out as a hurricane, has now weakened to a depression, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) said on Sunday, but flash flooding and river floods will continue over a significant portion of the Carolinas.

"This system is unloading epic amounts of rainfall, in some places measured in feet and not inches," North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said on Saturday.

Authorities in the North Carolina city of Fayetteville ordered residents living near two rivers to evacuate with record flooding expected.

"If you are refusing to leave during this mandatory evacuation, you need to do things like notify your legal next of kin because the loss of life is very, very possible," Mayor Mitch Colvin said.

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Thought for the week

‘Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out’

Robert Collier