

**Sixth Form Student Bulletin**  
**Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Week A)**



We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018. Have a good rest and enjoy the festivities with your friends and family but do get revising for the exams some of you have in the first week back and for the February Mocks

School is open Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January if you need somewhere to revise. Please sign in and out of school.

Dates for  
the Diary:

- Certificate Evening is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> for last year's Year 13s. If you are helping please come to the hall by 6.00pm.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Last day of term- we finish at lunchtime Lessons 1 and 2 as usual and then a compulsory assembly and quiz in H1. (You can bring some foodie nibbles- we will supply the drinks)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December a Parent Bulletin will be sent home
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Mock Exams start- please make a revision plan and get revising.

**Christmas Jumper Day :**                      **Charity Matters**



Once again you rose to the challenge with an impressive **£252.00** raised from wearing your fabulous, fun and sometimes noisy Christmas jumpers!

**Thank you for collecting the money and thanks to those of you who sold cakes and hot chocolate.**

### **Last Day Arrangements**

Attendance on Tuesday is compulsory. Period 1 and | Period 2 are as normal then please go to tutor base period 3 and you will then come to the hall.

It would be lovely if people wore their Christmas Jumpers again.

### **The holiday**

Most of you have worked hard during the last term so take this opportunity to catch up on sleep and to enjoy the festivities. However, you also need to spend some time going over the term's work in each of your subjects and generally revising. Some of you have paid work and as tempting as it might be, please don't fall into the trap of giving up all your holidays to your employers. Mock exams start in February so it is important to bear this in mind in terms of revision and consolidating what you have learned.

### **Unconditional Offers from University**

*Many of you in Year 13 are starting to receive offers from University, some of them unconditional – although this might seem like good news to you and will take some of the pressure off, please bear in mind that you still need to at least achieve your target grades and get the best A Level results for your future success. You might start the university course but then find it is not for you and if your results are not as good as they could have been, this will affect your chances of choosing the right course the following year. Also bear in mind that many employers see A level grades as the best indicator of your commitment and ambition as they are universally recognised.*

*Please don't reply to offers without full discussion with your parents, tutor and Mrs Livings-there is no rush and we advise that you wait until after the mocks.*

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**Emails-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**

### **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

**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.**

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.

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### **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..

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### **Joke of the week**

“Why didn't Rudolph get a good report



card?”

### **UCAS**

**Year 13 – UCAS : 47 applications** have now gone off and we are about to make a new record for numbers applying to university

I will be available on Tuesday p3 and p5 and after school until 6.00pm to send more applications.

I have been available every Friday since September 8<sup>th</sup> so I am afraid if you haven't come to any of these sessions and I am not aware that you need to send then you will need to wait until after Christmas.

If you haven't seen me already about sending then you will need to see me before Christmas and arrange a time to send on the Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

## **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](http://www.derby.ac.uk/unipoints)

### **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 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.

### **Joke Answer**

A: "Because he went down in History."



### **Happy Birthday this week to:**



**Isobel Hardy and James Ridge – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lewis Morning – 19<sup>th</sup> December**

### **And over the holidays**

**Katie Horner – 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Claire Etches – 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**Skye Frazer – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Callum Sykes – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

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

Year 12 please do not book holidays before we break up on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. The deadline for entries is **16:00 UK time 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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](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](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](http://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](mailto:president@cambridgesixthformlawconference.com) or Ben King  
at [slo@cambridgesixthformlawconference.com](mailto: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](#)

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.

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### **News Item of the Week:**

## **One family spent £10,000 on Christmas decorations**



The Farnes family says they have spent about £10,000 on their Christmas lights display over the last 16 years.

Michael Farnes said: "I've always been mad about Christmas, and if anyone knows me. I am always happy."

Coach-loads of people visit the display at their home in Amberley Drive in Hove and any money raised goes to charity.

### **A thought for Christmas**

#### **Pope Francis on Christmas Day.....**

*On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Baby Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By his grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace. Merry Christmas to all!*



***Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year.  
Make the season bright  
with joy, peace,  
love, and hope.***