

Sixth Form Student Bulletin
Week beginning Monday 19th March 2018 (Week A)



- Friday 23rd March: Sports Relief Day
- Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March: Re-sits for anyone who failed a mock exam
- Tuesday 1st May: Leavers' Assembly
- Wednesday 2nd May: Leavers' BBQ
- 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

Mock feedback: If you are concerned please talk to your tutor /Mrs Booth or Mrs Livings

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 14th March:

Attendance was excellent as always-thank you. Please now act on any advice staff gave you.

Whatever moves you, do it for Sport Relief



17-23 March

Please help and support Sport Relief all through next week – with the various sporting events through the week and then on our main fund raising day Friday 23rd March – where various stalls and activities will be happening around the school. The School is dressing in sports gear for this day so please join in and come in your 'sporty gear'

We need lots of help with :

- **Collecting money on the astro turf each lunchtime this week**
- **Collecting money from tutors on Friday morning for non-uniform day**
- **Selling (and making) cakes and sweets**
- **Being involved in the sporting events such as netball and volleyball**
- **If you have any ideas for fund raising please speak to your tutor and see if you can get this organised**



The Common Room and Study Periods

The Common Room is open from 8.00am until at least 6.00pm each day.

Please ask Mrs Booth if you need a separate room for group revision

Exam Revision Sessions arranged so far – more information to follow – keep checking the Bulletin

RE AS and A2 with Miss Fletcher	Tuesday Lunchtimes	H2
German AS	Lunchtimes	Please arrange with Mr Vinter
Spanish A2	Week A Thursday Period 4	
Physics AS and A2	Thursday lunchtime	S8
Maths and Further Maths AS and A2	Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Open Session	
Chemistry AS	Tuesday lunchtime	S9 with Mr Murray
Psychology and Sociology (past papers)	Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm	Common Room with Mrs Livings

The Psychology revision session with Miss Bird in H9 this week will be held on Wednesday 21st in H9 from 4-5pm. From next week it will return to every Thursday 3:05-4:05pm.

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



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Cooking Enrichment Students Year 12

Please see the notices on the classroom door in the D & T block which Miss Harper has left for you

As you can see, Archie has indeed got a new tank – thanks to you all for putting in your loose change – particular thanks to Holli and Ruby and Eleanor for their tireless efforts at fund raising

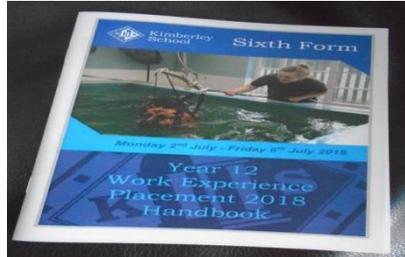


UCAS

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....

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 The Bursary

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.



Happy Birthday this week to:

**George Morris – 21st March
Charlotte Attfield – 25th March**

Joke of the week

What did the policeman say to his stomach?

Careers Interviews

Year 12s are welcome to make appointments as well as Year 13s.

Please see Mrs Booth to organise an appointment

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:

You are under a vest!

Opportunities and Events

Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship are now open applications

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>

More apprenticeship opportunities

Access Training has spaces available on construction apprenticeships to start September. [Apply now.](#)

A number of apprenticeships are being advertised through Success at School: EY [business apprenticeships](#)

CoR - [Engineering and laboratory science](#) apprenticeships

IBM [business and tech](#) apprenticeships

Nestle – [operations and food manufacturing](#)

BT – [vehicle technician and customer experience](#)

Morrisons [degree apprenticeships](#)

Severn Trent is recruiting for its [apprentice programme](#) now.

KP Snacks food science/QA/technician [higher/degree apprenticeship](#) Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mercedes Benz [apprentice programme](#) applications now open – various roles available.

Royal Air Force [air operations apprenticeships](#)– applications for various roles

Santander – [various apprenticeships](#) including financial crime and customer service (entry level) and digital technology and HR (degree level).

Bursaries are available from the [Helena Kennedy Foundation](#) to students currently studying at a FE college or sixth form college and applying to enter university from September 2018. Applicants must be facing barriers to continuing their education.

Closing date 26 April.

Engineering

Did you know that 2018 is the Year of Engineering? This government and industry initiative aims to tackle the widening skills gap we have in the UK and inspire the next generation of engineers.

To find out more about engineering and some of the resources and events taking place around the UK, watch this short [video](#) and check out the [website](#) where more details are available.

Year 12 opportunities

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**.

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:

Stephen Hawking: Visionary physicist dies aged 76



World renowned physicist Stephen Hawking has died at the age of 76.

He died peacefully at his home in Cambridge in the early hours of Wednesday, his family said.

The British scientist was famed for his work with black holes and relativity, and wrote several popular science books including *A Brief History of Time*.

At the age of 22 **Prof Hawking** was given only a few years to live after being diagnosed with a rare form of motor neurone disease.

The illness left him in a wheelchair and largely unable to speak except through a voice synthesiser.

In a statement his children, Lucy, Robert and Tim, said: "We are deeply saddened that our beloved father passed away today.

"He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years."

They praised his "courage and persistence" and said his "brilliance and humour" inspired people across the world.

"He once said, 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.' We will miss him forever."

A book of condolence has been opened at Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge, where Prof Hawking was a fellow.

Prof Hawking was the first to set out a theory of cosmology as a union of relativity and quantum mechanics.

He also discovered that black holes leak energy and fade to nothing - a phenomenon that would later become known as Hawking radiation.

Through his work with mathematician Sir Roger Penrose he demonstrated that **Einstein's general theory of relativity** implies space and time would have a beginning in the Big Bang and an end in black holes.

The scientist gained popularity outside the academic world and appeared in several TV shows including The Simpsons, Red Dwarf and The Big Bang Theory.

Thoughts for the week from Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking's life is an astonishing story of a man who faced enormous odds and went on to become one of the world's most famous scientists. Here are some of his most famous quotes which will inspire you when you get discouraged.

"I have noticed that even people who claim everything is predetermined and that we can do nothing to change it, look before they cross the road."

"The downside of my celebrity is that I cannot go anywhere in the world without being recognized. It is not enough for me to wear dark sunglasses and a wig. The wheelchair gives me away."

"Mankind's greatest achievements have come about by talking, and its greatest failures by not talking. It doesn't have to be like this. Our greatest hopes could become reality in the future. With the technology at our disposal, the possibilities are unbounded. All we need to do is make sure we keep talking."

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

"Aggression, humanity's greatest vice, will destroy civilization."

“My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn’t prevent you doing well, and don’t regret the things it interferes with. Don’t be disabled in spirit, as well as physically.”

“People who boast about their I.Q. are losers.”

“One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose, and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don’t throw it away.”

“It is no good getting furious if you get stuck. What I do is keep thinking about the problem but work on something else. Sometimes it is years before I see the way forward. In the case of information loss and black holes, it was 29 years.”

“We are all different, but we share the same human spirit. Perhaps it’s human nature that we adapt and survive.”

“If I had to choose a superhero to be, I would pick Superman. He’s everything that I’m not.”

“I am just a child who has never grown up. I still keep asking these ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions. Occasionally, I find an answer.”

“I have lived with the prospect of an early death for the last 49 years. I’m not afraid of death, but I’m in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first.”

“Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious, and however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don’t just give up.”

“It is a waste of time to be angry about my disability. One has to get on with life and I haven’t done badly. People won’t have time for you if you are always angry or complaining.”

“We are in danger of destroying ourselves by our greed and stupidity. We cannot remain looking inwards at ourselves on a small and increasingly polluted and overcrowded planet.”

“Keeping an active mind has been vital to my survival, as has been maintaining a sense of humor.”

“I have so much that I want to do. I hate wasting time.”
