

**Sixth Form Student Bulletin**  
**Week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 (Week A)**

We hope you have had a good weekend. 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.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped at the Open Evening for Year 5/6 students and parents on Thursday.

You were an absolute credit to the school and 6<sup>th</sup> Form and we received lots of very positive parental feedback.

Thank you



- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Sixth Form Open Evening:** We need lots of you to help please as ambassadors for our sixth form. Some of you will be helping in subjects and others will be acting as guides.
- **Charity Meeting to discuss the Halloween disco:** Community Room Tuesday lunchtime at 12.40pm please.
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 12/13 Parents' Consultation Evening – all students should attend this with their parents.

**Another Thank you**

A massive Thank You and supported the Charity raise money for Aston's

You raised over



well done to everyone who Committee on Thursday to specialised wheelchair.

**£250!**

### **Dress Code**

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.

**Tea and Coffee should only be made before school, during break or lunch and at the end of the school day. Making drinks at the start of lessons is eating into valuable studying time and is distracting for students who are working in the common room**

**Donations needed for Archie – who needs a new filter.  
Please give just a few pence if you can – we need  
another £10.00 – Thank You**



### **The Common Room**

Thank you for 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.

**There is now a list of 'free rooms' displayed in the common room** – next to the Bulletin Board, if you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods, please use this to locate a free room or

alternatively see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space in school for you to work.



### 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.



Aimee Canavan – 5<sup>th</sup> October

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### Subject mentoring after school for all Year 12

Year 12 Mentoring Sessions carry on this week (see timetable below). Meet Year 13s in the stated rooms after school to have a chat – it's very informal. 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– they didn't do this very long ago themselves, don't be worried about asking questions.

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Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
History – H3	Food Tech – T11 Health and Social – T11	Product Design – T2	

### **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

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### **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**

If you have changed your mind about the activity you originally chose please let us know and we will do what we can to get you onto another activity. Doing an enrichment activity is compulsory. If you are doing work experience and are waiting to get this organised, you should be working in the common room on Wednesday afternoons until you have this sorted. Please keep Mrs Booth advised of all your primary school placements or volunteering opportunities.

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## Careers Interviews

Please let Mrs Booth know if you would like a careers interview. If you are worrying about what your next move is after the sixth form this could help you decide and get you in the right direction.

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### **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.**



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

**Thank you to those of you who keep popping to get the milk and tea/coffee**

## Joke of the week

**When is the best day for twins to be born..?**

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> Form garden area.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

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### **Joke Answer:**

**Two's day!! (Tuesday-get it?!)**

### **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. Please download the outlook app on to your mobile so that school emails are easily accessible.

### 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.

### Timetable issues

If you are in Year 12 and want to drop a subject we need your parents' permission please. You have to take 3 full A levels. Remember you need to pass the AS exam in 3 subjects ( or the internal school exam where there is no AS exam) to continue to Year 13.

### 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**'.

## 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.



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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

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> July next year so please ensure your parents know this. A2 courses start as soon as AS exams are over

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## Year 12 and 13 Events and Opportunities

### **Opportunities in school**

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!

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**Breakfast club:** 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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## **Medical careers**

At Medical Mavericks we want to show students that healthcare isn't all about doctors and nurses. To illustrate this, our Careers in Health Workshop uses an awesome mobile hospital to showcase dozens of exciting, alternative careers accessible with Levels 9-4 at GCSE. Our aim is to inspire students by giving them access to real, hands-on medical procedures, and cutting-edge equipment. We want to trigger a spark of ambition that will motivate the next generation of medics, scientist, biologists, and physicians. There's no doubt, a day of awesomeness awaits...

Read more, don't be squeamish:

[www.medicalmavericks.co.uk/careers-in-health](http://www.medicalmavericks.co.uk/careers-in-health)

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# **PREMED PROJECTS**

## **Work experience courses & free application advice for your students interested in careers as doctors, nurses or dentists**

We're especially for students who are aged between 16-18 who dream of a career in healthcare and we offer leaning camps during school holidays.

It would be great to make your students aged 16 - 18 aware of the help we offer and there's 3 ways below you can do that.



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**You can direct students to our website**

Each year there 1000's of students from all over the UK who take part in our camps. You can send you students to this page below for them to take a look

**You can print out a letter for them.**

Sometimes letters are best. The link below contains one that you can print out for any student you think may be considering a career in medicine so they can read it through with their parents.

**Request brochures and posters**

By following the link below we'd be happy to arrange some posters and brochures to be posted to you so you can reach your students considering medical careers.

[Direct your students to this webpage](#)

[Download a letter for your students](#)

[Request Brochures and Posters](#)

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## **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 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](http://nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystolaw))
- Pathways to STEM ([nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystostem](http://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 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](mailto:Elizabeth.tomlin@nottingham.ac.uk)) or Jasmine Hickman

([jasmine.hickman@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto: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.

## Dates for Your Diaries

### National events

#### University open days

University of Derby 27 Oct & 14 Nov / 10 Nov (Chesterfield)

University of Lincoln 14 & 27 Oct

Nottingham Trent University 6 Oct

University of Leicester 13 Oct

Norwich University of the Arts 13 & 26 Oct & 10 Nov

#### NHS Careers Evening

Friday 1 February 2019 17.30-20.00 Royal Derby Hospital

Event for 13-19 year olds to find out more about the wide variety of roles in the NHS and routes in. For further information email [dhft.workingforus@nhs.net](mailto:dhft.workingforus@nhs.net) or call 01332 789965

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

**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](http://medicmentor.org))

### **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.

**-Discover Archaeology- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **News Item of the week:**

*I am sure you will have been horrified by the news of a tsunami and earthquake affecting parts of Indonesia....*

### **Indonesia tsunami: Rescuers dig through rubble for survivors**

**Rescuers have been digging by hand in the frantic search for survivors in the Indonesian city of Palu, which is reeling from an earthquake and tsunami.**

At least 408 people have been killed but there are fears the death toll could rise significantly as workers reach areas closer to the epicentre.

Search efforts are being hampered by blocked roads and a collapsed bridge.

The Red Cross estimates that more than 1.6 million people have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

There are particular concerns about the town of Donggala, where the impact is still unclear. "This is already a tragedy, but it could get much worse," the Red Cross said in a statement.

### The earthquake caused a tsunami to sweep into Palu



Source: BMKG

**BBC** Yenni Suryani, the Indonesia country manager for the aid agency Catholic Relief Services, said Donggala appears to be inaccessible by road or air and that help may have to come by sea.

Strong aftershocks have continued to hit the island since Friday's earthquake.

### What is the situation in Palu?

Rescue teams dug by hand to free 24 people trapped in the rubble of the Roa-Roa hotel in the city of Palu.

The hotel's owner told local media people could still be heard crying out for help, but said that no heavy lifting equipment was available to rescue them.

Dozens remain missing in the city of 335,000, some thought to be trapped in the debris of collapsed buildings.



A bridge was destroyed by the tsunami

Bodies have been lying in city streets and the injured are being treated in tents because of damage to hospitals.

Anxious survivors in Palu bedded down in the open air on Saturday night, heeding advice by officials not to return to their homes as a precaution.

## 'Supplies running out'

By Rebecca Henschke, in Poso

In Poso, a four-hour drive from Palu, supplies are running out. State-owned petrol stations have closed as they have run dry. People are queuing up at roadside stalls, buying petrol in bottles to take into the affected area and to find missing loved ones. Supermarkets have limited food left and it is difficult to find bottled water.

Ermi Liana, who is travelling with our BBC team, doesn't know if her parents are alive. "They live close to the bridge that collapsed. I can't reach them by phone," she says. "I can only pray they are alive."

We haven't seen any aid heading in and there is still no communication link to the town of Donggala.

## Why were so many killed on Friday?

**The 7.5 magnitude quake occurred at a shallow depth of 10km (6.2 miles)** just off the central island of Sulawesi at 18:03 (10:03 GMT), triggering a tsunami, US monitors say.

Many people were on the beach in Palu, preparing for a festival, and were caught when waves up to 3m (10ft) in height swept in.

Video shows people screaming and fleeing in panic.

"The tsunami... dragged cars, logs, houses," Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, a spokesman for Indonesia's disaster agency, told Reuters news agency. "It hit everything on land."

BBC NEWS

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**Thought for the week** ...on compassion (Compassion is about practicing acceptance, concern and understanding for others)

***“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.....Never doubt the impact of one person’s goodness to affect greater change”.***

(14th Dalai Lama)