

**Sixth Form Student Bulletin**  
**Week beginning Monday 22nd January 2018 (Week B)**

We hope you have settled back into the new term – remember if you have any concerns please talk to one of us.

Don't forget to make a note of the following dates in your planners

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Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term holiday
  - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Mock Exam period begins for Year 12 and 13- you should be well underway with revision.....
  - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Mock Results Assembly
  - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Year 12 and 13 Parents' Consultation Evening
  - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Sports Relief Day
  - Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: Re-sit week for anyone who failed a mock exam
  - 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
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## Charity Matters



Charity meeting in H9

this Tuesday at 12.40pm

Raising money for Parkinsons sufferers

Connor Innes had his flowing locks shaved this week in order to raise money for Parkinson's disease.

Sixth Forms helped with the fund raising by making and selling cakes and hot chocolate last week raising just under £60.

You can still donate using the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janice-miller2>

### **LGBTQ+ fund raiser**

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be raising money for Stonewall, a charity that acts against discrimination towards LGBTQ+ people, by selling cakes, hot chocolate, sweets etc. There will also be glitter / face painting. If you have any questions there will be a charity meeting next Tuesday (the 23th) in H9, so feel free to attend!

### **Valentine's Day charity event**

We will be selling and delivering roses around school for Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. We need lots of help writing poems and taking orders from staff and students

### **Emily Barker –raffle tickets for sale in aid of Bone Cancer Research Trust**

As many of you will know an ex-student of ours Emily Barker died as a result of Bone Cancer 2 years ago. Her parents have arranged for a raffle in order to raise money for the charity Bone Cancer Research Trust. These will be on sale in the Common Room this week.

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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 last week please think very carefully about unconditional offers

### **Apprenticeships**

We are starting to get a few vacancies through for next September. Please read the Bulletin each week and see Mrs Livings if you want to apply.

## **Work Experience**

Have you organised this yet? Please look at the opportunities below, if you haven't yet had a booklet please ask Mrs Booth for one.



### **HSBC work experience programme**

This [one-week programme](#) provides opportunities to gain some hands-on experience, develop knowledge of banking and financial services, and explore the careers available at HSBC in the UK. Closes 28 January

**PricewaterhouseCoopers** Business/Finance and Technology [Work Experience Programmes](#)

### **Communicating**

Please try to put the school email app (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.

### **Mock Exams – have you started revising yet?**

**Revision session for Physics:**

**Y12 electricity content**

**Friday lunch in S7 from now until mock exams with Miss Iwanczuk**

**We have 4 school weeks before the Mock Exam start, if you haven't already, you should be starting to organise your revision**

- **Make a revision timetable (Mrs Booth has blank ones to get you started) please talk to her about this if you need help**
- **Check out revision websites**

- **Ask your teachers for past papers and mark schemes**
- **Check the specifications carefully so you know exactly what you need to cover**

### **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.

### **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.**

### **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 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.

### **Security and signing in**

**Thank you for taking the time to sign in and out of the common room, this information about when you are in school is extremely important.**

### **Tea and Coffee**

**Please put in your loose change each time you have a drink so we can keep the tea and coffee club running – the honesty box is in the kitchen area of the**



**common room.**

**and teabags etc. but not contributing.**

**It seems some people are using the milk**



**Happy Birthday this week to:**

**Nick McIntosh**

**And Belated Happy Birthday to:**

**Rebecca Bartram**

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### Joke of the week

*Why was the giraffe late to work?*

### School Nurse

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

### 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 Ideas4Careers (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. The next appointment date is the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### 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

*Because he got stuck in the giraffic jam!*

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## Year 13 Opportunities

### [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](#)

#### **Building Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship**

**Start date:** September 2018

**Starting salary:** £12,000

**Employer:** Survey Hub Ltd

**Address:** 34 Regent Street, Nottingham NG1 5BT

**Entry requirements:** 112 UCAS points, e.g. grades BBC at A-Level or DMM at BTEC

**Award:** BSc (Honours) Building Surveying

**Level:** 4, 5 & 6

**Length:** 5 years

**Training provider:** Sheffield Hallam University

**Delivery model:** 4 days a week at work, 1 day a week at university

**Fees to pay:** None

If you are interested please email your CV to [j.hockney@shu.ac.uk](mailto:j.hockney@shu.ac.uk) ?

More Apprenticeships

[Higher Apprentice](#), Charcon Solutions, Retford

Two science/research positions to start September 2018

[Digitalisation Higher Apprenticeship](#), Siemens Plc, Nottingham

Start date September 2018

CNC Machinist [Advanced Apprenticeship Programme](#) at Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains, Northamptonshire. Closes 21 January

[Audit Regional apprenticeship](#) (degree level), BDO Services, Nottingham

Start date September 2018

[Higher Apprentice](#), Charcon Solutions, Retford

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**Higher and degree apprenticeship vacancy listing** - this listing of the higher and degree vacancies available with a variety of apprenticeship employers is available to view on the [Gov.UK website](#).

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### **Apprenticeship broadcasts for students**

The very latest apprenticeship information in England is now available through a series of [live broadcasts](#). If you're not able to watch the free broadcasts live with your students, you can catch up at any time. Videos for January are:

- Brother UK 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Unilever 25<sup>th</sup>

**All live broadcasts start at 9am.**

### **Local Events**

**Jobs Fair Motorpoint Arena** 31 January 10am-2pm

[www.thejobfairs.co.uk/job-fairs](http://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/job-fairs)

**Jobs Fair Derby Pride Park 16 March 10am-2pm**

[www.thejobfairs.co.uk/job-fairs](http://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/job-fairs)

Higher Apprenticeship Audit BDO SERVICES LIMITED | Nottingham 3 A Levels Sept start

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/32699/audit-regional-apprenticeship/?TrackID=1839&BatchID=716>

Higher Apprenticeship - Digitalisation job with Siemens Plc Start Sept 2018 £304 pw

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/job/32765/higher-apprenticeship-digitalisation/?TrackID=1675&BatchID=716#sc=jbe&me=email&cm=2018-01-12>

The application period for our post-GCSE Practical apprenticeship (for September 2018 intake) is extended to **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Derby and Hucknall.**

More information can be found on the website here: <http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/apprentices-and-school-leavers#where-are-you-now/gcses-and-equivalent/the-practical-option>

Derby

[http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47792#/#/](http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47792#/)

Hucknall

[http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47771#/#/](http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/job-search-results/job-details?jobID=47771#/)

**We thought we'd share with you some of the huge range of school leaver opportunities that can be found on [RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk](http://RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk)!**

#### Latest School Leaver Opportunities



**AWE**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Intermediate Apprenticeship,  
Advanced Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**Unilever**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Advanced Apprenticeship, Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**Marks & Spencer**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**RSM**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** School Leaver Programme

[View Jobs](#)



**CGI**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Higher Apprenticeship, Sponsored Degree Programme, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**BBC**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Advanced Apprenticeship, Sponsored Degree Programme, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**Moore Stephens**

**Location(s):** Central London, South East, West Midlands

**Programme(s):** Higher Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**EDF Energy**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Advanced Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)



**GSK**

**Location(s):** Nationwide

**Programme(s):** Advanced Apprenticeship, Higher Apprenticeship, Degree Apprenticeship

[View Jobs](#)

Haven't quite found what you're looking for? Take a look [here](#) at all of the current opportunities available on our website

[View all Vacancies](#)

## Apprenticeships Royal Mail Nottingham Advanced Apprenticeships

<https://jobs.royalmailgroup.com/go/Apprenticeships/698801/?q=&q2=&locationsearch=&title=&location=nottingham>

### Year 12 opportunities

If you are interested in a career with the NHS.....

**There is a radiotherapy open day on**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

The Nottingham Radiotherapy Centre

For more information or to book your place please contact Alex Tanner on:

[Alex.Tanner@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Alex.Tanner@nuh.nhs.uk) and follow us on Twitter: @SHURadiotherapy

@nottmhospitals

## Peterhouse College Cambridge: Year 12 Residential

We are pleased to announce that applications are **now open** for your year 12 students to come to Cambridge to attend our free 2018 [Peterhouse Area Links Residential event](#), open to all state school students in our [link areas](#) of Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hillingdon on track to achieve AAA or above and interested in a course that we offer. Students attending the event will have the opportunity to find out about living at working at Cambridge through a range of activities including sample lectures and supervisions with University teaching staff, museum/department visits, talks from the admissions team and plenty of time to speak to current undergraduate students about life at Peterhouse. The event will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> –Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

The online [application form](#) for individual students will close on **29<sup>th</sup> January 2018** and we will contact successful applicants early in February.

## 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 **20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. The deadline for teachers to confirm that entries are valid is **27<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**.

## **University of Leeds have the following Taster day which you might be interested in**

### **Psychology Taster Day**

Wednesday 7th March 2018, 10:00 - 16:00, University of Leeds

Organised in collaboration with our student volunteer group, PsychU, this day aims to give you an insight into studying Psychology at the University of Leeds. Through mini lectures delivered by current academics and academic workshops with our current students, you will find out what studying Psychology at Leeds is really like, with opportunities to ask questions of our current students and admissions tutors throughout the day.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/9R0H0KRmNgIDaWJB3>

### **Radiography Taster Day**

Thursday 22nd March 2018, 10:00 - 16:00, University of Leeds

This day aims to provide an insight into studying these three healthcare sciences at degree level. With academic taster sessions and mini interactive lectures, you'll work with lecturers and current students to broaden your understanding of these areas of healthcare, the science behind them and future career opportunities.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/OwdfeJpGWtkccXxk2>

### **Dentistry Taster Day**

Monday 30th April 2018, 09:30 - 15:00, University of Leeds

Run in collaboration with academic staff and our student volunteers, this day aims to give you an understanding of the dental surgery and oral science, and the dental hygiene and dental therapy courses at Leeds. Through a series of workshops and taster lectures, you'll leave with a greater understanding and appreciation of the skills required to study these courses at University.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/h4Nf06SpFJsqNK3F3>

Bookings for all events close Friday 2nd February 2018 at 17:00

Any questions can be sent to [medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk)

### **Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work Taster Day**

Friday 23rd March 2018, 09:00 - 15:30, University of Leeds

This day aims to give you an overview of the three programme areas taught within the School of Healthcare: Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work. Through a variety of academic workshops, mini lectures and hand on practical sessions, you will gain a valuable insight into the life of a healthcare professional and the demanding nature of these roles. You will also hear from our academic staff on why you should study a healthcare profession at Leeds.

Book your place at: <https://goo.gl/forms/NsfzGMXTgeCCDTuT2>

### **Year 12 Opportunities**

#### **Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools 2018**

Applications for [UK Summer Schools 2018](#) will be open until **Thursday 8th March**.

**Over 40 different subjects on offer. !**

The application form can be found [here](#). To be eligible for our programme your student(s) must be in Year 12 and meet our eligibility criteria.

The deadline for applications is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at 5pm, and the deadline for teacher verification is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at 5pm!

### **Oxbridge Evening – Meet the Admissions Tutors**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**7pm – 9pm (refreshments served from 6.30pm)**

Invitation to attend a free outreach Oxbridge Evening to be held at Nottingham High School on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, from 7pm - 9pm**. The evening takes the form of pre-event refreshments (from 6.30pm – 7pm) and a presentation followed by a Question and Answer session in the Player Hall. The presentation is pitched at Year 12 students, but it would also be suitable for bright and mature Year 11 pupils. There will be Admissions Tutors on hand from Cambridge and Oxford to answer any questions or queries.

Parents and staff are also welcome to attend and parking for cars and minibuses is available in the Main School Playground on Forest Road. (A map and directions booklet is attached for your information).

If you would like to be involved in the evening, we would be very grateful if you could let us know **by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, by contact Mrs Wallis on 0115 924 9716 or emailing at

[wallis.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:wallis.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk). Due to restrictions on numbers, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

[Business Insight Week](#) - spend time with teams at one of the UK offices working on live projects.

[Big Data Summer Camp](#) - the opportunity to learn about how big data is used (Belfast, Leeds or Birmingham).

**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**

**Construction giant Carillion is going into liquidation after its huge financial troubles finally overwhelmed it.** BBC News

## **Where did it go wrong for Carillion?**

**Construction giant Carillion is going into liquidation after its huge financial troubles finally overwhelmed it.**

The UK's second-largest construction company buckled under the weight of a whopping £1.5bn debt pile.

Despite discussions between Carillion, its lenders and the government, no deal could be reached to save the company.

The big concern is over the disruption this might cause, given Carillion holds so many government contracts - from building hospitals to managing schools.

It also employs about 20,000 people in the UK and has more staff abroad.

So how did the company get into such dire straits?

## **What does Carillion do?**

Carillion specialises in construction, as well as facilities management and ongoing maintenance.

It has worked on big private sector projects such as the Battersea Power station redevelopment and the Anfield Stadium expansion.

But it is perhaps best known for being one of the largest suppliers of services to the public sector.

Notably, it is part of a consortium that holds a contract to build part of the forthcoming HS2 high speed railway line, and it is the second largest supplier of maintenance services to Network Rail.

It also maintains 50,000 homes for the Ministry of Defence, manages nearly 900 schools and manages highways and prisons.

## How big is it?

Very. Carillion employs 43,000 staff globally, around half of them in the UK where it does most of its business. It also operates in Canada, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

In 2016, it had sales of £5.2bn and until July boasted a market capitalisation of almost £1bn. But since then its share price has plummeted, leaving it worth just £61m.

## What went wrong for the firm?

Some argue that it overreached itself, taking on too many risky contracts that proved unprofitable. It also faced payment delays in the Middle East that hit its accounts.

Last year, it issued three profit warnings in five months and wrote down more than £1bn from the value of contracts.

This made it much harder to manage its mountainous £900m debt pile and £600m pension deficit.

In December, the firm convinced lenders to give it more time to repay them.

However, the company's banks, which include Santander UK, HSBC and Barclays, were reluctant to lend it any more cash.

## What were Carillion's biggest setbacks?

Among its biggest problems were cost overruns on three public sector construction contracts:

- The £350m Midland Metropolitan Hospital in Sandwell. The opening was originally scheduled for October 2018, but difficulties with the heating, lighting and ventilation systems forced a delay of the launch date to spring 2019
- The £335m Royal Liverpool Hospital. The new 646-bed hospital was due to be finished by March 2017, but the completion date has been repeatedly pushed back amid reports of cracks in the building
- The £745m Aberdeen bypass, which is being built by the Aberdeen Roads Ltd consortium, a joint venture that includes Balfour Beatty and Morrison Construction alongside Carillion. It is due to open in spring 2018. One key stretch was due to open a year earlier, but was delayed because of slow progress in completing initial earthworks. Last month, environment watchdogs slapped a £280,000 penalty on the consortium for polluting two of Scotland's most important salmon rivers

## Why does its collapse matter?

As Carillion is such a big supplier to the public sector, some fear there will be a lot of disruption.

Labour MP Jon Trickett told Parliament before the announcement that if it went under, it would risk "massive damage" to a range of public services.

Thousands of jobs also hang in the balance. Unions have said workers do not deserve to be caught in the crossfire and have urged the government to safeguard their jobs and bring Carillion's contracts back in house.

The government, which has praised Carillion's work on projects such as Crossrail, has said it will provide funding to maintain the public services run by the firm.

Analysts say Carillion had a large order book of business lined up.

**The big question is, who will ultimately pick up its loss-making public contracts - another outsourced services provider or the government itself?**

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### Thought for the week

***“Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself.”***

Mary Schmich,

