

## Sixth Form Student Bulletin

### Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Week A)

Dates for  
the Diary:

- Every Friday 3.30-6.00pm: UCAS help in the Common Room....only 2 school weeks and 2 Fridays left to send..... 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December  
If you can't make a Friday please arrange another time with Mrs Livings
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day- if possible wear a Christmas jumper and pay a pound which goes to the Save the Children charity.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Last day of term- we finish at lunchtime so no UCAS club
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Mock Exams start- please make a revision plan.

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### LRC

Thank you for generally respecting the working area in the LRC, we are very privileged to have access to this area, remember it is a working environment and you should not be eating or drinking in there. Last week we had an incident reported to us of some silly behaviour in there on Wednesday. Please don't put us in a position where we have to ban anyone from using the room or worse still shut it altogether.

### 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

### SQUID ACCOUNTS

Although you don't need a Squid Account to buy food in the common room, you will still need to be able to access this to pay for books, trips etc. Please do not cancel your accounts



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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### **Food**

Our lovely dinner lady has asked me to remind you that as from this week,



Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches have gone up by 10p



Also..... Christmas dinner is on Wednesday and you need to order it by Tuesday

### **Wednesday Night Accelerating Progress Maths Sessions:**

Every Wednesday in E2 there will be an additional maths lesson to revise topics from the previous half term. While these sessions are compulsory for some students they are open to all Yr12 and 13 Mathematics Students and will run 3:10 - 4:10pm each week following the timetable below;

6/12 - Graphs and Transformations

13/12 - Differentiation

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Please put all your rubbish paper, sweet and crisp wrappers in the bins provided. The common room is your area, please keep it clean and tidy.

### **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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### **Emails**

Emails are important for communicating in school and enable you to keep up to date with all that is going on.

You should all have email accounts, please check to ensure this is working. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

### **Joke of the week**



**Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?**

**Year 13 – UCAS : Only 22 applications have gone off which is a big concern as we are running out of time**

I am concerned that a lot of people are putting the process off and we will run out of time before Christmas. The last week will be very busy and I won't have time after school to send them off (we have various after school events

**and finish at lunch on the Friday so school will be shut.....).That means we have 2 weeks.....**

*Please remember that you need to get reference sheets from your subject teachers and give them to your **tutor** so that they can write their part of your reference. I then write the Head of Year comment at the end. The process takes time so please plan for this and keep talking to your tutor. Please let me know when you think you are ready and we can arrange a time to send. **It is no good turning up in the last week of term and thinking it is a 5 minute process to send-it often takes at least an hour.***

## **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**

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.

### **Year 12s – Community Service**

- Miss Charlton always needs volunteers to help at the Tea and Toast Breakfast Club during the week.
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### **Joke Answer**

Because it 'soots' him!

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



**Sian Langham – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lucy Friis-Jansen and Ben Newton – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

### **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.

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## **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)

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### **Year 12: Ambition Nottingham**

You can still get on the Ambition Nottingham Scheme – read the details below and apply – it’s an excellent opportunity – Deadline Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

The programme is a fantastic opportunity for you to ‘try before you buy’ and attend taster sessions in subjects you might not have studied in school. This is especially valuable in Arts and Humanities subjects where there is such a huge variety to choose from. Students can also get an idea of occupations in these areas, as career paths may not be as obvious as in other subjects.

Some of the Arts and Humanities sessions we have on offer include:

- American Studies masterclass – The civil rights movement on wheels: the freedom rides
- American and Canadian Studies masterclass – War/noir: American film noir and the aftermath of World War II
- English masterclass - Shakespeare and the language of laughter
- Philosophy masterclass – Is it morally wrong to eat meat?

### **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](#).

## **Here are some more useful apprenticeship/job websites for those of you not planning on going to university.....**

### **General**

www.getingofar.gov.uk - The National Apprenticeship Service  
https://careerfinder.ucas.com/newalert  
www.ratemyapprenticeship.com  
www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk  
https://gov.uk/jobsearch - The Universal Job match Service  
www.amazingapprenticeships.com  
www.purepotential.org  
www.thejobsfairs.co.uk  
www.getsmaat.com  
www.getmyfirstjob.com  
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk  
www.unisnotforme.com  
and <https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/279/KPMG360%C2%BA>

### **CV Advice - Templates**

www.reed.co.uk School Leaver Template

[www.successatschool.co.uk](http://www.successatschool.co.uk) Skill Up My First CV Template  
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> Build a CV  
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**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:**

## **Prince Harry 'thrilled' to marry girlfriend Meghan Markle next year**

**Prince Harry says he is "thrilled" after announcing he is to marry US actress girlfriend Meghan Markle.**

The fifth in line to the throne will marry Ms Markle in spring 2018.

The couple, who have been dating since the summer of 2016, smiled as they posed for photographs outside Kensington Palace in London, where they will live.

Prince Harry said it had been a romantic proposal, while Ms Markle said she was "so very happy, thank you".

Ms Markle, wearing a white belted coat, held Harry's hand as they appeared briefly for the press at the palace's Sunken Garden, and showed off her diamond engagement ring.

Asked by a reporter when he knew Suits star Ms Markle "was the one", Prince Harry said: "The very first time we met".

Kensington Palace said Ms Markle's engagement ring was designed by Prince Harry and features two diamonds which belonged to his late mother, Diana, Princess of Wales.

At the centre of the ring is a diamond from Botswana, a country the couple has spent time together over the last year and a half. The band is made from gold.



Downing Street said there are **"no plans" for a bank holiday** on the day of the wedding.

Prince Charles also said he was "thrilled", adding that Ms Markle's parents had given their blessing.

Prince Harry had already told the Queen and "other close members of his family" of the engagement, which took place in London earlier this month.

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh said they were "delighted for the couple and wish them every happiness", a Buckingham Palace spokesman said.

Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, said they were "very excited for Harry and Meghan", adding: "It has been wonderful getting to know Meghan and to see how happy she and Harry are together."

**Thought for the week..... with Christmas fast approaching.....**



