

SIXTH FORM STUDENT BULLETIN

Week beginning Monday 5th February 2018 (Week B)

Dates for
the Diary:

- **Monday 19th – 25th February: Half Term holiday - the school is open for revision**
- **Monday 26th February: Mock Exam period begins for Year 12 and 13**
- **Tuesday 13th March: Mock Results Assembly**
- **Wednesday 14th March: Year 12 and 13 Parents' Consultation Evening- paper appointments so you need to make the appointments**
- **Friday 23rd March: Sports Relief Day**
- **Monday 26th: Re-sit week for anyone who failed a mock exam**
- **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**

Please remember to keep the common room tidy, put your rubbish in the bins please – don't assume it is someone's job.....

we all have to play a part.



Charity Matters

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. Any help gratefully received!



Valentine's Day charity event



Giving cupid a helping hand

We need students to volunteer to help sell and take orders for roses and poems, please sign your name up on the Common Room door if you can give up a break time or 10 minutes of your lunch break. Cakes and sweets will also be sold during Valentine week. We also need lots of help writing poems and attaching to roses and delivering on the 14th.



Lunchtime Concert



Miss Calder is running a Lunchtime Music Concert on the last day of this term 16th February. She is on the look-out for any sixth form students who are interested in taking part. The concert is small and informal, a great way for students to gain confidence in performing on their chosen instrument.

If you would like to take part please pop over and see her in the Music Block or mention to either Mrs Livings or Mrs Booth

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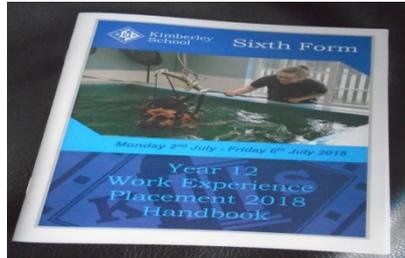
Ruby and Holli are fund raising for Archie who could really do with a new pump..... if you could offer them any loose change towards the fund I am sure Archie would appreciate it! We need about £20

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

Work Experience

Have you organised this yet? if you haven't yet 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

Mock Exams – have you started revising yet? Please see the possible revision timetables at the bottom of this bulletin

Revision session for Physics:

Y12 electricity content

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

We have 2 school weeks before the Mock Exam start, if you haven't already, you should be starting to organise your revision

- Make a revision timetable (templates of these can be collected from Mrs Booth or Mrs Livings)
- 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.

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:

Caden Brown and Anna King – 6th February

Luke Elston – 7th February

George James – 10th February

Andrew Walker – 11th February

Joke of the week

Q: Why did Peter Pan fail as a stand-up comedian?

Careers Interviews

Year12s are welcome to make appointments as well as Year 13s. The next appointment date is the 14th February (one slot left)

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

A: Because his jokes Neverland!

Opportunities and Events

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.

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

Nottingham City Homes is launching a construction traineeship to support unemployed 16-24 year olds onto an apprenticeship. Contact [Access Training](#) for more details.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch is holding an [insight event](#) in London on 15 Feb for female students in years 12 and 13 interested in investment banking. Applications by CV and covering letter.

The Network Rail Apprenticeship Scheme is now open. Roles include track, signalling and telecoms. Lots of support for applying is on the [website](#).

KPMG has released details of its new digital degree apprenticeship programme- KPMG360° Digital. The four-year programme will combine on-the-job work experience with the opportunity to gain a BSc degree whilst earning a salary.

Applications for Sutton Trust's [UK Summer Schools 2018](#) will be open until Thursday 8th March. Over 40 different subjects on offer.

National Careers Week 2018 5-10 March

<http://nationalcareersweek.com>

National Apprenticeship Week 2018 5th - 9th March 2018

Local Events

Nottingham University NHS Trust

Radiotherapy Careers Open Day Saturday 10 March 10-12pm, Nottingham

Radiotherapy Centre

For more information or to book a place (essential) please contact Alex Tanner

on: Alex.Tanner@nuh.nhs.uk

Apprentice Open Evening— how apprenticeships work

3aaa Derby Academy will be hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 7 March 4pm-7:30

pm, Floor1 Aspire House, Sitwell Street, Derby, DE1 2JT.

There will be a focus on: Customer Service level 2, Digital Marketing level 3 & 4,

Technology level 3 & 4, Accountancy level 3 & 4, Business Administration level 3 & 4.

Local college open days

Campus college courses

Saturday 24 Feb

Saturday 24 March

www.ntu.ac.uk/brack

Derby College

Thursday 15 March 5.30 - 7.30pm Mini Job Fair and Apprenticeship Information

Evening at Pride Park campus.

www.derby-college.ac.uk

West Notts College

Tuesday 6 March 2018 5.30-7:30pm Access to HE and university-level open evening

www.wnc.ac.uk/Open-evenings-and-events

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

www.thejobfairs.co.uk/job-fairs

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**.

Oxbridge Evening – Meet the Admissions Tutors

Thursday 15th 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 15th 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 2nd March**, by contact Mrs Wallis on 0115 924 9716 or emailing at wallis.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk. Due to restrictions on numbers, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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: We heard today that it is going to be the coldest week of the year so it seems a good time to think about the increasing number of homeless people on the streets of Britain

Rough sleeping hits hard on local high streets

By Sean Coughlan BBC News education and family correspondent



Rough sleeping in England has reached record levels - with figures published on Thursday showing an annual rise of 15%, representing a 169% increase since 2010.

It's no longer confined to London and the big cities - three quarters are outside the capital - and rough sleepers have been appearing in tents and shop doorways in towns where it seems unexpected and out of place.

Tony, a 72-year-old former railway worker, is living in a small blue tent in a concrete underpass.

It gives him some shelter from the biting cold January wind blowing along Midsummer Boulevard, not far from families shopping in Milton Keynes.

It's not the kind of town where you'd expect to see clusters of homeless people, their tents and mattresses a few yards away from Costa coffee and Marks and Spencer.

It's the classic new town, a model of modern post-War optimism, laid out as neatly as a circuit board.

There are lines of tents in the underpasses, and a hut made of wood and bits of plastic is wedged under a road bridge.

Expensive rent: Tony, one of an estimated 130 rough sleepers in the middle of Milton Keynes, has been homeless for almost a year, saying he lost his flat after a problem over rent and benefits, which ended with the bailiffs on his doorstep.

He says that he can afford to eat, but has no chance of being able to afford private rent.

"What can I do?" he says.

He is not self-pitying and doesn't blame anyone else, but sits in his hat and coat beside the one-man tent that now holds all his possessions.

Robbie Williams's old bus

Tom Davis, who was once homeless himself, founded a charity to **convert a bus into temporary accommodation** - a "bus shelter".

The coach has bunk beds for 16 homeless people and was once a touring bus for Robbie Williams and his road crew.

As well as providing a safe bed for the night, the bus will provide an address, allowing people to sign up for GPs and health services.

Tom says it will also help with one of the big unacknowledged problems for rough sleepers, the intense loneliness.

Among the new homeless in Milton Keynes are people who are working. Some of these are caught in the unreliable incomes of zero-hour contracts.

'Shocking' to local people



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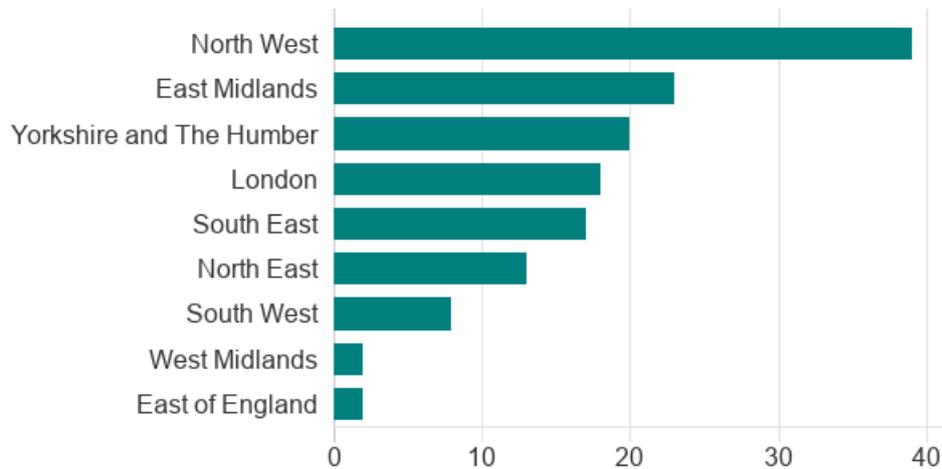
This rise in rough sleeping has shocked local people.

Pam Williams, who chairs the bus shelter project, says she got involved because she was so upset when she saw homeless people appearing outside the train station.

Increase in rough sleeping by region

Change between autumn 2016 and autumn 2017

■ Rise (%)



Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

BBC

Who are the rough sleepers?

- Annual rough sleeping count shows highest ever recorded level of 4,751
- The numbers have risen by 15% compared with last year, up 169% since 2010
- More than three quarters are outside London
- Big increases reported in Brighton, Medway, Southend, Oxford, Tameside, Worthing, Salford and Eastbourne
- 14% of rough sleepers are women
- More than nine in 10 are over the age of 25
- One in five is originally from outside the UK

The reasons for this increase are as varied as the stories of the rough sleepers.

It might relate to benefits changes, unaffordable housing, low incomes, addiction, relationship breakdowns, mental health problems, debt, bereavement.

There are former servicemen and ex-prisoners - and there are people who do not fit into any of these stereotypes.

Under attack

Homelessness, once associated with the big cities, is snaking across the country.

The train line north from London goes through Milton Keynes and then to Crewe, where rough sleeping now lives alongside quiet red-brick terraces.

A homeless man's tent is floodlit by the windows of a leisure centre, where families are hurrying inside from the cold.

A short distance away is a small indoor car park. In the far corner, behind the rows of family saloons, there's a flag of Saint George hanging over a tangle of mattresses and bedding.

Ian and Will are living there, dressed in layers and ready for more than the elements.

They say that local youngsters regularly attack them when they're sleeping, throwing bricks at them or assaulting them.

Homeless in your home town

Ian says they can't even defend themselves because they think they will get the blame if they try to tackle the teenagers circling nearby.

He might be described as "homeless", but Crewe is Ian's home town. The streets where he now sleeps rough were the same streets he walked to school.



Chris, at the YMCA during the severe weather, is homeless in his home town

"It's embarrassing seeing people you grew up with," he says.

Will, shaking and unsteady, has Huntington's disease and says he has returned to the streets after a long spell in hospital.

"It could be worse," says Ian.

"Not much," says Will.

But since talking to the rough sleepers in Crewe last week, Cheshire East council has found Will accommodation.

Severe weather shelter

It's apparent how much help depends on volunteers and charities.

Will and Ian say they are able to survive only because of help from Bernard Potter, a retired accountant who helped to set up **Looking After the Homeless (LATH)**, a group of volunteers who provide food, advice and a drop-in centre.

It's such unsung people, a no-nonsense pensioner in a flat cap, who are keeping people alive.

When there's severe weather, the local YMCA in Crewe lets people stay inside. There are already more than 60 regular residents - and on top of this another seven camp beds are set up for the night.

Chris, who has one of the beds, talks openly about his troubles with crack and heroin.

He's also homeless in his own home town. When he was sleeping rough, he saw people he knew from school.

"They've got houses, they've got family. We've got nothing... except a camp bed," he says. "It destroys your head sometimes."

Toes lost to frostbite

Being inside for the night means warmth and safety from the threat of being beaten up by bored teenagers.

"You wake up shivering, the rain battering down on you and you've nowhere else to go," Chris says.

Across the room is a middle-aged Polish man. He has a gentle manner, but speaks almost no English. Using Google Translate, he says he was a farm worker but was never paid wages and lost both his work and accommodation after he had been in hospital for an operation.

He has ended up on a camp bed in the YMCA, wearing a Christmas jumper. It's hard to imagine anyone looking more stuck and isolated.

Joel Lewis, a manager at the YMCA, says he's seen the levels of homelessness getting worse, with demand in Crewe up by almost 40% compared with the previous year.

His colleague Matt Coles says he has seen people arriving who have lost fingers and toes to frostbite.

With numbers rising to record levels across the country, it could be a long winter for those sleeping rough and those trying to help them.

Thought for the week

"You can't understand someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes."

The person who first uttered this saying is lost to history. The fact that it's so well-known is a good indication of the importance of empathy in living a meaningful life.

An example of part of a Year 13s revision timetable

	1	2	3	4	5	3-4	4-5	5-6
Monday	Geography coursework	Product coursework				Chapter 15- see list	Changing places	→
Tuesday	Product notes in order of list	→				Chapter 15- see list	Chapter 18	→
Wednesday				Chapter 15- see list	Chapter 15 test- Mr Whellan		Changing places	→
Thursday			Product practical		Chapter 18	→	→	
Friday	Geography revision				Product practical	→		Geography coursework
Saturday				Bio revision- next chapter	→		Changing places	→
Sunday			Geography coursework	→		Product notes	→	

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