

## Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Week A)

Dates for  
the Diary:

- Every Friday 3.30-6.00pm: UCAS help in the Common Room
  - Charity meeting Tuesday 12.40pm in H9-Children in Need
  - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Year 12/13 Parents' Consultation Evening. All students should attend.
  - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday. Head Boy/Girl and Deputies represent the school at local church services.
  - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Day
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day
  - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Last day of term
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### Reports and Parents' Consultation Evening

A report was sent to your home on Friday. If you didn't receive one please tell your tutor immediately and they will ensure you get one.

Please remind your parents about Parents' Evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and they now make appointments on-line. If your parents can't come you are expected to attend and see staff. If this is the case please see Mrs Booth who will book you an appointment or see your subject teacher who can also do it for you.

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### Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Please make a donation and wear your poppy for Remembrance.



We need volunteers at break and lunch time this week to sell poppies around school. The money raised then goes to the British Legion to support their work with casualties/victims of war. If you are able to give a bit of time please come forward and collect the boxes of poppies from the Sixth Form Office.

## Get ready for Children in Need Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

The theme for fancy dress on the day is any Disney or Pixar character.



Please come up with some activities to raise money in your tutor groups, if you have an idea but are not sure how it will work, talk to your tutor or Mrs Livings or Mrs Booth. House Captains and Year 7 Captains please link up with your Heads of House and younger students to organise an event, the more students involved the better! This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference with your House/Year so please take it.

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### The Common Room



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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### Communication in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Emails are important 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**

*Do you know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees?*

## **Year 13 – UCAS : 11 applications have gone off and offers are coming in.....**

*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.*

## **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**

It has been great this week to have more of you coming forward for application forms for a bursary payment. 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. 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.

## **Joke Answer**

*Because they're really good at it!*

## **School Nurse**

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

**Mobile phones** 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, so if you walk down a corridor texting it sets a bad example.

If you know phone distraction is an issue for you then hand it in to Mrs Booth at the start of a study period and pick it up at the end.....

### **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.

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



**Mark Bosworth 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Sandy Farish 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Daniel Wilkinson 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Josh Bishop 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Caitlin Clarkin 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Megan Wright – 11<sup>th</sup> November**

### **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. This year someone didn't attend school after their AS exams and told us they were leaving-they then came back on Results Day and wanted to re-join the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. We sadly had to say no as they had missed 6 weeks of A2 lessons.

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### **Events and Opportunities**

Please see below a list of useful information sites from Mrs Haywood-please make use of the trial we have of these resources which ends in November. Those of you who are busy writing Personal Statements will find these websites particularly useful-you can read up on a topic related to the subject you want to do a degree in and then include your knowledge in your first couple of paragraphs. People busy working on EPQs will also find them helpful. Please also remember that in the library are magazines with very useful subject information in them.

#### **Jstor**

Log in here: <https://www.jstor.org/action/showLogin?redirectUri=%2F>

Username: jcs003

Password: landscape

#### **Questia**

Log in here: <https://www.questiaschool.com/>

Username: [student188@questia.com](mailto:student188@questia.com)

Password: Questia

#### **CredoReference**

Log in here: <http://login.credoreference.com/unpw>

Username: jcs003

Password: landscape

**Please make good use of them before the trial ends in November.**

**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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**Here are some 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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**News Items of the Week:** *it has been a busy week news wise with some MPs under scrutiny for sexual harassment, Catalan leaders on the run and another awful attack in New York to mention but a few of the big stories this week.....are you keeping up with the news?*

- **'Dam has broken' on Westminster scandal'**

The Scottish Tory leader has said "the dam has broken" on Westminster sexual assault and harassment cases.

She made the comments following defence secretary Michael Fallon's decision to step down over allegations of past behaviour. Ruth Davidson told the **Today programme** we need to put a stop to "overwhelmingly male-dominated professions".

- **Catalonia ex-officials surrender to Belgian police**



**Catalonia's deposed leader Carles Puigdemont and four former advisers have turned themselves in to Belgian police, says a prosecutors' spokesman.**

He said an investigating judge would decide by Monday morning whether to execute an EU arrest

warrant issued by a Spanish judge on Friday.

Mr Puigdemont fled to Belgium after Madrid imposed direct rule on Catalonia following an independence referendum.

He has said he will not return to Spain unless he is guaranteed a fair trial.

He and his four associates are wanted on charges of rebellion, sedition, misuse of public funds, disobedience and breach of trust following the referendum which a Spanish court deemed unconstitutional.

Last week, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy imposed direct rule on Catalonia, dissolved the regional parliament and called local elections for 21 December

## **Thought for the week**

**"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."** Irish statesman Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

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