

Sixth Form Student Bulletin
Week beginning Monday 2nd October 2017 (Week A)

We hope you had a good weekend. Remember if you have any concerns please talk to your tutor, Mrs Livings, Mrs Booth or Miss Iwanczuk.

- **Tuesday lunchtime : 12.40pm Charity Meeting to discuss the Halloween disco in H9**
- **Wednesday 11th October:** Sixth Form Open Evening (Students act as guides)
- **Wednesday 18th October:** Year 7 Halloween Disco 5.00 – 7.00 pm (Students needed to decorate and help)
- **Tuesday 14th November:** Year 12/13 Parents' Consultation Evening – all students should attend this with their parents.

To help you get organised, make a note of these dates in your planner.

Ofsted Inspection

We want to say a massive thank you all for your positive attitude during the inspection . You were your usual focussed, helpful,punctual and thoughtful selves and the inspectors saw you as you really are which is great. The inspectors were very impressed by the group of students they spoke to and thank you to them all for conveying so much about what the 6th Form is all about.

Thank you to all of you for also being such excellent role models-you set the tone for the rest of the school.

We will give you feedback on the inspection once the report is in school...it will be a few weeks

Our results for AS and Alevel are in the top 12% of the country by the way.....!

Year 5/6 Open Evening thanks

Many thanks to all of you who helped at the Open Evening on Thursday. As usual you were an absolute credit to the school and we can't run evenings like that successfully without you.

School wear

School is a professional environment and the way you dress needs to reflect this.

Please wear clothes to school that are appropriate. No crop tops please or



strapless tops . No caps on in lessons etc . We don't have a uniform in the 6th Form to allow you to express your individuality but ask that you are modest/appropriate in what you wear. **Remember at all times you are role models.....**

Mobile phones



Please don't have your phone out when walking around school or during a lesson time. This includes tutor time in the mornings. If you need to make an urgent call during a study period, you can use our Sixth Form garden area.

Nagging about phones is tiresome for staff and detracts from their teaching which in turn impacts on your learning.

The Common Room

We have noticed an excellent start to 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 also open until at least 6.00pm each day. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, please see Mrs Livings or Mrs Booth and we will do our best to find a space in school for you to work.

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. Please help our lovely dinner lady by bringing change when you buy from her at break and lunch if you can. Remember she is happy to take your orders for lunch and break and bring your meal to the Common Room



Extra Maths Lessons

Wednesday Afternoon GCSE Booster sessions

Starting on Wednesday 27th and running until the first Half Term there will be GCSE Maths Booster sessions for AS-Mathematics students who need to solidify their understanding of topic areas covered in the Summer Assignment. These sessions are open to all **Year12** students but are specifically recommended for those who struggled with one or more section of the Summer Assignment. Each session will be held in E2 (the shed), between approximately 3:15-4:15 pm and consist of key points, tips and practice.

The programme of sessions is as follows:

Wed 27th: Algebra: Factorisation, Substitution & Algebraic Fractions
Wed 4th: Algebra: Rearranging Formula & Simultaneous Equations
Wed 11th: Number: Fractions & Surds
Wed 18th: Coordinate Geometry: Linear Graphs & Linear Properties

The Thursday afternoon Drop-in Sessions (both Yr12/13) and GCSE Maths Booster Sessions (Yr12 Only) are also starting again this week – see below for details.

Thursday Afternoon Maths Drop-in Sessions

Starting on Thursday 28th September the Maths department will be running drop-in sessions each week to help students succeed on the course. There will be an open session each Thursday 3:15-4:15 pm in **Room32** where students from **both years** can bring their work, and receive individual support and

guidance from the KS5 Maths Team. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your understanding of the topics covered in lessons and to practise skills for further independent study. These sessions are not lessons, you do not have to stay for the whole session, we only ask that you respect the working environment for the sake of others and that you bring suitable work with you. **PLUS there will be biscuits!**

Calling all footballers

Mr Sells has arranged an away match against with Arnold Hill on Monday 2nd October after school. Please see Mr Sells for more details
Thank you to all who played on Wednesday night. I know the end result wasn't what you wanted but it is the taking part that counts!

Door Code

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THIS CODE OUT TO EACH OTHER!

Signing in and out

Please make sure you take a few seconds 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. If you are feeling ill you must however see Mrs Booth-you cannot simply sign out and miss lessons.

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 working 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!

Joke of the week

What's the fastest way to mess up someone's knock knock jokes?

UCAS

We need to send all Oxbridge and medical applications off on Friday 6th October. Please collect your references as soon as possible from staff and get them to me if you are applying to Oxbridge or for Vet Med.

Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

When? Friday after school

Where? Common Room

Joke answer: *It's open.....!*

Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please see Mrs Livings or Mrs Booth this week for the 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 please apply for them again. You can get your lunch in the Sixth Form dining room (common room). **Please see Mrs Booth if you have a query or are concerned at all.**

School Nurse

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

Lanyards :

You should all have been given your lanyards, if for some reason you didn't get yours or there is something missing from it, please let Mrs Booth know as

soon as possible to get a replacement.



Emails

Please keep checking your emails, these are 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. We do not have a distribution list for Year 12 yet but once we do, a Bulletin will be emailed to you each Sunday evening.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

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*'.

On Wednesday 11th October we will be running our 6th Form Open Evening.

We need your help in departments as well as acting as guides and general helpers. Year 11 students will learn a great deal about the 6th Form from you so we would really appreciate you all helping.

Please sign up on the sheet on the Common Room door

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.



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.

Another member of staff who would appreciate your help is Miss Goulton, who would like support with the Nurture Group. Please see Miss Goulton if you are interested in supporting the Nurture group with tasks like reading.

Lockers

If you would like a sixth form need a deposit of £5 which you the key.



locker please see Mrs Booth. We will get back when you return

Tea and Coffee in the common room

As the cold weather approaches you might want to take advantage of our tea and coffee facilities in the common room. Please help yourself to tea and coffee. Unfortunately school cannot afford to buy this for you so please use



the honesty box and pop in as much as you can every now and again, or maybe donate a box of tea bags, or jar of coffee. It would be great if you could offer to buy the supplies from time to time too. Please see our Head Boy or Girl about this if you want to help.

PLEASE WASH YOUR CUPS AND KEEP THE AREA CLEAN AND TIDY

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 25th July next year so please ensure your parents know this. A2 courses start as soon as AS exams are over.

Year 12 and 13 Events and Information

Technology Degree Apprenticeship Programme at PWC

www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/flying-start-degrees/technology.html

Variety of apprenticeships available at Archway Learning Trust/Bluecoat Academy

<http://www.bluecoat.uk.com/page/?title=Apprenticeships%26%23160%3B%40+Archway+Learning+Trust&pid=478>

School leaver jobs in Nottingham

<http://www.e4s.co.uk/jobs/5-school-leaver-jobs-nottingham.htm>

Hitachi Rail to double apprentice number in UK to maintain growing fleet

<http://www.railway-technology.com/news/newshitachi-rail-to-double-apprentice-number-in-uk-to-maintain-growing-fleet-5916157>

Local Events

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is running a number of taster sessions to give people the chance to learn more about life as a firefighter. If you think you've got what it takes, or just want to have a go, please book your place at one of the following sessions:

Saturday 30 September - Service Development Centre (Ollerton)

Saturday 14 October - Service Development Centre (Ollerton)

For further information or to apply, please visit www.Nottinghamjobs.com or contact Jessica at Nottingham Jobs on 0115 876 4508.

Newark Hospital's Open Day on Saturday 14 October 2017, 10am-2pm.

Any students who are interested in a career in the health and social care sector please go along.

Students will be able to talk to the Human Resources Team about employment at the hospital and it will be an excellent opportunity to see behind the scenes and ask questions about the different departments.

For further information please see telephone 01636 685692 or have a look at the website voluntaryservices.nwk@sfh-tr.nhs.uk

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Get a foot in the hospital door
with medical work experience from Premed Projects

For many aspiring medical students, deciding on their GCSE and A Level subjects is the first real step towards a future career as a doctor, nurse, midwife, or dentist. However, now more than ever, outstanding grades only scratch the surface of what is required to leap over the competitive hurdle to further education at a medical school or university.

, Premed Projects is holding a one week UK hospital placement this October half term to arm students with enough medical work experience to make them stand head and shoulders above the competition...

We hope you found last week's apprenticeship session useful Year 13. 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

For sixth formers

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.unisnotforme.com

CV Advice - Templates

www.reed.co.uk School Leaver Template

www.successatschool.co.uk Skill Up My First CV Template

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> Build a CV

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Finally a parent has sent in the following opportunity at his company

<https://www.csldual.com/uk/careers/telesales-apprentice.html>

Case study of last apprentice

<http://www.a4fs.org/case-studies/george-lloyd---csl.html>

News Items of the week :

Theresa May pledges help for the young on student fees and housing



Theresa May says the government "has to look again" at the issue of tuition fees

Theresa May has admitted a change in her party's approach on tuition fees in England, saying she has listened to voters and fees will freeze at £9,250.

Fee repayment thresholds will also rise, so graduates will start paying back loans once they earn £25,000, rather than £21,000, the PM said.

She said the whole student finance system would be reviewed and did not rule out a move to a graduate tax.

Labour, which wants to scrap tuition fees, called the plan "desperate

Students have told Newsbeat they're not entirely convinced about plans to [freeze tuition fees](#) at £9,250 and feel they should be radically reduced or scrapped altogether.

Theresa May says she's listened to young people's concerns about the cost and will also change repayments.

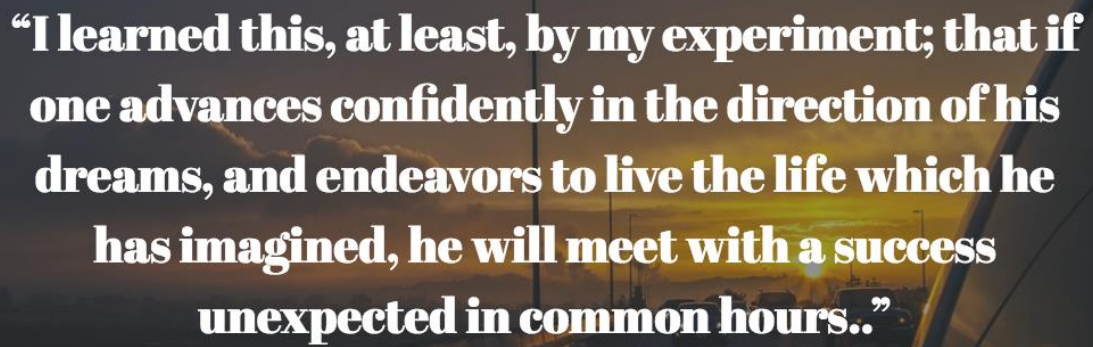
But Labour, called the plan "desperate" and these students - present and future - have mixed views

BBC News website.

This news may well directly affect many of you.....what are your views?

Thought for the week: *Are you on top of your work...? If not think about why not and seek help if necessary...don't put off getting your work sorted*





“I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours..”

Henry David Thoreau

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