

Your Bright Future starts here



What happened last week in Sixth form

Up 4 Discussion this week was about the origins of Pancake day and the importance of traditions. This week's assembly was on procrastination and why we do it and how we can reduce it, followed by the exciting announcement about the changes to the 6th form environment coming this term. On Friday we launched Wellbeing Wednesdays. Students will have the opportunity to take part in activities such as book club, mindful meditation, gardening, yoga, HIIT workouts, mindful coloring and origami, games and Dance. This change is based off feedback from the student voice last term which said students wanted more support with their personal Well being

Super-curricular talks

This week Mike Frost delivered a talk about solar eclipses and the aurora borealis. The talk discussed these events, his expeditions and included details and information about photographing these subjects.

Girls in STEM Event at BD Medical

Students learned about the production of medical equipment and the engineering process behind it- including the design process, 3d- printing, microscopy and ensuring the materials are appropriate for the temperatures etc they will be experiencing. Students also got the opportunity to find out about the importance of microbiology in the production of medical equipment. They learned about the processes required to ensure safe levels of bacteria, the role of blue horse-shoe crab blood and also got to try and make bacteria art.



Bake Sale Fundraiser for Ukraine

A year since the start of the War in Ukraine our year 12's wanted to do a cake sale to raise money to support those affected. Lewis and his team raised over £100. Well done and thank you to the team.



HealthReach Programme - Reading University

As part of our enrichment programme students interested in a career in the health care sector took part in the first of 5 workshops. Healthreach is a mobile outreach project designed to support access to health and life science careers and courses, by inspiring, engaging and raising awareness of the variety of career choices in the health sector. Today's workshop was all about measuring health .



Upcoming talks happening in Sixth Form

All talks take place in W6 please arrive promptly

February 27 @ 15:45 - 16:45

[English Literature: University Book Club – Dracula by Bram Stoker With Dr Nola Merckel From University of East Anglia](#)

March 1 @ 15:35 - 16:20

[Business: Strategic Direction & Methods For Achieving Growth With Dr Ivan Zupic From Goldsmiths, University of London](#)

March 1 @ 15:00 to 16:00

Handmaid's Tale A level lecture- English literature students should attend

March 2 @ 15:35 - 16:20

[Sciences: How Chemical Bonds Make Magic Materials – The Case Of Carbon With Dr Ilija Rašović – Society for Natural Sciences](#)

Virtual online masterclasses and super curricular activities

Taster sessions and days, talks, workshops, tutorial and conferences are being advertised at many universities. Visit the websites of your preferred institutions to view what they are

- Cambridge Subject Masterclasses are open for registration, giving you the chance to experience teaching at the University of Cambridge, and to learn more about a topic of interest. You must register and each Masterclass costs £12.50. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>
- Sheffield University has organised a History essay competition, deadline for which is 28th April 2023. The prize is £100 with two runners-up receiving £25 each. For essay question titles, submission and assessment criteria and how to apply, visit <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/history/essay-competition>

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Year 13

- If you have received a UCAS points offer, make sure it is detailed enough; if it does not tell you what will be counted (e.g. Grade 8), then contact the university to get it straight. Contact Mrs Dodsworth you need help phrasing your question.
- Scholarships at universities are becoming more common, and this website may repay a visit <http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk>
- If you have not received any offers you can apply for another course through the early clearing operation called 'UCAS Extra'. This runs until 4 th July. <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choice>
- Free Gap Year Advice Session from Africa & Asia Venture (AV) gap year company. To book your session visit <https://www.aventure.co.uk/gap-year-advice/>
- The Language Gap offers a free consultation, with advice on the best language courses, teacher training, sports coaching, internships, volunteering and more. For more information visit <https://www.thelanguagegap.org.uk/>

Apprenticeships

[Uptree's opportunity listings](#) click on the link for weekly updates of lots of apprenticeships

- Allaboutschooleavers.co.uk is a good place to find out more about the different types of degree apprenticeships available <https://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/jobs/degree-apprenticeships>
- DLA Piper is offering a 6-year Solicitor Apprenticeship. You become a qualified solicitor with a degree LLB (Hons), in the Birmingham or London office. You will also work towards the Solicitors Regulatory Authority's (SRA) centralised assessment, the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE). Deadline to apply is 5pm Friday, 17th March 2023 [DLA Piper Early Careers - Apply \(dlapipergraduates.com\)](#)
- Accountancy work experience and apprenticeship opportunities with BDO are at [Home - BDO Early in career](#) for more information
- KPMG is offering apprenticeships including degrees in Audit, Consulting and Tax & Law. For more information visit <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice>
- Lloyds Bank Group is offering degree apprenticeships. For more information visit <https://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/our-programmes/apprenticeships>
- Jisc is offering apprenticeships in ICT, legal and finance. Jisc is the UK's digital, data, and technology agency focused on tertiary education, research, and innovation. If you are interested in working in tech, visit <https://beta.jisc.ac.uk/jobs/graduate-and-apprenticeship-schemes/apprenticeshipscheme>

Work experience

- Visit Springpod to view the latest virtual work experience and insight days with companies such as NHS, Atkins, Jaguar Land Rover, Nestlé, Siemens, Barclays and Vodafone and in various sectors such as teaching, nursing, finance, law, journalism, software development, business management, investment banking, fashion, TV & film. For more information and to create an account visit <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open>
- Wilsons Solicitors offer work experience 10 – 14 July at their Salisbury office. You will see different departments and will have the opportunity to shadow solicitors. You will also be provided with a group activity (including a group presentation to their mentors). Submit your application by 31st March to Szende Belecciu-Gabor, Recruitment and Training Co-ordinator at Szende.Belecciu-Gabor@wilsonslip.com

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Online masterclasses and events
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STUDENT SUPPORT MENTORING SESSIONS

1-2-1 15 minute sessions for Year 9-13 every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 15:00-17:00.

Applying for an apprenticeship and want help with your application? Unsure on what you want to do and want to learn more about your options? These weekly sessions are where you need to be!

- CV & Cover Letter help
- Interview Prep
- Tips on producing a strong application
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- Understanding what your options are
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You can sign up for your 1-2-1 session with this link [here](#)



These sessions are run by Max - Head of Student Success



These sessions are available during term time



Online Masterclass: Erevena | Getting the most from LinkedIn

Thursday 9 March | 12.15pm | Online Event

Every minute 8 people are hired on LinkedIn, so how do make sure you get the most out of it?

Erevena are an executive search firm focused on recruiting senior executives and leadership teams for high-growth investor-backed businesses, covering a broad range of sectors including Software, FinTech, Consumer and Health Tech. They use LinkedIn extensively for researching candidates and are going to share some hints and tips on getting started and some quick wins!

What you'll learn from this session:

- Some Do's & Don'ts for setting your profile up
- Hints & Tips for getting the most out of LinkedIn
- Learn how to use LinkedIn as a tool for researching jobs
- Expert advice on applying for jobs using LinkedIn

National Care Conference

Tuesday 7 March | 10am-3pm | Online or in person | Years 9-13

A FREE National Conference – *Who Cares?* – on working in social care that we are running on behalf of Hallmark Foundation in Central London, at the Royal College of General Practitioners.



Online Masterclass: NIG

Tuesday 28 February | 12.15pm | Online Event

Insurance ... 'that's not exciting'?!

Well it certainly can be, whilst maybe not a career you've considered before, insurance offers a host of different roles at every level.

On 28 February, we welcome NIG to host our latest Masterclass. Hear directly from some of their team on the apprenticeship programme they have starting this September and ask them any questions you have.

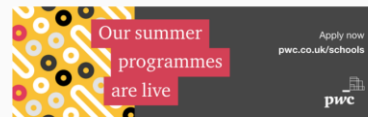


Online Masterclass: ITV

Wednesday 22 March | 12.15pm | Online Event

Do your students dream of working in Television?

Learn about the different career opportunities and pathways available at ITV and the steps you can take to make your way into this sector. In this masterclass, you will find out the key skills and attributes ITV looks for, gain an insight into their recruitment process and receive top tips for CV writing, networking and how to stand out in interviews.



PwC is delighted to announce that applications are now open for their [Virtual Insight Programme](#)

Who: Year 11 and 12 (in England and Wales); Years 12-13 (in NI) and S4-5 (in Scotland) students.



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- If you are thinking of applying to Medicine, the Medical Awards Programme by MedicMentor is designed to help you plan your time and focus on activities that will make you the perfect applicant. You can download the Awards Mark Scheme which outlines extra-curricular and CV building opportunities.
<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medic-mentor-awards-programme/>
- Defence Nuclear Enterprise (DNE) is a high security organisation that is part of the UK's Ministry of Defence, which protects people, territories, values, and interests at home and overseas. DNE is working on some of the most top-secret missions using some of the best technology and systems in the world. Monday 27th February, 5-6pm they will host an insight webinar. If you have an interest, register for the webinar:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P2HVZMC>
- SHL Hospitality Summer Academy is running 9-15th July. The programme is educational, hands-on and fun, located in Lucerne. Students gain a short, but extensive glimpse into the hospitality industry. For more information take a look at [the SHL Hospitality Summer Academy Brochure](#). SHL also run a BSc in Hospitality Management