

Sixth Form Student Bulletin: Week beginning Monday 18th 2020 Week A

Key dates:

Half term holiday: We break up for the Half Term holiday on Friday 22nd May and come back on Monday 1st June.

Please, Year 12, use the half-term break week to rest, but also where necessary to make sure you are up to date with any outstanding work. Please also go over work you have done this half term. There will be some sort of assessment for each subject next half term (hopefully in school). Remember to ask staff for help if you don't understand the work you have been doing.

Results Days: A level and AS Results Day is still 13th August and GCSE is still 20th August.

Year 13

We aren't ready to say farewell.....so we aren't going to just yet!

You will keep being sent the Bulletin- just like in previous years where we have sent the Bulletin out until the end of July to Year 13s. This year it is more important than ever as we are putting key events/ opportunities in it for you. Some key points for you

- In theory the last day of official work being set for you was Friday 8th. However, the message from staff is that if you still want work, due to being interested or wanting to prepare for university, they are very happy to help you by setting tasks and generally communicating...
- Please send in outstanding work if you can.....some of you may want to ask staff for references in the future and even though the work you do can't be used in grading it can help inform staff further for references...if this is causing you anxiety please let us know

- Please do look at the Open University opportunities in this Bulletin and on the website - some great free opportunities especially if you haven't applied for university
- If you haven't applied to university and want to please get in touch and I will help
- In terms of universities you will have been sent information about deadlines - please don't miss them and email if you want a chat about choices.
- Please get on with student finance if you have applied.
- Results Day: At the moment we are hoping this will operate as normal with you coming in to school....we will keep you informed
- Please keep checking your school emails
- Please feel free to do the Tuesday quiz!

Year 12

- As I have said at the start of the Bulletin there will be assessments of some sort next half-term, to make sure you are coping with your subjects - please keep up to date and ask for help if you are struggling. We will give you plenty of notice but please keep preparing.
- There has been lots of talk in the press about schools opening up after 1st June to Year12- we would really like this to happen but need to wait for more government advice on how exactly this can happen, to ensure you, your families and the staff are kept safe. Mr George has written to your parents about this and will continue keeping them in the picture.
- Please check SMHW and emails each day. Thank you for communicating with staff and completing the work being set, it is helping your staff enormously. Please keep emailing and engaging with the work and if you are struggling to access the work, or get everything done on time, please ask your class teacher, tutor or one of the 6th Form team for help.

Year 12 (AS) and Year 13 Grades

- As you know staff can't discuss their grade recommendations. We do know that the 6th Form's previous results will be taken in to account which is a positive factor for all of you. We understand it is an extremely difficult time and if you want to talk then please let one of the 6th Form team know and we will give you a call.

A reminder of the message to the 6th Form from the Head Boy and Head Girl which was sent out last week

- *If this was any other year, all of us would be losing our minds right now. Both years 12 and 13 would be frantically searching for revision cards, trawling through notes and generally preparing for the exam season, which would start on Monday. Instead, we're all at home, distant from our friends and teachers, which feels like a long way from the end of the school year (or, for some Year 13s, education itself!) we'd expected. This has been the last week Year 13s will have been formally set work to do, but it doesn't mean all contact with school has been cut. Remember your teachers, especially the Sixth Form Team and Tutors, are always at the end of an email if you need them, and of course the Bulletin will keep coming into your inbox. Your friends, the sixth form circle we've built in the last year or two will also always be there if you need support. I think we speak for everyone when we say don't be afraid to reach out. There's always someone there for a friendly phone call, virtual hug or even online quiz if you want a reminder you are not as isolated as you feel.*
- *We're certain we'll be able to see everyone at some point in the near future to say a face-to-face goodbye, with real smiles and hugs and high-fives and everything. It will be amazing. We'll also be able to say the massive thank-you to the teachers who have been there for us for the last two years. Until then, we hope you can take isolation as a moment to maybe think about the future, to learn something new, and to be kind: to others and yourself. Stay safe, stay as cheerful as you can and see you soon.*

Jack and Romany

A photo to cheer us up...please send one in...

Remember the good old days! I saw an appeal for peoples' last photo before lockdown...so thought you'd like this from Sports Relief 2020. Please send one in if you have a good last one from school before lockdown....



If you are unwell (Year 12)

- If you are ill, please let the 6th Form Team know so that we can alert your class teachers for that day.

Congratulations to last week's quiz winners.

Kara Minoprio, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Ella Foster, Megan Greasby, Megan Pearce and Georgia Flinton, well done!

Kameron-Ting Leung-Goldthorpe from Year 13 came second

Communication

If you receive an email from your tutor or Mrs Livings/Mrs Booth/Miss Iwanczuk checking you are okay, please respond. This helps us to have an overall picture of your wellbeing and so we can then help support you in any way you need. It isn't to hassle you about work, it is to see if you are okay.

Weekly joke:

What do you call a man with a body and no nose?



**Happy Birthday to:
Abbie Hawkins – 22nd May**

**Belated Happy Birthday to:
Freya Brandy – 17th May**

Making the most of lockdown.....

Sixth Form Students Recommend:

Miss Iwanczuk asked for your recommendations of books, films and TV shows you have been enjoying recently. If you have any recommendations, please email them in so they can be included in future weeks.

This week's theme...Crime

Book – Monday Mourning by Kathy Reichs

Three skeletons are found in a Montreal basement.

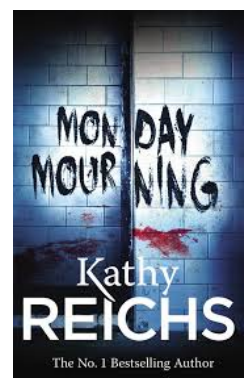
The building is old, and the homicide detective in charge dismisses the remains as historic. Not his case. Not his concern.

Forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan is not so sure. Something about the bones of these three young women suggests a different message: murder.

Soon she finds herself drawn ever deeper into a web of evil from which there may be no escape. Three women have disappeared, never to return. Will Tempe be next?

The author is a professional forensic pathologist, so uses her incredible experience to create vivid, true-to-life crime thrillers.

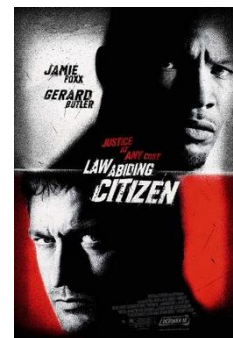
If you like this, you might also enjoy: Rizzoli and Isles books by Tess Gerritson



Film – Law Abiding Citizen (available on Netflix)

Law Abiding Citizen is a 2009 American vigilante action thriller film that takes place in Philadelphia, telling the story of a man driven to seek justice while targeting not only his family's killer but also those who have supported a corrupt criminal justice system, intending to assassinate anyone supporting the system

If you like this, you might also enjoy: Taken (starring Liam Neeson)



TV – Brooklyn 99 (available on Netflix and All-4)

A bit of light relief in all the serious crime recommendations. Comedy show based around a police precinct in Brooklyn.

If you like this, you might also enjoy: Parks and Recreation



Documentary – The Mind of Aaron Hernandez (available on Netflix)

The three-part documentary explores his conviction for the murder of Odin Lloyd, other murder cases in which he was a suspect, and the factors in his life that shaped his behaviour.

If you like this, you might also enjoy: The Devil Next Door



Joke Answer:

Nobody knows!



An Opportunity to help with apprenticeship applications and much more!

DANCOP have created a bank of online resources covering a set of key workshops that would usually be delivered in person, for learners to access for FREE from the safety of their homes. In Our Online Menu of activities you will find links to a variety of sessions that are here to support KS4 learners with studying from home, preparing for 6th Form and College Interviews and apprenticeships; as well as sessions to help KS5 learners with university applications and expectations, student finance, and more!

All sessions are available as downloadable PDF on the following link:

<https://www.chesterfield.ac.uk/dancop-learning-resources/>

Opportunities

Year 12 and 13- enhance your learning

Mr Heald has sent us a great opportunity to enhance your learning for free through listening and interacting with Virtual Talks.

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 18 th May 10am	Aleida Rios, Group Head of Engineering, BP.	Why choose Engineering as a career? John, a graduate who works at BP, interviews BP's Group Head of Engineering, Aleida Rios on how she got into Engineering and how students can build a career they enjoy.
Mon 18 th May 2pm	Penguin VTalk Featuring: Malcolm Gladwell, journalist, author, and public speaker	How to Talk to Strangers Author of five international bestsellers, Malcolm Gladwell, joins academic and author of Don't Touch My Hair, Emma Dabiri, to discuss the consequences of miscommunication, how to interview others and the art of storytelling.
Tues 19 th May 10am	Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV	Join Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV and Founder, Speakers for Schools in his very own Virtual Talk!
Tues 19 th May 2pm	Kathrina Mannion, Director of Environmental Policy, BP	Kathrina will discuss her career and current role in Environment and Policy. She will also discuss her motivations and career progressions. Kathrina used to be a Senior Advisor for the government so has a really interesting career story.
Wed 20 th May 10am	Dr. Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects	What does an Architect do? Dr Maria Faraone will explore with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career.
Wed 20 th May 2pm	David Dein, Former Chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association	David's presentation is aimed at 15-18yr olds and features the phenomenal success of the Premier League since its inception. David will also impart inspirational messages about how to be successful.
Thu 21 st May 2pm	Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP	Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. By 2040, another 2 billion people are expected to be in the world, while energy demand is projected to rise by around a third, equivalent to adding another new China and EU's worth of energy demand on top of what's required today. How can we tackle this dual challenge?
Fri 22 nd May 10am	Tom Dore, Head of Education, British E-Sports Association	Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, Tom's session will aim to demystify the esports sector and let students know about the opportunities that exist.

HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS

- Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [VTALK Schedule here](#)

VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

- Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library [here](#)

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>

Also.....

University Offers and Students' finance

Please don't reply to offers until you have discussed them with Mrs Livings. You can email her and she will telephone you if you prefer this. This is a massive decision and needs lots of thought and weighing up what is best for you. The advice she sent out the other evening from UCAS is to not panic and reply because of what is happening- take your time.

In terms of finance.....this is the message.....

The deadline date for applying for student finance in academic year 2020/21 is **12th June 2020**. If you apply after the deadline you're not guaranteed to have money paid into your bank account for the start of term so we recommend you apply as soon as possible if you haven't already. Final cut-off date for applications :

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

Year 12 and Year 13 – University Matters

Year 12s.... we will be talking more about university in a few weeks but please look at the information below (which Miss Iwanczuk found out on a recent training session) it isn't only for Year 13 , there are some helpful bits for you too:

- Universities will be using exam grades as usual, but are waiting on government directive as to whether additional leniency should be applied
- There is obviously some uncertainty regarding numbers as fewer international students will be attending. Currently they are unsure as to whether those places could be offered to UK students in clearing/adjustment, again awaiting government advice
- **Medicine Year 12:** they don't judge on work experience usually anyway, but have suggested that this time could be used for additional wider reading, practising for the UCAT, volunteering online (do-it.org) or joining the virtual shadowing of a GP programme that launches on the 30th April (rcgp.org.uk/observegp)
- If students choose to sit the exams in autumn, this will be considered a first sitting, not a resit. The aim is to limit any disadvantage to the cohort. If they have a place for 2020 and chose to do the exams, current thinking is that they will hold their place for September 2021 start. Again, waiting for government advice.
- If they defer, there is no expectation to sit exams in 2021, as these grades will be held in the same regard as usual A Level grades
- If they miss their usual work experience, but have it planned for after application has been sent off, they could write in their personal statement about what they expect to get out of it
- Current thinking is that there could be UCAS fairs in autumn rather than summer, but that UCAS are also looking at doing online fairs in the summer. Whether they happen in real life will massively depend on social distancing regulations as they do get packed in.
- They are moving their summer schools online, and are still taking applications so this could go in the bulletin for Y12 <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/scs/post-16/summer-schools>

- There are some subject resources on here for offer holders <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/offer-holders>
- Year 12 there is youtube playlist at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkBZZhQeuA80RRX0f914N2IHuZkUqs85n> which has videos on choosing a university, personal statements and note taking.

More help for Year 12s thinking about university.....

University search help

Following the great popularity of our first webinar, I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting **free live Webinar Wednesdays** every week at 12pm from 29 April until 27 May.

link: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>, and ask them to sign up to the webinars which interest them, that would be great. Places are **very limited so please ask them to do this ASAP**. The webinars can also be watched live on [YouTube](#) for anyone unable to sign into Zoom on the day. Our past webinars are available to view on our YouTube at any time too.

The topics for each session are; **Choosing a University, Applying for University, Student Finance, Taking an Apprenticeship and Life at University**. All will be presented by university and company representatives ready to answer your students' questions and provide expert advice. [See full details here.](#)

We are committed to helping ensure your students make the right higher education decisions during this period. We understand the challenges both Year 12s and 13s are facing, with fairs and open days not running, and changes to grades and 2020 admissions. Our **Webinar Wednesdays** will provide the opportunity for your students to ask questions and find out the answers they need. Parents and teachers are also welcome to sign up.

From Mr Park.....

Search online university events in one place with UniTasterDays

Dear Mr A Park,

The coming weeks will see an increase in online events advertised by universities UK-wide – with institutions offering a fantastic range of virtual university open day, webinar and online chat opportunities. These events can be booked for school groups, or in most cases, directly by post-16 students.

To support you and your students when searching for these online university events, UniTasterDays are listing these in one place through our new online event directory – with new events added daily by universities UK-wide.

Please pass on details of this free resource to your students and colleagues

The button below will take you directly to the online university event directory – with new events listed daily. If you could also pass this email on to post-16 students considering university and colleagues at Kimberley School we would be very grateful.

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[CLICK HERE](#) to search university events today

My very best wishes,

Jon Cheek
Director, UniTasterDays Ltd

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The latest goings-on at the University of Leicester.

UCAS Updates: UCAS has now confirmed that the applicant reply deadline, originally 5 May but extended to 19 May, has been further extended now to **18 June 2020**, meaning offer holders who have not yet responded to their offer have a significantly longer period of time in which to make a decision. Prior to the Easter break, UCAS also announced that A Level results day has been confirmed as **13 August 2020** – the date originally planned. GCSE results day will follow a week later.

#WednesdayWisdom Webinars

The team also deliver weekly webinars across a range of topics supporting Year 12 and 13 students with their application journey, starting on **6 May 2020**. These consist of a presentation from the team followed by the opportunity to ask questions to staff and current students on that particular topic. For more information, visit our [webinar webpage](#). Amongst topics such as 'Student Finance' and 'How to Choose a Course and University', we have a webinar dedicated to informing those students who have changed their minds on 'How to Apply Late' and how to do so via UCAS Extra. The first of these talks will be hosted on **20 May 2020** and will be repeated on **24 June 2020** and **22 July 2020**.

We are also in the process of developing a range of materials to aid the transition into higher education for students; if you have any ideas (or preferences) on what these might include, please do let us know!

Post-16 Summer Schools – General 20-24 July 2020/Medicine 27-31 July 2020

Our programme of Post-16 Summer Schools is still going ahead, just not quite as planned!

Due to the current climate we are moving all of our Summer Schools online, and therefore invite your students to apply for a place at our first ever Post-16 Digital Summer Schools. As a brand new offering, we are totally re-designing the programme to suit online delivery and to suit students accessing the materials in a variety of different ways, at a variety of different times. As I'm sure we have all discovered over the last 6 weeks, what works in person doesn't always work online! As the programmes are developed, we will regularly update our summer school website, so check our [Summer School webpage](#) frequently to see what is on offer.

The new programme will focus on academic content, preparing for and applying to university, skills development and mindfulness and wellbeing as a student. If you have any students who have already applied for our Summer Schools, their application stands and will simply be carried over to the digital events. We're really excited about these and hope to digitally welcome lots of your students in July!

For Year 13

On the school website don't forget there are some ideas and opportunities we put together while thinking about things that Year 13 students might benefit from doing once we have finished teaching (<https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/life-after-sixth-form>)

Other opportunities are listed below. If you are interested, please discuss with your families, as you may have people at home in high-risk groups and this might affect whether you can go out and work/volunteer.

NHS

The NHS are recruiting an army of volunteers... You have to be over 18 to play a part - for Year 13's this could be a great opportunity – it could help get students 'foot in the door' and would show future employers that in a national crisis situation the students have the behaviours to rise to and react to challenging situations as they occur. It is not only a great employer encounter it is an excellent exposure/work experience.

<https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

Trusts around the country are currently looking at recruitment..... over the coming days there will be many paid opportunities in the NHS – this may be short term contracts. This may be in Administration/Hotel services (Kitchen cleaning/ Distributing equipment to wards etc....), Logistics (this may be restrictive to over 21's), working in a warehouse and much more.

Please see the links below where the jobs will be posted.

<http://jobs.nuh.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/jobs>

<https://www.emas.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000006410>

There's a degree level apprenticeship at Amazon located 3 miles away £25,000 per year.

Are you interested in a career in the Healthcare sector?

The University of Buckingham have sent the following email to us, more details can be found here <https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/study-at-buckingham/visit-us/virtual-information-webinars>

We are offering a series of webinars to explain our different Medicine and Allied Health programmes, including our MB ChB, which has a 4.5-year condensed timetable and January entry point, and our new BSc Podiatric Medicine, which involves identifying and treating complex health problems linked to the foot and lower limbs. For your Year 12 and 13 pupils, who intend to apply to study Medicine, we are offering sessions on how to prepare for an Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) which is a selection method used commonly within Medical School

News stories of the week:

Quick Summary:

- Spain records 87 deaths in the past 24 hours - the first drop under 100 since the lockdown began
- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson acknowledges frustration over the "complex" easing of England's lockdown
- In the US, former President Barack Obama criticises his successor, President Donald Trump, for his handling of the response

Some good news from Spain ...A 107-year old woman overcame Spanish Flu as a child, and has just overcome COVID-19...



Ana del Valle, at 107, has survived two pandemics. A few days ago she recovered from the coronavirus and as a child she suffered from the Spanish flu of 1918.

Now, watch a good (non – covid) news story..... just click on the link below_😊

[Bear the dog saves more than 100 injured koalas](#)

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After the Australian Fires: Rescue dog Bear saves scores of koalas

A koala-detecting dog has come to the rescue in the aftermath of Australia's fires.

Thought for the week:

“You’ve got to get up every morning with determination if you’re going to go to bed with satisfaction.” —George Lorimer

