

# Week beginning Monday 4th January 2021 (Week A)



The 6<sup>th</sup> Form team would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and successful 2021

We hope you had a Happy Christmas and feel re-charged in readiness for the new term, although clearly it is starting off in a very different manner to normal.

I emailed you all last week following the government's latest announcement.

Please read every email from school as a matter of priority

## **Important dates**

- Year 13 return to school for face to face lessons on the 11<sup>th</sup> January and Year 12 return on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. On-line lessons start this week and will follow your usual timetable. Monday is an INSET day but please check as some staff will be teaching you on-line
- Cambridge Technical exams are going to take place starting next week so really good luck to everyone involved. Please make use of this time at home to revise throughly and let us know in school if you need any resources getting to you.
  - For Year 13s next week during the exams, if you have an afternoon exam you can revise at home in the morning if that is the best place for you to revise.



- Year 12s with exams we will be in touch about how this will work for you but please assume you will come on site for the exam and then head home again.
- ➤ 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> February: Year 12 and 13 Mock Exam Week so ...5 SCHOOL WEEKS.....

  You should have created a revision timetable by now but if you havent please do so this week. Please also if you are still in a part time job make sure you book time of work for the wekeend before and week of the exams.....so that you give yourself plenty of time to revise and rest.

<u>Timetable of Cambridge Technical exams</u>- you have been sent your times and dates if you have an exam but here is an overview:

- Level 2 IT
- Unit 1 Wednesday 13th Jan pm
- Unit 2 Wednesday 20th Jan am
- Level 3 IT
- Unit 1 Monday 11th Jan am
- Unit 2 Wednesday 13th Jan pm
- Level 3 Business
- Unit 1 Monday 11th Jan pm
- Unit 2 Wednesday 13th Jan am
- Unit 2 Wednesday 13th Jan am
- Unit 15 Friday 15th Jan am
- Level 3: Health and Social Care
- Unit 2 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan am
- Unit 3 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan pm
- Unit 4 Monday 18th<sup>th</sup> Jan am
- Summer Exams: The government has made it clear exams will go ahead in the summer with some adjustments which we will find out about in later this month.



## > UCAS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January (6pm): Final date for sending UCAS applications
The absolute deadline for sending is 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. Most people
have sent off their applications and in fact more people have applied this
year than I have ever known, but there are a few of you left who need to
send applications......

I will stay late on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to send applications- so please plan around that. Please check with your subject teachers, your tutor and Mrs Booth that references are ready. Please let me know if you need help with your personal statement.

Please also note..... Lanyards are a compulsory item to wear when in school......

 Please wear your lanyard at all times when back in school – if you have lost yours or it is broken please email Mrs Booth

# Safety matters

- Please don't let anyone in to school using your lanyard....only yourself.
- Facemasks: When you are back please continue to wear your face masks and please remember to



observe the 2m distancing guidelines school.



• If you forget your mask please see Mrs Booth, but do be aware that we have limited funds to keep supplying them. (If you can donate 50p if you need one – that would be great).

# The New 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre

 When you are back......Please continue to use the bins provided for your rubbish including chewing gum as this is really hard to remove from surfaces

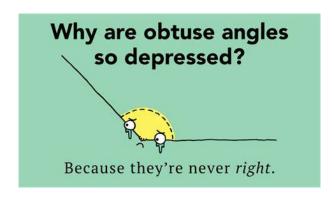




and looks horrible. We have a litter picking devise that you are welcome to borrow, so if you see litter and are willing to help keep the place as perfect as possible come and borrow it!

• **Toilets:** Thank you for following the 'lid down' policy- please continue to do so once you are back.

## Joke of the week:





To

Nya Sanderson – 4<sup>th</sup> January Joe James and Eve McGrenaghan – 6<sup>th</sup> January Abbey Close and Harry Yorston – 9<sup>th</sup> January

<u>Financial help in the Sixth Form : Some of your financial home circumstances will have changed due to Covid so you may now be able to claim......</u>

<u>Bursary</u>: If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1JSkg4Si4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1JSkg4Si4u</a>

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. Additionally, if your parents earn less than £20,000 you will be entitled to help (If the household income is less than £25,000 you may also get some help. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

## **Careers Advice**

If you would like an appointment please ask Mrs Booth

## **Emails**

Please keep checking your emails, this is 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.

## SMHW: It is essential this week, and next, that you use SMHW each day

You should all have login details for this but please ask Mrs Booth on Monday, first thing, if you have a problem.

# **Opportunities for Year 12**

<u>Subject mentor sessions</u>: Many of you have attended these and will be learning a lot about how to succeed in the subjects you have chosen. If you are struggling to revise get in touch with a mentor over the next couple of weeks and if you haven't got a contact detail then email Miss Iwanczuk who will be able to put you in touch with a mentor.

Please make the most of these opportunities Year 12. Year 13s have put a lot of thought in to the sessions they ran and really want to help you.

#### **Virtual Work Experience**

Applications for the virtual **1-week Innovators Work Experience** in February 2021 half term are now open! A hands-on programme designed for Year 12 students to develop practical workplace skills, industry insight, and the opportunity to work on a real-life business project. More details below:

https://careers.vodafone.co.uk/work-experience

Virtual #CodeLikeAGirl launches in 2021, with applications opening in January 2021. This is 3-day coding workshop for Year 12 students, who will learn technical skills to build their own websites, using Html, CSS, GitHub and JQuery.





If you are interested please contact Gemma – details below

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## Other opportunities...

# UCL's <u>free</u> Year 12 Masterclasses and Summer Schools (online)

# **Masterclasses (online)**

## Applications are now open!

Our online Masterclasses aim to give students a taste of studying at UCL and at undergraduate level. Each session is taught by a UCL academic or PhD student.

We have a wide range of exciting subjects available. Students can apply for one or more of the following Masterclasses:

Monday, 15 February 2021		
	14:30 - 15:30	Maths
		OR
		Laws
Tuesday, 16 February 2021	10:30 - 11:30	Medicine and Medical Science
	14:30 - 15:30	Psychology
Wednesday, 17 February 2021	10:30 - 11:30	Chemical Engineering
	14:30 - 15:30	Pharmacy





Thursday, 18 February 2021	10:30 - 11:30	Astrophysics
	14:30 - 15:30	Population Health
Friday, 19 February 20201	10:30 - 11:30	Architecture
	14:30 - 15:30	Economics

Each Masterclass will include the opportunity for students to ask questions about the topic presented. After each Masterclass, we will send out a short further reading list if students wish to learn more about the subject. This can be a great way to kick start wider reading and demonstrate their interest in the subject when they come to write their UCAS Personal Statements.

## **Further Information and Application Form:**

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/masterclasses

Masterclass Application Deadline: Tuesday, 12 January at 23:59

# <u>Summer Schools – Year 12 (online)</u>

Every year, UCL runs a number of Summer Schools for Year 12 state school students. The Summer Schools offer a taste of studying a degree programme and of university life. Students can register their interest <u>now</u> on our website. Full applications open on Monday, 11 January and close on Tuesday, 2 March 2021.

Dates: Monday, 26 - Friday, 30 July 2021

Subjects:

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Architecture	Geography	Natural Sciences
Astrophysics	History	Philosophy
Chemical Engineering	Languages and Cultures*	Population Health
English*	Laws*	Psychology with Education*
Fine Art	Maths and Computer Science*	

<sup>\*</sup> These Summer Schools are run in partnership with the <u>Sutton Trust</u>.

## **Further Information and Application Form:**

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/year-12-summer-school-online





## Year 12 and 13: Medicine and Dentistry Opportunities

Applications for the King's College London <u>Online Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series</u> are now open. The lecture series is **open to students from across the UK for the first time**.

Over the course of the lecture series students will hear from a variety of guest speakers from different areas of medicine and dentistry. Last year's lectures were given by GSTT clinicians and included topics such as Psychiatry, Trstiauma, and General Practice. They will also learn about the different elements of applying to medicine and dentistry including the UCAT, Personal Statements, and Interviews.

Lectures will be held online on Wednesday's at 6-7pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2021. The first three lectures will take place on 03 February, 10 February, and 17 February. The remaining nine lectures will take place in Spring, Summer and in the run up to applications in October.

For more information about eligibility criteria and to apply, <u>students should follow this link</u>. The deadline to apply is **10:00 Monday 18 January**.

The Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series is kindly sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Barbers.

## **NHS** opportunities

Are you interested in the opportunity to have a live 20 minutes virtual Q&A session with an NHS member of staff from one of the following areas:

- Training, Education & Development
- Pharmacy
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Surgery

We can't do a practical live session with you but each member of staff will talk about their role and their career progression. Students can send in questions beforehand to be answered at the session.

## Please see one of the sixth form team if you are interested

**Future Doctors Week - Online** 

**April 12th - April 16th 2021** 

Online Medical Work Experience and Application Masterclass Course.

## Click on the link for more information

https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/future-doctors-week-online





## Year 13 and 12.....

## Do you want a Healthy planet? What about this challenge

Sherwood Forest Hospitals provide outstanding healthcare in Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark, Sherwood and parts of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. We work with 5,000 colleagues in our three hospitals – King's Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community. The National Health Service (NHS) is committed to taking action on climate change and improving public health along the way. The NHS has launched its own grassroots campaign 'For a Greener NHS' to encourage staff and hospitals to cut their impact on people's health and the environment.

The Trust's Climate Action Team is working for a greener NHS and are reviewing the health implications of climate change.

#### **Brief**

This project is for junior and secondary school students. We would like students to run a campaign or create a project to raise awareness of how healthy people can help towards a healthy planet. This could include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Air quality
- Alcohol & drugs
- Diet
- Exercise
- Mental health
- Recycling
- Sexual health
- Smoking
- Tree planting.

Following the campaign/project students are asked to create a short PowerPoint presentation to explain what their objectives were and how they met these objectives and submit their entry into a competition.

#### Deadline for submission of entries:

31/03/21. The entries will be shortlisted by the Climate Action Team and the winning team will receive a prize.

#### **Email entries to:**

sfh-tr.nottsworkexperiencehub@nhs.net

# And a great set of 'Educational opportunities' for both year groups: Please see below a set of free lectures

**Gresham College's free public lectures** (running since 1597).

Our lectures are delivered by world-class experts in fields ranging across the arts and





sciences. For teachers, they are highly relevant to the school and post-16 curriculum. For students they are a resource for careers advice, EPQ projects and UCAS statements. They are currently held online, and we have a searchable back catalogue of 2,500 free digital lectures on our website (ordered by school subject at <a href="https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools">www.gresham.ac.uk/schools</a>).

#### 2020-21 LECTURES:

#### **ASTRONOMY**

A series called <u>Cosmic Vision</u> by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, <u>The Unexpected Universe</u>.

#### **BUSINESS / ECONOMICS**

A series on <u>The Psychology of Finance</u> by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on <u>Intergenerational Justice</u> by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.

#### **CLASSICS**

A three part series on **Great Thinkers** by Visiting Professor Edith Hall.

#### **ENGLISH**

The <u>Powers of the Novel</u> by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on <u>Offensive</u> <u>Shakespeare</u>, a series on 'classic' film, <u>Exploding the Film Canon</u> by Visiting Professor Ian Christie.

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Two short series about the environment, <u>Our Connected World</u>, and <u>How to Build a Just and Prosperous Planet</u>, by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.

#### **HISTORY**

A fascinating series on <u>Evil Women</u> in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on <u>England's Reformations</u> by Professor Alec Ryrie; a <u>Black History Month</u> series; a series about <u>Darwin</u> and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of <u>one-off lectures</u>.

#### IT

<u>Great Ideas From Computer Science</u> by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on <u>AI and Humour</u> by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.

## LAW / POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

Death, the State and Human Rights by Professor Leslie Thomas QC will discuss police restraint and





inquests into deaths in custody (Black Lives Matter); <u>The Politics of the Courtroom</u> by Visiting Professor Thomas Grant will weigh the balance between politicians and the courts.

#### **MATHEMATICS**

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart will look at <u>Mathematics in Music and Writing</u>, Professor Kevin Buzzard will ask <u>Will Computers Outsmart Mathematicians</u>, Dr Kit Yates discusses <u>The Maths of Life</u> and Death.

#### **MEDICINE**

<u>Major Debates in Public Health</u> by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor Chris Whitty, and <u>Performing Medicine</u> by Visiting Professor Roger Kneebone includes a lecture on knife crime.

#### **MUSIC**

<u>Russian Piano Masterpieces</u> by Music Professor Marina Frolova-Walker; <u>100 years of BBC Radio</u> by Visiting Professor Jeremy Summerly; Dr Xenia Pestova-Bennett will look at <u>Toy and Cyborg Pianos</u>.

# News Item of the Week: Some major items this week have been around the issue of schools re-opening and Brexit.... BBC News website

What's happening with schools across the UK? A summary.....

Most **primary schools in England** will return on 4 January, but in London and some surrounding areas they will not open for most pupils until 18 January. **Secondary schools in England** will stagger their return with pupils taking exams in 2021 starting on 11 January, and other year groups returning in person on 18 January.

In **Wales**, local councils have been told they can be "flexible" with when they open - with many schools aiming to return for face-to-face lessons from 11 January.

In **Northern Ireland**, primary school pupils will be taught online until 11 January. In secondary schools, years 8 to 11 will be taught online throughout January. Years 12 to 14 will return to school after the first week of January.

In **Scotland**, the Christmas holidays have been extended to 11 January, and the following week will be online learning only. A full return to face-to-face learning is planned for 18 January but First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has warned measures may have to go further with a cabinet meeting to be held on Monday.





# **Brexit: Seven things which changed on 1 January**



From 1 January, the free movement of people and goods and services between the UK and the EU has ended. This means significant differences to how people live, work and travel.

Here are some of the most important things that have changed

## 1. European travel rules change

From January, UK nationals will only be able to travel without a visa to <u>Schengen area countries</u> for up to 90 days in any 180-day period (this includes most EU nations and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein). In addition, you will need to:

- Have at least six months left on your passport, except for trips to Ireland.
- Have travel insurance with health cover. Your current EHIC card will be valid until its expiry date
  and will be replaced by a new scheme in the future, but the government still advises you to get
  travel insurance with health cover.
- Make sure you've checked roaming charges with your mobile provider, as the guarantee of free roaming will end.
- Have obtained an animal health certificate from your vet at least 10 days before you travel <u>if</u>
   you are travelling with your pet including from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. The current EU
   pet passport scheme will no longer apply.
- Use separate lanes from EU, EEA and Swiss citizens at border control.

Significantly, because of the Covid pandemic, travellers from non-EU countries - including the UK - will not be able to visit the EU at the moment, except for a certain number of essential reasons.







# 2. Duty-free shopping will return

When the UK was an EU member, you were allowed to bring unlimited amounts of alcohol and tobacco back from an EU country without paying any duty at the border, as long as duty had been paid in the country where you bought it and you could prove it was for your own use.

From 2021, duty-free shopping will be available if you travel to the EU, although there will now be limits to the amount you can bring in duty-free from the EU, as there are for arrivals from non-EU countries.

The permitted amount of duty-free tobacco and alcohol <u>will increase</u> however. So you will be able, for example, to bring 18 litres of still wine and 42 litres of beer.

## 3. The rules change for UK citizens who want to move to the EU

If you're already living in an EU country, you will have certain protections under the <u>withdrawal</u> <u>agreement.</u>

But even then, you should <u>check that country's specific rules.</u> You may need to register or apply for residency, get new documents, or meet specific requirements - like having a job.

For example, UK nationals living in France will need to obtain new residents' permits.

If you plan to move to the EU in 2021, you will <u>no longer have an automatic right</u> to live, work, study or retire there. You will need a visa if you are going there for any reason other than tourism.

The rules will depend on the country you want to move to, and the reason for your move. You should check the rules for the country that you are intending to move to.

People planning to move to Ireland will be largely unaffected.

## 4. There are new rules for EU citizens in the UK

If you're an EU citizen living in the UK by 31 December 2020 - or from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland - your rights remain the same until 30 June 2021.

But you should <u>check if you can stay</u> after that. You'll need to become a <u>UK citizen</u>, or apply to the <u>EU Settlement Scheme</u>.

Again, because of the Common Travel Area, rights of Irish citizens will not change.

## 5. There'll be a new UK immigration system

From January, there'll be a new <u>points-based system</u> for foreign citizens (except Irish nationals) wanting to move to the UK.

The government says it'll treat EU and non-EU citizens equally and will aim to attract people who can contribute to the UK economy.





People wanting to move to the UK to work, live or study will have to apply and pay for a visa. It will cost £348 to apply for a student visa from outside the UK, or £475 to extend or switch one from inside the UK.

Applying for a visa as a skilled worker will cost between £610 and £1,408 per person - unless an individual has skills the country is short of. People applying for visas will also have to pay a health surcharge of £624 per person per year, unless they are healthcare workers.

How will the UK points-based immigration system work?





The UK and the EU have agreed there'll be no taxes on each other's goods when they cross borders and no limits on the amount of things that can be traded.

However, traders in England, Wales and Scotland (for the case of Northern Ireland, see below) will need to make customs declarations as if they were dealing with countries elsewhere in the world - this means a lot of paperwork.

Some products, including plants, live animals and some foods, will also need <u>special licences and certificates</u>. Others will have to be labelled in specific ways.

There will no longer be automatic recognition of professional qualifications - people will need to check each country's rules to make sure their qualifications are still recognised.

And while the UK government has chosen to delay - by six months - the imposition of full controls, the EU will be carrying out checks from 1 January.

Even though trade with the EU will become trickier, the UK is free to negotiate its own trade deals with other countries, like the US. Brexit supporters say this will benefit the economy in the long run, although critics say it's more important to remain close to the EU.

• A quick guide to what's in the Brexit deal

## 7. Northern Ireland becomes an exception

The UK and EU have agreed to keep an all-but-invisible border, without checkpoints, between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (which remains in the EU).





Northern Ireland will continue to follow many of the EU's rules, meaning that lorries can continue to drive across the border without having to be inspected.

However, some new checks will be needed on certain goods arriving into Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK (England, Scotland and Wales) instead.

Food products - such as meat, fish and eggs - will need to be checked to ensure they comply with EU standards.

However, in order to reduce any potential disruption, <u>supermarkets will be given an initial three-month "grace period"</u> where the rules will not be enforced on the food they bring into Northern Ireland. Certain meat products will have a longer, six-month grace period. What happens after this period is unclear and will be the subject of future negotiations.

An agreement has also been reached to eliminate tariffs - extra charges on goods - for most trade between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Some new paperwork will nevertheless be required from 1 January and businesses will need be ready for the changes.

# Quotes of the week

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better person." Benjamin Franklin

