

Sixth Form Student Bulletin
Week beginning Monday 9th December 2019 (Week A)

- **Friday 13th December:** Christmas Jumper Day – pay a £1.00 please for



Save the Children.

- **January exams:** Some Cambridge Technical exams take place in January. If these involve you please make sure you are planning revision and setting time aside in the Christmas holidays. You should have the dates of these exams but if not your tutors will give you details on Tuesday
- **MOCK WEEK: Monday 10th - Friday 14th February**

Charity Matters

Movember: Well done! You raised £230

TACKLING
PROSTATE CANCER,
TESTICULAR CANCER, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



Thank you to everyone involved in the football match on Wednesday...☺

Writing instruments recycling programme

Please use the box in the common room to recycle pens, highlighters, tippex etc.

We now also have a box for crisp packets to be put in for recycling....please do your bit.



Important note about exam preparedness

Did you find the timing of your exams difficult, finding it took you longer to answer questions than the time you had? Please see Mrs Booth, you may qualify for extra time.

The Common Room and study rooms around school

Thank you for the care and consideration exercised in the Common Room.



Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

This Friday's session was well attended- with only 2 weeks until Christmas it is essential that you are working on your Personal Statement- showing it to your tutor, then Mrs Livings whilst also asking staff to write you a reference.

32 applications have now gone.....it takes approx an hour for me to check everything and send so, please, please get going if you haven't already....

When? Friday after school- be prepared to stay late please

Where? Common Room

Please keep your tutor, Mrs Booth, Miss Iwanczuk and Mrs Livings informed of your progress

I will be in school late Tuesday- Friday as usual but do have meetings Tues- Thurs (after school) so if you can stay and fit around when I am free, that would be great. Please email me to book a time to send if you are ready.

If you haven't got going yet you need to ask for help- it is unlikely you will get it send before Christmas but it needs to be ready to go when we get back in January- the absolute deadline is 15th January at 6.00pm

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room is open until **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, during study periods, please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space in school for you to work.

The list of free rooms is on the Common Room door. However, we had a complaint this week about use of one of the science labs where some students were found looking in a draw without permission.

Please always treat all classrooms with respect and be aware that staff often want to work in their non- contact room in a classroom, so please check they are ok with you also working there.

Signing in and out: Thank you for signing in and out of school. This is essential from a safeguarding point of view

School security:

Please also do not open the secure doors by the main entrance for anyone and if you realise that you have done so then alert the reception staff

Lanyards Year 12 and 13

We thank you for being patient.

Year 12- new cards and lanyards will be given out in tutor time on Tuesday

Year 13 – if you do need a new card holder or lanyard, please see Mrs Booth

A Mathematics message from Mr Jolly

Maths Drop-in Sessions Every Thursday 15:05-16:00 in Room 29: Maths Drop-in Sessions will run every Thursday until the final exam in the summer. These sessions are a superb opportunity to maximise the effectiveness of the independent study you are doing by giving you individual support and advice from our team of highly experienced teachers. Sessions are open to any student studying Mathematics in the 6th Form, whether it is A-level, AS-Level or GCSE, Further Mathematics or Mathematics. This is not a lesson, you can drop-in for as long as you wish, there are no set tasks, you simply bring the work you are finding difficult and get the support you need to be successful. We look forward to seeing you there, Mr Jolly on behalf of the KS5 Maths Team.

More Maths Sessions

Mathematics Exam Preparation Sessions are being held each Wednesday 15:10 - 16:00 in LR1 (formerly the 6th Form Study Room at the back of the LRC)

The schedule of sessions is as follows:

Wednesday 11 th December	Partial Fractions (Year 13 only)
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If you have struggled with answering questions on these topics in your half term assessments, then it is recommended that you attend.

Psychology and Sociology Revision

Sessions on Wednesday after school with Miss Bird in H9

Sociology 3.05 pm – 3.45 pm

Psychology 3.45 pm – 4.30 pm

Please see Miss Bird's emails for details if you take one of these subjects



**Happy Birthday to:
Lauren Thorpe – 11th December**

Enrichment (We need to know where you are.....)

YOU MUST SIGN OUT WITH MRS BOOTH IN THE COMMON ROOM if you finish before 3.05pm.

Joke of the week:

What's a foot long and slippery?

Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link <https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/sixth-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. 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 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Joke Answer

A slipper!

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

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.

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***'.

Year 12s – Community Service

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.

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Lockers : If you would like a sixth form locker please see Mrs Booth. We deposit of £5 which you will get back when you return the key.

Tea and Coffee in the Common Room



Please use the honesty box and pop in as much as you can every now and again. **PLEASE WASH YOUR CUPS AND KEEP THE AREA CLEAN AND TIDY**

Safety alert: Hot drinks-please don't walk around school with hot drinks unless they are in a covered top cup.

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 24th July next year so please ensure your parents know this. A2 courses start as soon as AS exams are over.

Events and Opportunities:

If you want to attend an event that will take you out of school please discuss with one of the 6th Form team.

Nuffield Research Placements are now OPEN

[Nuffield Research Placements](#) give sixth form students hands-on experience of a professional research environment through a 4-6 week placement in their summer holidays. By working with professional researchers, students gain insight into a wide variety of STEM careers, they are able to make more informed choices about what to do after school or college. By providing a placement, your organisation can give someone a life-changing opportunity that will help transform them into a future scientist. Projects must have broadly scientific or technical content, but they don't have to be based in a laboratory. They might be office-based or include a lot of fieldwork, or they might focus on engineering, data analysis, psychology, economics, forensics, law or computer science. We make sure no-one is excluded on a financial basis by covering students' travel costs, and some students may also be eligible for a weekly bursary in addition to travel expenses

You should meet the following criteria if you want to apply:

- Be over 16 years old and in Year 12
- Have at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at Level 6 or above, including maths, a science subject and English (or another humanities subject).
- Be studying one or more A-level in science, technology, geography, psychology, maths.
- Be able to spend four weeks of your summer holiday working on a research project.

You **must also meet at least one** of the following criteria:

- Your family has a combined household income of below £30,000 a year.
- You are entitled to free schools meals, either now or at any time in the last six years.
- You live, or have lived, in local authority care.

Follow this link WPOutreach@nottingham.ac.uk to find out more about what opportunities and events Nottingham University are holding over the next few months for Post 16 students. (Too much content to print here but various career choices are covered.)

- Applications are now Open for the Sutton Trust. Please follow the link <https://www.suttontrust.com/programmes/pathways-applications-2019/>

Career opportunities

[Advanced engineering apprentice](#) – Royal Mail Group, Nottingham. Excellent opportunity. Closing date 3 January for September 2020 start.

[Cyber Discovery](#), a UK government-backed cyber security programme for teenagers is now open to students from aged 13. It offers a free, online training programme aimed at inspiring the next generation of cyber security stars.

The [Inspiring Minds series of taster days](#) for Yr 12 student at Loughborough University are free to attend and cover a range of topics around higher education. Schools can now register their interest for information on the 2019-2020 programme. For more open days visit our [College Open Days](#) web page.



Resources

REMINDER! There is a helpful [guide to higher and degree apprenticeships](#) available on the Gov.UK website.

News Items of the Week: On Thursday the voting in the General Election takes place. Please make sure you use your vote if you are 18.

Quiz: Test your election 2019 knowledge in 14 questions

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Weeks of discussion, debates, door knocking and deliberation are nearly at an end and it's almost time to vote. But have you been paying attention?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2019-50680447>

Click on the link and test yourself!

Thought for the Week:

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. ... Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

Dale Evans Rogers

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

Charles Schulz