

## Week beginning Monday 26th April 2021 (Week B)

- . Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April: Assessment fortnight for Year 13
- Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May: The final assessment fortnight for Year13s begins
- **Friday 28**<sup>th</sup> **May:** The last day in school for all Year 13 students. There will be no more compulsory lessons after this.
- Week beginning 31st May: Half Term Holiday
- Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June: Year 13 students who have missed timed assessments, because of the pandemic, may be invited into school to take the assessment if the teacher thinks this would be helpful to them. Please leave this week free in case.
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 12 School Exam Week

# Year 13 Assessments are going on this week ,as well as next week, in the Centre and around school

Please be mindful and considerate of students who will be studying and preparing for their assessments over the next fortnight

**Year 12 and 13:** Don't forget the **Common Room and IT Suite** are available until 5.45 pm each day for you to study after school. The rooms go silent at 3.20pm during assessment periods- if you want to chat you can always go outside on the

Thank you for continuing to wear your face mask correctly around school. It is really important that you wear it at all times when moving around

Please don't use your phone around school (you are a role model to younger students)

Please don't leave the school site in large groups (remember the rule of 6)

Please also move quietly around school when younger students are in lessons



benches and if you want to revise in a group we can find you a classroom after school.

## 2 Messages concerning supporting the Main School staff and students......

- 1. Please remember not to use your mobile phone whilst walking around the school site .
- 2. Please don't let younger students in to school via the main entrance This is a safeguarding issue and is also harder to reinforce punctuality standards with younger students.

<u>Clothing in school</u>: Please be conscious, particularly in the hot weather, of what you are wearing around school, ask yourself if it is appropriate for a professional setting?

## **Keeping Safe**

Thank you for your excellent attitude to the safety measures last half-term Please keep ensuring that: You regularly hand wash, sanitise when going in to classrooms and the Common Room and that you use the one-way systems and also adhere to the following measures...........

- It is very important that you **do not move** the tables and chairs in any of the rooms. Please be aware of people around you and give them space. Use the outside area (where we have put more chairs) when possible
  - Face Masks must be worn around school and during lessons, so anytime apart from when you are eating or drinking at lunch and break time. If you lose your mask/forget it we have a supply outside the window of the office in the Centre- please make a donation in the charity box.
- Lateral flow testing please ensure you test and report on Sundays and Wednesday evenings





**Remember staff are here to help** so if you wish to speak to one of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team email them or, if it is an urgent request, please go to the office window or knock on the office door and wait for it to be answered. Please don't come in to the office without permission.

## Year 12 and 13: What can you do to ensure the best academic results?

- Use your study periods effectively
- Stay after school and work. The Centre is open each day until 5.45pm
  - Do all assessments/ coursework to the best of your ability
     Let us know if you need support.

Year 12: preparation for the summer school exams starting 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Iwanczuk emailed you all on Friday after school- please read her email if you haven't already done so.

Please bring resources for revising to Tuesday p3 tutor time this week and you can get on with revision. Next week we will be looking at the future and there will be less time to revise in tutor time so make the most of it this week please.

## Year 12 Enrichment attendance on a Wednesday afternoon is compulsory

Cooking will start on the 28<sup>th</sup> April – please see Mrs Booth for the recipe or it is on the door of T10.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Jamie Lee Brookes – 26<sup>th</sup> April

Hannah Whitt – 29<sup>th</sup> April

Akash Dewshi – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Alfas Ansar – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### A Puzzle this week:





Q: Which eight-letter word still remains a word after removing each letter from it?

## **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 the Bursary.....

<u>The 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-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjlOBYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1JJSkg4Si4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjlOBYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1JJSkg4Si4u</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.

#### **Careers Advice**

If you would like an appointment please ask Mrs Booth- you can also have a number to call, to talk to a careers advisor, so please make the most of this. If you are in Year 13 and haven't applied to university please take advantage of a chat with the careers advisor. If you have taken a Level 2 course in Year 12 please ask for an appointment, if you haven't already had one.

<u>Emails:</u> 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 that you use SMHW each day

You should all have login details for this but please ask Mrs Booth if you have a problem with this.





## **Year 13: UCAS and Apprenticeships**

<u>UCAS</u>: Mrs Livings is available to help with any university or apprenticeship enquiries after school on a Friday as well as to help you decide which Firm and Insurance places to accept.

**Finance and university:** Students going to university in September 2021 will need to apply for their student finance and the application process for 2021 has now opened. Here is the link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login">https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login</a> We will talk more about this this half term.

## Financial help with university: Turn2us

https://www.bing.com/search?q=Turn+2+us&src=IE-

<u>SearchBox&FORM=IESR4S&DAF0=1</u> This is a website which shows you what you may be able to apply for. Have a good look.

Please also look very carefully at details on university websites about scholarships and grants.

#### **Puzzle Answer:**

A: Starting-Staring-String-Sting-Sing-Sin-In-I.

## Unifrog

We now have school-wide access to a wealth of careers resources through a website called UniFrog. This was launched with Year 12 before half term. Year 13s you also were sent a password so for anyone not sure what to do after 6<sup>th</sup> Form it would be useful to have a look at what the site has to offer.

You are able to look at specific courses and career pathways, or complete quizzes on your interests and personality to get you started if you aren't sure what you want to do in the future.

Use your school email address to log in, you can set your password from that. If you are still having trouble, please contact Miss Iwanczuk and she will look in to it.





#### **Unifrog Login details**

You have all been sent an email to your school account from 'Unifrog'. Please look for it - it might have gone to junk so do check!

Once you have it, follow the instructions on how to choose a password and log on.

Have a look at these: <a href="https://www.unifrog.org/webinars">https://www.unifrog.org/webinars</a>

## **Sixth Form Opportunities**

## **ONLINE - 25th June**



#### For year 10 - year 13 students

Join us at Law in Action ONLINE on 25th June for another inspirational afternoon covering a range of exciting areas open to students considering a career in law. During the afternoon, students will hear from three fascinating speakers, each of whom brings a wealth of expertise and insight to the programme.

We are thrilled to announce that **Felicity McMahon** will be joining us for an eye-opening introduction to her fascinating career. Felicity is a barrister at 5RB, specialising in media law. She deals with subjects including defamation, privacy, harassment and data protection, and has previously worked for the Law Commission and Ministry of Justice. She studied law in both the UK and Spain. In this session, she will discuss her work as a media lawyer and the winding route that led her to where she is now!

Felicity will be joined by **Kizzy Augustin** - Health, Safety, Fire & Environmental Partner and Solicitor Advocate at Russell Cooke Solicitors - along with one more exciting speaker to be announced soon!





Find out more

Book now

Tickets are priced at just £8 per student (plus VAT), and the recording can be viewed for up to a week after the event if timetabling is a problem. We hope you can join us!

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## **Apprenticeship help**

Keep checking the GOV.UK website for up to date opportunities . The **UCAS** site also has a useful apprenticeship section. <a href="https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships">https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships</a>

https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/

This is a useful website for looking for an apprenticeship etc.

# **Work Experience opportunities**

**Year 12,** usually we would have launched the Work Experience programme by now but as we await to see whether face to face experiences will be possible please make the most of virtual ones- Year 13s looking at apprenticeships or Gap Years please also take advantage of the opportunities.

This opportunity has been sent to us by the Nottingham Playhouse

https://nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/project/work-experience/





# **Spring Term Work Experience**



## Ages 12-18 | 'Live Online' or In-Person at UCL \*Trustpilot

Enhance your students' futures today. Our ground-breaking Spring Term career experiences are now available in 20 of the world's most desirable careers. **Students can attend either 'Live Online' before Easter or in-person at UCL later in April.** 

Places are highly limited. Please share this email with students and parents so they can register now.

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

#### **Trinity Talks: Beyond the Classroom**

A series of subject talks by academic experts launches on Thursday 25 February and continues through to the end of the academic year, taking place at 4pm on selected Thursdays. For each talk, a Trinity College academic will deliver an interactive teaching session online, pitched at interested school/college students with an age-appropriate approach, in a topic of wide interest to those thinking of potential Higher study in that subject, and to those with a general curiosity. The Access & Outreach team will also provide a brief overview of super curricular enrichment and how it relates to thinking about Higher Education. The academic staff are looking forward to exploring Q&A from participants.

Sessions: 6 May: Linguistics 20 May: History 10 June English 24 June: Biology 8 July: Chemistry

Please let Mrs Livings know if you are interested and she will send you the link.





## 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 www.gresham.ac.uk/schools).

#### **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</u>

<u>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

<u>Death, the State and Human Rights</u> 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.

## **News Item of the Week:**

## In India patients dying without oxygen amid Delhi Covid surge

Published Sunday 24th April BBC News website

India coronavirus: 'A Covid tsunami we had never seen before'

For the fourth day in a row, India has set an unwelcome world record for new coronavirus infections, with 349,691 more cases in the 24 hours to Sunday morning, and another 2,767 lives lost.

The BBC's Vikas Pandey reports from the capital Delhi, where hospitals are overwhelmed and people are desperate.

When Ashwin Mittal's grandmother's oxygen saturation level dropped a week ago, he started frantically looking for a hospital bed in Delhi. He called everybody he could, but every hospital refused.

Her condition deteriorated further on Thursday and he took her to the emergency rooms of several hospitals, but every place was full. They accepted the fate that she was going to die without getting any treatment. But she was gasping for every breath and Ashwin just couldn't bear it after a while.

He took her in his car and went from one hospital to another for several hours until one in north Delhi agreed to take her in the emergency ward for "a few hours". He was to continue looking for a bed.





Ashwin couldn't find a bed, and the hospital continued to keep his grandmother in the emergency ward on compassionate grounds.

Doctors there said she needed an ICU and had a good chance of survival. A family friend told me that the hospital was planning to discharge her on Sunday as it was running out of oxygen.

"The family is back to where they started and has accepted the fate. They know that if she survives, it will be because of a miracle, not because of any treatment," the friend said

Miracles are what many families in Delhi are left to rely on. Most hospitals are full and many of them are refusing new admissions owing to the uncertainty over oxygen supply. Oxygen-equipped ambulances are in short supply and it's becoming difficult for families to transport patients to hospitals even if they find a bed.



Delhi has been been reporting more than 24,000 cases daily in the past few days. The hospitals are completely overrun, and healthcare workers are exhausted.

Dr A Fathahudeen, who is part of Kerala state's Covid task force, says the crisis is unprecedented and doctors can't do much if oxygen supply is not guaranteed.

"You need high-pressure liquid oxygen for the smooth functioning of ventilators and bipap machines. When the pressure drops, the machines fail to deliver adequate oxygen into the lungs, and the consequences can be fatal," he says.

He adds that oxygen is one of the major treatments to stabilise the patient, allowing doctors time to assess them and plan a future course of treatment.

Dr Fathahudeen says urgent measures are needed as patients are dying without getting the treatment they require.

"The Indian army is one of the finest in the world to build makeshift hospitals and ICU beds within a short span of time. They should be roped in," he adds.

The situation is not very different in other cities, including Pune, Nashik, Lucknow, Bhopal, Indore and Allahabad, as the second Covid wave devastates the country. India reported 349,000 cases on Friday - a record daily spike. It reported 2,767 deaths. But experts say the actual numbers are likely to be much higher.





Getting tested has become very difficult in many cities as labs are overrun.

#### **India in crisis**

- Delhi is extending its lockdown for a second week
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged people to exercise caution and get vaccinated, saying "this storm has shaken the nation"
- The Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, a private hospital in Delhi, said on Sunday it would not admit any more patients because of a shortage of oxygen
- At least 20 people died on Saturday at the Jaipur Golden Hospital in Delhi because of a lack of oxygen

## Thoughts for the week:

"Never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help. This week reach to someone that might need a lift"

And to Year 13s (in the words of Buzz Lightyear) with assessments (not tests!) coming up.......







