

Sixth Form Student Bulletin
Week beginning Monday 25th November 2019 (Week A)

Thank you for the superb attendance at Parents' Evening and for your support of the netball match for Children in Need on Thursday

Important dates

- **Thursday 28th November:** Staff v 6th Form football match for Movember- please sign up
- **Friday 13th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **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
- **MOCK WEEK:** Monday 10th- Friday 14th February

Parents' Evening

Fantastic attendance, thank you for making appointments with your teachers and taking advantage of this one to one time to discuss how you are getting on. Now please act upon their advice.....ask for support if you need it or are struggling to do what you have been asked to.....

Year 13 100%

Year 12 95%:

Overall 96%

Plea for help

Success at GCSE evening Wednesday 4th December

You may remember attending the 'Success at GCSE' evening when you were in Year 11....

This is on Dec 4th this year and we could do with about 10 volunteers to explain in a small group how they revised- bringing along folders, flash cards etc.....

Please let Mrs B, Miss E or myself know if you can help

Charity Matters

Children in Need: Thank you all



Wow!

After the netball game this week – the amount raised is now a massive

£2,303.65

Take a look at some of the photos displayed in the common room (near the office)

Movember : We will be raising money for Movember next week with a staff v student football match on Thursday

TACKLING

PROSTATE CANCER,

TESTICULAR CANCER, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



ALSO, please start to think about Christmas Jumper Day which is on Friday 13th December



Friday 13th December



Writing instruments recycling programme

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



Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

This Friday's session was the best attended yet- with only 4 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.

Only 10 applications have already 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 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.

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.



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 13 please ensure you wear your lanyards around school, if you have lost the card, holder or ribbon please see Mrs Booth as soon as possible who will be able to organise a replacement for you. New cards will be distributed as soon as the lanyards arrive.

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 27 th November	Trigonometry (Year 12 and 13)
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Wednesday 4 th December	Differentiation (Year 12 and 13)
Wednesday 11 th December	Partial Fractions (Year 13 only)

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:

Molly Dineen – 29th November

Sean Belfield – 30th November

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 did the blanket say to the bed?

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.

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

Joke Answer: *Don't worry I've got you covered!!*

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, or maybe donate a box of tea bags, or jar of coffee. It would be great if you could offer to go in to Kimberley and buy the supplies from time to time too. Please see Mrs Booth about this if you want to help. **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 Item of the Week: General election 2019: A really simple guide by the BBC....please make sure you have registered to vote if you are eligible. Please all have a look through the parties manifestos which have now been published.

The UK's main parties are gearing up for a general election on 12th December.

These national votes, to choose a government to run the country, are supposed to be held every five years.

But this would be the third since 2015.

What is an election for?

A total of 650 people will be chosen as members of Parliament (MPs), to decide laws and policies.

Members of Parliament are elected by voters to represent the interests of their constituency in the House of Commons. Most belong to a political party, but some do stand as independents. There are 650 MPs in the House.

MPs are elected to the House of Commons, one of two chambers of Parliament in London, where the government is based.

What do voters care about more, the NHS or Brexit?

Detailed proposals for everything from the economy to defence and policing are set out before any general election in manifestos.

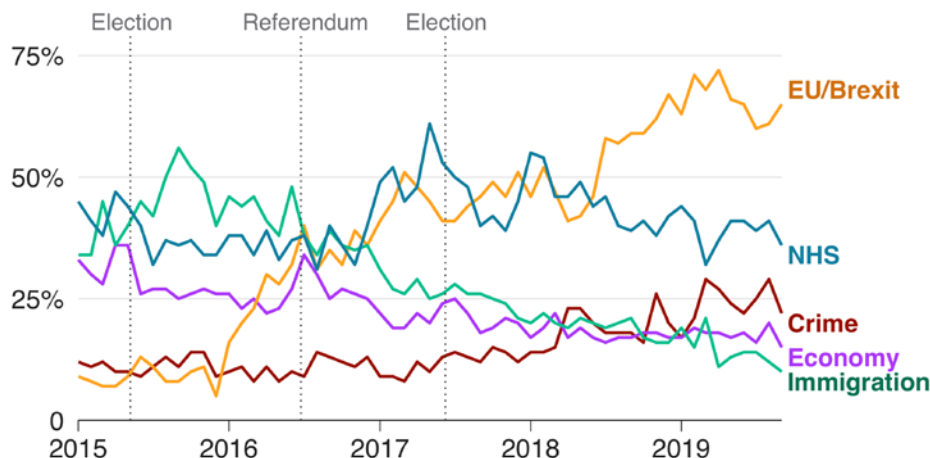
A manifesto is basically a brochure containing all of a party's ideas and policies. Manifestos are usually published during the general election campaign. If a party wins the election, it is often judged by how many of its manifesto promises it manages to deliver as a government.

These come from the UK's political parties - groups of people with similar political beliefs who come together to try to win power.

The issues UK voters care most about have changed a lot, according to the polls.

What do people feel are the most important issues facing Britain today?

Brexit has become a major issue since EU referendum



Source: Ipsos Mori Issues Index

BBC

The National Health Service (NHS) and immigration were the things that most concerned voters in 2015.

The National Health Service (NHS), which started in 1948, is the government-funded national healthcare service that provides free diagnosis and treatment for UK citizens.

The European Union (EU) was of far less interest.

European Union: the political and economic union of 28 member states, which the UK is planning to leave.

Now, however, Brexit - the UK's departure from the EU - is a huge issue.

Short for British exit - refers to the UK leaving the European Union.

Why have an election now?

Nearly three-and-a-half years after the UK voted for Brexit in the 2016 referendum, it has not happened.

In the June 2016 referendum, the UK voted by 52% to 48% to leave the EU. The UK's departure date was originally supposed to be 29 March 2019 and then 31 October 2019 but is now set at 31 January 2020 unless an exit deal can be agreed earlier.

Politicians are divided: some want the UK to leave the EU as soon as possible, some would prefer another referendum, and others to cancel Brexit altogether.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson doesn't have enough MPs to easily pass new laws.

Boris Johnson became UK prime minister in July 2019, succeeding Theresa May in 10 Downing Street. He had previously served as Mrs May's foreign secretary and before that was mayor of London when the city hosted the 2012 Olympics. Before becoming an MP, in 2001, Mr Johnson was the editor of the Spectator magazine, a role he retained until 2005, when he became shadow minister for higher education.

He hopes an early election will increase the number of Conservative MPs, making his Brexit plans easier to achieve.

The Conservative Party is the oldest political party in the UK, dating back to the 18th Century. It describes itself as being on the centre right. Conservatives believe in free markets, low taxation and individual liberty.

The next general election was due to be in 2022, but Parliament has now agreed to hold an early election.

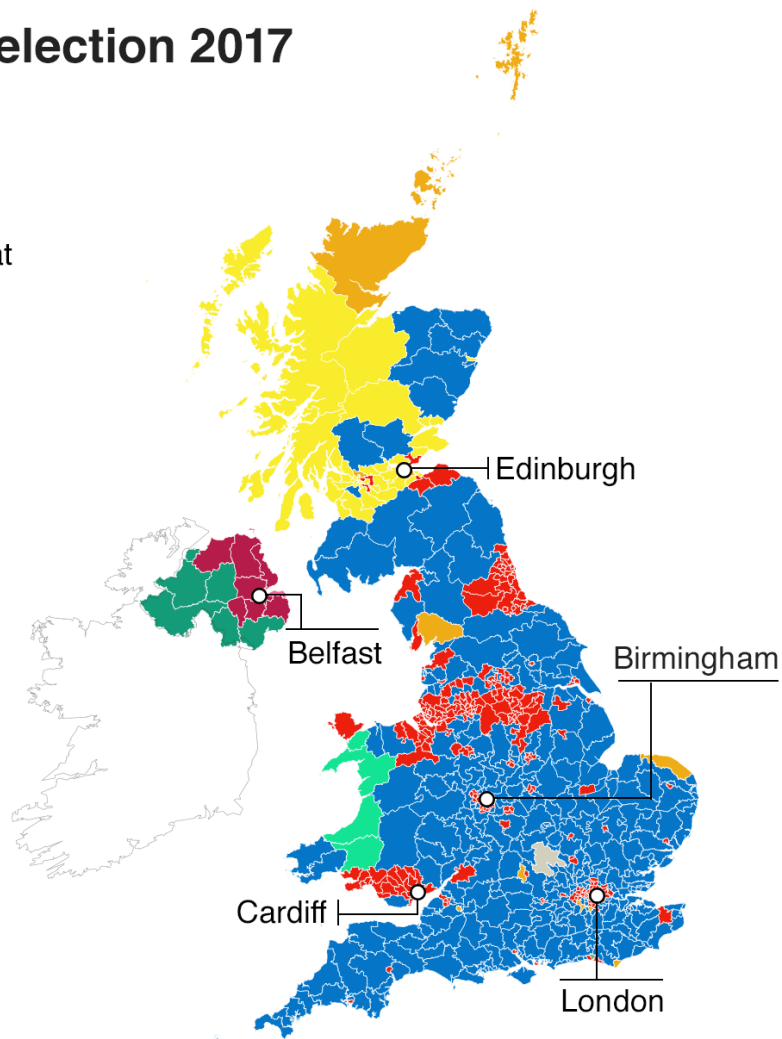
How does voting work?

In a general election, the UK's 46 million voters are invited to choose an MP for their area - one of 650 constituencies.

Anyone aged 18 or over can vote, as long as they are registered and a British citizen or qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland.

UK general election 2017

- Conservative
- Labour
- SNP
- Liberal Democrat
- DUP
- Sinn Féin
- Plaid Cymru
- Green
- Independent
- Speaker



BBC

Older people are more likely than younger ones to vote. At the 2017 general election, 59% of 20- to 24-year-olds voted, compared with 77% of 60- to 69-year-olds.

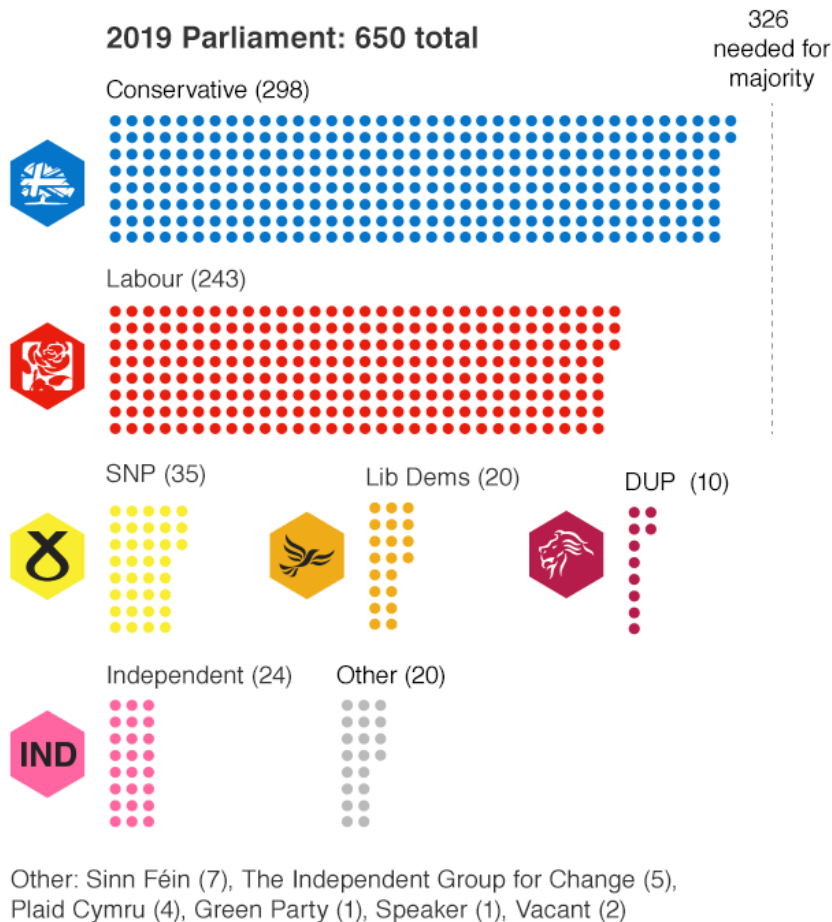
Voting takes place at local polling stations, set up in places such as churches and school halls. Voters put a cross on the ballot paper beside the name of their chosen candidate and drop it into a sealed ballot box.

How are the winners chosen?

The candidate with the most votes in each constituency is elected to the House of Commons.

To win, they simply need more votes than anyone they are standing against. They could receive fewer than half of the votes in their constituency.

State of the parties before the election



BBC

Most MPs represent a political party but some stand for election as independent candidates.

Any party with more than half the MPs (326) in the Commons usually forms the government. Parties with well below 50% of the national vote can take power as a result of the UK's voting system.

The UK uses a first past the post voting system. It means a local candidate who receives the most votes wins – and the party with the most winning candidates forms a government. So the overall number of votes parties get nationally does not have any bearing on who wins the election.

If no party has a majority of MPs, the one with the most can form a coalition - or partnership - with one or more other parties to gain control.

The prime minister is not directly voted for by the public. He or she is chosen by the winning party's MPs and appointed by the Queen, who is duty bound to follow their advice.

The Queen is the UK's head of state, although she is not in charge of the government. Elizabeth II is the country's longest-serving monarch, having ascended

to the throne in 1952. She performs state duties, which include formally opening Parliament, representing the country at events such as the annual Remembrance Day parade, and making official visits overseas. She is also head of the armed forces and Church of England.

What happened at the last election, in 2017?

Every election since 1922 has been won by either the Conservative or Labour parties.

The Labour Party was founded by the trade union movement in 1900 to give workers a voice in Parliament. It believes in the redistribution of wealth and opportunity, greater rights for working people and strong, state-run public services.

They were again the two biggest parties in the 2017 vote but neither had enough MPs to form a majority government. The Conservatives were the biggest and they partnered with the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in order to win votes in the Commons.

The Democratic Unionist Party was founded in 1971, during the time of conflict in Northern Ireland, known as the Troubles. As unionists, the DUP support Northern Ireland being part of the UK and are known for their socially conservative beliefs on abortion and same-sex marriage. After the 2017 election, DUP MPs helped keep the Conservatives in power by agreeing to support them in Commons votes.

Since the election, the Conservatives and Labour have both lost MPs, while the Liberal Democrats have made gains.

Often called the Lib Dems, the Liberal Democrats were formed in 1988 by the merger of one of Britain's oldest political institutions, the Liberal Party, which stood for free trade and individual liberty, and the Social Democratic Party, a centrist offshoot of the Labour Party. The party likes to see itself as being on the centre ground of British politics.

Parliament's second chamber is the House of Lords.

The House of Lords is the second chamber of the UK Parliament. It is independent from the House of Commons but shares with it the role of making laws, while it also checks the government's work. Members are given a title, such as Lord, are not elected, do not represent constituencies and most do not belong to any party.

Its members are not elected but are appointed by the Queen, on the prime minister's advice.

Who can stand for Parliament?

Most people over 18 on polling day can stand as a candidate - as long as they are a British citizen or a qualifying Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland citizen resident in the UK.

They must also pay a £500 deposit, which will be lost if they do not get at least 5% of the votes in their constituency.

Candidates must meet certain conditions - prisoners, civil servants, judges and members of the police and armed forces cannot stand.

When do we find out the result?

On general election day, voting takes place between 07:00 and 22:00. The results are declared through the night and the following day.

When the overall result is known, the leader of the winning party, if there is one, visits Buckingham Palace to ask the Queen for permission to form a new government.

Once they have that, which is a formality, they return to the traditional home of the prime minister 10 Downing Street

Thought for the Week:

