

## Week beginning Monday 29th March 2021 (Week B)

## Wishing you all a Happy Easter from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team!

- Week beginning 29th March: Assessments continue for Year 13
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.05pm: Easter holidays begin
- Easter openings: School will be open for some days over Easter. Details below.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Return to school
- 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

## An important message from the DfE

"It is important for staff and students to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week)". Please maintain the habit of testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evening during the Easter fortnight."

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

- 1. Please remember not to use your mobile phone whilst walking around the school site let's continue to be good role models to younger students
- 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.



#### **Easter Opening**

Some of you have asked if you can come in to school to revise at Easter. It is really important you get a break and rest so please do take some time off. However, we also know some of you like to work in school. Some staff have volunteered to be in the Centre in the holidays so that you can come in and so we will open on some days. You will need to request a place (places will be limited to ensure distancing and also due to ensuring safe staff-student ratios) A form will go out on Tuesday for you to fill in if you want a place on some or all the days we are open. You will be given a place to sit and if you need a computer that will also be allocated. We need you to stick to your place so that we can send in a seating plan each day and we also need you to continue with reporting test results (like everyone else).

Days open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the second week.

Timings: 9.30am-3.30pm

#### **Assessments**

Please be aware that many Year 13s will be having assessments over the next 2 weeks in silence in their lessons. Please be considerate moving around the Centre.

## **Keeping Safe**

Thank you for continuing to show a superb attitude to the safety measures
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..........

#### New 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 Enrichment attendance on a Wednesday afternoon is compulsory**

Enrichment subjects are running again apart from cooking.

If you do Cookery please get your mark from Mrs Booth and work in the Common Room.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Amy Butler – 30<sup>th</sup> March Ella Gray and Harrison Oakland – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

And over the holidays Happy Birthday to:

Thomas Cooper 5<sup>th</sup> April

Kira Toplis - 8<sup>th</sup> April

Evelyn Turner-Rowe - 11<sup>th</sup> April

Morgan Hallam and Isobel Roberts - 12<sup>th</sup> April





#### Leavers' Hoodies

If you are interested in ordering a Leavers' Hoodie – please let Mrs Booth know. Orders by the 1st April please, the hoodies will be delivered to school to save on the cost of delivery. Login details below:

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## **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......

**The Bursary**: If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNlFWVlYzQU42N1IJSkg4Si4u 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.





**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 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.

#### Joke Answer:



#### **Year 13: UCAS and Finance**

**UCAS:** There is no rush to reply to offers despite the fact that some universities seem to be pressuring students. I am available to help with any university or apprenticeship enquiries after school on a Friday (Thursday this week) and 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-

SearchBox&FORM=IESR4S&DAF0=1 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.

## <u>Unifrog</u>

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! Mine was sent back in November.

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**

## **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/





## **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

## **Spring Term Work Experience**



## Ages 12-18 | 'Live Online' or In-Person at UCL ★Trustplic

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.

View Programmes & Register Now

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## Free online events for students interested in a career as a barrister

Interested in becoming a barrister, or that would like to learn more about the profession? Please read the message from <u>Inner Temple</u> below about a selection of upcoming opportunities to find out more about this fascinating career. With a dearth of valuable opportunities for students to further their careers during this pandemic, we highly recommend these brilliant online events.

If you have any queries about any of these events, please email directly at <a href="mailto:outreach@innertemple.org.uk">outreach@innertemple.org.uk</a>

## A new Law opportunity





Invitation to FAIRE: career insights for 16-19 year olds hosted by Browne Jacobson and Young Professionals UK

Zoom

Tuesday 06 April 09:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 07 April 09:00 - 16:00

# Fairer Access Into Real Experience: A two-day event giving 16-19 year-olds a unique look behind the scenes.

Student registration link

We're excited to let you know about a free two-day event designed to give 16-19 year-olds a unique look behind the scenes at Browne Jacobson.

The event features a packed programme of interactive talks, questions and answer sessions and practical advice on 06 and 07 April.

FAIRE offers a rare opportunity to explore various careers within a national law firm – covering both legal and other professions. Students will learn about the many different types of roles that make up a law firm and hear diverse and fascinating career stories from colleagues working across our firm.

Whether interested in law or support, marketing, management or finance, the event promises to be a lively and informative two days which will spark inspiration and kickstart young careers.

The two day programme includes:

- A day in the life of our newly qualified junior lawyers
- Barrister or solicitor what's the difference?
- Our Trainees' advice to their younger selves





- Insights from one of the UK's most high profile QCs (Queen's Counsel are barristers or solicitor advocates who have been recognised for excellence in advocacy)
- Tips to help an individual build their personal brand.

You may have already heard of the event via a recent message from Dan Miller of UK Young Professionals. Dan's been working with us to share news of this invaluable work experience opportunity to students via his extensive networks.

As the UK's fifth leading employer in the Social Mobility Employer Index 2020, this is the first of a series of events that builds on our ambitions by breaking barriers to accessing careers in professional services, helping people from all backgrounds to get a foot in the door.

Students can sign up to secure a free spot for one or both days by clicking the link below. Please note that they will be taken to a registration page on the Young Professionals UK website.

Registrations are open until Monday 29th March. Places are limited, so don't delay. For more information, please contact Tom Lyas.

#### Student registration link

#### 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 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:

22 April: English 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, The <u>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 and Death</u>.

#### **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 Items of the Week: Six Things You Need to Know Today: 28 March 2021

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# US condemns Myanmar violence

The US Secretary of State says that Washington is "horrified" by last night's violence in Myanmar. Dozens of people were killed by security forces during protests on the deadliest day since last month's military takeover of the country. Antony Blinken said the killings show "that the junta will sacrifice the lives of the people to serve the few". The EU delegation to Myanmar said Saturday would "stay engraved as a day of terror and dishonour".

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# PM pressed on jab sharing

Charities are asking Boris Johnson to "swiftly clarify" how many Covid vaccine doses the UK is prepared to donate to poorer countries. Save the Children and the Wellcome Trust are among those calling on the prime minister to begin sharing vaccines through Covax. The government said it will share "the majority of any future surplus" vaccines "when these are available". Afghanistan, Haiti, DR Congo, Ethiopia and Somalia are among those nations hoping to benefit.

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# Boris Johnson criticised for 'days off' remark

Boris Johnson is under attack for suggesting people have had enough "days off" at home during the pandemic and should "see their way round to making a passing stab at getting back into the office". The Observer says the prime minister's have comments caused alarm among scientists, and were branded by opposition MPs as "irresponsible". Andy McDonald, the shadow employment rights and protections secretary, said "he is trying appease the libertarian wing of his party".

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# Hotline for Amazon workers

A trade union is setting up a hotline for Amazon staff to complain about their treatment at work. Unite told the BBC it was time the web giant shared its "bonanza profits with the workers who help make them". Amazon said it offered its staff "excellent" pay, benefits and career





opportunities but a Unite spokeswoman said staff needed to speak about "the exploitation they suffer day after day as a consequence of Amazon's merciless drive for profit".

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## Switch off for Earth Hour

Cities around the world switched off their lights on Saturday for Earth Hour. In London, the Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Shard skyscraper and neon signs of Piccadilly Circus were among the landmarks turning their bulbs off. This year's event focused on the link between the destruction of nature and increasing outbreaks of diseases like Covid-19. Earth Hour is an annual global event organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature..

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# Modeller forecasts warm summer

A computer-modelled ultra-long-range weather forecaster has predicted that July and August will be warmer and drier than average across most of Britain. Brian Glaze's website The Weather Outlook shows 14 straight days of sunshine from June 23, with temperatures reaching 22C on August 8. The Sunday Times says this is "good news" for Britons who may be prevented from holidaying abroad due to the pandemic.

## Thought for the week as we head towards Easter:







