

Week beginning Monday 3rd May 2021 (Week A)

Remember Monday 3rd is a Bank Holiday so there is no school

- Week beginning 3rd May Assessment fortnight for Year 13 continues
- Week beginning 17th May: The final assessment fortnight for Year13s begins
- Friday 28th 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 7th 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 14th June: Year 12 School Exam Week
- Summer term finishes on 23rd July for Year 12

Year 13 Assessments are going on this week, in the Centre and around school

Please be mindful and considerate of students who will be studying and preparing for their assessments this week

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

Health, Safety and Consideration.....

- Thank you for continuing to wear your face mask correctly in school
- 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
- Please don't let younger students in to school via the main entrance This is a safeguarding issue and is also makes it harder to reinforce punctuality standards with younger students.
- Lateral flow testing: please ensure you test and report on Sundays and Wednesday evenings
- Please keep using hand sanitiser regularly around school

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





Did you know that you can now make a self-referral to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

<u>CAMHS Self-referral (nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)</u>

Remember staff are here to help so if you wish to speak to one of the 6th 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.
- If you study Maths then please attend the after school Maths drop-in Sessions which will be running on Thursday's after school each week to support you with your revision. Please make good use of these sessions, students in the past have found these to be a really useful way to improve their performance. If you are currently below target by more than 1 grade you will be expected to be attending these sessions to support you with your work. Remember to get the most out of these sessions you should arrive prepared with questions that you need support to answer and also something to be working on while you are waiting for help.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Akash Dewshi – 2nd May Alfas Ansar – 3rd May

An anagram this week rather than a joke:

How many words can you make from the word: magazine

I have found 26! Email Mrs Booth your answers (let's see who gets the most) all the words will be published next week





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-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RIgrKjlOBYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1IJSkg4Si4u
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.

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: https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login 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.

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 6th 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: https://www.unifrog.org/webinars

Sixth Form Opportunities

Year 12: In previous years (apart from last year) we have taken Year 12 to a Higher Education and Apprenticeship Fair in Sheffield Arena in June where students can find out about different universities/ courses and apprenticeships. Unfortunately the trip to the Sheffield Arena cannot take place this year because





of the restrictions in place, but they are offering a virtual fair on Wednesday 16th June.

Please see below for details and how to register online: We will discuss this in tutor time on Tuesday



We are encouraging students to take part in the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** on **Wednesday 16th June** (12:00-18:00). This free event features a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and **virtual campus tours**. It is aimed at years 13, 12, 11, and 10 as well as parents. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options.

Students, parents and carers simply need to register online at: https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/

Students and parents can **chat directly** with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses and life at university, and discover what **admissions tutors** are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges, universities and local and national companies about their **apprenticeship schemes**.

10 interactive webinars will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers & Employability, Clearing, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. There is also a special webinar to help support parents and teachers taking place at 17:00. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using this link: https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable

Students should try to register in advance to receive reminder emails with new exhibitor alerts, information on how the day will work .

Each webinar is recorded so students can watch any of interest after the live session has taken place. After 23rd June all webinars will be available to stream on StudentStream along with lots of other videos from universities: http://studentstream.co.uk





Please book your free place and view the webinar timetable, here: https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/

We recommend registering for the event as soon as possible to ensure students have time to prepare for the big day.

ONLINE Law opportunity - 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. https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships

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.

View Programmes & Register Now

PDF of this email

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, 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> Shakespeare, 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 Item of the Week: Tragedy in Israel as 45 people are crushed at

a religious festival (BBC News website)

Israel crush: British man named among victims

A British man who died in a crush at a Jewish festival in Israel on Friday was in the country to study, a family spokesman said.

Moshe Bergman, from Manchester, was $\underline{\mathbf{among 45 people killed}}$ after becoming trapped in a crowded alley on Friday 30^{th} April.

The 24-year-old had been studying in Israel, where he lived with his wife.

Speaking on the family's behalf Rabbi Arnold Saunders said they "went through hell hearing rumours that he was dead, then alive, then dead".

Some 150 people were also injured at the Lag B'Omer festival, near Mount Meron in northern Israel, when they became trapped in an overcrowded passageway.

The annual Lag B'Omer festival is usually marked with prayers and celebrations

"When we heard the general news [about the crush], it was bad enough because this is one of our most joyous days in our whole calendar and Meron is the focal point of it all," Mr Saunders, who represents Kersal on Salford City Council said.

"The community is definitely shocked. They've rallied around the family tremendously and given them as much support as they can."

Mr Bergman's family, who live in Salford, are travelling to Israel.

- What is the festival of Lag B'Omer?
- Day of mourning after deadly crush at Jewish festival
- UK united in grief with Israel after festival crush

The work of identifying the dead was paused for 24 hours on Friday evening to mark the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest. Funerals resumed after sunset on Saturday.

The families of those buried are beginning their week-long wakes, known in Jewish tradition as sitting shiva.





Israel held a national day of mourning on Sunday

Nearly 100,000 mostly ultra-Orthodox Jews attended the event, which takes place at one of the holiest Jewish sites in Israel.

The Queen, Prime Minister Boris Johnson and British faith leaders sent condolences following the disaster.

Prayers are also being said in synagogues for the bereaved and the injured

Thought for the week:







