

Sixth Form Student Bulletin: Week beginning Monday 1st June / Week B

Key dates:

End of term: 24th July

Results Days: A level and AS Results Day is the **13th** August
GCSE Results Day is the **20th** August.

Your parents were sent a Bulletin at the end of last half-term- I hope they found it useful.

Year 13

You will keep being sent the Bulletin- just like in previous years where we have sent the Bulletin out until the end of July to Year 13s. This year it is more important than ever as we are putting key events/ opportunities in it for you. Some key points for you

- The message from staff is that if you still want work, due to being interested or wanting to prepare for university, they are very happy to help you by setting tasks and generally communicating...
- Please look at the Open University opportunities in this Bulletin and on the website - some great free opportunities especially if you haven't applied for university
- If you haven't applied to university and want to please get in touch and I will help
- In terms of universities you will have been sent information about deadlines - please don't miss them and email if you want a chat about choices.
- Please get on with student finance if you have applied for uni- if you are having problems give them a ring.
- Results Day: At the moment we are hoping this will operate as normal with you coming in to school....we will keep you informed
- Please keep checking your school emails
- Please feel free to do the Tuesday quiz!

Year 12

- There will be assessments of some sort this half-term, to make sure you are coping with your subjects - please keep up to date and ask for help if you are struggling. We will give you plenty of notice but please keep preparing. They won't be until after the 22nd June. Usually you would of course have sat AS exams and/or school exams in June and this has always been good preparation for the real A levels, so we think an assessment of some sort will be helpful for you.
- Please check SMHW and emails each day. Thank you for communicating with staff and completing the work being set, it is helping your staff enormously. Please keep emailing and engaging with the work and if you are struggling to access the work, or get everything done on time, please ask your class teacher, tutor or one of the 6th Form team for help.

Year 12 (AS) and Year 13 Grades

- As you know staff can't discuss their grade recommendations. We do know that the 6th Form's previous results will be taken in to account which is a positive factor for all of you. We understand it is an extremely difficult time and if you want to talk then please let one of the 6th Form team know and we will give you a call.

If you are unwell (Year 12)

- **If you are ill, please let the 6th Form Team know so that we can alert your class teachers for that day.**

Communication

If you receive an email from your tutor or Mrs Livings/Mrs Booth/Miss Iwanczuk checking you are okay, please respond. This helps us to have an overall picture

of your wellbeing and so we can then help support you in any way you need. It isn't to hassle you about work, it is to see if you are okay.

Congratulations to last week's (before half term) quiz winners.

Team Isobel

Team Kara

Team Family Conner

Team Romany

Weekly joke:

Why did the Maths teacher cross the road?



Belated Happy Birthday (over the holidays) to:

Aaliyah Risen – 27th May

Anya Deegan – 29th May

Eleanor Aboutorab – 30th May

And Happy Birthday this week to:

Thea Dane, Joshua Skinner and Lauren Witts – 1st June

James Harvey and James Lock – 7th June

Making the most of lockdown.....

Sixth Form Students Recommend:

Miss Iwanczuk asked for your recommendations of books, films and TV shows you have been enjoying recently. If you have any recommendations, please email them in so they can be included in future weeks.

This week's theme...Crime

Book – Monday Mourning by Kathy Reichs

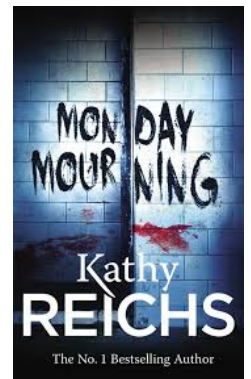
Three skeletons are found in a Montreal basement.

The building is old, and the homicide detective in charge dismisses the remains as historic. Not his case. Not his concern.

Forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan is not so sure. Something about the bones of these three young women suggests a different message: murder.

Soon she finds herself drawn ever deeper into a web of evil from which there may be no escape. Three women have disappeared, never to return. Will Tempe be next?

The author is a professional forensic pathologist, so uses her incredible experience to create vivid, true-to-life crime thrillers.



If you like this, you might also enjoy: Rizzoli and Isles books by Tess Gerritson

Film – Law Abiding Citizen (available on Netflix)

Law Abiding Citizen is a 2009 American vigilante action thriller film that takes place in Philadelphia, telling the story of a man driven to seek justice while targeting not only his family's killer but also those who have supported a corrupt criminal justice system, intending to assassinate anyone supporting the system



If you like this, you might also enjoy: Taken (starring Liam Neeson)

TV – Brooklyn 99 (available on Netflix and All-4)

A bit of light relief in all the serious crime recommendations. Comedy show based around a police precinct in Brooklyn.

If you like this, you might also enjoy: Parks and Recreation



Documentary – The Mind of Aaron Fernandez (available on Netflix)

The three-part documentary explores his conviction for the murder of Odin Lloyd, other murder cases in which he was a suspect, and the factors in his life that shaped his behaviour.

If you like this, you might also enjoy: The Devil Next Door



Joke Answer:

To get to the Pie shop!!



An opportunity for help with apprenticeship applications and much more!

DANCOP have created a bank of online resources covering a set of key workshops that would usually be delivered in person, for learners to access for FREE from the safety of their homes. In Our Online Menu of activities you will find links to a variety of sessions that are here to support KS4 learners with studying from home, preparing for 6th Form and College Interviews and apprenticeships; as well as sessions to help KS5 learners with university applications and expectations, student finance, and more!

All sessions are available as downloadable PDF on the following link:

<https://www.chesterfield.ac.uk/dancop-learning-resources/>

Opportunities

If you look on this link you should be able to see the different workshops and talks that are happening: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/career-ready-8334526130>

Some of the sessions are on a specific skill, such as writing a CV, others are on 'Industry Insights' about how different jobs and careers work, for example this Friday Coca-Cola are running one about logistics.

**We've
launched
a new weekly
online event!**



The Student Room Answers »

For the next 12 weeks The Student Room will be hosting live video chats for students with exam boards, government ministers, charities, top graduate employers and some other very special people.

Each week these guests will be addressing any questions or concerns that students may have regarding the future of their education.

First up is a Q&A on **the grading of cancelled exams**, with speakers from exam regulator Ofqual, exam board Pearson and head teachers' union ASCL.

This event starts on our forum in:

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DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

22/05/2020 at 3.30pm

If you think your students would be interested in attending, please forward this email to let them know about these events.

[Find out more >>](#)

Also.....

University Offers and Students' finance

Please think through your firm and insurance places very carefully.....

In terms of finance.....this is the message.....

The deadline date for applying for student finance in academic year 2020/21 is **12th June 2020**. If you apply after the deadline you're not guaranteed to have money paid into your bank account for the start of term so we recommend you apply as soon as possible if you haven't already. Final cut-off date for applications :

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

Year 12 and Year 13 – University Matters

Year 12s.... we will be talking more about university in a few weeks but please look at the information below (which Miss Iwanczuk found out on a recent training session) it isn't only for Year 13 there are some helpful bits for you too:

- Universities will be using exam grades as usual, but are waiting on government directive as to whether additional leniency should be applied
- There is obviously some uncertainty regarding numbers as fewer international students will be attending. Currently they are unsure as to whether those places could be offered to UK students in clearing/adjustment, again awaiting government advice
- **Medicine Year 12:** they don't judge on work experience usually anyway, but have suggested that this time could be used for additional wider reading, practising for the UCAT, volunteering online (do-it.org) or joining the virtual shadowing of a GP programme that launches on the 30th April (rcgp.org.uk/observegp)
- If students choose to sit the exams in autumn, this will be considered a first sitting, not a resit. The aim is to limit any disadvantage to the cohort. If they have a place for 2020 and chose to do the exams, current thinking is that they will hold their place for September 2021 start. Again, waiting for government advice.
- If they defer, there is no expectation to sit exams in 2021, as these grades will be held in the same regard as usual A Level grades
- If they miss their usual work experience, but have it planned for after application has been sent off, they could write in their personal statement about what they expect to get out of it
- Current thinking is that there could be UCAS fairs in autumn rather than summer, but that UCAS are also looking at doing online fairs in the summer. Whether they happen in real life will massively depend on social distancing regulations as they do get packed in.
- They are moving their summer schools online, and are still taking applications so this could go in the bulletin for Y12 <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/scs/post-16/summer-schools>
- There are some subject resources on here for offer holders <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/offer-holders>
- **Year 12 there is youtube playlist**
at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkBZZhQeuA80RRX0f914N2IHuZkUqs85n>
which has videos on choosing a university, personal statements and note taking.

More help for Year 12s thinking about university.....

From Mr Park.....

Search online university events in one place with UniTasterDays

Dear Mr A Park,

The coming weeks will see an increase in online events advertised by universities UK-wide – with institutions offering a fantastic range of virtual university open day, webinar and online chat opportunities. These events can be booked for school groups, or in most cases, directly by post-16 students.

To support you and your students when searching for these online university events, UniTasterDays are listing these in one place through our new online event directory – with new events added daily by universities UK-wide.

Please pass on details of this free resource to your students and colleagues

The button below will take you directly to the online university event directory – with new events listed daily. If you could also pass this email on to post-16 students considering university and colleagues at Kimberley School we would be very grateful.

Browse online university events
[CLICK HERE to search university events today](#)

My very best wishes,

Jon Cheek
Director, UniTasterDays Ltd

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Helpful information from the University of Leicester.

UCAS Updates: UCAS has now confirmed that the applicant reply deadline, originally 5 May but extended to 19 May, has been further extended now to **18 June 2020**, meaning offer holders who have not yet responded to their offer have a significantly longer period of time in which to make a decision. Prior to the Easter break, UCAS also announced that A Level results day has been confirmed as **13 August 2020** – the date originally planned. GCSE results day will follow a week later.

#WednesdayWisdom Webinars

The team also deliver weekly webinars across a range of topics supporting Year 12 and 13 students with their application journey, starting on **6 May 2020**. These consist of a presentation from the team followed by the opportunity to ask questions to staff and current students on that particular topic. For more information, visit our [webinar webpage](#). Amongst topics such as 'Student Finance' and 'How to Choose a Course and University', we have a webinar dedicated to informing those students who have changed their minds on 'How to Apply Late' and how to do so via UCAS Extra. The first of these talks will be hosted on **20 May 2020** and will be repeated on **24 June 2020** and **22 July 2020**.

We are also in the process of developing a range of materials to aid the transition into higher education for students; if you have any ideas (or preferences) on what these might include, please do let us know!

Post-16 Summer Schools – General 20-24 July 2020/Medicine 27-31 July 2020

Our programme of Post-16 Summer Schools is still going ahead, just not quite as planned!

Due to the current climate we are moving all of our Summer Schools online, and therefore invite your students to apply for a place at our first ever Post-16 Digital Summer Schools. As a brand new offering, we are totally re-designing the programme to suit online delivery and to suit students accessing the materials

in a variety of different ways, at a variety of different times. As I'm sure we have all discovered over the last 6 weeks, what works in person doesn't always work online! As the programmes are developed, we will regularly update our summer school website, so check our [Summer School webpage](#) frequently to see what is on offer.

The new programme will focus on academic content, preparing for and applying to university, skills development and mindfulness and wellbeing as a student. If you have any students who have already applied for our Summer Schools, their application stands and will simply be carried over to the digital events. We're really excited about these and hope to digitally welcome lots of your students in July!

An opportunity to extend your learning for free..... (this is also on the website)

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

For Year 13

On the school website don't forget there are some ideas and opportunities we put together while thinking about things that Year 13 students might benefit from doing once we have finished teaching (<https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/life-after-sixth-form>)

Other opportunities are listed below. If you are interested, please discuss with your families, as you may have people at home in high-risk groups and this might affect whether you can go out and work/volunteer.

NHS

The NHS are recruiting an army of volunteers...You have to be over 18 to play a part - for Year 13's this could be a great opportunity – it could help get students 'foot in the door' and would show future employers that in a national crisis situation the students have the behaviours to rise to and react to challenging situations as they occur. It is not only a great employer encounter it is an excellent exposure/work experience.

<https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

Trusts around the country are currently looking at recruitment..... over the coming days there will be many paid opportunities in the NHS – this may be short term contracts. This may be in Administration/Hotel services (Kitchen cleaning/ Distributing equipment to wards etc....), Logistics (this may be restrictive to over 21's), working in a warehouse and much more.

Please see the links below where the jobs will be posted.

<http://jobs.nuh.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/jobs>

<https://www.emas.nhs.uk/>

Are you interested in a career in the Healthcare sector?

The University of Buckingham have sent the following email to us, more details can be found here <https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/study-at-buckingham/visit-us/virtual-information-webinars>

We are offering a series of webinars to explain our different Medicine and Allied Health programmes, including our MB ChB, which has a 4.5-year condensed timetable and January entry point, and our new BSc Podiatric Medicine, which involves identifying and treating complex health problems linked to the foot and lower limbs. For your Year 12 and 13 pupils, who intend to apply to study Medicine, we are offering sessions on how to prepare for an Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) which is a selection method used commonly within Medical School

News stories of the week:

<https://www.theweek.co.uk/quiz-of-the-week/107099/quiz-of-the-week-current-affairs-news-new>

You may like to follow the hyperlink above for a summing up of the news this week, from an on-line paper called, 'The Week'.

Two items I have picked out that I imagine you have been following.....

Dominic Cummings 'might have broken lockdown rules' - police

- 29 May 2020 BBC News

Boris Johnson: "I want to protect advisers from political controversy"

The PM's top aide Dominic Cummings might have broken lockdown rules, but it would have been a "minor breach", say Durham Police.

Boris Johnson said he intended to "draw a line under the matter" following the police statement.

And he told reporters at the daily Downing Street briefing he did not want his scientific advisers to be dragged into a political row.

Opposition parties are continuing to call for Mr Cummings to be sacked.

Around 40 Tory MPs have **called for Mr Cummings to resign or be fired** for undermining the government's lockdown message and the prime minister's authority.

Mr Johnson told the Downing Street press conference on Thursday: "I've said quite a lot on this matter already and what I also note is that what Durham police said was that they were going to take no action and that the matter was closed.

"And I intend to draw a line under the matter."

The prime minister stepped in to prevent his chief medical adviser, Chris Whitty, and his chief scientific adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance, from answering questions from journalists about Mr Cummings' actions.

- **Johnson urges UK to 'move on' from Cummings row**
- **Cummings: I don't regret what I did**
- **Durham police lockdown travel fines revealed**
- **Fact-checking the Dominic Cummings row**

Mr Johnson said he "had to intervene" when the BBC's political editor, Laura Kuenssberg, attempted to ask the advisers whether Mr Cummings was setting a good example.

He said he wanted to "protect them from what I think would be an unfair and unnecessary attempt to ask any political questions".

"It's very, very important that our medical officers and scientific advisers do not get dragged into what I think most people would recognise is fundamentally a political argument," he added.

Later in the briefing, Prof Whitty told another reporter he had no desire to "get pulled into politics" - a sentiment immediately echoed by Sir Patrick.

This was the first appearance of the two chief advisers at a Downing Street briefing since the story about Mr Cummings broke last Friday.



Dominic Cummings will not face any police action

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer said Mr Johnson should have allowed his advisers to answer journalists' questions, adding: "We want transparency."

"Nobody should be stopped from answering questions from journalists... but it's the prime minister here that's in issue, he's been too weak throughout," he said.

Sir Keir said he would have sacked Mr Cummings if he had been prime minister, and there had been a week of needless "distraction" from the safe easing of lockdown measures because Mr Johnson had been "too weak to draw a line under this and take the necessary action".

The SNP's Westminster leader, Ian Blackford, said "one has to wonder what kind of democracy we are living in" when the prime minister blocks journalists' questions.

He said Mr Cummings' continued presence in Downing Street was "undermining public confidence in the health message".

Mr Cummings has suggested in the past that he does not intend to stay in his position long-term - and he is understood to have postponed an operation a number of times due to pressure of work.

The Daily Mail reported on Friday that he is considering quitting his position in six months' time.

The BBC understands Mr Cummings told No 10 officials that there is no plan for him to leave his post, and the situation remains that he will decide after an operation that was delayed again in March.

George Floyd death: Widespread unrest as curfews defied across US

Protesters took to the streets of many cities to voice their anger following the death of George Floyd

Curfews have been ordered in cities across the US to try to stem unrest sparked by the death of a black man in police custody.

But they have been defied in many areas, with shops looted, cars burned and buildings attacked. Riot police have used tear gas and rubber bullets.

President Donald Trump urged "healing" over the death of George Floyd but said he could not allow mobs to dominate.

A white ex-policeman is charged with murdering Mr Floyd, 46, in Minneapolis.

Derek Chauvin, 44, is due to appear in court on Monday. In video footage, Mr Chauvin can be seen kneeling on Mr Floyd's neck for several minutes on Monday. Mr Floyd repeatedly says that he is unable to breathe.

Three other officers present at the time have also since been sacked.

The Floyd case has reignited US anger over police killings of black Americans. It follows the high-profile cases of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Eric Garner in New York and others that have driven the Black Lives Matter movement.

But for many it also reflects years of frustration over socioeconomic inequality and segregation, **not least in Minneapolis itself.**

What's the latest on the protests?

Huge demonstrations have taken place in at least 30 cities across the US. They were largely peaceful on Saturday, but violence flared later in the day.

One of the cities worst affected by unrest is **Los Angeles**. California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the city and activated the National Guard - the reserve military force that can be called on to intervene in domestic emergencies.

The entire city is under a 20:00 to 05:30 curfew. Numerous shops have been looted, including on the famous retail avenues, Melrose and Fairfax, while overhead footage showed fires burning. Earlier police fired rubber bullets and hit protesters with batons. Hundreds of arrests have been made.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said this was "the heaviest moment I've experienced" since the riots in 1992 that were sparked by the acquittal of police over the beating of Rodney King.

Thought for the week:

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Nelson Mandela