

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Students

We hope you are keeping well and managing to keep busy. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing more materials from our UNIFROG platform and sending you some specific activities to get you thinking about the future. For Years 12 and 13, Mrs Haycock, has also designated some specific activities for you this week.

Year 13 Skills Building

Following on from the last bulletin, this week is about interviews. This is something that will apply to every one of you sooner or later. You might be looking for a job right now to fill your time and build your skills, you may well want to supplement student finance with a part time job or you may want to apply for an internship for the summers between course years at university.



Perhaps the answer to that "class of 2020 question" from last week might be:

"I recognised that I had very little experience with interviews so I set out to research techniques and tips that would help me maximise the chances of being able to show my skills and qualities in the most positive way possible."

This video from Keele University is hot off the press and refers to both online and face to face interviews. Some of the YouTube videos for this topic are pretty cringe worthy but this one is sensible. Increasingly companies, even before Coronavirus (Covid-19), were moving much of their recruitment online to reduce costs and this may not come naturally. Note that if it is an audio only interview you do not get the non-verbal cues that you usually would. They usually tell us if our answer is being received positively or whether we have shocked the interviewer! You may even be asked to upload a short presentation about yourself or a topic of their choice. How would you come across in this and how could you improve? Please have a look at the video its less than 20 minutes and really does cover a lot. (Would you have thought that a receptionist might be asked for their impression of you and what you were doing whilst you were waiting to go in?): <https://higherhorizons.co.uk/resource/interview-skills-y11-y13/>

Do not forget that you still have access to Unifrog too and this time is ideal for catching up on the videos about applications and interviews that you never quite got around to. More on that soon. If anyone has upcoming interviews and would like some advice or even a mock interview on Teams, please get in touch.

Year 12 Daily Virtual AM

Our feedback is that you would benefit from support more regularly, and so, from Monday, 11 May, we would like you to check in with Mrs Jones, for virtual AM each day. Further details on this will be sent to you next week!

Mrs Jones Head of Sixth Form
& The Sixth Form Team



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 13 Student Finance

Remember this month is time to sort out your student finance and to really think about accepting your final place. We have found that the Twitter accounts for UCAS and Student Finance are very responsive if you have specific questions so consider using this.

Year 12 UCAS

Please make sure you are visiting the virtual events shared by UCAS (link below). As soon as we can reschedule our UCAS visit, we will. Over the next week we are looking at your engagement with work and looking to increase the amount of contact we have with you online and in Teams even more. Please keep us up to date with any technical issues, although these seem to be sorted for now.

Year 11 Moving to Year 12 Unifrog

Your account in Unifrog will be created by the end of next week, but for now, your parents have accounts and you can log in with their codes. I can see that some of you have already done this so well done. There are some suggested activities attached, general ones, to get you used to the platform and using it more fully. This is also in the TEAM you have been added to. From next Friday we will be asking you to start building up your own accounts.

Year 13 Leavers Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a Leavers Hoodie please click on the link below to select colour and size:

<http://www.ramleisure.com/product/jh001-college-hoodie?SearchTerm=jh001>

Mrs Winstone, Senior School Administrator, will send you a link to a questionnaire for individual details to be returned. Cost £20 or (£22.50 including nickname).

Payment can be made via ParentPay.

For any queries please contact: Winstone.g@mmat.co.uk



CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should you have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with colleges and sixth forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions for Year 11 students.

Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk



EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY LINKS

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

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

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News.](#)
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Sixth Form.](#)
- [Term Dates.](#)



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