

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Students

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful half term, the weather certainly showed up for us. We have several important messages for all year groups and have divided this bulletin up to be clear for parents and students.

Year 13

I'm sure you are aware that the deadline to reply to UCAS and accept places is 18 June. I have written to students this week who are yet to make the final choice and want to reiterate that we are still working and still here to help you. We can meet with you remotely on TEAMS.

We are also busy planning what results day will look like this year, and still hope to be able to get together in the future for a proper send off. Please keep checking your emails and the bulletins for updates on this, A level results day is Thursday 13 August, and we will be on hand as always to support you on the day.

We will also continue to support you after results day and into the Autumn term as you get ready to start University or to begin your apprenticeships. Our careers adviser is also still working and is here to help, please email us if you need any support at all.

Year 12

Year 12 lessons are now running online, please ensure that you attend and a reminder that the work you are completing now will count!

UCAS You also now have the information you need to register with UCAS, even if you are undecided, we have urged you to fill out the registration form online at this initial stage. It is best to keep all options open to you right now. As explained, we want to ensure a smooth process next year so would like to check off everyone's education section so please ensure that this is complete by **Tuesday 9 June** as at that point we will be focused on first drafts of personal statements. You have lots of information from Llinos and should be ready to complete this, but we will be covering the final elements in the next forum. Well done to everyone that has already registered, doing it straight away really was the best idea! There are a couple of outstanding questionnaires for Mrs Haycock, these take about two minutes to fill in. Please get this done, it will help us to support you in securing the next steps.

Finally, for Year 12, senior roles we have decided to extend the deadline and allow written applications or video submissions. We really value these roles within school and would like your input to develop both their influence in Sixth Form and the rest of the school. We have already booked your first task, to support us in the welcoming of next year's Year 12 in a virtual open day on 7 July. See email sent to all students, applications should be submitted by Monday 8 June at midday please.

Year 11

It was lovely to virtually meet some of you this week and talk about subjects and plans. Please do email us if you want to talk about anything sixth form related! The plans for the July induction day are coming along nicely and we hope you are all now accessing the prep work on TEAMS. Please email your subject teachers if you have any questions about this work, or if you have completed it all and need more! If you are not sure which teacher to ask – email one of us and we will put you in touch.

I would also like you to look at **Future Learn** and see if there are any of their free online short courses that you could complete in the coming months. These are very high-quality courses, run by universities and free to attend. Why? Well there are many reasons – firstly they may give a useful insight into new subjects (some of the links in the transition work might be MOOCs), you can start to keep a log of your passion for a subject by taking a screen shot of the completion and making a few notes about what you learned from it. This is fantastic evidence for later university or apprenticeship applications. Finally, it will really help your brain to keep ticking over in this long lay off – making it much easier in September. Here is the link: <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

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& The Sixth Form Team



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 12 Next Steps Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the Next Steps questionnaire. This has built a picture for staff to start the reference writing process. For those few of you that missed the deadline, please complete this questionnaire here: [Year 12 Next Steps Questionnaire](#)
Don't forget if you do not know the answer at this time, try to indicate as best you can.

Year 13 2020 Leavers Hoodies

Please click on the link to select colour and size of Hoodie [Ram Leisure](#) before completing your details on the order form here: [Hoodies](#)



Wellbeing support

CAMHS Resources contains a collection of downloadable self-help guides relating to wellbeing that you may find useful – click [here](#). Some of the downloadable PDF's are aimed at adults but ideas and suggestions in them can still be relevant for both young people and parents.



Virtual Next Steps

Check out these useful resources for both students in Sixth Form and parents with children in those years:

- Link to the 'UK University Search Virtual Fair'. The event explores a huge range of post-18 options, it features universities and colleges from across the UK and includes webinars on topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing and student finance. The event is completely free, [visit here](#) to register.
- The University of Reading are running a free online course providing guidance about the UK's university application process and how to prepare your young person for university and the student journey – [click here](#).

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

What are my options:
[UCAS Further Education](#)
[Further Education Skills](#)
[Apprenticeships](#)

What and where to study:
[Open Days Virtual Tours](#)
University College Oxford:
Super Curricular Activities
[Explore Your Subject](#)

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

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



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