

Sixth Form Notices

Week commencing 9th September

We hope all our students have had a fantastic summer break and are feeling excited and ready for the new academic year. Thank you for the way in which you have conducted yourselves as we begin the term and for the way in which you have embraced the changes to your routines.

This publication is one of the key ways that we will share information with you therefore it is important that you take the time to read it through every week.

General Notices

- Please can Sixth Form Students enter school through the Sixth Form Café rather than main school reception.
- The Deli Bar (accessed through the Main Hall) is open at lunchtime as a quieter alternative to the Café.
- If you drive a car please park considerately on local streets. You should register your car with us (QR code).
- Use of the school internet is monitored closely at all times. Students must not play games or access any unsuitable sites.
- **Sixth Form Football**, Thurs 5 Sept, 15.30-16.45
Initial boy's football session - Please meet in the changing rooms in main school with appropriate football kit suitable for the 3G pitch.
- **Performing Arts and Music ensemble Auditions**
Rehearsals for Annie are now underway, so please keep a close eye on teams to keep up with the rehearsal schedule. Please make sure that you come to rehearsals and are on time! Auditions are also underway for the Chamber choir (see below) and Swing band with sign up sheets in the Music department. We particularly welcome newcomers to our ensembles, it's a great way to meet new people and make friends. Other ensembles that are looking for new members are the Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra. Please come down to the Music department or speak to one of the music staff if you'd like more information.
- **Chamber Choir Auditions**, 9-12 Sept, Music Department
St Aidan's Chamber Choir, a mixed SATB choir of around 50 members, has an excellent reputation and a high profile locally and nationally. We have performed in prestigious locations in the UK and venues in Paris, Tuscany, Barcelona, Belgium, most recently in a hugely successful tour to Italy in July 2024. Applicants of all abilities are invited, admission to the choir being by informal audition. Sign up in the Music Department.
- **Weekly Debating Club, B 015, 12.35**
The first meeting will start promptly at 12.35 on Mon 9 Sept—please bring a sandwich. We meet in a supportive environment to develop debating skills, hold regular debates against each other and prepare for inter-school competitions. No previous experience is required. All welcome. See Dr Murray if you have any questions.
- **November 2024 Resits—GCSE English Language and Maths**
Any students not in a GCSE English Language or Maths class who wish to re-sit either subject in the Nov 24 exam series to aim for a higher grade must collect a re-sit entry form asap from Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer who is based in the Sixth Form Office (Bede). This must be returned by **25 Sept 2024** with the appropriate fee. The Nov 24 exam timetable will be posted on the school websites under Sixth Form/Sixth Form Exam information.
NB: The school are required to submit all November entries to the Exam Boards by the strict deadline of 4 Oct or penalty fees apply.

Year 12 Assembly: Weds 11th – Bursaries - Constance Green Hall – Mrs Orton

Year 13 Assembly: Thurs 12th – Bursaries - Constance Green Hall – Mrs Orton

Careers Department Notices

Year 13 Application Deadlines

20th Sept: Music Conservatoire Courses

25th Sept: Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets

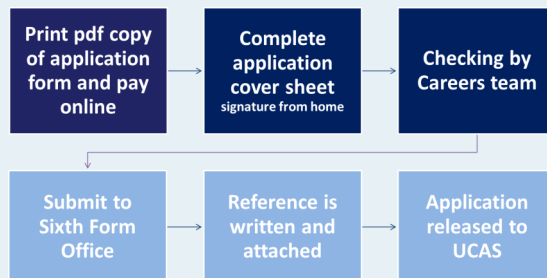
16th Oct: All other UCAS courses

Please submit a **printed copy** of your **FULL APPLICATION** together with a signed **Cover Sheet for Post-18 Applications**.

Personal Statement Advice

Year 13 students should now be spending focused time on producing a personal statement to support applications for HE, FE and employment. If you would like a careers appointment please book as soon as possible as our diaries are filling up fast. To make the most of your appointment time, please review the general advice detailed in the factsheets within your registration Teams and attend with a printed copy of your draft. Needing further help? [UCAS Personal Statement Week](#) is a dedicated week across social media channels, featuring lots of tools, support and advice to help you .

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New Extra Curricular and Virtual Opportunities

NB: if you would like to attend an event during lesson time, you must first secure permission from the Sixth Form team.

- [Year 12 Army Scholarship Programme](#)

Applications to join the Army Scholarship Programme are NOW OPEN until 31st March 2025. Get up to £10,000 in financial support through the Army Officer Scholarship Scheme, beginning in Academic Year 13.

- [Land and Property Management Experience Day](#), Harper Adams University, 30 Oct, 9.30-15.00

A free opportunity to experience land and property management course opportunities and the skills these will develop, including project management, communication and negotiation. Sign up using the above link.

- **Leeds Teaching Hospitals: [Radiotherapy Careers Open Day](#), St James's Hospital, 12 Oct, 10.00-13.00**

Interested in a career in Radiotherapy? Join the team at St James' Hospital to learn about the different professions involved in treating cancer.

- **Leeds Arts University: ['Preparing for Arts University'](#) Programme, Blenheim Walk campus, 18 & 25 Sept, 17.00-19.00**

A free, in-person course designed to give practical support for students who are planning on applying for a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or a creative arts degree at university. Apply using the above link by 11 Sept.

- **['Futureproof Your Planet'](#) online masterclass series, University of Manchester, 16 Sept – 7 Oct**

An online masterclass series by engineers, scientists and fashion academics to answer to some of the biggest questions around sustainability. Visit the above link to sign up.

- **[Free online short course programme \(MOOCs\)](#), University of York**

The opportunity to engage with university level study and explore different subject areas, ranging from Stone Age Archaeology, through Accents, Attitudes and Identity to the Business History of the FIFA World Cup.

- **Year 12 Leeds Futures programmes, University of Leeds, applications open 7 Oct**

Register your interest using the links for the [Medicine](#), [Dentistry](#) and [Healthcare](#) programmes to support students who are interested in applying for these courses in Year 13. Application criteria may apply.