

General Notices

First full week back! Thank you for your excellent conduct this week, you have impressed us all.

- Please note that as the weather has returned to normal, students should be wearing formal footwear to school unless they have authorised exemption.
- Please don't forget to collect your GCSE resit results from your registered Sixth Form Office.
- Please note that the side roads in the Saint's area are being resurfaced and parking in the area is extremely limited. If you do drive to school, please ensure that you give yourself plenty of time to find alternative parking.

Message from Dr Holt. "This week has been almost back to normal as the snow has melted. Thank you for returning to your normal routines. Please do make sure you find your proper school shoes from now on. We hope you find the grades and effort comments useful and well done to so many of you for getting great reports."

Year 12 Notices

- **Year 12** are reminded that they should be using the **InVentory** machines in the Sixth Form cafe to sign in and out every time they enter the school site or leave the school site. It is really important that students follow this procedure every day. You need to remember your lanyards.

- **Y12s - Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

Do you have an interest you'd like to explore further or would you like to extend your learning beyond one of your A-level subjects? If so, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) could be for you. Worth half an A-level and counting towards UCAS points, having an EPQ will help you to stand out from the crowd. Many universities will give lower A-level offers to students with an EPQ. Research has shown that EPQ students have an increased chance of achieving an A*-B at A-level and are more likely to obtain a 1st or 2:1 at university. The EPQ is also invaluable for those applying for an Apprenticeship or to entering workplace, as it will give you lots to talk about at an interview and can demonstrate to the company your high level of interest in their area of business. Your EPQ study would start in the final half term of Year 12 and the completed project is handed in during the Spring term of Y13, well before your final A Level exams.

Application forms are available from the Psychology office. Please return them to the Psychology office by Wed 5 Feb.

Year 13 Notices

- **Mindful Mondays:** The whole idea is based around slowing down, learning and practicing techniques to manage stress levels - or to stop stress creeping in. There will be different practices looked at each week including relaxation, yoga, breathing techniques, mindfulness and positive thinking. The first session is Mon 20 Jan in the Chapel at 12:45 and will be based on Breathwork and essential oils. It is open to all Year 13, but please do email or let Mrs Dodds know if you are interested so she can plan for the correct number.

Careers Department Notices



Opportunity of the Week

Year 12: Post 18 Options Session **Tuesday 21 Jan 2025, 13:25-14:25 CGH**

All Year 12 are expected to attend a post 18 careers options session. Two external speakers will be coming to talk to you about your Higher Education options and Apprenticeships.

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.

- [Virtual Insight Day with Government Languages Outreach](#), Speaker for Schools, 21 Feb, 09:00-13:00
- [University of Oxford, Medieval and Modern languages](#), UNIQ deadline 23 Jan 2025
Modern languages is offering courses in Spanish, French and German over the Summer. Eligibility criteria applies.
- [University of Oxford, Chiral Chemistry Workshop](#), 28 Jan 2025, 15:45-17:00 (other sessions available)
This online workshop is for science students and focuses on the 3D shapes of molecules. Book via the link.
- [University of Leeds, Futures Programme](#), 2 Feb 2025 application deadline
This is a national outreach programme designed for Year 12 which is a mixture of online and in person sessions for Arts and Humanities, Environment and Social Sciences. Eligibility criteria applies.
- [Freshfields Law Apprenticeship Programme](#), Young Professionals Organisation, Mon 27 Jan, 17:00-18:00
This is a new initiative to join the international law firm Freshfields as a Solicitor Apprentice to fast track your career in law. Use the link above to register your interest after which you will be sent the Zoom link for the event. [Freshfields Law](#)
- [Kirk Newsholme Chartered Accountants](#), 28 Feb 2025 application deadline
Kirk Newsholme are offering Accountancy and Tax Apprenticeship apprenticeships for 2025. Applications are now open.
- [First Intuition, Accountancy Academies](#), Leeds and Sheffield—17 and 18 Feb 2025, Hull 20 and 21 Feb 2025
First Intuition are offering a selection of dates and venues for face-to-face events about understanding the role of an accountant and how to succeed in the world of finance.