

SIXTH FORM BULLETIN, June 2020 #1

Dear Sixth Form,

I hope this bulletin find you and your families well. Can I start by commending you all wholeheartedly on the resilience and adaptability you have shown to our current situation. It has been great to speak to Year 13 individually this week and hear about UCAS offers being accepted, university pre-reading lists and supporting in your local communities. Myself and the team have spoken with many Year 12 students this week too, who amaze me with their dedication, adaptability and resilience to keep producing work of such quality from home. I very much looking forward to seeing you all again in the not too distant future.

For Year 12 students that will be very soon, indeed. I have attached a copy of the letter to this bulletin which was sent to parents earlier this week detailing the plans and risk assessments that have been put in place in order for you to return to school safely. Please take the time to read through and ensure you know when and where to attend. Whilst the situation is not ideal in terms of everyone back and enjoying their subjects once more at least we can begin the process of welcoming students back, which in itself is great news! The workshops will have pastoral input and support with post 18 applications and there will also be some subject seminars daily in small groups to engage further with the remote learning that has been issued by course leaders. Next week also sees the start of our "Teams Live Lessons" and the opportunity to have further face to face contact with teachers.

If any Year 12 parents are yet to respond or complete the survey if I could please ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Whilst it wont quite feel 'normal' let me reassure you that we will all as safe in the block as we would be perhaps in the supermarket or a H & M, or in fact safer would be my bet with the measures we have put in place. I've included a few pictures for you below to give you an idea of our new look. Each student will have their own desk, details of which can be found in our entrance stairwell and students will be welcomed back in accordance with the latest government guidance around cohorts and class sizes.



Notices

Year 13

UCAS Information - Year 13

There are still a handful of students yet to go Firm / Insurance on your university's offers ahead of the deadline. If you need any support making your mind up, please drop me an email and I'll call you to discuss. The deadline is now under a week away on **June 18th**.

Degree Apprenticeship applicants

Apprenticeship starts fall in both March and April.

Obviously, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, apprenticeship starts have seen a dramatic decrease according to DfE figures. March 2020 saw only 19,600 starts compared to 25,600 in 2019; a fall of 24%.

However, at the daily Coronavirus update, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, "I think it's going to be vital that we guarantee apprenticeships for young people." This comes after apprenticeship starts are down, and the prospect of a recession after the pandemic looks likely. Johnson continued, "We have to look after people across the board, but young people in particular, I believe' should be guaranteed an apprenticeship."

Therefore, companies are encouraged to continue to offer their apprenticeship programmes.

DON'T GIVE UP! IF YOU HAVEN'T SECURED SOMETHING YET CONTINUE TO RESEARCH AND APPLY!

To help with your apprenticeship research try visiting Amazing Apprenticeships Vacancy Snapshot...



<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

A huge variety of employers are listed and each outlines their apprenticeship programme and their vacancies coming up soon. If you would like any help or support with the hunt for apprenticeships just drop me a line.

Wellbeing for all.

Please, don't underestimate the importance of keeping a healthy mindset during your time learning from home. There is lots you can do in order to stay positive.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

Other useful links to support your Health & Wellbeing

Mental Health support :

[Young Minds](#)

[Kooth](#)

Meditation and sleep :

<https://www.headspace.com/>

Relax - mindfulness and meditation app :

<https://www.calm.com/signup-flow>

Moff's Friday assembly;

Did you say the The National Theatre is available for free?

If you haven't engaged yet then check it out. There are a number of performances that are fantastic and available online for free such as 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with Gwendoline Christie and 'The Deep Blue Sea' starring Helen McCrory.

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

Of the final set of free plays from the National Theatre, *Small Island* stands out: an incredible piece of theatre (stage set alone is worth watching it for- the photo below doesn't do the truly ambitious set justice) about the Windrush generation: it's social history that chimes with Black Lives Matter. Some older family members and relatives might be interested in this, so spread the word: It's only available for a few days, so don't wait too long.



That's it for this weeks newsletter – I'll be in touch again at the end of next week. If you have questions about centre assessed grades, UCAS, studying, next steps - anything really, email us. We are always here for you.

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With very best wishes,

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