



Update from the Sixth Form and a Careers Bulletin 7th February 2021

Dear parents,

This is by way of an update from the Sixth Form and a careers bulletin, to keep you in the loop as lots of things are becoming available for students in Years 11-13.

Firstly, can I say how delighted we were to receive almost 200 applications to join Year 12 next year. We are still accepting application forms, on to our waiting list, but those who have applied by the deadline will get information soon about meetings with Sixth Form staff after half-term. Please be patient with us as these will need to be done on Teams, and the three of us are still teaching and supporting current Sixth Form alongside them. We'll hope to see all applicants (internal and external) as quickly as we can to help firm up subject choices and check career plans work alongside these.

I'm also delighted to say that the UCAS application round for 2020-21 is now finished and I have completed references for over 90 students in Year 13. They are receiving some very good offers - and, when they have all 5, UCAS will be in touch to set them a deadline for choosing their firm and insurance choices. I will send out a link next week for Year 13 students to join me in an assembly immediately after half-term where I'll outline the process to apply for university finance.

I'm sending out a lot of information currently, primarily aimed at Year 12 students - who are looking ahead to their applications next year and preparing for those - but much of it interesting too for Year 11 and Year 13. For your information (and to nudge any sons or daughters who don't open their email as often as they might?) below is a selection of what has gone out this week. I send this kind of information out most weeks, as it builds in the Spring especially, so it's worth getting them to have a look!

As ever, please email with any queries.

Best wishes,

Jackie Watson



Oxford Study Days for Year 12

If you would like to study any of the following subjects at university, and are interested in Oxford or Cambridge, or another competitive uni, then sign up for a taster day at Somerville College:

Politics, Experimental Psychology, English, Music, Medicine, Maths, Modern Languages
Engineering

Go to <https://apply.some.ox.ac.uk/open-days-visits-and-other-events> and click on Year 12 Study Days. Deadline is 15 Feb at midday.

Medical Conferences

Students have used 11/50 funded places so far. With our insight and UCAS conferences running all academic year, please do advise students years 10-12/S3-S5 they still have access to your school funding. This is available to them to gain a fully funded place in any of the upcoming Get into Medicine, Get into Dentistry or Get into Veterinary conferences. Using funded places will save students £50 and allow students to attend conferences with their parents, from the comfort of their own home!

All our conferences are run by volunteer doctors, dentists and vets as well as presentations from current Medic Mentor students. The conferences will massively help to support you and will cover: perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, CV building, work experience, medical personal statements, medical school interviews, entrance exams: UCAT & BMAT, how to access medical awards, prizes, leadership programmes, and scholarships to study medicine at university as well as what it's like to be a Doctor, Vet or Dentist.

Funding can be used for our upcoming conferences:

Get into Medicine -Saturday 13th February & Saturday 27th February.

Get into Veterinary - Saturday 20th March.

Get into Dentistry - Sunday 14th March.

(Students interested in applying for these should contact Dr Watson for the school code. We have about 30 free places left for interested students from Year 10-12)



Potential Vets

The Cambridge University Veterinary Society (CUVS) committee are delighted to invite you to 'An Open Student Talk: The Veterinary Consult - A Day in the Life of a Vet', on **Tuesday 10th February at 6pm.**

The talk is aimed at any prospective veterinary students who are interested in learning about what it means to be a vet. This is a great opportunity to discover what the 'veterinary consult' involves and gain insight into what practicing veterinary medicine really is like. It has been all but impossible to carry out work experience placements over the past year, so we hope this online event will go some way to enabling prospective students to gain a better understanding of careers and opportunities within veterinary medicine.

The talk has been structured to allow students to follow three clinicians in their work up of different cases, gain exposure to diagnostic tools and learn about client communication.

The talk will be delivered by the following Cambridge University Veterinary Hospital Clinicians:

- Small Animal - Anna Cronin: Brachycephalic obstructive airway (BOAS) case - including research aspects, clinics, welfare, individual care, CT, rhinoscopy and surgery
- Farm Animal - Robert Knott: Calf fracture case – with videos of presentation and x-rays; Tiger case – covering bloodwork, ultrasound and endoscopy
- Equine - Sarah Voss: Colic cases - encompassing lots of different diagnostics and communication, haematology/biochemistry, abdominocentesis, nasogastric intubation, ultrasound and equine intensive care

At the end of the talk there will be an opportunity to ask our speakers and current students about the cases, vet school or university life. The talk will be held over Zoom and pre-registration via the following link is required to gain access: <https://forms.gle/Spkqrvq8yX3wYtiy7>

Neuroscience lectures at St Hilda's

The first of our popular **Brain and Mind – from concrete to abstract** series of workshops to be held as a virtual event will take place on 11 February at 5pm. Please pass the information below to any 6th form (or younger) students, or teachers that you think might be interested.

Three expert speakers will each give a talk on the subject of *Brain and Mind: Understanding the Relationship*: Dr Maike Glitsch from the perspective of neuroscience; Dr Ann Dowker from the perspective of psychology; and Dr Anita Avramides from the perspective of philosophy. There will then be a chaired discussion, with questions from the audience at this [live, virtual event](#).

Find out more and book here: <https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/content/brain-and-mind-understanding-relationship-0>



Physics online events

Destination: Space

Join us on an out-of-this-world journey into outer space with an exciting programme of short talks and panel events! We currently have 5 events planned in this series, with possibly more to be added – details are below. All events are suitable for ages 11+. More information can be found at bit.ly/destination-space and in the attached poster.

Talk: “Taking a Planet’s Temperature” – 10th February, 4pm

Measuring the temperature of a planet can give us a lot of information about the materials on its surface. Come and find out more about how we use the infrared to take the temperature of different planets, asteroids, and the Moon to find out what rocks are there. Register [here](#).

Panel: “Would We Lie To You (About Space)?” – 17th February, 4pm

Would we really lie to you about space? Join us and find out! In this panel event, we will be presenting "facts" about space, and it's up to you, the audience at home, to determine whether these are in fact true or a completely made up lie! Get involved and interrogate the panel with questions about the science to make your decision and then vote on each "fact" before we reveal the final result. Register [here](#).

Talk: “Space Rocks: Meteorites & Asteroids” – 24th February, 4pm

In late 2020, NASA collected some material from the surface of an asteroid which is thought to be one of the oldest bodies in our Solar System. Come and find out when, why, and how, and find out a little more about how we can use rocks already delivered to Earth from space to learn even more. Register [here](#).

Talk: “Will We Find Life In The Universe?” – 3rd March, 4pm

We have now detected over 4000 planets outside our solar system (exoplanets). These planets are far more varied than even those found in our solar system. These include planets orbiting two stars, super-hot gas giants and even planets orbiting stellar remnants. Join us for a discussion of the what this diversity means for science and the chance for detecting life in the universe. Register [here](#).

Details of all upcoming events can be found here: <https://www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/events>

Finding out more about University

UK University Search virtual fair

www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/spring-virtual-fair

This online and interactive event on **17th March from 12.00-18.00** will feature universities and colleges from across the UK as well as ten live webinars on essential topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing and student finance.



Oxford and Cambridge applications

Oxford & Cambridge conferences

15th-26th March

These free conferences give Year 12 students an insight into what living and studying at Oxford or Cambridge is like and how the universities assess applications. Find out more [here](#).

Insight into Law

Date: Tues 16th Feb & Thurs 18th Feb

Burges Salmon Law firm are hosting two information days to provide students who have an interest in law and the legal sector. You will gain insight into career opportunities in the profession and the supporting business services.

The events will include various talks and activities from solicitors, trainees and apprentices. There will also be an optional advice clinic facilitated by our HR team who operate our application and recruitment process.

[Click here for more information](#)

Working or Studying with Art

Modern Art Oxford residency

www.modernartoxford.org.uk/event/city-studio-half-term-residency

This free City as Studio online residency from 15th-19th February is open to students **aged 16-19**. There are 20 places. They can join professional artists, explore the film-making process and create a collaborative short film / soundtrack. Students will achieve a Silver Arts Award and create their own City as Studio Zine to be displayed at Modern Art Oxford later this year.

Foundation Art & Design at Brookes

[Register here](#)

At this online event on **11th February from 17:00-17:45**, students can find out about studying Foundation Art & Design at Oxford Brookes and where it can lead. Students will hear from teaching staff about the course content, structure and the work students create. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions



Sewing Seeds in Fashion

Date: Thursday 25th February

Time: 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Hear from Nick Wheeler, CEO of [Charles Tyrwhitt](#) on how he turned an idea he had at university into a £200m business. Also joining us is Clio Peppiatt, a designer whose brand has been featured in [Vogue](#) and worn by many celebrities. You'll also have the chance to test out your own entrepreneurial skills in a challenge activity!

[Click here to sign up](#)

Escape Studios Creative Club

We're calling all students interested in Animation, Games and Visual Effects (VFX) to join Escape Studios Saturday club!

Learn more about the professional software used in studios today and work on a project that will be displayed in the Saturday Club's Summer exhibition!

The sessions will be held online and are completely free.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Work Experience in Business Context

www.capgemini.com/gb-en/careers/capgemini-schools-programme/capgemini-work-experience-programme

Capgemini are offering students in **Years 10-13** one week of insight into their business. This would be of interest to students considering careers in law, technology, business or consulting. Applying will also give students a real-life experience of a corporate application process.



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Creative work experience

Work Experience for creative thinkers

Date: Easter Holidays, May Half Term and Summer Holidays. Dates TBC.

Deadline to apply: Friday 19th March

Available to Year 12 students only

The [Blair Partnership](#) is a very famous literary agency in the UK, representing writers across publishing, digital, TV and film production. They are hosting a five-day virtual work experience programme and are looking for students who have the ability to think creatively and have a passion for literature.

You will gain experience working in a small team to respond to a challenge given to you at the beginning of the week, covering tasks relating to the Agency team, Legal team, International Publishing, Finance and Brand & Franchise.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from professionals and develop transferrable skills and it will be a great addition to your CV and UCAS personal statements.

How to apply?

You will need to download [this Microsoft Word Application form](#), complete the questions and then upload it to [this link](#) (or the link below).

Insight into working in the Professional Services

Date: Thursday 18th February

Time: 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Deadline to apply: Mon 8th February

Available to Year 13 students only

Guest speakers will explain what it is like to work at Deloitte, there will be an introduction from the Multicultural Network which will explain Deloitte's Diversity & Inclusion mission, and you will take part in an interactive activity with Deloitte employees.



Apprenticeship opportunities

BMW Group apprenticeship event

10th February, 19:00-20:30

Find out about BMW Group and the apprenticeships on offer at their MINI Plants in Oxford and Swindon. Register [here](#).

Advanced therapies apprenticeship event

11th February from 09:00–10:00

Employers and apprentices working in the advanced therapies industry will share their experiences of apprenticeships. Careers Leaders, teachers, students and parents/carers are welcome to attend. Find out more [here](#).

STFC apprenticeship event

11th February, 18:00–19:00

STFC's virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening on will give students the opportunity to find out about apprenticeship opportunities in 2021. Register [here](#).

Pearson Degree Apprenticeship Discovery Day

18th February, 14:00-15:30

This Pearson Business School event takes place online and will share info and application tips. Register [here](#).

IntoGames: Games jobs live

25th February from 16:00

Students will hear about industry internships, graduate schemes and traineeships and find out what to prepare for and expect. Find out more [here](#).

BDO virtual insight evening

[Registration link](#)

This event with accounting company BDO on **11th February from 18:00-19:45** will highlight how apprenticeships can lead to a successful career in accountancy without going to university.

Tech Apprenticeship Taster Week

Available to Year 13 students

Accenture are hosting a 5-day taster week in March to give you an idea of what it's like to complete an Apprenticeship with them. Through an Accenture Apprenticeship you will build your career from the start, working with industry experts and innovative technology while earning. After 3 or 4 years of classroom learning and live project experience, you'll be a bit of an expert yourself, with a degree level BSc qualification in Technology.



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