

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 8th - Sun 21st Sept 2025

W/B 8th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs EIB

W/B 15th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs GRA

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Well done on a great start to the year and welcome to all our new students from other schools and other countries! Thank you for your patience with course changes, timetables etc.

Welcome to the first Sixth Form Notes of the year. This is where you will find notices about upcoming events in school, reminders about expectations, info about the Personal Development Curriculum (PDC), university events, employment and apprenticeship opportunities and of course – Pet of the Week!

It is sent to tutors to use in tutor time as part of the PDC but it is also sent directly to students so you can access links etc in your own time. Students have found jobs, work experience etc by doing this. SF Notes are also shared on the website for your parents to see.

If you want to help out at Yr7 camp next week please email/contact Mr Salter asap. If you are Yr12 and completed the form your name has already been passed to him and he will be in contact.

We also need some volunteers for Open events later this term. Please let Mr Spiers know if you are interested. Yr12 who filled out the form last week don't need to contact me again.

All Sixth Formers need to go to the hall lesson 5 on Weds this week to sort out PE options.

Some reminders and answers to questions from week 1:

- Lanyards should be worn around your neck at all times whilst on site. New ID badges will be with you asap.
- **If gates are closed DO NOT CLIMB THEM!!!**
- **Tues, Weds and Thurs tutor times are compulsory for all students**
- Yr12 = assembly week 1 – REGISTER FIRST
- Yr13 = assembly week 2 – REGISTER FIRST
- If your tutor group is on chairs you need to come to the Study Room by 0815 at the latest.

- Crop tops, really short shorts/skirts and joggers are not part of the dress code.
- The only piercings that are allowed are in your ears and nose studs. Bars, hoops etc need to be removed.
- If you are late you will be in lunch time detention unless there is a good reason and/or parents have been in touch. 5 lates in a week = 1 day internal suspension.
- Sign in if you are staying in school for study time, otherwise we will assume you are NOT onsite.
- There will be lots more info about enrichment activities, volunteering etc coming up soon. EPQ, Core Maths, BSL etc won't start for a week or two so you are not missing anything. If you want to start making arrangements / enquiries about volunteering in or beyond school, please go ahead
- **PUT LITTER IN BINS OR WE WILL CLOSE THE COMMON ROOM AND/OR STUDY ROOM**

Massive congratulations to Chelsea Kostrec (Yr13) for winning Young Volunteer of the Year at a Football Association awards dinner on Friday for all the refereeing she does in the local community. Well done!!!!



On the 5th October, Faye Withers is cycling 108 miles to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. It is a charity very important to her family. Please support her here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/faye-breastcancernow-2025>



Key dates:

Fri 12 th Sept	Gold Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition	
Thurs 18 th Sept	Yr12 Parent Information evening - opportunities and expectations	6pm – Study Room
Sat 27 th Sept	Ten Tors Refresher Walk	
W/B Mon 29 th Sept	Yr 13 In Class Mocks (some lessons with assessments, some normal lessons)	
Wed 1 st Oct	Applying for medicine or veterinary science workshop @ Hardenhuish	1.15 – 3pm
Thurs 2 nd Oct or 8 th ?	Duke of Edinburgh information evening	6 – 7pm
Tues 7 th Oct	Ten Tors parent information evening	6pm
Mon 13 th Oct	Yr12 Settling in Reports home	End of day
Thurs 16 th Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening	tbc
Wed 22 nd Oct	Awards Evening	tbc
Wed 22 nd Oct	Term 1 ends	3pm
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th	Closed to Students 23rd School Development Day (SDD)	
Mon 3 rd Nov	Term 2 starts	8.30am

Follow @sheldonsixthform on Instagram – Be Kind, Be Brave, Be The Best You

Introducing our 2025 Christmas Production!

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

AUDITIONS FOR
ACTORS, SINGERS & DANCERS

Tues 9 Sept & Wed 10 Sept
@ 3:15pm in A3 (Drama Studio)
See epraise for audition materials



PDC: Post-18 + Personal skills + Wellbeing + SPMC

Year	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	<p>Introduce and discuss SF Notes.</p> <p>Use phones to sign up for careers sites and/or check out some of the links</p>	<p>NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 1</p> <p>Leap from GCSE to Sixth Form</p> <p>LEAP FROM GCSE 1: REALISING THE CHALLENGES VIDEO</p> <p>LEAP FROM GCSE 2: UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUBJECT VIDEO</p>	<p>Fire drill heads-up for Fri tutor time. There will be a drill Fri tutor time.</p> <p>Anybody in school at that time will need to go and assemble behind M10 + M11</p> <p>Planning for wellbeing ppt</p>
Yr13	<p>Introduce and discuss SF Notes.</p> <p>Use phones to sign up for careers sites and/or check out some of the links</p> <p>Watch and discuss - Transition from Yr12 to Yr13:</p> <p>https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/the-leap-from-year12-to-year-13</p>	<p>Planning for positive wellbeing.</p> <p>You could refer back to ppt from Yr12</p> <p>Or show and discuss:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ5V525SCK</p> <p>Releasing stress/anxiety meditation</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFkHV7LfVUC</p>	<p>Assembly – Mr Page / Mr Humphreys</p> <p>Chairs – EIB</p> <p>Fire drill heads-up for Fri tutor time. There will be a drill Fri tutor time.</p> <p>Anybody in school at that time will need to go and assemble behind M10 + M11</p>

Year	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Project 5000 and Electives: time to discuss and complete the MS form sent out via email. All Yr12 need to sign-up to at least one regular activity for Project 5000. The Electives are optional extras.	NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 2 The benefits of extra-curricular opportunities	Assembly – Young Carers Chairs - GRA
Yr13	Reminder/ update: Post 18 options and recording your intentions in Unifrog (even if you really don't know at this point) Two powerpoints in Teams	Unifrog – shortlisting UK apprenticeships tool: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/know-how-how-to-use-the-apprenticeships-tool and time to explore / discuss	Tutor choice

Work experience, employment and apprenticeship opportunities / information:

Katie Witchell– our Careers Adviser is available to you all. You can email her directly at kwitchell@sheldonschool.co.uk to make an appointment or you can drop-in to the Careers Hub near the hall on Thursday or Friday lunch times.

What is LMI? Why is it important and where can find it?

LMI is Labour Market Information. It is useful and important because it tells you what jobs are available, which are on the increase/decrease, what the pay is like etc. You can find LMI in the Careers Newsletter that comes out every week or so. You can also find it on every careers page in the Careers Library on Unifrog.

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

Search and sign up for alerts at <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>
<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

Pathway CTM: <https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/>

Uptree: <https://uptree.co/a/signup/student/>

Springpod: <https://space.springpod.com/sign-up>

**Get into Business & Accounting with
PwC, KPMG, UBS, Forvis Mazars, BDO, RSM, CIMA, Grant
Thornton & S&W!**

Tuesday 23rd September 5pm - 7pm

Application Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP_Bus_Acc

University and other opportunities:

Check out UCAS and www.opendays.com for lots of open day information and opportunities including:

Access to Bristol:

Access to Bristol, which provides a unique experience for local students taking A-levels, BTECS or equivalents to discover what studying at the University of Bristol is like; find out more about the subject they are interested in and hear about tailored information regarding higher education to help informed decisions.

Access to Bristol applications are now open. Please encourage your students to visit the [website](#) and follow the link to apply. We recommend that they discuss their application with your Head of Sixth Form prior to applying as they will need the school or college to grant your permission to attend the scheme. They will also need to list a "Key Contact" (usually your Head of Sixth form) on your application form.

Students may also want to check that you meet the eligibility criteria before applying.

Eligibility

The scheme is only open to students who meet all of the following criteria.

You must:

- be a [Home fee](#) student;
- currently attend a state school or college;
- be resident in a BA, BS or other local postcode within an hour's journey of the University of Bristol (including South Wales);
- be in your first or second year of A-Level study (or equivalent);
- have the academic ability to study at the University of Bristol (meeting the GCSE entry requirements for their chosen subject stream and studying any required Level 3 subjects). Applicants must have the potential to meet the contextual entry requirements for their chosen course.

If a subject stream is oversubscribed, we will prioritise students who meet our widening participation criteria:

- are or have been eligible for free school meals;
- live in an IMD quintile 1 area or an IMD quintile 2 area as defined by your home postcode;

Next Step Bristol 2025/26: Applications Open

Next Steps Bristol Application Form

The University of Bristol's Next Step Bristol programme is designed to support **Year 13** students from **Black, Asian and other racially minoritised backgrounds** as they prepare for higher education. The programme includes online academic taster sessions, career-focused workshops and opportunities to interact with current students and societies. A on-campus day, with a travel bursary available, gives participants the chance to experience university life first-hand and build confidence about their next steps.

Students who complete the programme **will receive either a guaranteed contextual offer** (typically two grades below the standard entry requirements) or a guaranteed interview, provided they meet the correct criteria and apply by the UCAS deadline.

Applications for the 2025–26 programme close at **23:59 on Wednesday, 1 October 2025**, with offers confirmed by **Thursday, 9 October 2025**. The programme is a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen their applications and picture themselves thriving at university.

Yr12 - Are you interested in Dentistry or Medicine?

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences are:

- Saturday 20th September from 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 21st September from 9am - 1:30pm

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

- Saturday 27th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application Timelines- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools- Personal Statement- Medical/Dental School Interviews- UCAT Entrance Exam to Medical/Dental | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- School- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes- Accessing Work Experience- Accessing Scholarships |
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Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>



Looking for support as you jump from school to university?
Join the Dots can help!

At school
Expert guidance on:

- Applying to uni
- Managing uni finance
- Getting set for results day and uni life

Available to anyone in Year 12 or 13

Starting uni
Your own personal coach to help you:

- Build connections with other students
- Develop study skills
- Smash your first assignment

Available to students attending a partner uni

Sign up today for **free** and have the chance to win up to **£300***

*Win up to £300 to support your university journey. Terms and conditions apply.

Gresham College lectures are a great way to learn beyond the curriculum and give you things to write about in university applications
 - <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on?see-all>



Automation Anxiety
 Professor Daniel Susskind
 Tue, 09 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



Earth – Our Planetary Life Support System
 Professor Helen Czerski
 Thu, 11 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



The Shape of Hands: Symmetry, Chirality and Handedness
 Professor Alain Goriely
 Tue, 16 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



The Great God Pan: Lord of the Wild
 Professor Ronald Hutton
 Wed, 17 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



Lessons from Guantánamo Bay
 Professor Clive Stafford Smith
 Thu, 18 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



Shakespeare's Musical Fairies
 Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh
 Mon, 22 Sep 2025

• [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets [available](#)

Other free lectures / seminars (good for uni applications, supporting studies etc):

- **September 16 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 17 @ 10:00 - 11:00** insight4me Sociology: Contemporary Families - Surrey & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 17 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Society for Natural Sciences: Chiral Molecules In Food (16+) [Find out more »](#) [RESHARED]
- **September 18 @ 13:35 - 14:20** Biology: The Human Heart - Function, Disease & Latest Research - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 18 @ 16:00 - 16:45** Your Wellbeing at University: Getting The Support You Need - Warwick & Southampton (16+) [Find out more »](#) [RESHARED]
- **September 18 @ 11:10 - 11:55** RS/Philosophy: The Interpretation & Application Of Sacred Texts In The Modern World - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 22 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Computer Science: Large Language-Audio Models & Applications - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 23 @ 09:05 - 09:50** Sport & Exercise Science: Ethics & Deviance – An Introduction to Anti-Doping at UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 25 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computer Science: Scenario Workshop - Preventing & Managing A Cyber Attack - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to...



Last week: Scarlett S; Violet S; Sylvie E and Lara M

This fortnight: Megan D; Lucy A; Alex M; Talia A; Otis P; Macey S; Lisette G; Rosy L; Amber G; Tanisha B; Hanni D and Lucas Soares

Pet of the week: Meet Nora – pet of the week. Send yours to Mr Spiers

