

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 13th Apr – Sun 26th April 2026

W/B 13th = Week 1 - Yr12 – Tues, Wed and Thurs – chairs Thurs –SPT

W/B 20th – Week 2 – Yr13 = Thurs – chairs -RTP

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Sixth formers should now access the school site during the school day via the science link corridor door or the side gate between DT and reception. The gate between DT and reception has a self-closing arm on it now but please make sure it shuts after you.

Varsity – the rematch is on! Weds 15th March at lunch time again Football and mixed rounders – make sure you in a team or coming out to support!

Any helpers for Weds and Thurs to sell refreshments at the dance shows please see or email Mr Spiers asap.

Yr13 – going to uni? Parents in receipt of benefits or universal credit?

You can apply for free grants to help with expenses:

<https://www.wscf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/university-bursary-one-degree-more/>

Apply by April 30th

Yr12 – let us know which end of year Sixth Form adventure you might be interested in for summer 2027: [Possible Sixth Form Adventure - summer 2027 – Fill out form](#)

Yr13 – let us know about your experience of Sheldon Sixth Form: [Year 13 Exit Survey 2026 – Fill out form](#)

If you mentor younger students during tutor time please be sure to go and get marked in first.

Yr13 – please pay your Ball deposit if you intend to go!

Fri 17th April – Yr12– tutor time – Study Room – Sheldon Scholars – for those aspiring to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and other very competitive courses

STEP Into It



15-16 April

Doors at 6pm Show at 6:30pm
Tickets from 19.95 Parent Pay £6 adult / £4 child

Young Musician of the Year



Auditions begin 13 April

**Sign up outside A1
Any instrument. Any piece.**

Three Categories for entry: KS3, KS4, KS5
Finalists will perform at the concert on **Tues 28 April 2026**
See Mrs Hall for more details

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

Key dates: <https://sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Sixth-Form/Key-Dates/Sixth-Form-Key-Dates-2025-26.pdf>

Mon 13th April - Term 5 starts 8.30am

Weds 15th @ lunchtime – Varsity rematch – on the field at lunch time

Weds 15th and Thurs 16th – Dance show – volunteers for refreshments needed – email Mr Spiers

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W/B 27th April - Yr 12 Mock Exams (Sports Hall etc) – study leave – no lessons + tutor time

Wed 29th April - Young Musician of the Year

Mon 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tues 5th – Thurs 7th May - A Level Art & Photography

Fri 8th May - Yr 13 Leavers' Day

Mon 11th May – Yr13 exams start

Fri 22nd May - Term 5 ends

Mon 1st June - Term 6 starts

Mon 8th – Wed 17th June - Hardenhuish Yr 12 Mocks

Tues 9th June Yr12 - parent information evening – post-18 options 6pm – Study Room

Thurs 11th June – UCAS Discovery Day @ Winchester University

Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd June – Whole school open Mornings – volunteers required

Wed 24th June - Whole school Open Evening – volunteers required

Wed 24th June - Last exam contingency day - students should be available until this day

Fri 26th June - Olympic Fun Run Lessons 5+6

Tues 30th June - Yr13 Ball, Wellington Barn 6.00pm

W/B Mon 6th July - Yr 12 Work experience week – no lessons

Mon 6th + Tues 7th July - Yr 11 Sixth Form Induction

Tues 7th July - Summer Concert

Fri 17th July - Term 6 ends 12.30pm

Mon 20th July - School Development Day (SDD) – no lessons

Thurs 13th Aug - A Level Results Day

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

Year	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Student President presentation	Student President presentations	Assembly – University of Bath Chairs @ 0815 - SPT
Yr13	Intentions for next year: can they update Unifrog please? have they had all their offers? Have they made their Firm and Ins? Those who have not applied to uni - what have they done? what is the plan?	Revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • techniques - https://www.learningscientists.org/videos • plan study time for this week • do some! 	Wilts Air Ambulance ppt and video
Year	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Researching and shortlisting universities in Unifrog – ppt	MENTAL HEALTH 2: REDUCING STRESS VIDEO	Tutor choice
Yr13	Revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • techniques - https://www.learningscientists.org/videos • plan study time for this week • do some! 	REDUCING EXAM ANXIETY 2: EXAMS DAYS VIDEO	Assembly – Student finance, Firm and Ins. and Life after Sheldon! - Mr Spiers and Mr Humphreys Chairs @ 0815 - RTP

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>

Zero Gravity: <https://app.zerogravity.co.uk/>

Check out the emails forwarded from **My Great First Job** for lots of great opportunities too!

British Horseracing Authority: Free events for students and teachers

Explore Racing Days are free events at racecourses where students can meet industry professionals, try a racehorse simulator, and learn about potential training, work experience, and early career pathways. From working with horses to roles in science, media, business, and event management, there's more career options than you might expect. Teachers and careers leaders are also invited to a dedicated event at Ascot on 8 May. [Learn more](#)

Career Insight Days

- **Midwifery Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 18th April 2026
- **Dentistry Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 19th April 2026
- **Psychology Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 25th April 2026
- **Architect Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 2nd May 2026
- **Engineering Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 9th May 2026
- **Business Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 16th May 2026
- **Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 18th October 2026

Details, dates & registration: www.careerdays.co.uk

BBC 'Get in' Taster Experiences for 16-18

https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Get-In/

Throughout 2025 and 2026 we will be running 'GET IN' TASTER EXPERIENCES across BBC bases the length and breadth of the UK.

We'd love to hear from you if a job in the media industry is something you think you might like, but just don't know how or where to start looking!

Our 'GET IN' TASTER EXPERIENCES are designed to show you what opportunities are on offer and to support you with the next steps you need to take to GET IN to the BBC.



Who are Barratt Redrow?

Barratt Redrow is one of the UK's biggest homebuilding companies. We design and build new houses and communities across England, Wales and Scotland, creating places for people and families to live.

We also offer apprenticeships and graduate programmes where young people can learn real construction skills such as bricklaying, carpentry, planning and project management.

At Barratt Redrow, people work together to plan, build and deliver quality homes and long-lasting places for the future.



Roles & Applications

Apprenticeships with Barratt Redrow support your development to learning real skills in construction while earning a wage. You work on real building sites, learn from experienced professionals and study towards recognised qualifications. It's a great way to start your career, gain hands-on experience and build your future.

Open Nationwide Roles:

- Apprentice Bricklayer, Carpenter/Joiner, Plumber or Electrician
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Technical
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Construction

Apply now



Supporting students futures

We'd love to be part of your careers event! The team at Barratt Redrow is excited to inspire the next generation of builders, designers and future leaders in construction.

Ready to bring construction careers to life at your school?

Email barrattredrow@school-outreach.com to find out more and book us for your event!

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the future
collective



Webinar series:

Join us to find out more about changes in the Construction Sector

Wednesday 29th April

Environmental innovation and AI are reshaping how we design, build, and manage the world around us, and the careers within it.

This webinar series explores the new skills, roles, and opportunities emerging as sustainability and intelligent technology become central to modern construction.

Whether you're a student preparing for your future, or planning your next step, these sessions will help you understand where the industry is heading and how to thrive in its future.

Balfour Beatty

12.00pm - 12.30pm

Host: Mark Oliver
Engineering, Reliability, Telematics & Innovation

Register

GallifordTry

12.45pm - 1.15pm

Host: Luke Winch
Low Carbon Manager

Register

Wates

1.30pm - 2pm

Host: Rory Brown
Strategy & Innovation Manager

Register



Balfour Beatty
29th April 12pm

Galliford Try
29th April
12.45pm

Wates
29th April
1.30pm

two upcoming opportunities in Bristol that may be of interest to your students. We would really appreciate it if you could share these with any suitable student.

Arm – Work Experience Day

- Arm, Bristol (BS1 6FL)
- Friday 8th May
- 10:00am–3:00pm
- For: Students aged 16–21

Students will visit **Arm, one of the UK's leading tech companies**, to learn about careers in technology. The day includes a **hands-on Micro coding activity, tech industry talks, and networking with early career professionals.**

Students can apply here: <https://uptree.co/events/arm/2034536384/>

Just Eat Takeaway.com – STEM Work Experience Week

- Bristol (BS1 4DJ)
- 25–29 May |
- 10:00am–4:00pm daily
- For: Year 12 students

A **week-long placement** giving students insight into working at a global tech company, including **workshops, work shadowing, and an industry project.**

Students can apply here: <https://uptree.co/events/just-eat/667665486/>



Join Jamie's Farm as an apprentice!

Aged 17-21

Love the outdoors, animals or working with people?
Ready to work hard, learn and be part of a team?



Then one of our Apprenticeships starting Sept 2026 could be for you!

Available Roles (12-24 months depending on college course):

- **Livestock Apprentice – Bath**
(Level 3 or Level 2)
- **Livestock Apprentice – Lewes**
(Level 3 or Level 2)
- **Livestock Apprentice – Skipton**
(Level 3 or Level 2)
- **Outdoor Activities Apprentice – Bath**
(Level 3)



Learn more!



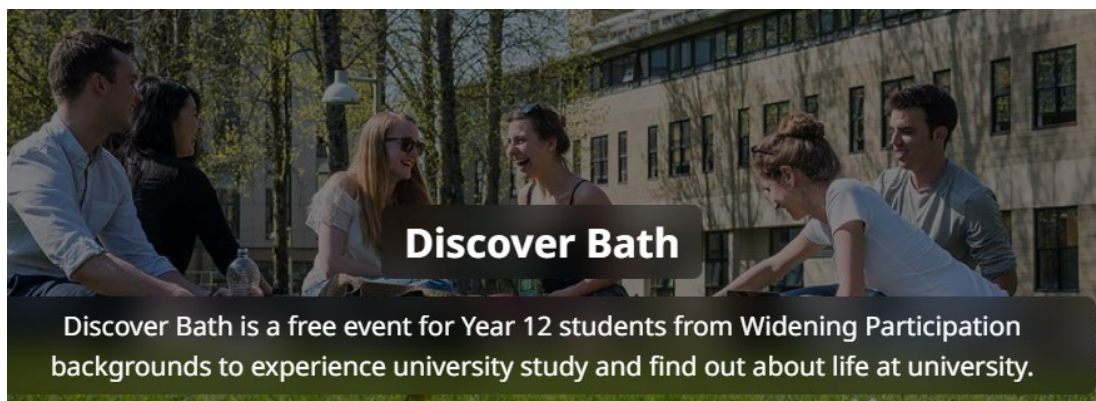
We'll support your learning and help you find a training provider.
No specific grades or experience needed — just the right attitude.

You can find more info on our [website](#), but if you still have questions you can email Elly: ellyhayes@jamiesfarm.org.uk



University and other opportunities:

Check out <https://www.unitasterdays.com/event-incentives/> and **UCAS** and www.opendays.com for lots of open day information and opportunities including:



<https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/discover-bath/>

Meet the Russell Group (RG) Webinars - April 28th - 30th

This is incredibly informative for students considering applying for RG universities such as **Cambridge, Leeds, Manchester, Durham and Kings**. The webinars will cover topics such as Personal Statements & Applying, Researching University Options and Considering Health/Clinical Professions.

Students, teachers and parents can sign up for each webinar via the registration link: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars>

They can also sign up to be sent recordings. Please use the email below or [here](#) to let interested students know.

Newcastle University – Undergraduate Open Day - Bookings Open Now

Bookings are still open for our on-campus Undergraduate Open Days. The events will take place on:

- Saturday 27 June
- Saturday 3 October
- Saturday 21 November

Get Ahead – Virtual Event Series

Bookings are now open to sign up for our series of online virtual events, Get Ahead.

We will be running three events for Year 12 students on the following dates:

- 21 April: Student Life and Study Skills

Students will have the opportunity to increase their study skills, meet current students, take part in a subject taster session, and much more!

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/visit-us-on-campus/other-on-campus-events/get-ahead/>

Bangor University: College of Medicine and Health Webinar Series

Are your students interested in Medicine, Psychology, Nursing, Midwifery, Sport Science, or another health career? Bangor University's College of Medicine and Health is hosting free online taster webinars giving students a real feel for university study, with a live Q&A. [Invite your students to sign up](#)



The banner features a young man with dreadlocks smiling against a dark blue background. On the left is the University of Liverpool crest and name. On the right is the TEF 2023 Gold Teaching Excellence Framework logo. The central text reads 'OPEN DAYS 2026' in large white letters. Below this, the dates are listed: 'Friday 19 June', 'Saturday 20 June', 'Saturday 26 September', 'Saturday 10 October', and 'Online Open Week 2-6 November'. A QR code is in the bottom left, with the text 'BOOK YOUR PLACE liverpool.ac.uk/openday' below it. In the bottom right, there are logos for 'THE ORIGINAL REDBRICK' and 'Member of the Russell Group'.

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits/on-campus-events/register-for-open-day/>



The banner shows a group of diverse students in a cityscape. The text 'WHERE BRIGHT FUTURES BEGIN' is at the top. On the right, the Swansea University and Prifysgol Abertawe logos are displayed.


Swansea University Summer School 5-8 July 2026

What's On Offer:


- **3-day Residential Programme:** Students can stay on campus, attend subject-specific sessions like Medicine, Biomedical Science, Law, Business, and Engineering, and experience life as a university student.
- **Day Pass Option:** For local students who prefer not to stay overnight, full-day access to workshops and activities is available.
- **Insight & Inspiration:** The programme helps students gain clarity about their subject choices, learn about university study, and build confidence ahead of UCAS applications.

Key Details:

- **Dates:** 5th - 8th July 2026
- **Application Deadline:** 3rd May 2026
- **Residential Cost:** £225 (includes accommodation, meals, and activities)
- **Day Pass:** £80 (workshops and lunch included)
- **Financial Support:** Some financial assistance may be available for UK applicants who need it.



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Primary Care Education



Future Doctor A-Level Revision Sessions: Biology + Chemistry

Wednesday 29th April 6:30pm-8pm: A-Level Biology Session (Liver, Kidney and Heart)
Friday 1st May 6:30pm-8pm: A-Level Chemistry Session (Analysis Techniques)

Two individual sessions taught by current medical students and doctors to help prospective healthcare students reach the top grades. Each session includes revision tips, breaking down exam questions and topics recommended by previous feedback.

Biology – Liver, Kidney + The Heart: Learn about three of the bodies' organs, their function, how they can go wrong, and major marking points. Also including medicine links to the content, including common diseases, to help you remember the content more by applying it to real life.

Chemistry – Analysis Techniques: Including Infrared Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy, Proton NMR, Carbon NMR and how to tackle those big mark questions at the end of the organic paper. Including links to how we use these techniques within medicine.

For further information and to apply for these **fully-funded courses**, go to:
<https://www.lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk/training-and-events/futures-programme>

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr Molly Butcher at molly.butcher@nhs.net

I really liked having the topics more related to medicine as opposed to what we did in class. It sparked my interest again and the exam questions featured throughout were also so helpful.

Explanation of how the A level topics link with real-life applications of medicine was extremely helpful – I can see this session helping me with my exams soon!

Email: contact@lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk
 Website: www.lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk
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 Instagram: [@LincsFutures](https://www.instagram.com/LincsFutures) LinkedIn: [@lincsfutures](https://www.linkedin.com/company/lincs-futures)

LSE Empower

LSE Empower (formerly The Black Achievement Conference) is a **one-day online conference supporting students of Black heritage**. Taking place on **Saturday 16 May 2026** via Zoom, students will hear the authentic experiences of LSE's Black students, staff and alumni. They'll gain practical advice and build the confidence needed to pursue their ambitions in higher education and beyond.

What can students expect?

- The opportunity to attend a Law or Economics taster lecture delivered by leading LSE academics
- Gain advice from the LSE Admissions Team on university applications and the LSE admissions process
- Receive guidance from the Widening Participation Team on student finance and financial support at university
- Hear directly from LSE students and alumni about their LSE journey, societies and their overall experience being part of the Black student community



Applications for **LSE Empower** open on **Monday 2 March**, and close on **Sunday 26 April at 11:59pm**.

[Share this opportunity with your students](#)

University of Gloucestershire.

UoG Summer Residentials - applications are now open!

Year 12: Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 July 2026

Application forms are now live for the University of Gloucestershire's free Summer Residentials. Your

students can experience university life for themselves by spending four days and three nights living on campus. They'll get to meet other students from across the country, live in halls of residence, try interactive subject tasters led by our lecturers in industry-standard facilities, speak to current students and find out more about university life.



Year 12 students can choose from 3 projects based around creative, business or health-related subjects.



The event is totally free, with all food, accommodation, travel and entertainment included. There is also up to £50 travel funding to help you get to campus.

Find out more and apply: glos.ac.uk/summer26

WRITE IN RESPONSE TO THE THEME:

TRUTH

THE ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE 2026

You can write in any form. Journalism, essays, stories, poems, speeches and plays are all welcome.

FINAL DEADLINE: 29TH APRIL 2026
FEEDBACK DEADLINE: 25TH FEBRUARY 2026

Head to our website to find out more:
www.orwell-youthprize.co.uk
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— George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE

*This graphic appears from George Orwell's own, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and *The Political Quarterly*

The Orwell Youth Prize is now open for entries. Introducing our new theme: **TRUTH.**

“There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.”- George Orwell

You can write in any form--fiction, non fiction, poetry...even game design!

The competition deadline is 29 April, but you can submit a draft entry by 25 February for feedback from the judges. Three winners will receive a £100 cash prize. All winners and runners up will be published and invited to become part of the Orwell Youth Fellows programme.

Find out more and enter the competition at <https://www.orwellfoundation.com/the-orwell-youth-prize/>

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>

[The Dictionary City: Londoners and the Oxford English Dictionary](#)

Professor Sarah Ogilvie • Thu, 16 Apr 2026

[A World Without Work](#)

Professor Daniel Susskind • Mon, 20 Apr 2026

[Taming AI](#)

Professor Matt Jones • Tue, 21 Apr 2026

[Why Do We Love?](#)

Professor Robin May • Wed, 22 Apr 2026

[The Science of Puppetry – How Real Can They Be?](#)

Professor Robin May & Steve Allen • Thu, 23 Apr 2026

[The Shape of Tiles: Regular and Irregular, Hard and Soft](#)

Professor Alain Goriely FRS • Tue, 28 Apr 2026

[The Sky at Night, Tonight: A New View of the Changing Sky](#)

Professor Chris Lintott • Wed, 29 Apr 2026

- **April 21 @ 13:35 - 14:20** Religious Studies/Philosophy: The Existence of God - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **April 23 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **April 23 @ 09:10 - 09:55** English Literature: The Handmaid's Tale - The Power of Language & Communication - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **April 28 @ 15:45 - 16:40** French Film: University Film Society – La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **April 29 @ 16:30 - 17:15** Pharmacy or Pharmacology: Helping You Choose The University Course for You - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **April 30 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Politics: Ideology in Contemporary UK Politics - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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

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



This fortnight: Seb B; Dennis H; Luke W; Ben R; Lottie S; Ashlyn N; Zach H; Ellis P; Belle B; Tyler H, Ava J; Frances P and Megan W



Mindful Art for Teens Workshop at Pound Arts in Corsham on Saturday 9 May at 4pm. Tickets can be purchased on their

website <https://poundarts.ticketssolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665936>

Pet of the week: Thanks Ellis, meet

