

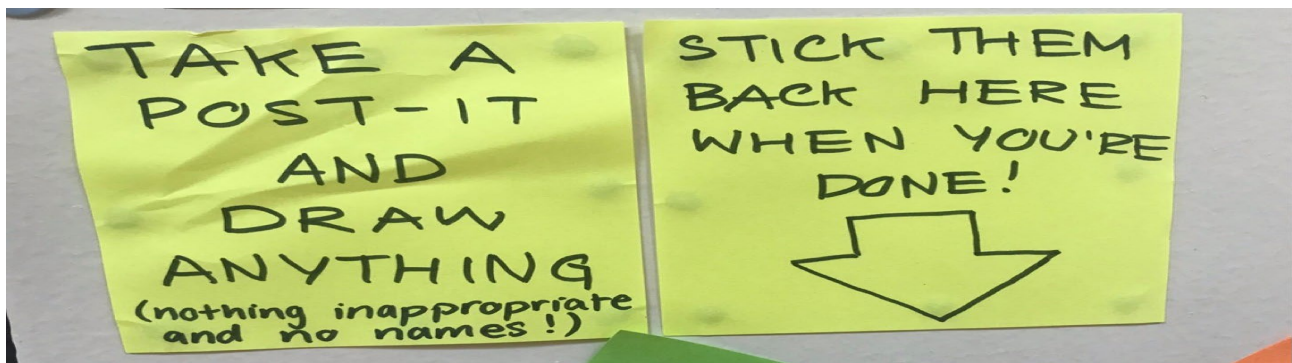
Sixth Form Notes – Mon 17th Nov - Sun 30th Nov 2025

W/B 17th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs EXL

W/B 24th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs CMN

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

A few years ago some Sixth Formers started sticking 'post-it art' to the wall in the Common Room. I want to get it finished and then cover/protect it as a lasting piece of art! Please follow the simple rules and make your mark! Be creative and keep it clean!



Also for the artistic among you – a local competition:

HOW TO ENTER

WHO CAN ENTER:
Anyone living in Chippenham or surrounding area (all ages welcome).

DEADLINE:
31 December 2025

SUBMISSION:
Drop off your artwork at 31Co.Work, Cousin Norman's or Chippenham Museum during their opening hours.

Label the back with your name, address, and contact number.
(parent/guardian contact and age if under 18)

MEDIUM:
Anything goes — painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles, photography, mixed media — whatever you love creating.

NEED INSPIRATION?



Try These Prompts

Your artwork can be about **anything you like**, as long as it's **family-friendly, non-political, and not misleading**.

If you'd like a theme to get you started, try one of these prompts:
Hands | Organic | Evolution | Connect | Transmit



Styles You Might Explore

Figurative: Recognisable subjects and realism

Stylised: Expressive mark-making, bold outlines, or exaggerated proportions

Abstract: No fixed subject, exploring shape, colour, and emotion

<https://publicartchippenham.com/curious-cabinets-competition>

Key dates:

BSL – lunch time club - Tues – V13 – grab lunch then head there

Tues 18th Nov: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/masterclass-autumn-2025/>



PERSONAL STATEMENT MASTERCLASS

Ready to take the next step toward university? Your personal statement is your chance to show admissions tutors who you really are—beyond grades and predicted grades. In this interactive webinar, we'll guide you through the essentials of writing a compelling personal statement that reflects your strengths, passions, and potential.

Personal Statement

18/11/2025

🕒 16:30 - 17:30 GMT

Event will be live ●

Thursday 20th November in VI4 – Wellbeing ambassadors

Fri 21st Nov – Sheldon Scholars - Yr12 potential early entrants for UCAS – bring a book or article you have read about a topic you are interested in (not something a teacher has asked you to read!) – room tbc

Mon 1 Dec - School Development Day (SDD) - No lessons

Wed 3 Dec - Yr13 early entrants - Preparing for university interviews workshop at Hardenhuish

Thu 4 Dec - Christmas Concert

Tue 9 Dec - Y12 Parliament Trip (TJT)

Tue 9 Dec & Wed 10 Dec - Y13 Criminology Controlled Assessment - Unit 3

Wed 10 Dec & Thur 11 Dec - School Production

w/b 15 Dec - Y12 Assessment Week (in class) - Some lessons will have assessments, some normal lessons

Mon 15 Dec - Y13 internal UCAS deadline

Wed 17 Dec - Sixth Form Carol Service

Fri 19 Dec - Term 2 Ends

Tues 6th Jan – Term 3 starts

Yr13 ball – Tues 30th June!!!!

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

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

Year	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Whole school student survey – link emailed Sixth Form Culture Day survey – link on epraise Reverse advent: Reverse Advent 2025.pptx	YEAR 12 - REVISION STRATEGIES: RECALLING CONTENT REVISION 1: RECALLING CONTENT VIDEO REVISION 2: MORE TIPS FOR RECALL VIDEO	Assembly – Rosemary Jago Chairs @ 0815 - EXL
Yr13	Whole school student survey – link emailed Sixth Form Culture Day survey – link on epraise Reverse advent: Reverse Advent 2025.pptx	Managing stress – 15 mins Kelly McGonigal - TED - How to make stress your friend https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026
Year	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	How parliament works – ppt	YEAR 12 - STUDY SKILLS (REVISION) & NEXT STEPS (WORK EXPERIENCE) IMPORTANCE OF NOTES 3: REVISION-READY NOTES VIDEO REVISION 3: APPLICATION AND PRACTICE VIDEO	Managing stress – 15 mins Kelly McGonigal - TED - How to make stress your friend https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en
Yr13	Financial risks and rewards – ppt and work sheet	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc Post 18 actions doc in Teams	Assembly – Mr Titcomb Chairs @ 0815: CMN

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>

Two week paid internship for Law – Summer 2026

<https://app.zerogravity.co.uk/careers/jobs/0knU4j>



30 pages of up to date apprenticeship listings:

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Higher-and-Degree-October-2025.pdf>

PwC: Flying Start degree programme

Applications are now open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes in Accounting, which allow students to gain a degree and begin their career at the same time. Students can apply for 2026 entry through UCAS. [Share with your students](#) (deadline: 14 Jan)

Lloyds Banking Group: 2026 apprenticeships

Lloyds Banking Group's 2026 apprenticeships are open for applications, with a starting salary of £26,500 and opportunities nationwide. Students can apply for roles in sectors including Data, Technology Engineering, Risk, Commercial & Business Banking, Audit, and Actuarial, and gain real experience while earning and learning. [See one of the roles available and share with your students](#)

National Grid: 2026 apprenticeships

With opportunities across craft, engineering, and business support, there's a pathway for every student at National Grid. These roles are open to applicants in Y11-13, offering a real career start, training, and qualifications. Apprenticeship applications open on 27 October. [Share with your students](#)

**Browse Sky apprenticeship jobs across the UK.
Already know where you'd like to start? Head
straight to your programme and apply.**

Sky News Journalism Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Edit Assistant Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Finance Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Billing Operations Apprenticeship

Livingston

Nov 2025



Digital Marketing Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



<https://careers.sky.com/earlycareers/apprenticeships> - **LIVE NOW – DEADLINES EARLY DEC**

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**PAID CORAL RESTORATION INTERNSHIP:
Reef Renewal Bonaire**

Reef Renewal Bonaire offer an internship designed to introduce individuals to the non-profit sector of marine conservation with a focus on the restoration of tropical coral reef ecosystems. During this internship you will be trained and certified as a coral reef restoration diver and will get fully acquainted with the daily operations of the foundation. The internship lasts 10 weeks and is a full-time volunteer position offering a vast amount of experience in coral reef restoration through participation in our community involvement, daily operations and field work- which includes maintaining our coral nurseries and outplanting corals onto the reefs.

Learn more here: <https://lnkd.in/e4Gc6wSX>[#coralreefs](#) [#reefrenewalbonaire](#)
[#coralrestoration](#) [#internship](#) [#intern](#)

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St James's Place

Open Evening – Technology and Data Apprenticeships

Are you interested in a career in Cyber Security or Data?

We're excited to invite you to an Apprenticeship Open Evening at our Cirencester offices where you can find out more about our Cyber Security and Data Engineering & Analytics Apprenticeships.

Come along to learn more about the exciting opportunities we offer to launch your career in Technology or Data. During the evening, you'll:

- Hear directly from our Cyber Security and Data teams, who'll share insights into their work and career journeys and what to expect from an apprenticeship in their areas
- Meet members of our Early Careers team to learn about the application process and support available
- Speak to employees to get a real feel for life at St. James's Place
- This session is particularly useful for those studying Computing, Data or Analytical study at A-Level (or equivalent)

Tuesday 25 November | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

St. James Place House, 1 Tetbury Road,
Cirencester GL7 1FP



Register

Students are welcome to bring along parents or carers but please note that places will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis, so we would recommend that interested students sign up quickly. Due to venue capacity, each student may attend with one parent or guardian only.



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- Earn a qualification while working
- Real on-the-job experience
- **A permanent contract**
- Ongoing guidance from your manager, early careers team, and wider business
- Apprenticeships with blended learning, self-study, and online courses

*Most roles based at our Head Office in Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

What we look for

If you're interested in applying for our School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme, here are some insights into what we look for.

- Hard-working, self-motivated and self-aware individuals
- Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to work well with others
- Those with a passion for a career in our industry and with SJP
- A high level of academic attainment in your GCSEs including Level 5 or above in English and Maths
- Completing or have recently completed your A-levels or equivalent

Look out for our application support guide coming soon!

Applications opening!

2026 School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme applications open
Friday 7th November 2025.

We have roles in;

- Cyber Security
- Data Engineering and Analytics
- Marketing
- Advice/Client Liaison
- HR
- Internal Audit
- Investment
- Operations Support
- Finance

[Find out more >](#)



Early application is advised.
Applications close on 8th Jan 2026.

University and other opportunities:

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

In2MedSchool is a registered Charity (1197973), which supports aspiring medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are inviting students at your school to sign up for our **FREE MEDIC MENTORING** scheme. So far, we have around 2,400 mentors, all of which are doctors/medical students who have been through the application cycle and will do their best to help your students with their application. All our mentors have agreed to follow our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our [website](http://www.in2medschool.com).

Should you have any aspiring medics at your school that would be interested please get them to apply here: <https://bit.ly/I2MS-Mentee>

Whilst we primarily offer a mentoring service, we also run events open to **all** students who would like to learn more about **life as a doctor/medical student, our tips and tricks, UCAT/exam support, work experience opportunities and much more**. You can find more information on our website: www.in2medschool.com.

Swansea University – this week!

4. Our Masterclass Webinars Are Back!

We're delighted to share that our Swansea University's Masterclass Series is returning from 17 - 20 November!

Our free masterclass webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give your students an idea of the topical developments taking place within subjects they may be interested in studying, and can help to support course choice.

As soon as our registration page is live, we'll let you know!

17 - 20 November
18:00 – 19:00

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/masterclass-autumn-2025/>



See email for massive list of taster lectures - Bookings can be made [here](#).

All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university.



UniTasterDays featured event information. Content provided by Escape Studios

Your students can get a taste of Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics degrees at our upcoming taster day

Post-16 students are invited to our final undergraduate taster day of the year on **Saturday 6th December, 10:00am to 1:00pm** in North Greenwich, London's Design District.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Meet other students interested in the screen industries
- Test-drive industry software with the guidance of our industry-expert tutors
- Get to know the "Escape" way and see if your chosen course is the right fit for you

Come along to a taster day at a top 5 UK creative school, *The Rookies*, and see how we've shaped studio-ready graduates since 2002.

Event details

Date: Saturday 6th December

Time: 10.00am - 1:00pm

<https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-taster-days/>



Looking for support as you jump from school to university?
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- Smash your first assignment

Available to students attending a partner uni

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* 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>



Becoming AI – Your Journey to Assimilation?
 Professor Matt Jones
 Tue, 25 Nov 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



Hecate: Mistress of Magic
 Professor Ronald Hutton
 Wed, 26 Nov 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



Where Is China Heading under Xi Jinping?
 Professor Steve Tsang
 Thu, 27 Nov 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out

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

- **November 19 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Philosophy: Mind, Body & Soul - Where Are You Really? UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **November 20 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Mathematics: The Real World Application of Vectors - Tutorial - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **November 20 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Study Skills: Understanding & Applying The Chi-Squared Test (For Non-Mathematicians/Non-Statisticians) - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **November 24 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Politics/IR: Will There Be Many More States With Nuclear Weapons? – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#)
- **November 25 @ 13:40 - 14:30** Biology: Plant Biotechnology for Sustainable Food Production - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **November 26 @ 11:00 - 12:00** insight4me Psychology: Attachment - Reading & Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **November 26 @ 15:40 - 16:25** Business Decision Making - Tutorial - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **November 27 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Geography/Environmental Science: Coast to Coast - Livelihoods, Gender, Disasters, Environmental Change & Governance - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#)
- **December 1 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Law: Skills & Insight - Building A Defence - King's College London (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **December 1 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Psychology/Linguistics: A Tour of The Linguistic Brain - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **December 2 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Politics/Media: Do Newspapers Influence The Way That People Vote? - Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **December 2 @ 11:10 - 11:55** English Literature: Close Reading Modern Poetry With Seamus Heaney - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **December 3 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Religious Studies/Philosophy: Humanity Reloaded - AI & The Future of Religion - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
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Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to...



This fortnight: John J; Alysia G; Maya Z; Alex E; Abraham R; Milla E; Ben P; Emilia H; Teddy A; Lily A; Lili P; Henry T and Daniel F

Pet of the week: Thanks Austin, meet Dexter (on the left) and Lottie (on the right) starting Christmas early!

