

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 1st June – Sun 14th 2026

W/B 1st – Week 1 – Yr12 = Thurs – chairs GRA

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

We hope you had a great break and managed to stay cool and enjoy the weather!

Massive thanks to India and Violet for doing assemblies about Mental Health week to the rest of the school.

The Chippenham Games take place every June across two days at Stanley Park. Many of you will remember attending this event as Year 6 children a few years ago. All students joining Sheldon in September are grouped together and take part in a range of activities designed to help them meet new people and make new friends.

Take a look at what the event involves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEWoAePOpsA>

I am looking for ten Sheldon leaders to support the event on both **Tuesday 16 June** and **Wednesday 17 June**.

If you would like to help, please email me at jbrightmore-back@sheldonschool.co.uk or come and find me in person.



Anyone for tennis? Fridays after school until the end of the year. Meet in the Sixth Form centre or on the Yr7 playground



Would you like to gain valuable work experience in a museum to include on your CV or University application?

Would you like to learn more about John Aubrey "Britain's first archaeologist". The famous local seventeenth century antiquarian, scientist, and biographer?

Would you like to engage visitors with incredible historical objects, including important items from the Ashmolean Museum and the Bodleian Library?



Are you friendly and enthusiastic and would feel confident talking to people about objects and stories in the exhibition?

Then join our team as an Exhibition Volunteer this summer and help our visitors discover our exhibition *'Wiltshire & The World: John Aubrey & the Quest for Knowledge'*.

This role will include:

- Learning about the interesting life of John Aubrey, getting to know the exhibition and its objects. (Training will be provided!)
- Welcoming visitors to the exhibition and starting conversations.
- Sharing exciting objects and stories.
- Helping us to look after important loans to the museum.

When:

Join us for just 3 hours per week over the summer holidays on a Tuesday or Thursday, either 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm.

Volunteering with Chippenham Museum will give you the opportunity to:

- Gain experience working in a museum.
- Learn about what goes into creating an exhibition and caring for historic objects.
- Develop valuable skills including strong communication and customer service.
- Include volunteering at Chippenham Museum on your CV or University application.

Interested in taking part?

Please email heritage@chippenham.gov.uk expressing your interest in the role and why you think you would be good at it.

You will be invited to attend a casual chat to ensure the role is suitable for you.

Top 5 key exam reminders:

1. Make sure you know where and when
2. Sleep (don't cram) the night before
3. Eat some breakfast (not just an energy drink)
4. Wear your lanyard
5. Don't wear a hoodie



Are you 3e?

What level are you?

- Level 1: I READ through my notes
- Level 2: I MAKE NOTES from what I read
- Level 3: I TRANSFORM my notes into another format (e.g. diagrams, lists, mnemonics, flash cards, tables)

What letter are you?

- Level a: I answer PAST QUESTIONS but avoid hard ones
- Level b: I answer HARD PAST QUESTIONS until I get it right
- Level c: I use MARK SCHEMES to help me improve my answers
- Level d: I use EXAMINER REPORTS and mark schemes
- Level e: I practice AGAIN AND AGAIN until I KNOW I have got it right and seek support when I need it

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

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

- **June 9 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Choosing the Right Course & University for You - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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

UCAS 2026 entry applications

- If you receive your last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, your reply date is **3 June 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **15 July 2026**, your reply date is **22 July 2026** (including Extra choices).

Don't want to wait for all your uni decisions?

If you want to, you can permanently withdraw from any outstanding choices to reply to offers you've already received. Or you can wait until all decisions have been received, and we'll then give you a deadline to reply.

If you decide to withdraw a choice, it will not be available to you later and the university or college will be informed you no longer wish to be considered for the course.

Take your time to consider your options and only do this if you're sure. We strongly recommend that you speak to your tutor, Head of Year or Mr Spiers to discuss your options before making any changes.

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

Year	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Term 6 is vital – ppt in Teams Remind them phones, airpods etc can only be used in SF areas. They will be asked to put them away and repeat offenders may have them confiscated.	Discuss / debate: Social media as bad for young people as smoking, top doctors say: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5y7r9gqp6jo	Assembly – Miss Frater Chairs @ 0815 - GRA
Year	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Introduction to UCAS, logging on to UCAS Hub, starting an application etc – ppt to follow	Tutor choice <i>Maybe explore Unifrog webinars with them?</i> https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars	UCAS Discovery trip – register as normal and then out to bus park for 0845. We should be back by 3pm Bring lunch (preferable) Or money for lunch – but it will be very busy!

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/>

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice/virtual-work-experiences>

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

Free virtual job simulations, ranging from 2-8 hours to complete and covers lots of different areas:

<https://www.theforage.com/simulations>

Career Insight Days

- **Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 18th October 2026

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

[Blog RAF Virtual Work Experience](#)

[RAF Virtual Work Experience | Explore Careers & Build Skills](#)

- **Explore interactive 3D models of RAF equipment**
 - **Assess risks and make decisions in real time**
 - **Navigate environments that reflect real-world challenges**
 - **Hear directly from RAF professionals about their roles and experiences**
 - **Building skills for the future**
 - **An innovative approach to early talent**
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- [Virtual: Trowers & Hamlins, Insights Webinar for Y12 students](#)- 2 June
 - [National: National Cyber Force, Application Masterclass](#)- 7 Jul
 - [Bristol: Just Eat Takeaway.com, STEM Work Experience Placement Week](#)-27 Jul- 31st Jul

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:

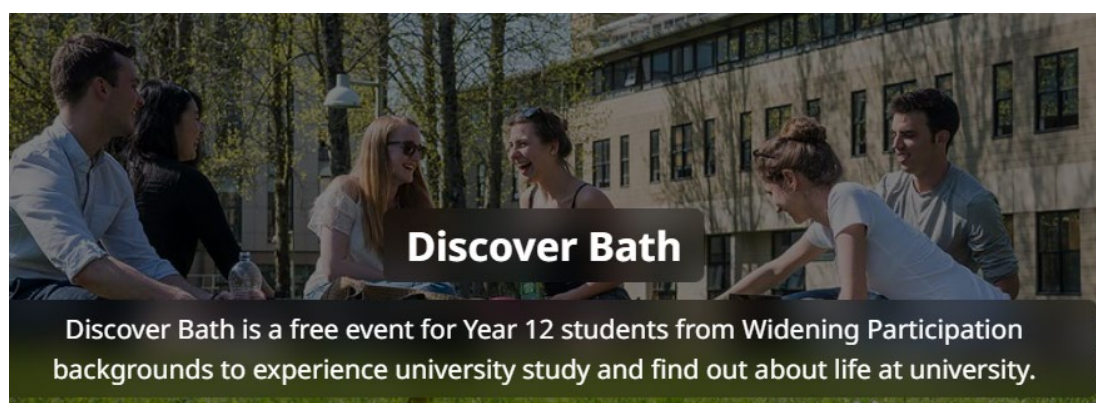
Arts and Humanities Residential, Slaughter and May Law Insight Day, STEP Prep Maths Day

Firstly, I wanted to drop a quick reminder that applications for our summer programmes are now open, including our [Arts and Humanities Residential](#) (deadline Sunday 7th June), [Slaughter and May Law Insight Day](#) (deadline Sunday 28th June) and [STEP Prep Day](#) (deadline Sunday 14th June), for those thinking about applying for Maths. These are a great opportunity for students to spend time at the University with us and have an insight into the subjects they're interested in. We usually offer the Slaughter and May Law partnership as a residential event, but this year it will be an equally insightful day event. This is due to restrictions on our end on accommodation we are able to offer in the summer due to accommodation renovations.

The University of Bath is pleased to announce it will be hosting a Girls into Electronics event on Wednesday 8th July 2026.

The **UKESF Girls into Electronics** programme – supported by **Apple** – is a unique opportunity for female students, in years 10, 11 and 12, to explore Electronics. At the heart of the programme is a series of one-day events, during the summer term, hosted by the UKESF's partner universities. During the day participating students find out more about Electronics and studying the subject at university level, hear from female graduate engineers working in the sector and get 'hands on' with Arduino microcontrollers. Participants will be able to take a - free - Arduino kit home with them and access online support to complete a range of activities. Since 2022 the Girls into Electronics programme has inspired over 1000 young women. To find out more about Girls into Electronics: [ukesf.org/what-we-do/girls-into-electronics/](https://www.ukesf.org/what-we-do/girls-into-electronics/)

If you are a teacher interested in taking a group of your students, please book places [here](#). If your school is unable to attend but you have individual students interested in participating, please let them know they can book an individual ticket [here](#).



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

Impetus Education is offering scholarships for prestigious online summer programmes in:

- Economics & Business
- Engineering
- Medicine

- Law

The programmes are taught by graduates from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and are designed to provide students with an engaging and academically enriching experience.

Students can apply via the short application form below:

<https://www.impetus.education/scholarship>

The application deadline has been extended to 15 June; however, we encourage students to apply early, as places are limited and filling quickly.

Courses will take place online throughout July and include:

- Small, interactive classes
 - A personalised 1:1 mentoring session with a tutor
 - A guided research project and presentation
 - Personalised feedback and a certificate of completion
 - Sessions on leadership, entrepreneurship, and presentation skills
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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

<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](#)

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OPEN DAYS

2026

Friday 19 June
Saturday 20 June
Saturday 26 September
Saturday 10 October
Online Open Week 2-6 November

BOOK YOUR PLACE
liverpool.ac.uk/openday

THE ORIGINAL REDBRICK
Member of the Russell Group

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

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>

Other free lectures / seminars (good for uni applications, supporting studies etc) **and check out Unifrog webinars on different careers, post-18 pathways etc:**

- **June 3 @ 14:00 - 14:45** Geography: Modelling Hazards - Volcano Forensics - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 4 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Sociology: The Algorithmic State - Big Data & AI Decision-Making in Public Institutions - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 9 @ 10:05 - 10:55** Think Tank – International Law: Opportunities & Threats - Surrey & UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 9 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Choosing the Right Course & University for You - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 9 @ 12:45 - 13:30** RS/Politics: Understanding White Christian Nationalism in the USA Today - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 11 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Psychology: Child Language Acquisition - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 11 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computer Science/Mathematics: Quantum Computing & Cybersecurity - Nottingham (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **June 11 @ 12:45 - 13:30** English Literature: Jane Austen, Big Brother & The Handmaid's Tale - Surveillance & Control - Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

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



Week before half term – apologies: Oscar A; Keeley F; Emily C; Izzy H and Zara B

Half term: Eva D; Emily S; Anneka B; Oliver J; Alexa B; Hannah G and Tom F

Next fortnight: Molly C; Abi R; Savana KS; Omid M; Josh B; Darcie M; Sophie H and Rosa W

Pet of the week: We need more pets!

Bright Spot! Joe and Kush - episode 6 of Race Across The World. Check it out. They really love and care and look out for each other!