Sixth Form Notes – Mon 2nd Nov - Sun 15th Nov 2026

W/B 2nd = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Weds – chairs – 12G1 CMN
W/B 9th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Weds – chairs – 13O1 CMD

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Thanks to all those who helped at Open Evening and well done to those who received awards at Awards night!

Yr13 - Do you want to be on BBC news? Do you feel strongly about the smoking ban that comes in Jan 2027? Please email Mr Spiers asap (Tues 3rd Nov L5)

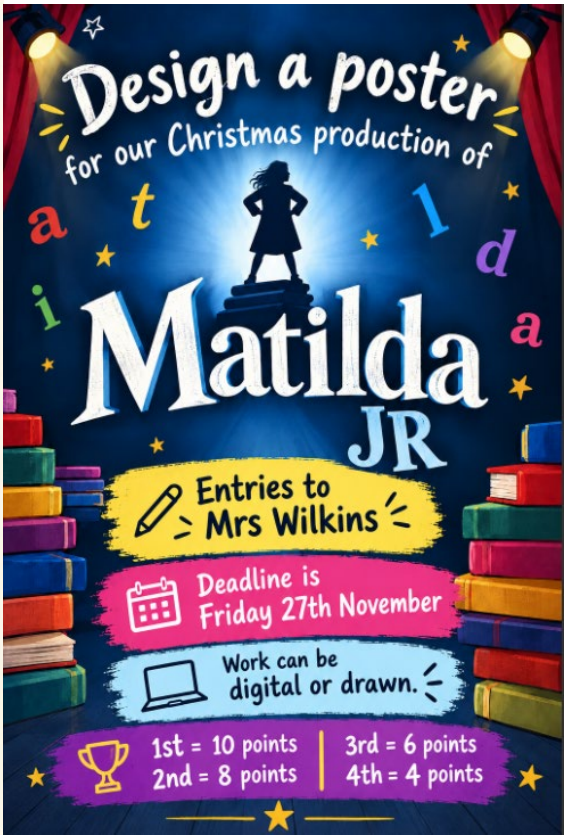
Have your say:

Common room refurbishment form – Fill in form
Subject Ambassador Interest Form – Fill in form

Support this ex-student who is running the London Marathon in 2027 in aid of the MS Society:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/rward?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL





Yr13 - Unifrog and UCAS

Things for you to do:

- Research courses and visit uni's
- Register/logon to UCAS and link to Sheldon using the Buzzword 'Sheldon2027' (if you went to Winchester Uni trip you will already have a UCAS account)
- Fill in as much of the form as you can – personal details, GCSE results etc
- Put your current A Levels as 'pending' for next summer
- Draft your personal statement in Unifrog, show you tutor etc (you cannot write your PS until you know what courses you are applying for!)
- Talk to teachers about your plans and what grade they think you can get
- When you have done all you can and it is complete – 'Pay and Send'

Things your teachers do:

- Mark your mocks
- Use this and other evidence to write references and predicted grades in Unifrog
- Read personal statements if relevant to what you're applying for

Things your tutor does:

- Read your personal statement
- Guide your research
- Use subject references and their knowledge of you to write the final reference in UCAS

Things Mr Spiers and Miss Frater do:

- Read your personal statement
- Guide your research
- Send completed applications to UCAS after final checks

16-19 BURSARY – you may be eligible for financial support!

https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/information/bursary

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Project 500 / ENRICHMENT: make contact with staff in school or organisations outside of school then record on Unifrog.

BSL is Tues lesson 5 in VI3 – come along!

More to follow soon on mentoring, VIPERS, and primary school reading.

Russian is due to start next week and it is not too late to sign up – email Mr Spiers – it will be Fri lesson 3

For those who have arranged or are arranging primary school placements and need a DBS:

The advice I found online suggests DBS is free for volunteers but should be done via the primary school so maybe send them this:

- **Contact the Primary School:** The student should speak to the primary school's Headteacher, Safeguarding Lead (DSL), or School Business Manager.
- **Request the Volunteer Link:** The primary school will provide an online application link and a list of valid ID documents required (e.g., Passport, Birth Certificate, NHS card, or college ID).
- **Register for the Update Service:** Once the paper certificate arrives in the post, the student should register it on the **DBS Update Service** (which is also **free for volunteers**) within 30 days. This keeps the DBS active and portable for future volunteering or university applications without having to re-apply.





Key dates:

English and Maths resits – good luck!

Mon 2nd Nov – **Term 2 starts**

Tues 10th Nov - 1:25-2:10pm – **Careers in Law webinar – email Mr Spiers with names**

w/b 16th Nov – Anti-bullying week

Thurs 19th Nov – Yr13 parents' evening

Fri 27th Nov – TD day – school closed for everybody!

Thurs 3rd Dec – Christmas concert – volunteers for refreshments wanted – please email or see Mr Spiers

Mon 7th Dec – Enrichment day – programme to be shared soon but will include: First Aid, cooking, self-defence, financial skills etc

Weds 9th Dec – VARSITY – Yr12 vs Yr13 – events tbc
Thurs 10th and Fri 11th Dec – Matilda Jr – the musical production - volunteers for refreshments wanted – please email or see Mr Spiers
Weds
Weds 16th Dec – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and Christmas carol service in the church – please let your Head of Year or tutor know if you would like to perform or do a reading
Fri 18th Dec – term ends at lunch time
Mon 4th Jan – TD day – no lessons
Tues 5th Jan – term 3 starts

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

Year	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th
Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	SF notes, key dates this term, Aberfan from before half term: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/videos/cm040dny6362o	Assembly: Mr Humphreys Chairs: 12G1 CMN	Unifrog Green Careers Week – pdf in Teams with links to quiz, courses, career profiles etc
Yr13	SF notes, key dates this term, Aberfan from before half term: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/videos/cm040dny6362o	Post 18 actions, discussions, research etc – half term actions!?	Unifrog Green Careers Week – pdf in Teams with links to quiz, courses, career profiles etc
Year	**Tuesday 10th**	**Wednesday 11th**	**Thursday 12th**
Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Remembrance ppt etc	UCAS Destinations programme: 1 – Foundations for the Future	UCAS Destinations programme: 1 – Foundations for the Future
Yr13	Remembrance ppt etc	Assembly: Remembrance - tbc Chairs: 13O1 CMD	**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

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



https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/HD-Listing-October-2026-1.pdf

Live online Career Experience Days for students aged 13–18 this autumn.

November
Saturday 7th – Architecture
Saturday 21st – Engineering
Saturday 28th – Law

December
Saturday 5th – Business

Each Career Day combines **career and university guidance with live virtual work experience**, giving students a practical insight into the profession before making decisions about their future.

All events are **live online**, and include a personalised certificate of completion.

Full details and book: **CareerDays.co.uk**

Revealed: The top 20 jobs with the most opportunity in the UK

The Indeed.com Career Guide has recently identified the top 20 jobs with the most opportunity in the UK. We know students like to have an idea of the type of jobs out there and how certain degrees can help bolster their chances.

The top 20 jobs include education, engineering, finance and legal roles – all of which can be studied at university.

> Take a look at the Top 20

Siemens Apprenticeship Insight Evening on 12th November from 6-8pm at their Rail Technology Centre in Chippenham.

If you are interested in finding out more about their post 16/post 18 apprenticeship opportunities, please make sure you register your interest with the below booking link.

Siemens Mobility are excited to be hosting our next Apprenticeship Insight Evening on Thursday 12th November from 6pm to 8pm, at our brand new Siemens Rail Technology Centre in Chippenham (which will be officially opening less than a week before we host students). Aimed at Year 11 and Year 13 students (and a parent/guardian), we'll be exploring the roles we have on offer starting in August 2027.

On the evening, students will have the chance to:

- ✨ Hear from people across Siemens Mobility
- 🤝 Meet hiring managers and explore career opportunities
- 👨‍👩‍👧 Bring a parent or guardian along to learn more too
- 💬 Hear first-hand experiences from our apprentices
- 📝 Learn more about applying for an apprenticeship

- 🚇 Find out about careers in the rail industry

Learners and parents/guardians can register at www.siemens.co.uk/insight, with limited places being offered on a first come-first-serve basis.

KPMG: 2027 apprenticeships now available

Applications are now open for KPMG's 2027 apprenticeships in audit, tax, and corporate services. Salaries range from £25,500 to £28,000 depending on location. Roles may fill quickly, so early application is encouraged. Students should quote reference UF2027 when applying. **Check out apprenticeships**

Stantec: Engineering degree apprenticeships

Stantec degree apprenticeships are now open across the UK in civil engineering. Students will work on projects across water, buildings, energy, environment, and infrastructure. They will gain hands-on experience while helping to shape more sustainable and resilient communities. Early application is advised. **See roles, locations, and entry requirements**

EY: 2027 apprenticeships now open

EY has opened applications for its 2027 apprenticeship programmes, offering students a direct route into assurance, tax, tech, or consulting straight after school or college. Opportunities are available across the UK for September 2027 starts. Early application is advised! **See opportunities**

Mishcon de Reya Solicitor Apprenticeship

Rotate across all six departments, studying one day a week with The University of Law. Shortlisted candidates get a paid assessed vacation scheme in February.

LOCATION	ENTRY	APPLY BY
London	**BBB guide (flexible)**	**Fri 27 Nov 2026**

WHEN YOU APPLY

When the form asks **where you heard about the role**, select **Young Professionals** in **both** drop-downs.

See full role & apply →

Charles Russell Speechlys

NOW OPEN

Charles Russell Speechlys Solicitor Apprenticeship

Spend a year in each of four practice areas while earning an LLB, then qualify through the SQE at a global firm with 650+ lawyers.

LOCATION	ENTRY	APPLY BY
London or Guildford	**BBB at A level**	**15 Jan 2027, midday**

WHEN YOU APPLY

In the **Marketing** section, select **Young Professionals** in **both** boxes, including the one marked optional.

See full role & apply →

4 Brilliant Degree Apprenticeship - applications open!

GKN AEROSPACE

Aerospace Engineering - Bristol

CLICK HERE

THALES
Building a future we can all trust

System Engineering / Project Management - Various locations

CLICK HERE

HSBC

Commerical Banking - Birmingham

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Law - various locations

CLICK HERE

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Level 3 opens: Mon 11 Jan 2027
Level 6 opens: Mon 2 Nov 2026

Register your interest here or scan the QR code

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St James's Place

Apprenticeship Discovery Evening, Cirencester -

Discover Apprenticeships at St. James's Place

Explore our apprenticeships and early career opportunities.
Meet the teams. Hear from our successful apprentices.

Thinking about what comes next after school or college?
Come along to the St. James's Place Apprenticeship Open Evening and discover how you could kick-start your career with a leading financial services business.

What can you expect?

Discover SJP: Meet the Early Careers Team and get an introduction to St. James's Place and the apprenticeship opportunities available

Explore the business: Visit department stands, meet colleagues from across the business and find out about the different roles and career pathways

Hear from apprentices: Chat to current apprentices about their experiences and what a typical day looks like.

Get your questions answered: Ask about entry requirements, qualifications, career progression and life as a school leaver at SJP.

Event Programme

5.00pm: Arrival and registration

5.15pm: Welcome to St. James's Place
An introduction from the Early Careers Team, including an overview of the business and the apprenticeship programmes on offer.

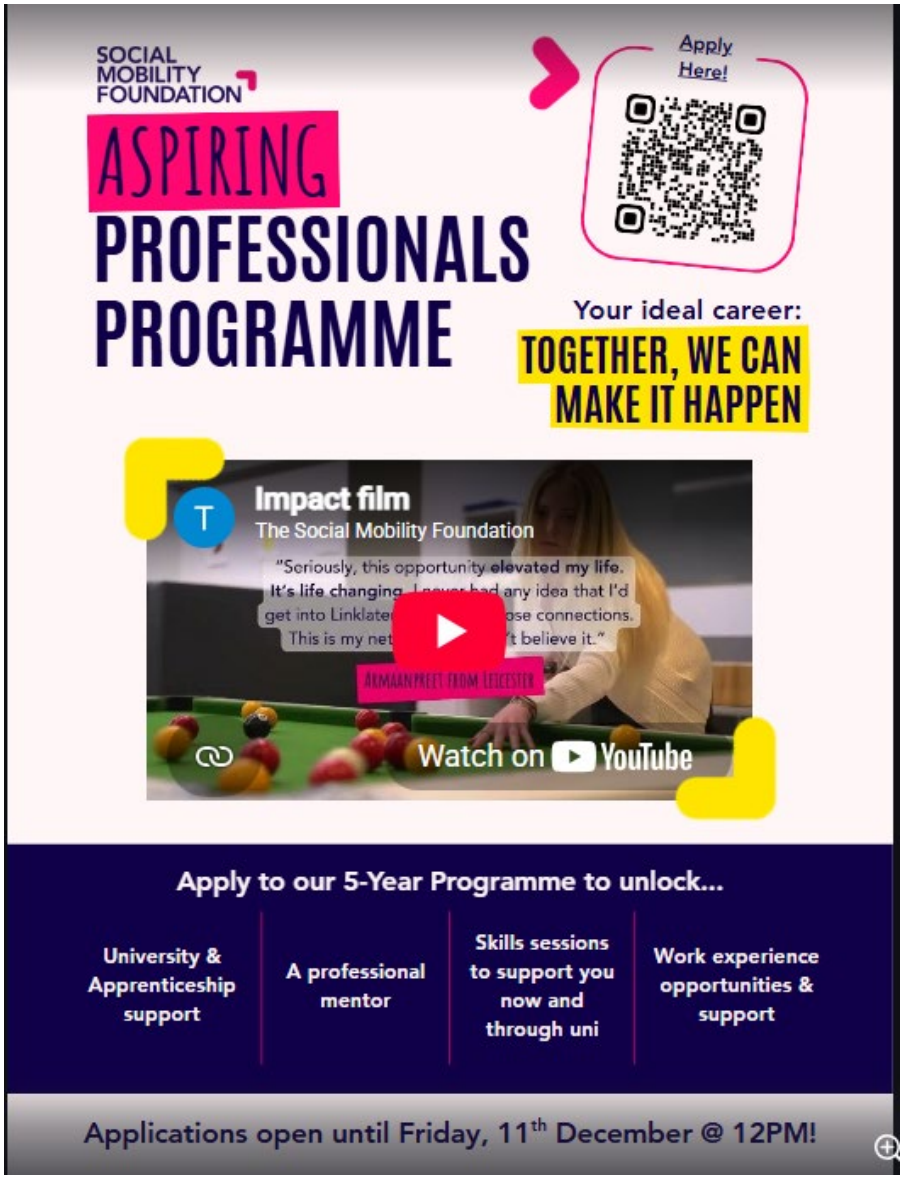
5.30pm – 6.15pm: Explore, Meet & Discover
The chance to visit the department stands, explore different career opportunities and speak to the teams about their roles and apprenticeship programmes.

6.15pm - 6.30pm: Questions and Close

Wednesday 4th November
St. James Place House, 1 Tetbury Road, Cirencester GL7 1FP
5:00pm - 6:30pm
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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University and other opportunities:

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

Year 12 Pathway to Bath Programme

Applications are now open for Pathway to Bath 2027: the University of Bath's award winning, online academic enrichment and residential outreach programme!

Our flexible programme fits around studies, and students can discover what it's really

like to study a subject of interest at university. There is also a free residential and the opportunity to become eligible for a guaranteed conditional offer.

On Pathway to Bath students will:

- Study an undergraduate topic in a subject of their choice, attending online lectures taught by subject experts. (Over 20 subjects)
- Receive mentoring from current undergraduate students and gain insights about studying a variety of subjects
- Become eligible for a guaranteed conditional offer
- Experience student life first-hand through an optional campus residential in July
- Gain a rich experience to write about in your personal statemen

To be eligible for the programme, students must:

- Be a current year 12 student
- Meet one of the widening participation categories (Post-code; free school meals; care-experienced/ care-leaver; young carer; refugee/asylum seeker; estranged)

To find out more and to apply, go to our website: Pathway to Bath 2027 (https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme/)

Contact us with any questions at: pathway@bath.ac.uk



Year 13 Apply with Bath programme

Applications are still open for **Apply with Bath**, our online programme designed to support students planning to apply to the University of Bath for **2027 entry**. The programme begins in early September and is open to all current Year 13 students intending to submit an application to Bath. Participants will receive guidance and support throughout the application process, helping them to submit a competitive application. In addition, students who meet our widening participation criteria can access **1:1 personal statement support**.

For further information see our website: https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/apply-with-bath/

Come to an undergraduate Open Day at Birmingham

Our Open Days are a fantastic way for students and their families to discover what makes Birmingham one of the UK's leading universities. They can explore campus, attend subject talks, meet academics and current students and get a feel for student life at Birmingham.

- Saturday 14 November

Book an 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



What History is NOT
Sathnam Sanghera
Tue, 03 Nov 2026
The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



Material Witness: Understanding the Objects of Auschwitz
Professor Zoë Waxman
Wed, 04 Nov 2026

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



Guantanamo on the Euphrates: What Next for Detainees in Syria?
Prof Clive Stafford Smith
Thu, 05 Nov 2026

In-person tickets available
Watch live online



The End of Mathematics? The AI Crisis
Professor Alain Goriely
Tue, 10 Nov 2026 • 6pm

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



Our Sun, Our Star
Professor Chris Lintott
Wed, 11 Nov 2026 • 7pm

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



How Did Our Garden Grow? The History of Hatton Garden
Vivian Watson
Thu, 12 Nov 2026 • 1pm

In-person tickets available
Watch live online

Love's Transcendence in the Poetry of John Donne, George Herbert and RS Thomas
The Very Revd Dr Mark Oakley • Wed, 18 Nov 2026 • **1pm** • Barnard's Inn Hall / Live Online

Speaking Through Othello: Black Performance and the Training of Feeling
Professor Jason Allen-Paisant • Wed, 18 Nov 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall / Live Online

Life, Death and Bubbles: The Story of Earth's Nitrogen
Professor Helen Czerski • Thu, 19 Nov 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall / Live Online

Sixteenth-Century London Dialect: How Londoners Spoke in Sir Thomas Gresham's Time
Professor Laura Wright • Tue, 24 Nov 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall / Live Online

Musical Myths and Miracles
Professor Milton Mermikides • Wed, 25 Nov 2026 • 6pm • **LSO St Luke's** / Live Online

The Life Cycle of a Holiday
Professor Ian Mudway • Thu, 26 Nov 2026 • **5.30pm** • **St John's College, Durham** / Live Online

The Romantic History of Copyright
Professor Daniel Susskind • Mon, 30 Nov 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall / Live Online

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

- **November 5 @ 12:20 - 13:05** Development Economics: Why Some Nations are Trapped in Poverty - UEA (16+) Find out more
- **November 5 @ 14:05 - 14:50** US Politics: Understanding the 2026 US Mid-Term Elections - Aberystwyth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **November 9 @ 14:00 - 15:00** insight4me Media - Media Language - LSE & UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **November 10 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Economics: Realistic Interventions for Market Failures - UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **November 11 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Forensic Psychology: Memory On Trial - Surrey (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **November 13 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Migration & The Media: Who Gets to Participate, Speak and Belong in Society? Glasgow (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **November 16 @ 11:10 - 11:55** History: Tudors - Challenging the Authority of Henry VIII - Portsmouth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to…



Last fortnight: George K; Owen G; Spencer H; Naomi B, Naomi A; Sophie S; Freya H; Malachy N; Anayah S; Maya L; Isabelle H and Joseph T

Next fortnight: Stephan E; Annalie J; Poppy E; Oliver I; Neo S; Jasmine U; Cody H; Phoebe L; Ben H; Freya S and Nia Mc

Pet of the week: Thanks Eirwen, this is May (formally know as Diana), our first donkey to feature as PotW!

