Sixth Form Notes – Mon 21st Sept - Sun 4th Oct 2026

W/B 21st = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Weds – chairs – 13G1
W/B 28th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Weds – chairs – 12B1

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

A huge thank you to those who helped out with Yr7 camp last week. More than one member of staff told me how amazing you were!

We still need some volunteers for Open Evening Thurs. Please let Mr Spiers know if you are interested.

Well done to all those who auditioned and/or got parts in Matilda or who will be involved in other ways. We cannot wait to see it!

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

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

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!

EPQ and Core Maths are getting started now!

More to follow soon on mentoring, VIPERS, DofE and Ten Tors

Please can you click on the following link and complete this short survey for students in our area – all those that do will be entered into a prize draw and could win a £100 online voucher.

The survey is very short and is part of the work that some of our pupils are undertaking as part of a scheme they are participating in for one of the largest companies in the South West - Wessex Water.

Survey link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/AZtFYELE9e

The survey is only open until Sunday 4th October – it takes no more than 5 minutes and your responses are completely confidential.

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.**
- **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.**
- **Sign in if you are staying in school for study time, otherwise we will assume you are NOT onsite.**

https://www.thecalmzone.net/calm-care-kit

Key dates:

Thurs 24th Sept - Whole school open evening - volunteers required – email Mr Spiers
Tues 22nd, Weds 23rd and Thurs 24th – Open mornings – volunteers required – email Mr Spiers
w/b 28th Sept – Yr13 in-class mocks
w/b 28th Sept – Unifrog University application masterclasses: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/series-university-application-masterclasses
Fri 9th Oct – Hello Yellow – mental health awareness day – Wear Yellow!
Weds 14th Oct – Sixth Form open evening – volunteers required
Tues 20th Oct – Awards Evening
Weds 21st Oct TD day – no lessons – half term starts!

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

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

Year	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th
Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Introduce the House System and encourage students to apply for House Capt and Vice Capt roles. Ppt in Teams	BEST revision. Ppt in Teams	**NetSixth: ORGANISATION** MAKING THE BEST START IN YEAR 12 VIDEO ORGANISATION OF FOLDERS AND NOTES VIDEO

Yr13	Introduce the House System and encourage students to apply for House Capt and Vice Capt roles. Ppt in Teams	Assembly – Mr Spiers Chairs: 13G1 WMB	BEST revision. Ppt in Teams
Year	**Tuesday 29th**	**Wednesday 30th**	**Thursday 1st Oct**
Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	WEX – thinking ahead and how to contact employers – WEX = w/b 5th July 2027 – ppt	Assembly: tbc Chairs: 12B1	**Tutor choice**
Yr13	How to ace your revision: https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/revision-techniques-how-to-ace-revision	Learning scientists: 6 strategies for effective learning: https://www.learningscientists.org/videos	Post 18 actions – follow up, ppt and handout

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

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

October
Saturday 3rd – Medicine
Sunday 4th – Dentistry
Saturday 10th – Veterinary Medicine
Saturday 17th – Computer Science
Sunday 18th – Performing Arts
Saturday 24th – Midwifery
Saturday 31st – Psychology

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**

University and other opportunities:

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

- **October 1 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) Find out more » [NEW]**
- **October 6 @ 17:15 - 18:00** HE Guidance: The Transition to University - University Life & Support - Aberystwyth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

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;

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 10 October
- Saturday 14 November

Book an Open Day

Aspiring dental students in Years 10–12 are eligible to attend one of our FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Conferences this September:

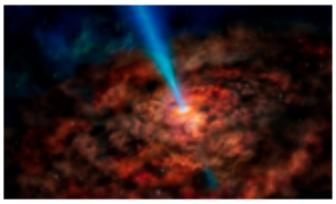
Get Into Dentistry:
Saturday 26th September from 9am–1:30pm

https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/

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 Future of Creativity
Professor Daniel Susskind
Tue, 22 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



Cosmology's Mad Idea: Inflation & the Creation of Our Universe
Professor Chris Lintott
Wed, 23 Sep 2026
In-person tickets available
Watch live online

Carbon: Our Flexible Friend that Built the Natural World
Professor Helen Czerski
Thu, 24 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online

Where is Queer Love in the Shoah History?
Dr Anna Hájková
Mon, 28 Sep 2026

In-person tickets available
Watch live online

AI as Therapist? Intimacy Without Understanding
Professor Matt Jones
Tue, 29 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online

Women of Bath and Willesden: Ordinary Women in English Literature
Professor Marion Turner
Wed, 30 Sep 2026 • 1pm
In-person tickets available
Watch live online

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

SIXTH FORM LECTURE Tuesday 29th Sep 7.00pm in Chapel - contact sixthformadmin@stmaryscalne.org to be added to the guest list. Please do let us know if you have any access needs.

FREYA
GOWRLEY
'Imaging the Body:
Visual Culture & Bodyweight'

Freya Gowrley is Senior Lecturer in History of Art and Liberal Arts at the University of Bristol and writes about the relationship between art and identity from the early modern period to the present day. She received her PhD in History of Art from the University of Edinburgh in 2016.

Her work has explored the role of emotions in the decoration of the eighteenth-century home and the importance of collage as an art form that can express our most intimate relationships, worries, and desires. She is the author of Domestic Space in Britain, 1750– 1840: Materiality, Sociability, and Emotion (Bloomsbury, 2022) and Fragmentary Forms: A New History of Collage (Princeton University Press, 2024).

She is currently working on a trade book exploring the visual cultures of fatness from the eighteenth century to the present day, titled Unseemly: A Visual History of the Fat Body (forthcoming, 2027).

- **September 21 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Psychology: Online Identities & Social Media – Aberystwyth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **September 23 @ 14:15 - 15:00** English Literature: The Power of Horror - Portsmouth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **September 28 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Engineering - General vs Specialism & University Insights - Glasgow & UEA (16+) Find out more »
- **September 30 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Psychology/Neuroscience - The Anatomy of the Brain, Behaviour & Psychological Processes – Aberystwyth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **October 1 @ 12:15 - 13:00** Criminology: Cybercriminals - Offender Motivations & Behaviours - Portsmouth (16+)
- **October 1 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Business: Defining & Embedding Business Values - Leicester (16+) Find out more »

- **October 5 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Sophocles' Theban Plays in the 21st Century: Tragedy, Politics and Adaptation - UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **October 5 @ 11:00 - 12:00** insight4me Chemistry: Organic Chemistry - UEA & Lancaster (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

- **October 6 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Geography/Politics: The Geopolitics of the Arctic - Glasgow (16+) Find out more »

- **October 7 @ 13:35 - 14:20** Politics: Rights in the UK - Past, Present, Future - UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **October 7 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Psychology: Your Journey from Degree to Career - Surrey & UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

- **October 8 @ 10:10 - 10:55** Contemporary Issues in Terrorism and Counter-radicalization - Surrey (16+) Find out more »

- **October 12 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Film: When the Woman Directs - An Introduction to Female Filmmakers - UEA (16+) Find out more »
- **October 12 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Mathematics: Applications of Prime Numbers - UEA (16+) Find out more » [NEW]

Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to…

Since the start of term: Violet S; Scarlett S; Harrison R; Ava C; Karolina H; Michael M; Vera D; Robert P; Rosy L; Mabel V; Annabel G; Finlay P; Josh T; Lucy A, Lara M; Hanni D; and Alethea O

This fortnight: Lucas S; Sean S; Nathan C; Arwen P; Lyra S; Finlay S; Sehen B; Vita A; Bo A; Katy C; Amber B and Kuzi N

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