

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 22nd Sept - Sun 5th Oct 2025

W/B 22nd = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs RMB

W/B 29th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs WMB

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

A huge thank you to all those who helped at Yr7 camp. It is really appreciated and the staff and students have been very complimentary about your support. Thank you.

Open Mornings – Weds, Thurs and Fri this week. If you do not have any lessons on one or more of these mornings and would like to help with tours with Yr5+6 families please let Mr Spiers know via email.

Please also let Mr Spiers know if you can help out on Sixth Form Open Evening (Thurs 16th Oct) and/or Awards Evening (Weds 22nd Oct).

Gold DofE

Please could you let your tutees know there will be a meeting for those who are interested in doing gold DofE (yr 12) awards. They do not have to have done any previous awards. The meeting will be Tuesday 23rd at lunchtime in the gym, starting at 12:40. It will last approximately 15 minutes. So they can grab lunch afterwards.

EAL Club

At Sheldon School, we have 218 pupils who have English as an Additional Language (EAL), meaning they either have a different first language than English or have experienced another language at home since birth.

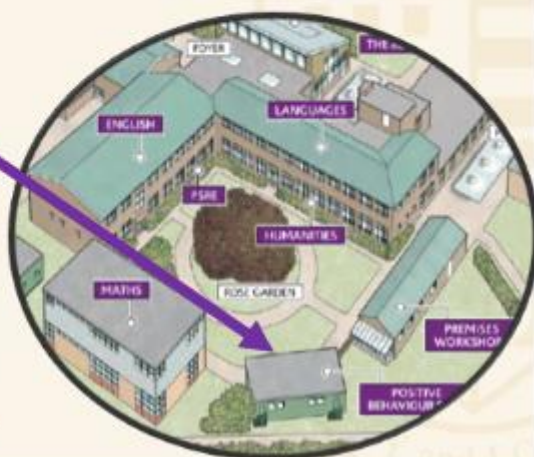
EAL club is **Tuesday lunchtimes in BSC**

Open to all pupils to meet others, play games, improve your English, share your heritage or learn some new languages.

Any EAL questions, ask Mr Davies in M2



EAL Co-ordinator: Mr Davies



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.
- If gates are closed DO NOT CLIMB THEM!!!
- 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.
- The only piercings that are allowed are in your ears and nose studs. Bars, hoops etc need to be removed.
- If you are late you will be in lunch time detention unless there is a good reason and/or parents have been in touch. 5 lates in a week = 1 day internal suspension.
- Sign in if you are staying in school for study time, otherwise we will assume you are NOT onsite.
- There will be lots more info about enrichment activities, volunteering etc coming up soon. EPQ, Core Maths, BSL etc won't start for a week or two so you are not missing anything. If you want to start making arrangements / enquiries about volunteering in or beyond school, please go ahead
- PUT LITTER IN BINS OR WE WILL CLOSE THE COMMON ROOM AND/OR STUDY ROOM

Megan Davies (Yr13) is running the Berlin Marathon this weekend. She is raising money for Alzheimer's research. Please support if you can: https://www.justgiving.com/page/megan-davies-1749751919413?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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 £100 Amazon 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.office.com/e/PZDKDZ4k77>

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

On the 5th October, Faye Withers is cycling 108 miles to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. It is a charity very important to her family. Please support her here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/faye-breastcancernow-2025>



Key dates: ACCESS TO BRISTOL DEADLINE – SEPT 30TH!

Sat 27 th Sept	Ten Tors Refresher Walk	
W/B Mon 29 th Sept	Yr 13 In Class Mocks (some lessons with assessments, some normal lessons)	
Wed 1 st Oct	Applying for medicine or veterinary science workshop @ Hardenhuish	1.15 – 3pm
Thurs 2 nd Oct or 8 th ?	Duke of Edinburgh information evening	6 – 7pm
Tues 7 th Oct	Ten Tors parent information evening	6pm
Mon 13 th Oct	Yr12 Settling in Reports home	End of day
Thurs 16 th Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening	tbc
Wed 22 nd Oct	Awards Evening	tbc
Wed 22 nd Oct	Term 1 ends	3pm
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th	Closed to Students 23rd School Development Day (SDD)	
Mon 3 rd Nov	Term 2 starts	8.30am

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

Year	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	<p>How to add a 'placement' in Unifrog – ppt https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/favourite/know-how-how-to-use-the-placements-tool</p> <p>Use 'placement' tool for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work experience - Volunteering - Mentoring? - Supporting lower school lessons 	<p>NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 3 ORGANISATION</p> <p>MAKING THE BEST START IN YEAR 12 VIDEO</p> <p>ORGANISATION OF FOLDERS AND NOTES VIDEO</p>	<p>How to add an 'activity' in Unifrog – ppt https://www.unifrog.org/student/help/9</p> <p>Use 'activity' tool for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSL - TEFL - Ten Tors - MOOCs
Yr13	<p>How to ace your revision: https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/revision-techniques-how-to-ace-revision</p>	<p>More on revision techniques, getting organised etc – docs in Teams</p>	<p>Assembly – Mr Humphreys</p> <p>Chairs – RMB</p>
Year	Tuesday 30 th	Wednesday 1 st Oct	Thursday 2 nd
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	<p>Fake news and fact checking – ppt in Teams</p>	<p>NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 4 INDEPENDENT LEARNING</p> <p>INDEPENDENT LEARNING: DOING MORE THAN JUST HOMEWORK VIDEO</p> <p>Link to 5hrs in</p>	<p>Assembly – Young Carers</p> <p>Chairs @ 0815 - WMB</p>
Yr13	<p>Fake news and fact checking – ppt in Teams</p>	<p>Sleep, memory and learning – ppt in Teams</p>	<p>Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc</p>

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>

Careers pop-ups – outside the refectory

Term 1

Tuesday 23/9 - McDonalds

Thursday 25/9 - CRB Engineering

Tuesday 30/9 – The RAF

Tuesday 7/10 – The Army

Thursday 9/10 – Peacocks Vets

Thursday 16/10 -The Bridal Lounge

Term 2

Thursday 6/11 – Swindon College

Thursday 13/11 – Bath College

Tuesday 18/11 – Bowood House & Gardens

Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day taking place in Bristol on Saturday, 11th October, for an unparalleled opportunity to network and discover what it's really like to be part of a leading financial institution.

Who are LBG:

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal, and investment banking management firm and the UK's biggest Bank. LBG has over 30 million customers and around 60,000 employees globally and is a FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland, as well as other financial institutions such as Scottish Widows.

Event Experience:

You'll have the chance to meet and engage with professionals and apprentices who have first-hand experience in various roles at the bank, take part in workshops and career development sessions, and network extensively.

The day will take place on Saturday, October 11th. The Morning session runs from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Afternoon session runs from 14:00 to 16:30 p.m. If you are travelling from outside the Bristol area, you can also bring a parent or guardian along with you.

Application Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG_SFEST_Bristol

One of the world's leading financial institutions—UBS. On Tuesday, 30th September 2025, from 5:00pm - 6:30pm, join us on Zoom for an insightful evening designed to give you a closer look into careers in Banking and Finance.

About UBS:

UBS is a global leader in wealth management, investment banking, and asset management, serving clients across more than 50 countries. With managed assets of US\$5.71 trillion and a revenue of US\$39.36 billion in 2023, UBS is a powerhouse in the financial sector, helping individuals, institutions, and corporations grow and protect their wealth.

Event Details:

- **Event Title:** Insight to UBS - Banking & Finance
- **Date:** Tuesday, 30th September 2025
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- **Location:** Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?

- **Explore UBS's Student Career Opportunities:** Discover the exciting range of roles available at UBS in areas like **Asset Management, Global Wealth Management, Investment Banking**, and more.
- **Exclusive Insights:** Learn what UBS looks for in future talent and how to stand out in your applications for **internships, apprenticeships, and graduate programs**.
- **Hear from Industry Experts:** Meet professionals from various UBS departments who will share their career journeys, insights into the finance industry, and advice on how to succeed in one of the world's most prestigious financial institutions.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UBS-Insight>

University and other opportunities:

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

Meet the Russell Group (RG) Webinars- September 30th, October 1st & 2nd

This is incredibly informative for students considering applying for RG universities such as **Cambridge, LSE, 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>

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;

Next Step Bristol 2025/26: Applications Open

Next Steps Bristol Application Form

The University of Bristol's Next Step Bristol programme is designed to support **Year 13** students from **Black, Asian and other racially minoritised backgrounds** as they prepare for higher education. The programme includes online academic taster sessions, career-focused workshops and opportunities to interact with current students and societies. A on-campus day, with a travel bursary available, gives participants the chance to experience university life first-hand and build confidence about their next steps.

Students who complete the programme **will receive either a guaranteed contextual offer** (typically two grades below the standard entry requirements) or a guaranteed interview, provided they meet the correct criteria and apply by the UCAS deadline.

Applications for the 2025–26 programme close at **23:59 on Wednesday, 1 October 2025**, with offers confirmed by **Thursday, 9 October 2025**. The programme is a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen their applications and picture themselves thriving at university.

Yr12 - Are in interested in Dentistry?

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:
- Saturday 27th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- Personal Statement
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam to Medical/Dental

- School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students and parents can register for free here:
Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>



Looking for support as you jump from school to university?
Join the Dots can help!

At school

Expert guidance on:

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- Managing uni finance
- Getting set for results day and uni life

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Your own personal coach to help you:

- Build connections with other students
- Develop study skills
- Smash your first assignment

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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>



**AI Will Be Your Overlord:
Faster, Brighter, Better Than
You?**

Professor Matt Jones
Tue, 23 Sep 2025

- [Watch Online](#)
- In-person tickets sold out



**How It Ends: What We Know
about the Fate of the
Universe**

Professor Chris Lintott
Wed, 24 Sep 2025

- [Watch Online](#)
- In-person tickets sold out



**Hitler, Jesus & How to Win a
Culture War**

Professor Alec Ryrie
Tue, 30 Sep 2025

- [Watch Online](#)
- In-person tickets sold out

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

- **September 22 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Computer Science: Large Language-Audio Models & Applications - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **September 23 @ 09:05 - 09:50** Sport & Exercise Science: Ethics & Deviance – An Introduction to Anti-Doping at UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **September 24 @ 16:15 - 17:15** UK Defence – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Edinburgh & UEA (16+) [Find out more](#)
 - **September 25 @ 09:10 - 09:55** The US Political System - Is the Trump Administration Acting within the Bounds of the Constitution? – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **September 25 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computer Science: Scenario Workshop - Preventing & Managing A Cyber Attack - Leicester (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **September 30 @ 14:05 - 14:55** MFL/French: University Film Society - Au Revoir Les Enfants by Louis Malle - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **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 1 @ 14:00 - 14:45** Extended Project Qualification: Getting Started - Southampton (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **October 1 @ 09:05 - 09:55** Media/Film: Responding to a Creative Brief - Tutorial - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **October 2 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Nationalisation in the UK – University Perspectives & Debate - UEA & Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **October 6 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Chemistry: Analysing Data - Skills & Insight Workshop - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
 - **October 6 @ 10:30 - 11:15** Computer Science: Graphics Tech - From Gaming To Revolutionizing AI - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
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Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to...



This fortnight: Nathan C; Arwen P; Poppy P; Finlay S; Max J; Amy S; Jack M; Adam L; Bo A; Amber-Marie B; Kuzi N and Faye W

Pet of the week: Thanks Chelsea, meet Onyx and Reaper!



Positive News:

Amy Hunt (23yrs) won silver in the 200metres at the athletics World Championships. She also has a degree in English from Oxford University.

"I am so proud of myself for choosing the harder path," she added.

"I could have chosen an easier way out many times. I chose to go to Cambridge to get a degree - in part for myself to look back on and be proud of, but also to show other young sports people, other young girls that you don't have to give up education.

"You can be an academic badass and a track goddess."

