

# Sixth Form Notes – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

W/B 23<sup>rd</sup> = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs SXC

W/B 2<sup>nd</sup> = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs BLF – moved to Weds 4th

## Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Culture Day – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Massive thanks to all who took part in our inaugural Culture Day. It was a great success and the atmosphere was really positive. If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year please speak to or email Mr Spiers, Amber Griffin or Sayma Ali.

A huge **thank you** to those who volunteered to do the music, face painting, henna, cooked food, dressed up etc etc and an especially big

**thank you** to Sayma and Amber for making it all come together!



Would you like to be immortalised on film? Volunteer to take part in a video about life in the Sixth Form – email Mr Spiers asap!

**Wiltshire Youth Council – massive congratulations to India White and Ben Ramsbottom who are your new elected representatives for Wiltshire Youth Council. Thanks also to all who voted.**

If you are interested in organising some regular pool competitions and establishing some agreed rules for use, please let Mr Spiers now asap. Darts will only be available at break and lunch times from the office due to the noise they make for users of H7

**Take part in some Surry University research about adolescents' attitudes toward sexual consent:**

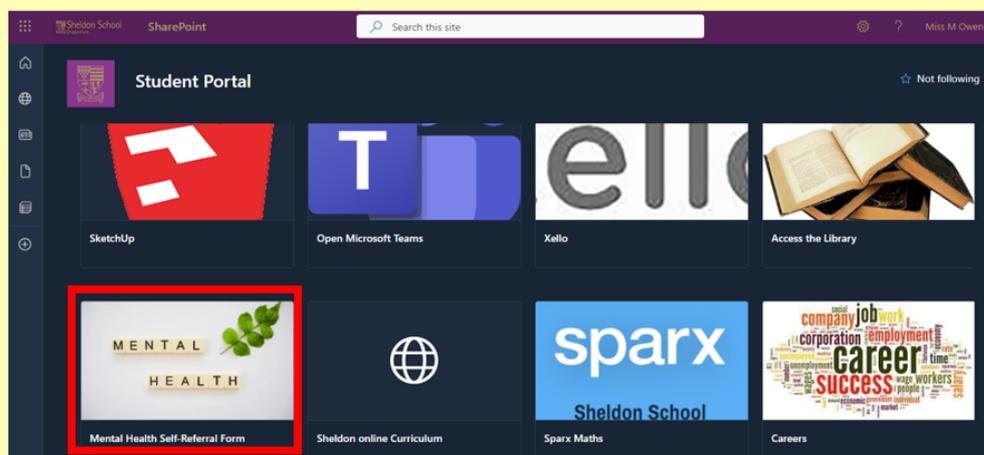
[https://surreyfbel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1SS6m3TwiNE2mea](https://surreyfbel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SS6m3TwiNE2mea)

If anybody sees a handmade keychain with purple beads (mainly purple) with yellow and blue, and hand painted with wisteria flowers in the centre please hand in to the office.

## Wellbeing

- Last year, we introduced a new mental health referral form alongside a range of new interventions to support students' mental health and wellbeing. More information is available on our website - <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/information/wellbeing/>.

- To make it easier to come forward and ask for help with your mental health and wellbeing, you can now make a self-referral through a link on the student portal.



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

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

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – term 4 starts

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Varsity – Yr12 vs Yr13 on the field and astro – bring cash, join a team, come and support!

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Worcester Uni careers trip – there are a couple of places available on this – email Mr Spiers asap

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – dress up in book related outfits – prizes for best individual(s) and group!

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Royal Literary Fund - Written Communication Workshops. All Year 12 students with Humanities lessons that morning will be expected to attend; other students are welcome to join the series of four workshops

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Term 4 ends 3 pm

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March** - School Development Day (SDD) – no lessons all day

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Term 5 starts 8.30am

**W/B 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Yr 12 Mock Exams (Sports Hall etc) – study leave – no lessons or tutor time

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Young Musician of the Year

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May** - A Level Art & Photography

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Yr 13 Leavers' Day

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Yr13 exams start

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Term 5 ends

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Term 6 starts

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Hardenhuish Yr 12 Mocks

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June Yr12** - parent information evening – post-18 options 6pm – Study Room

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June** – UCAS Discovery Day @ Winchester University

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Whole school open Mornings – volunteers required

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Whole school Open Evening – volunteers required

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Last exam contingency day - students should be available until this day

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Olympic Fun Run Lessons 5+6

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Yr13 Ball, Wellington Barn 6.00pm

**W/B Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Yr 12 Work experience week – no lessons

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> + Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Yr 11 Sixth Form Induction

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Concert

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Term 6 ends 12.30pm

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July** - School Development Day (SDD) – no lessons

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Aug** - A Level Results Day

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

Year	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>
Register – <b>DRESS CODE - LANYARDS</b> – SF notes – <a href="https://formtimeideas.com/">https://formtimeideas.com/</a>			
Yr12	Ramadan ppt in whole school Teams folder and emailed	<p>Discuss revision strategies and plans using any / all of the following resources:</p> <p>Evidence based methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.learningscientists.org/videos">https://www.learningscientists.org/videos</a></li> <li>Revision plan app</li> <li>- <a href="https://getadapt.co.uk/">https://getadapt.co.uk/</a></li> <li>5 hrs in...</li> <li>- <a href="https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/5-hours-in/">https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/5-hours-in/</a></li> <li>Revision Olympics</li> <li>- <a href="https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/year-13-exams-and-revision/revision-olympics/">https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/year-13-exams-and-revision/revision-olympics/</a></li> </ul> <p>Are you 3E? - see poster attached</p>	<p>Work experience reminders / check-ins - w/b 6<sup>th</sup> July:</p> <p><a href="https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/work-experience-how-to-contact-employers">https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/work-experience-how-to-contact-employers</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/help/direct/add-a-work-experience-placement-to-the-placements-tool">https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/help/direct/add-a-work-experience-placement-to-the-placements-tool</a></p> <p>and ppt in Teams folder</p>
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Year	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>
Register – <b>DRESS CODE - LANYARDS</b> – SF notes – <a href="https://formtimeideas.com/">https://formtimeideas.com/</a>			
Yr12	<p>WEX:</p> <p><a href="https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/work-experience-finding-work-experience">https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/work-experience-finding-work-experience</a></p>	<p>Assembly – Amazon</p> <p>Chairs @ 0815 – BLF</p>	<p><b>Tutor Choice – World Book Day!?</b></p>

	<a href="https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/work-experience-3-the-value-of-work-experience">https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/work-experience-3-the-value-of-work-experience</a>		
Yr13	The build-up to exams: <a href="https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/reducing-exam-anxiety-1-building-up-to-exams">https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/reducing-exam-anxiety-1-building-up-to-exams</a>  And activity sheet – available from the office and in Teams	How to shop smart on a budget ppt in Teams	<b>Tutor Choice – World Book Day!?</b>

## 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](mailto: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/>

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

National Careers Week

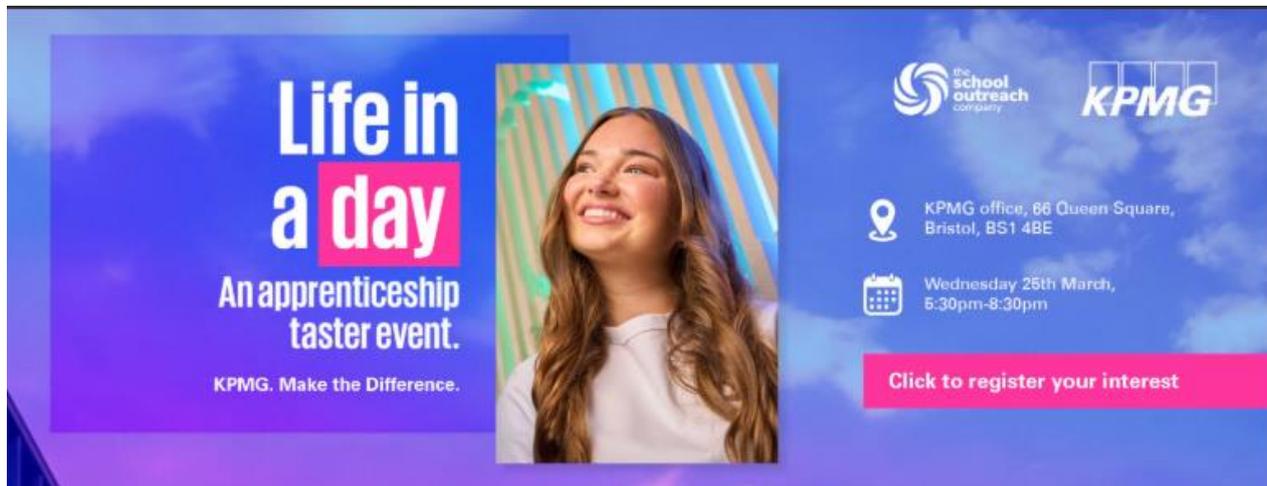
**NCW**

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**Choosing the Next Step (Not the Whole Career)**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 6.00 to 7.00 pm

Register here: <https://20051268.hs-sites.com/ncw-panel-event>

A promotional poster for a 'Life in a Day' apprenticeship taster event. The poster features a young woman with long brown hair, smiling and looking upwards. The background is a vibrant blue and purple gradient with vertical light streaks. On the left, the text reads 'Life in a day' in white and pink, followed by 'An apprenticeship taster event.' and 'KPMG. Make the Difference.' in white. On the right, there are logos for 'the school outreach company' and 'KPMG'. Below the logos, a location pin icon is followed by 'KPMG office, 66 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4BE'. A calendar icon is followed by 'Wednesday 25th March, 5:30pm-8:30pm'. At the bottom right, there is a pink button with the text 'Click to register your interest'.

<https://forms.rmp-connect.com/form/DHJf4wahTyNPBGGF3jnnc7ccJK/ainiNb8BKIVUPcz5I7iQ>

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## University of Bath's Work Experience Programme for 2026.

The programme will be commencing on the **29th of June 2026** for one week only.

This year, students will apply online using an application form and select their career pathway/area of interest. They will do their best to match students with the area most relevant to them.

For more information about career pathways and the application process please see: [Find a work experience placement.](#)

To apply, please see: [Work Experience advert.](#)

The closing date for applications will be the **15th of March 2026.**

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## Bath RUH are hosting a Careers Evening on 11<sup>th</sup> March from 5 - 7:30pm, held in the Education Centre (building E7).

These events are extremely popular and sell out fast, so please be sure to book ASAP if you are interested in finding out about the different careers the RUH has to offer!

You can register for tickets here: [Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS FT Careers Evening 11th March 2026](#)

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**Yr13 – thinking of a gap year? Do you love the outdoors? Work at Pencelli for a year?**  
<https://plaspencelli.co.uk/vacancy/outdoor-education-centre-trainee/>

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and genuine partnership. They empower their people with real opportunity, an inclusive culture and work-life balance.

### **Event Experience:**

This evening promises an exciting journey into the world of accounting, tax, consulting, and business services. During this event, you'll have the chance to build your network and connect with senior professionals and trainees from Grant Thornton, who will provide invaluable insights into the professional services industry.

### **Event Details:**

#### **Application Links (Click Below)**

**Cardiff** - Friday 6th March - 4pm - 5:30pm

**Bristol** - Wednesday 11th March - 4:30pm - 6pm

**Oxford** - Friday 13th March - 5pm - 6:30pm



### **London Underground**

- Level 2 - [London Underground Track](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Escalators](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Power](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Pumps](#)
- Level 4 - [London Underground Construction Site Supervisor](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Rail Engineering Workshop](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Signals](#)

- Level 3 - [London Underground Fleet](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Low Voltage Cables](#)
- Level 3 - [London Underground Service Control](#)

### **Engineering**

- Level 3 - [Trams Engineering](#)
- Level 3 - [Highways and Traffic](#)

## Upcoming Uptree careers events:

### **Bristol: BBC, Work Experience Insight Day**

**For:** Year 12 students

**Date:** Wed 11th Mar

**Where:** Bristol, BS1 6BX

### **National: Schrodgers, Virtual Insight Session**

**For:** Students who are interested in a career in financial services or technology

**Date:** Thu 5th Mar

**Where:** Virtual event

## **Bristol: Lloyds Banking Group – Work Experience Days**

This programme is designed for **Year 12 students** who want to gain confidence, build practical skills, and explore careers in Finance, Technology, HR, Law, or Marketing. **It takes place across two sessions:**

- Session 1: Friday 6 March 2026, 9:30am–3:00pm
- Session 2: Friday 12 June 2026, 9:30am–3:00pm

**Location:** Bristol

**If you would like to nominate students for either of these opportunities, [please complete this form.](#)**

[Leeds: Lloyds Banking Group - Work Experience Days](#) (27 Feb, 6 Mar, 25 Jun)

## University and other opportunities:

**Check out** <https://www.unitasterdays.com/event-incentives/> and **UCAS and [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)** for lots of open day information and opportunities including:



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



### Masterclass Series

Monday 20 - Thursday 23 April

#### Online sessions for Year 12 & 13 students

Have you ever wondered how our DNA influences an athlete's sporting performance? Or how radiation is used to treat critically ill patients? Perhaps you'd like to explore how our spending habits affects life miles away in tropical rainforests, or even how engineers take inspiration from insects to design products we use daily.

Your pupils can learn all about these subjects, and more, from leading academics at Swansea University's online Masterclass series.

[Register for our Masterclass Series >](#)

As well as subject specific sessions, you'll gain insight into NHS Bursary Funding, how to navigate UCAS with top tips and key deadlines, as well as a day in the life of a Swansea student studying in the Welsh language.

### On-Campus Events

Saturday 28 February  
Saturday 28 March

We are delighted to welcome those who have signed up to our on-campus Open Day this weekend on Saturday 28 February 2026.

If your pupils are interested in visiting at a different time, they'll have another opportunity to join us on Saturday 28 March 2026.

Exploring our amenities and facilities in-person offers a real taste of what life at Swansea is like. Whether that's taking in our scenic coastline, making exciting discoveries in our state-of-the-art research laboratories, or simply refuelling with a hot sausage roll from Greggs, your pupils can truly experience life as a Swansea University student and decide if we're the right choice for them.

Open Days are great for Year 13's who may have received an offer from us, those who are already thinking about UCAS Extra, as well as Year 12 students just beginning their research into higher education.

[Book Now >](#)

## Summer School – Residential & Day Passes

Sunday 5 July – Wednesday 8 July

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Wednesday 8 July

Spend your Summer by the sea, make friends for life and immerse yourself in a vibrant academic community at our Summer School this July.

From Medicine, Biomedical Science, Law, Business and Engineering, your Year 12 pupils will discover their passions, make connections for life, and get a head start on their future.

Our three-day residential programme costs £225 per person. This price includes accommodation, all activities, and all meals throughout the stay.

Day passes are also available at £80 per person, which includes workshops and lunch.

[Contact Us >](#)

If these costs are a barrier for you to attend the Summer School, we may be able to offer financial assistance for successful UK applicants. We'll be in touch with details on how to submit evidence following a successful application

Please encourage your students to join us this July to explore a subject area of their choice, meet like-minded friends, and get a taste of life at our seaside campus.

Applications close on Sunday 3 May.

**WRITE IN RESPONSE TO THE THEME:**

# TRUTH

**THE ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE 2026**

You can write in any form: journalism, essays, stories, poems, speeches and plays are all welcome.

**FINAL DEADLINE: 29TH APRIL 2026**

**FEEDBACK DEADLINE: 25TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Head to our website to find out more:  
[www.orwellyouthprize.co.uk](http://www.orwellyouthprize.co.uk)  
@orwellyouthprize @orwellyouthprize

There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.

— George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

**ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE**

We're grateful to our sponsor from George Orwell's era, Bedford College and The Political Quarterly

The Orwell Youth Prize is now open for entries. Introducing our new theme:  
TRUTH.

“There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.”- George Orwell

You can write in any form--fiction, non fiction, poetry...even game design!

The competition deadline is 29 April, but you can submit a draft entry by 25 February for feedback from the judges. Three winners will receive a £100 cash prize. All winners and runners up will be published and invited to become part of the Orwell Youth Fellows programme.

Find out more and enter the competition  
at <https://www.orwellfoundation.com/the-orwell-youth-prize/>

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## Bristol University Virtual Summer School 2026

We're excited to announce that applications for our Virtual Summer School 2026 are now open! The Virtual Summer School is open to Year 12 students and offers many of the benefits of an in-person program but is accessed online, meaning students can access it from home or another place of study.

The three-day program comprises academic talks, social sessions, and information, advice and guidance to help you make informed choices about your future options in Higher Education. Student Ambassadors are on hand to answer questions about what it's like to study at Bristol. Take a look at [our website](#) for further information and the link to the application form.

### Insight Into Bristol

Insight into Bristol is a free Summer School that provides Year 12 students of colour the opportunity to experience life as a student at the University of Bristol running between Tuesday 28th July - Friday 31st July 2026 (inclusive).

Participants in the summer school will get the opportunity to experience student life at the University of Bristol by:

- staying in student accommodation
- meeting similar students from across the UK
- exploring the City of Bristol
- attending academic sessions in an assigned [subject stream](#) delivered by our world-leading academics
- getting to know current University of Bristol students, including some of our student societies
- taking part in social activities throughout the week
- receiving information, advice and guidance to equip you to navigate to a top UK university

The summer school will take place in the latter half of July 2026 on the University of Bristol campus with accommodation provided.

For further information visit [our website](#), or complete [the application form](#) to sign up

**ONLINE LAW LECTURE SERIES**  
Understand Law. Build Confidence.  
Advance Your Ambition.

**What is the Online Law Lecture Series?**

The Online Law Lecture Series is a free national programme of live online lectures, running from March to June 2026, designed to support state school students interested in studying Law at university.

The series combines academic law lectures with sessions on the university application process and careers in the legal profession.

Delivered by King's College London academics, student ambassadors and legal professionals, the programme offers insight into what studying law is really like and the wide range of careers available in the legal sector.

**What are the benefits of taking part?**

- Join a national community of students interested in Law
- Learn from King's academics, law students and legal professionals
- Discover what studying Law at university is really like
- Build your confidence and understanding of higher education
- Get guidance on applications, admissions and the LNAT
- Explore legal careers and alternative routes into the profession
- Ask questions in live weekly Q&A sessions
- Certificate of completion

**Who can take part?**

Students who, as of September 2025, are:

- In Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13, or on a gap year before applying to university and are currently attending (or most recently have attended) a state school (non-fee paying)

**Applications Now Open!**

Scan the QR code to apply NOW!

KCLWP  
wp.online.lectures@kcl.ac.uk

**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>

[Born Supremacy – AI as a Pale Shadow of Real Humanity](#)

Professor Matt Jones • Tue, 17 Mar 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall

[The Universe's 100th Birthday: Galactic Fireworks and Little Red Dots](#)

Professor Chris Lintott • Wed, 18 Mar 2026 • 7pm • Conway Hall

[Guantánamo on the Euphrates? Syria in a Time of Opportunity](#)

Professor Clive Stafford Smith JD OBE • Thu, 19 Mar 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall

[A Living Planet](#)

Professor Helen Czerski • Mon, 23 Mar 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall

[Unauthorised Deepfakes and Digital Replicas: Time for Reform?](#)

Dr Hayleigh Boshier • Tue, 24 Mar 2026 • 6pm • Barnard's Inn Hall

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

- **March 3 @ 09:05 - 09:50** Global Business: Global Supply Chains During Conflict & Uncertainty - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **March 4 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Paramedic Science: Responding To A Medical Emergency - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **March 9 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Your Questions, Their Journey - A live Paramedic Science Q+A - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **March 10 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Sociology of Surveillance - Privacy, Surveillance & Security - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **March 10 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Politics/IR: Making Peace - Conflict Resolution in Israel and Palestine – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **March 11 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Law: Skills & Insight - Legal Reasoning - UK Discrimination Law - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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



**This fortnight: Austin H; Beth W; Tom N; Caitlin A; Scarlett B; Emily G; Grace H; Jessica D; Callum Mc and Ruby C**

## Learn to drive!

"Hello. I'm Nicki (parent of an ex-Sheldon Sixth Former) and I've recently joined the Bill Plant Driving School, delivering driving instruction in Chippenham, Corsham and the surrounding villages.

Working alongside students to develop their skills and abilities to become safe, confident drivers whilst adapting my learning style to meet the needs of each individual is my passion. If you are looking for someone with plenty of enthusiasm and patience, please do contact me to arrange lessons on 07913102879.

- Special introductory offers for blocks of lessons booked with me
  - Manual VW Golf (brand new)
  - Weekend availability."

**Pet of the week:** We need more pets!