

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 4th May – Sun 17th May 2026

W/B 4th – Week 2 – Yr13 = Thurs – chairs - TJS

W/B 11th = Week 1 - Yr12 = Thurs – chairs - GRA

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Huge congratulations to all the Young Musician of the Year finalists and especially to George C who won with an amazing drumming performance of Raye's 'Where is my husband?'

Congratulations and good luck to the Ten Tors team for the event this weekend! I hope the weather is kind

Congratulations to all those who won the Wiltshire Women's Plate football final a week or so ago:



LAST CALL BY FRI 8th MAY - Yr13 – let us know about your experience of Sheldon Sixth Form: [Year 13 Exit Survey 2026 – Fill out form](#)

LAST CALL – BY WEDS 6th May - Yr12 – let us know which end of year Sixth Form adventure you might be interested in for summer 2027: [Possible Sixth Form Adventure - summer 2027 – Fill out form](#)

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 practise AGAIN AND AGAIN until I KNOW I have got it right and seek support when I need it

3e Revision Style + Commitment to Hours In = Grades Out



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
11-17 MAY 2026

ACTION

**FOR YOURSELF.
FOR SOMEONE ELSE
FOR ALL OF US.**

11-17 MAY 2026

Take action for good mental health this Mental Health Awareness Week

Even small actions make a difference, and when we come together we can be a powerful force for change. **Join us!**



Donate here

Share your story:
#MHAW2026
#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek
@mentalhealthfoundation

mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw

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Mental Health Awareness Week is 11-15th May. Please get involved by supporting the following activities:

- **Mon 11th** – litter pick at 1240 – meet at back gate (on path to astro)
- **Tues 12th** – walk and talk at 1240 - meet at back gate (on path to astro) – please sign up by the end of this week on epraise
- **Thurs 14th** – Yr12 bake sale – please make or buy some cakes, cookies etc and bring to the office in the morning to sell at break and lunch time, We will also need volunteers to be on the stall.

May 19th 2026 - Competitive Applications afternoon at St Marys Calne – see emails and sign up asap and by end of day Tues 5th May

Fri 22nd May - Term 5 ends

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

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 **31 March 2026**, your reply date is **6 May 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- 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 5 th	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	SF notes, events coming up etc Post mock action planning – what 3 things will you do differently now? Be specific about some things to do this term and before summer holidays	NEXT STEPS: UNIVERSITY NEXT STEPS 5: CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY COURSE VIDEO	Tutor choice
Yr13	MOTIVATION - YouTube video - speech from Michelle Obama on taking exams/next steps (11 mins but can play shorter clip) Watch	Final prep for Leaver's Day, thank you cards? etc	Assembly – Student finance, Firm and Ins. and Life after Sheldon! - Mr Spiers Chairs @ 0815 - TJS
Year	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW): See MHAW action sheet	MHAW: People are speaking 28% less words than we did in the early 2000s, which has loads of consequences. https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/conversations-loneliness-social-media-research-phones-b2965821.html	NEXT STEPS: UNIVERSITY VISITING UNIVERSITIES 2: FIRM AND INSURANCE VIDEO

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/>

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>

Get into Law Virtual Work Experience Day During the May Half-term

Thursday 28th May, 10am - 4pm

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP_Law_May

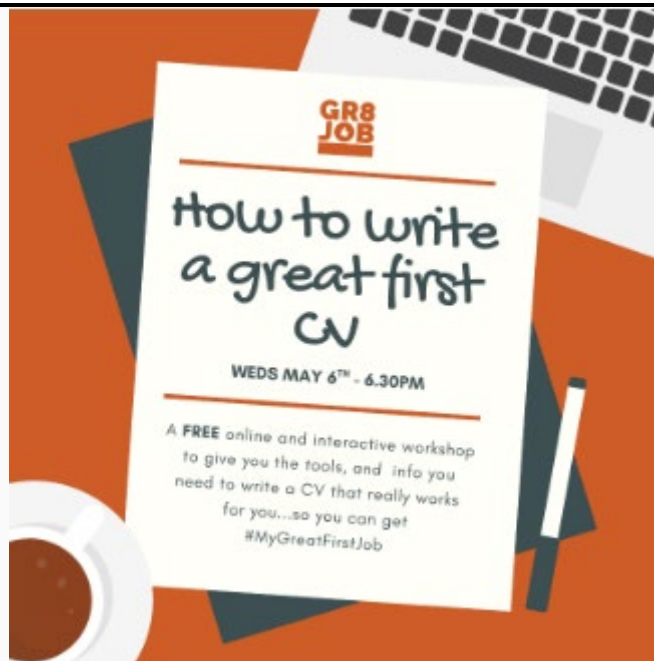
British Horseracing Authority: Free events for students and teachers

Explore Racing Days are free events at racecourses where students can meet industry professionals, try a racehorse simulator, and learn about potential training, work experience, and early career pathways. From working with horses to roles in science, media, business, and event management, there's more career options than you might expect. Teachers and careers leaders are also invited to a dedicated event at Ascot on 8 May. [Learn more](#)

Career Insight Days

- **Engineering Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 9th May 2026
- **Business Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 16th May 2026
- **Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 18th October 2026

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



WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH: 6.30PM - 7.30PM

We will cover:

- How to write a great Summary Statement
- What order to put your CV in (and why that can sometimes change)
- How to lay out your qualifications
- Why your part time jobs are really important...and how to present them
- Interests? Is anyone interested in your interests? Of course they are!
- What should I do about references?
- What design templates to use.....and which ones to avoid

To book a free ticket click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-write-your-great-first-cv-tickets-1984722749170?aff=oddtcreator>

- [The How To Become A... Podcast: Inside Product Management with Grace and Alex-19 May](#)
- [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](#)



Who are Barratt Redrow?

Barratt Redrow is one of the UK's biggest homebuilding companies. We design and build new houses and communities across England, Wales and Scotland, creating places for people and families to live.

We also offer apprenticeships and graduate programmes where young people can learn real construction skills such as bricklaying, carpentry, planning and project management.

At Barratt Redrow, people work together to plan, build and deliver quality homes and long-lasting places for the future.



Roles & Applications

Apprenticeships with Barratt Redrow support your development to learning real skills in construction while earning a wage. You work on real building sites, learn from experienced professionals and study towards recognised qualifications. It's a great way to start your career, gain hands-on experience and build your future.

Open Nationwide Roles:

- Apprentice Bricklayer, Carpenter/Joiner, Plumber or Electrician
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Technical
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship in Construction

Apply now



Supporting students futures

We'd love to be part of your careers event! The team at Barratt Redrow is excited to inspire the next generation of builders, designers and future leaders in construction. Ready to bring construction careers to life at your school? Email barrattredrow@school-outreach.com to find out more and book us for your event!

two upcoming opportunities in Bristol that may be of interest to your students. We would really appreciate it if you could share these with any suitable student.

Arm – Work Experience Day

- Arm, Bristol (BS1 6FL)
- Friday 8th May
- 10:00am–3:00pm
- For: Students aged 16–21

Students will visit **Arm, one of the UK's leading tech companies**, to learn about careers in technology. The day includes a **hands-on Micro coding activity, tech industry talks, and networking with early career professionals.**

Students can apply here: <https://uptree.co/events/arm/2034536384/>

Just Eat Takeaway.com – STEM Work Experience Week

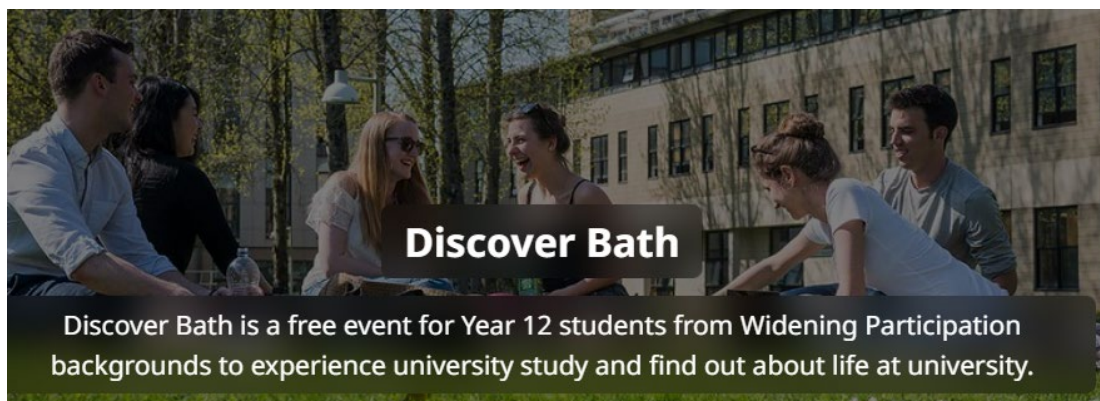
- Bristol (BS1 4DJ)
- 25–29 May |
- 10:00am–4:00pm daily
- For: Year 12 students

A **week-long placement** giving students insight into working at a global tech company, including **workshops, work shadowing, and an industry project.**

Students can apply here: <https://uptree.co/events/just-eat/667665486/>

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:



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

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](#)

A promotional graphic for the University of Liverpool Open Days 2026. It features a young man with dreadlocks smiling against a blue background. The text includes the University of Liverpool logo, a QR code, and the dates: Friday 19 June, Saturday 20 June, Saturday 26 September, Saturday 10 October, and Online Open Week 2-6 November. It also mentions 'THE ORIGINAL REDBRICK Member of the Russell Group' and 'TEF 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework Gold'. A call to action says 'BOOK YOUR PLACE liverpool.ac.uk/openday'.

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

University of Gloucestershire.

UoG Summer Residentials - applications are now open!

Year 12: Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 July 2026

Application forms are now live for the University of Gloucestershire's free Summer Residentials. Your students can experience university life for themselves by spending four days and three nights living on campus. They'll get to meet other students from across the country, live in halls of

residence, try interactive subject tasters led by our lecturers in industry-standard facilities, speak to current students and find out more about university life.



Year 12 students can choose from 3 projects based around creative, business or health-related subjects.



The event is totally free, with all food, accommodation, travel and entertainment included. There is also up to £50 travel funding to help you get to campus.

Find out more and apply: glos.ac.uk/summer26

IMPERIAL SCHOLARS SUMMER SCHOOLS



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The Brilliant
Club

Take part in an exciting summer school experience with either the Department of Chemistry or Department of Life Sciences!

This project is an opportunity for pupils who are now in Year 12 and interested in studying Biological Sciences and Biochemistry, or Chemistry at Imperial College, London.

It aims to support students in developing relevant skills and knowledge to make successful applications to study at university.

Apply for Life
Sciences here

27 - 31 July - online



Apply for
Chemistry here

29 - 31 July - London

For Chemistry, you must be based within one hour's public transport of Imperial College, SW7 2AZ.

You can only attend one summer school. If you apply for both and are successful we will contact you to find out your preference.

Successful applicants will:

Application deadline: Thursday
22 May at 12pm

- Attend a series of tutorials with a researcher from Imperial
- Produce a written final assignment on a cutting-edge area of research
- Meet current students in the department
- Attend a research seminar on a ground-breaking scientific area
- Learn how to showcase your experiences on a UCAS application
- Prepare for the transition from Year 13 to university

Graduates of the summer school who go on to enrol in the Department of Life Sciences or Chemistry will be eligible to receive a bursary to support a research internship of their choice.

Apply [here](#). Applications close on Thursday 22nd May at 12pm.

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>



Music, Death and Afterlife
Professor Mieko Kanno
Tue, 05 May 2026

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



Dionysus: Lord of Misrule
Professor Ronald Hutton
Wed, 06 May 2026

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



**Making Memory Visible
Through Photography**
Dr Julia Winckler
Thu, 07 May 2026

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



**How Hard is too Hard? An
Introduction to Complexity**
Professor Colva Roney-
Dougal OBE
Mon, 11 May 2026

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



**The Pill and the Planet: Can
We Have Both a Healthy
Aging Population and a
Sustainable Future?**
Professor Ian Mudway
Tue, 12 May 2026

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



Music of the Body
Professor Milton Mermikides
Wed, 13 May 2026

- In-person tickets [available](#)
- [Watch Online](#)

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

- **May 5 @ 11:00 - 11:45** Psychology/Sociology: Minority Influence - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 6 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Law/Criminology: CJS - Analysing Crime and Criminal Conduct – Tutorial – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 6 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Engineering/Physics: Apollo, Artemis & Space Sustainability - Nottingham (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 6 @ 16:30 - 17:15** Health/Medical: Surgery - Ensuring Compassionate, Safe & Dignified Treatment & Care - CCCU/ODP Surge (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 7 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Health/Psychology: Mental Health – Recovery from Adverse Childhood Experiences - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#)
- **May 11 @ 10:10 - 10:55** History: The Tudor State - Latest Research - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 11 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Physics: Understanding Particle Wave Duality - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 12 @ 14:30 - 15:15** Media/Computer Science: AI & 4 Big Ethical Debates in the Media - Surrey (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 12 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Think Tank – Regulating Big Tech - Cutting Edge University Perspectives & Debate - UCL & UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 13 @ 09:05 - 10:00** English Literature: University Book Club - Frankenstein - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **May 13 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Organic Chemistry: How does NMR Spectroscopy Really Work & How do Organic Chemists use it? UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

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



Last week (apologies): Ryan F; Faaizah I; India J; Rocco R; Kate Mc; Torres P; Timora F; Lily B and Jess S

This fortnight: Olivia Mc; Lila J; Arthur S; Ben C; Charlie K; Lucy K-C; Lily B; Rhys D; Fraya E and Harry T



Mindful Art for Teens Workshop at Pound

Arts in Corsham on Saturday 9 May at 4pm. Tickets can be purchased on their website <https://poundarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665936>

Pet of the week: Thanks Tom N, meet Ruby:

