# Sixth Form Notes – Mon 5th Oct - Sun 18th Oct 2026

W/B 7th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Weds – chairs – 13B2 SXC

W/B 28th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Weds – chairs – 12R2 LML

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

**Well done to Yr13 for completing mocks. These are for your benefit and will NOT define your future but will help teachers support you going forward.**

### 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

**Please let Mr Spiers know if you can help out on Sixth Form Open Evening (Weds 14th Oct)**

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**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!**

**EPQ and Core Maths are getting started now!**

**DofE and Ten Tors emails and info have gone out – check your emails!**

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

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**See separate email about Humanities and English House competitions: poetry, photography and writing! Start earning points for your House!**

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World Mental Health Day takes place every year on 10th October.

Sheldon School Sixth Form has supported Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign to raise awareness and funds for young people's mental health for many years and this year is no different.

On Fri 9th Oct the Sixth Form are encouraged to wear as much yellow to school as they want to. The rest of the school can wear yellow accessories.

In addition, this year I will be taking part in CALM's 100 miles in October challenge. CALM is the Campaign Against Living Miserably and they are a suicide prevention charity that provides life-saving services and practical mental health support to anyone who needs it. The challenge is to complete 100 miles in October however you like, wherever you like (although I think driving or flying may make it less of a challenge!?)

Ways you can get involved this World Mental Health Day:

- Wear Yellow to school on Fri 9th Oct
- Volunteer / organise a fundraising or awareness raising activity that day (see one of the Sixth Form team soon to discuss)
- Join me and sign up for the CALM 100 mile challenge: https://www.thecalmzone.net/events/100-miles-in-october
- Sponsor me for the challenge: https://www.justgiving.com/page/spiers-sheldonsixthform






## Key dates:

**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 6th | Wednesday 7th | Thursday 8th |
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| Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/ | | | |
| Yr12 | **YEAR 12 - INDEPENDENT LEARNING**<br>INDEPENDENT LEARNING: DOING MORE THAN JUST HOMEWORK VIDEO<br><br>Discuss and self-assess – pdf in Teams | Link video and self-assessment to our '5hrs in….' approach – ppt in Teams | #HelloYellow – Young Minds<br><br>World Mental Health Day – Sat 10th Oct<br><br>Whole school ppt in Teams or anything you choose to support positive wellbeing |

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| Yr13 | What to do when you've finished your mocks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om2X6oPLA2I | Assembly – Alcoholics Anonymous<br><br>Chairs: 13B2 SXC | #HelloYellow – Young Minds<br><br>World Mental Health Day – Sat 10th Oct<br><br>Whole school ppt in Teams or anything you choose to support positive wellbeing |
| **Year** | **Tuesday 13th** | **Wednesday 14th** | **Thursday 15th** |
| Register – **DRESS CODE - LANYARDS** – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/ | | | |
| Yr12 | Breast Cancer Awareness month: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8hkuK7hBZU<br><br>And also – What is testicular cancer and how to check them: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghL0PbS266M | Assembly: tbc<br><br>Chairs: 12R2 LML | **Tutor choice** |
| Yr13 | Breast Cancer Awareness month: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8hkuK7hBZU<br><br>And also – What is testicular cancer and how to check them: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghL0PbS266M | **YEAR 13 - COLLABORATION & MAKING THE MOST OF SIXTH FORM**<br>SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY 1: SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER | Post 18 actions, discussions, research etc – half term actions!? |

# 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.**

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**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!

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**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 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**

## 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**

Clifford Chance

**An Insight Into Clifford Chance**

**A World Leading Law Firm**

**Friday 9th October 5pm-6:30pm**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Clifford_Chance_Y12

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VIRTUAL INSIGHT EVENING · YEAR 12 & 13

# BrightStart Apprenticeships and Work Experience at Deloitte

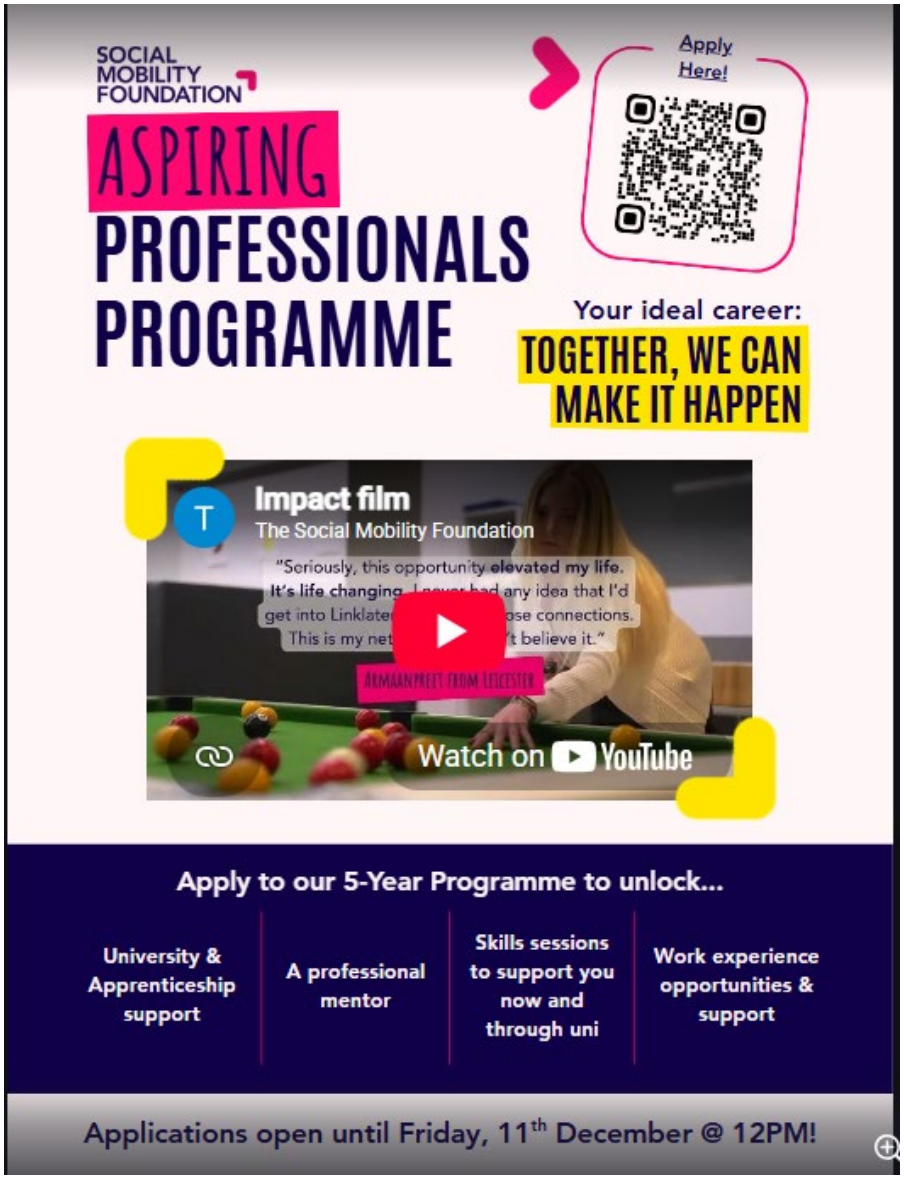
Start your career at one of the world's largest professional services firms — straight from school.

DATE Wednesday 7 October

TIME 5:00 – 6:30pm

WHERE Online — free to attend

**Save my place →**




https://www.canva.com/design/DAGs3EdrhOQ/44ymOOmit55N_QZw_rRWQw/view?utm_content=DAGs3EdrhOQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=hca0723225d

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## University and other opportunities:

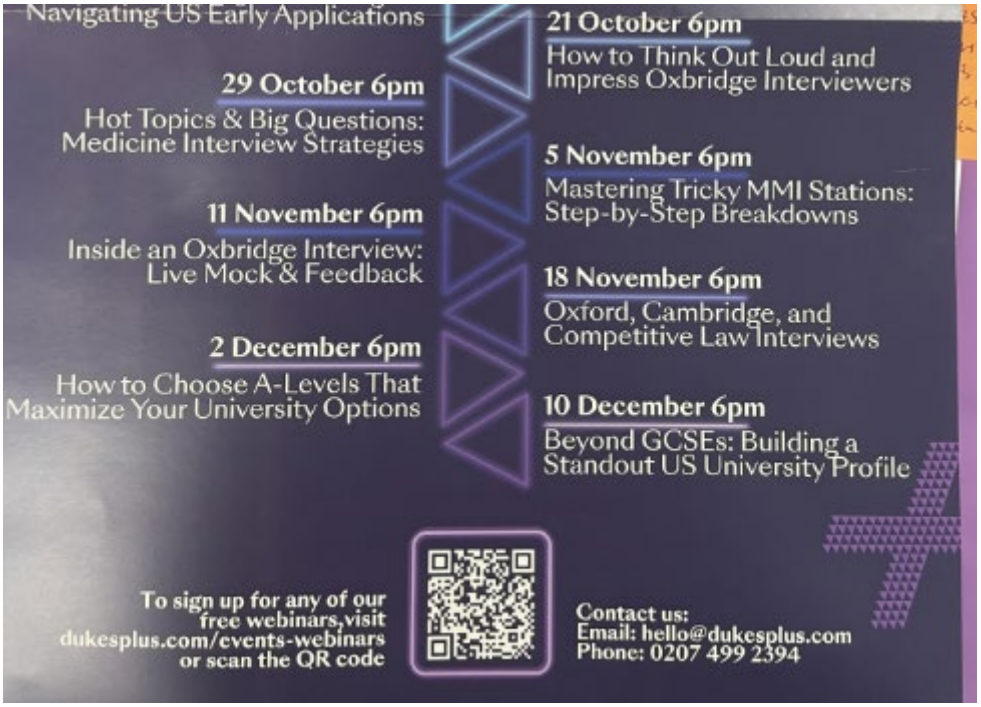
**Check out UCAS and www.opendays.com for lots of open day information and opportunities including:**

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- **October 6 @ 17:15 - 18:00** HE Guidance: The Transition to University - University Life & Support - Aberystwyth (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

**University of Lancashire – personal statement webinars - 6th Oct, 17th Nov, 7th Jan**

https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/study/writing-your-personal-statement




## 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

## Applications now open for LSE Springboard: helping students take their next step towards university




**Applications are now open** for our **Springboard programme** at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) – a free, 10-month programme that helps **Year 12** students **from outside London and South East England** explore higher education, develop their academic interests and prepare competitive university applications.

**Find out what the UK's number one ranked university (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026) can offer your students.**

Through a combination of campus visits, an online academic programme, and personalised application support and expert guidance, Springboard provides students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed decisions about their future.

The programme begins on Tuesday 12 January 2027 and runs until November 2027. **Applications close at 11:59pm on Sunday 1 November 2026.**

Students who successfully complete the Springboard programme, and later go on to apply for LSE, may be eligible for a contextual offer – helping to support their university application.
https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/undergraduate/widening-participation/activities/lse-springboard-years-12-13

**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 Do You Need a Mathematician For? Perspectives from the 17th Century**
Professor Volker Remmert
Wed, 07 Oct 2026
In-person tickets sold out
Watch live online



**The Science of Puppetry – How Real Can They Be?**
Professor Robin May & Steve Allen
Tue, 13 Oct 2026

In-person tickets available
Watch live online



**Rather Trivial Things? Finding the Precious in an Alternative Museum History**
Professor Kate Hill
Wed, 14 Oct 2026
In-person tickets available
Watch live online

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

- **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 8 @ 12:45 - 13:45** insight4me English Literature - Gothic Literature - MMU & UEA (16+) Find out more » **[RESHARED]**
- **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]
- **October 13 @ 12:45 - 13:30** UK Politics: Reviewing The Party Conference Season - UEA (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**
- **October 14 @ 15:45 - 16:30** English Literature: Climate Dystopias in Literature - Glasgow (16+) Find out more » **[RESHARED]**
- **October 19 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Linguistics: The History & Politics of Constructed Languages - Glasgow (16+) Find out more » **[NEW]**

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




**This fortnight: Faye W; Honor C; Ida O; Laurie S; Sarah B; William M and Lucy B**

**Pet of the week: Thanks Ruby, this is Murphy, our first posthumous pet of the week. RIP Murphy**

