

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 6th Oct - Sun 19th Oct 2025

W/B 6th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs RMB

W/B 13th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs CMD

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 'Sheldon2026' (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**
- **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**
- **Uses subject references and their knowledge of you to write the final reference in UCAS**

Things Mr Spiers and Mr Humphreys 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 (Thurs 16th Oct) and/or Awards Evening (Weds 22nd Oct).

If you are interested in becoming a Wellbeing Ambassador, please complete the following form as an expression of interest - <https://forms.office.com/e/NBPNphuNg5>.



Key dates:

Anybody interested in mentoring younger students there will be a meeting/introduction to mentoring Thurs afternoon – venue to be confirmed but probably the school hall. Speak to teachers about catching up any work you miss.

Careers pop-ups:

Thursday 9/10 – Peacocks Vets

Thursday 16/10 -The Bridal Lounge

BSL – lunch time club to start Tues – V13 – grab lunch then head there

Ten Tors sign up meeting @3pm Tues in the Study Room

Tues 7th 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

Yr13 ball – Tues 30th June!!!!

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

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

Year	Tuesday 7 th	Wednesday 8 th	Thursday 9 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Black History Month – ppts in Teams	NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 5 GOALS MOTIVATION 1: IMPORTANCE OF A GOAL VIDEO Having a goal – pdf in Teams – starting to think about and research what is the post-18 goal	Tutor choice
Yr13	Black History Month – ppts in Teams	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026	Assembly – MindCraft Chairs @ 0815: RMB
Year	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th Oct	Thursday 16 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Breast Cancer Awareness month: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8hkuK7hBZU And also – What is testicular cancer? https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/what-is-testicular-cancer-in-60-seconds-video and how to check them: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/check-your-pair-60-second-video-for-testicular-cancer	NetSixth: Getting the Grades booklets – week 6 GROWTH MINDSET 1: MINDSETS EXPLAINED VIDEO GROWTH MINDSET 2: WHY DOES YOUR MINDSET MATTER? VIDEO	Assembly – TJT / Mr Spiers Chairs @ 0815: CMD
Yr13	Breast Cancer Awareness month: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8hkuK7hBZU And also – What is testicular cancer?	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc	What to do when you've finished your mocks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om2X6oPLA2I

https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/what-is-testicular-cancer-in-60-seconds-video and how to check them: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/check-your-pair-60-second-video-for-testicular-cancer	Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026	
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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>

3 October. NESO apprenticeship goes live. Your child can train to be a power system engineer with NESO's higher apprenticeship. They'll earn a salary, get hands-on experience planning and shaping the energy network, and gain industry-recognised qualifications.

> [Apply](#)

3 October. Applications open for Deloitte. A wide range of apprenticeships across the UK for school and college leavers, with opportunities to work on exciting tech projects and make an impact on climate change goals.

> [Find application tips and links to apply on Deloitte's profile](#)

7 October. Applications open for Access Ashurst Programme. A chance for your child to get two weeks' paid work experience with one of the UK's leading law firms. Eligibility criteria apply.

> [Apply](#)

University and other opportunities:

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

In2MedSchool is a registered Charity (1197973), which supports aspiring medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are inviting students at your school to sign up for our **FREE MEDIC MENTORING** scheme. So far, we have around 2,400 mentors, all of which are doctors/medical students who have been through the application cycle and will do their best to help your students with their application. All our mentors have agreed to follow our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our [website](http://www.in2medschool.com).

Should you have any aspiring medics at your school that would be interested please get them to apply here: <https://bit.ly/I2MS-Mentee>

Whilst we primarily offer a mentoring service, we also run events open to **all** students who would like to learn more about **life as a doctor/medical student, our tips and tricks, UCAT/exam support, work experience opportunities and much more**. You can find more information on our website: www.in2medschool.com.

14 October. Unifrog's University Fair. A free online fair featuring universities from across the UK. Get expert tips on accommodation, personal statements, and contextual offers. Includes a session specifically for parents/caregivers at 6pm.
> [Sign up](#)

Future Doctors Month – Free Online Programme (November 2025)

Throughout November, students can take part in **Future Doctors Month**, a **completely free, month-long virtual programme**.

- **6 live sessions** with NHS doctors (case studies, clinical skills, medical ethics).
- **Recordings available** for 60 days, so students can watch on-demand.
- **End-of-programme knowledge test** with an official **Certificate of Completion** (ideal for UCAS applications).
- Open to **students aged 14+** who might be considering careers in medicine.
- **2,000 students** are expected to take part, making this one of the largest pre-medical events of its kind.

[Register for Future Doctors Month](#)

1-Day London Medicine Work Experience Events – (October 2025)

For students who would like in-person experience, there are **two full-day events** at **University College Hospital, London**:

- **Saturday 25th October – A&E + GP Surgery**
- **Sunday 26th October – On-Call Doctor for a Day**

These immersive days give students a realistic insight into life as a doctor, with hands-on activities and guidance from NHS professionals. They're ideal for students interested in careers in medicine or healthcare and provide certificates for your future applications to med school. Students travel from all over the UK to attend and students have to be 14+ to take part.

Full details: [Medicine Work Experience Day Event](#)

Swansea University

3. On Campus Open Days – 18 October & 8 November

We are holding our next on-campus Open Days on **Saturday 18 October & Saturday 8 November** for any students interested in our university. Your students will have the opportunity to:-

- Find out about courses
- Speak to staff and current students studying their chosen subjects
- Take a tour of our fantastic campus and department facilities.

**Saturday 18 October &
Saturday 8th November**
9:30 – 16:00

**Book A
Space Now >**

4. Our Masterclass Webinars Are Back!

17 - 20 November
18:00 – 19:00

We're delighted to share that our Swansea University's Masterclass Series is returning from 17 - 20 November!

Our free masterclass webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give your students an idea of the topical developments taking place within subjects they may be interested in studying, and can help to support course choice.

As soon as our registration page is live, we'll let you know!



Applications are now open for your Year 12 students to experience LSE Springboard 2025

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) invites your students to join our Springboard Programme – a free, 10-month experience delivered in a hybrid format that gives them a real taste of university life.

- The programme begins in January 2026 with applications closing at **11:59pm on Sunday 9th November 2025**
- It is free for your students to participate, as activities and travel are fully funded by LSE
- The programme is specifically designed to reach students who live **outside of London and the South East of England**. To check your students' eligibility and details on how they can apply, please check out our [admissions page](#).

[Apply today](#)



See email for massive list of taster lectures - Bookings can be made [here](#).

All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university.



Join the Westonbirt Youth Forum

Are you passionate about nature, events, education, or simply looking to make a difference?

The [Westonbirt Youth Forum](#) is a brand-new opportunity for young people aged 17-25 to collaborate with staff at Westonbirt Arboretum, helping shape the future of conservation, learning and participation.

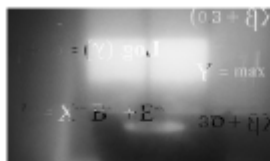
Looking for support as you jump from school to university?
Join the Dots can help!

<p>At school</p> <p>Expert guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying to uni Managing uni finance Getting set for results day and uni life <p>Available to anyone in Year 12 or 13</p>	<p>Starting uni</p> <p>Your own personal coach to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build connections with other students Develop study skills Smash your first assignment <p>Available to students attending a partner uni</p>
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Sign up today for **free** and have the chance to win up to **£300***

* 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>



How Does Mathematics Last?
 Heritage and Heritage-making in Mathematics
 Professor Caroline Ehrhardt
 Wed, 08 Oct 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



War's Toxic Legacy
 Professor Ian Mudway
 Tue, 14 Oct 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out



China and Chineseness: Lessons from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong & Taiwan
 Professor Steve Tsang
 Wed, 15 Oct 2025
 • [Watch Online](#)
 • In-person tickets sold out

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

- **October 6 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Chemistry: Analysing Data - Skills & Insight Workshop - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **October 6 @ 15:45 - 16:45** insight4me Physics: Light - Cardiff & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [RESHARED]
- **October 9 @ 14:15 - 15:00** The UK's Economic, Political & Cultural Relationship With The EU - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [RESHARED]
- **October 13 @ 15:45 - 16:45** Engineering - General vs Specialism & University Insights - Glasgow & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **October 14 @ 11:05 - 11:50** UK Politics: Reviewing The Party Conference Season - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **October 14 @ 15:35 - 16:30** English Literature: University Book Club – The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald - Surrey (16+) [Find out more](#)
- **October 15 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Being University-Ready: Preparing Mentally & Academically - Warwick & Southampton (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **October 15 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Biochemistry: Form & Function - Understanding Protein Structure - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#)
- **October 16 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Evolutionary Biology: Why We Don't Live Forever - Lancaster (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **October 23 @ 10:10 - 10:55** English Literature: Virginia Woolf - Modernism, Feminism & Literary Form - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

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



This fortnight: Olivia W; Laurie S; Libby T; William M; Dom S; Tom C; Milla S; Gemma C and George K

Pet of the week: Meet Freya – Mr Spiers's new cat

