

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 7th - Sun 20th Sept 2025

W/B 7th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Weds – chairs – 13B1 GRA

W/B 14th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Weds – chairs - 12O2 RMB

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Well done on a great start to the year and welcome to all our new students from other schools and other countries! Thank you for your patience with course changes, timetables etc.

Welcome to the first Sixth Form Notes of the year. This is where you will find notices about upcoming events in school, reminders about expectations, info about the Personal Development Curriculum (PDC), university events, employment and apprenticeship opportunities and of course – Pet of the Week!

It is sent to tutors to use in tutor time as part of the PDC but it is also sent directly to students so you can access links etc in your own time. Students have found jobs, work experience etc by doing this. SF Notes are also shared on the website for your parents to see.

If you want to help out at Yr7 camp next week please email/contact Mr Salter asap.

We also need some volunteers for Open events later this term. Please let Mr Spiers know if you are interested.

Lots of amazing trips were launched at the end of last term. See the subject staff if you are interested asap: Disney (PerfArts), Belfast (History / Politics), Sicily (Geography), Bosnia (Soc/Psych)

All Yr12 need to go to the Study Room lesson 5 on Tues to have their pictures taken.

PE is Yr12 only this week!

Yr12 have an extra assembly this week on Thurs in the Study Room.

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.
- **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.
- Sign in if you are staying in school for study time, otherwise we will assume you are NOT onsite.
- **PUT LITTER IN BINS OR WE WILL CLOSE THE COMMON ROOM AND/OR STUDY ROOM**



Sheldon School
BE KIND | BE BRAVE | BE THE BEST YOU

Sheldon School Performing and Expressive Arts Presents



AUDITIONS

Tue 8 Sept @ 3:15pm in A3
Drama Auditions

Wed 9 Sept @ 3:15pm in A10
Dance Auditions

Thu 10 Sept @ 3:15pm in A3
Call Backs

Audition material will be given at the audition.
There's no need to prepare anything, just bring enthusiasm for performing.
If you have any questions, speak to anyone in the P&A Faculty.

ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION



TUE 22 SEP
6PM-8PM
FREE ENTRY

A showcase of GCSE & A Level coursework and outstanding student projects

ART &
PHOTOGRAPHY

DESIGN &
TECHNOLOGY

FASHION &
TEXTILES

SHELDON SUMMER CONCERT

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
7PM | SHELDON SCHOOL HALL



BOOK TICKETS TODAY

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ON PARENTPAY
ADULTS £6 | CHILDREN £4

Don't miss the Art & Design Exhibition showcasing GCSE & A Level Art & Photography coursework as well as a creative showcase from Design & Technology and Fashion & Textiles students.

Open from 6pm - 8pm. Visit before the concert!



CHIPPENHAM FILM FESTIVAL 2026

chippenhamfilmclub.co.uk/film-festival-2026

TUESDAY 8th SEPT

***I'm Still Here* (2024) • 15 • Dir. Walter Salles**

THURSDAY 10th SEPT

***Underland* (2025) • 12 • Dir. Rob Petit**

with Exclusive Live Director Q&A hosted by Nick Freand Jones,
producer of Moviedrome and Mark Kermode's Secrets of Cinema

SATURDAY 12th SEPT

***Urchin* (2025) • 15 • Dir. Harris Dickinson**

***Pillion* (2025) • 18 • Dir. Harry Lighton**

SUNDAY 13th SEPT

***Amélie* (2001) • 15 • Dir. Jean-Pierre Jeunet**



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FREE standby tickets for the following films for Sheldon Sixth Formers (just take your ID/lanyard). Just turn up and if it is not sold out you can go for free!

I'm Still Here - Tuesday 8th September at 7:30pm

Underland - Thursday 10th September at 7:30pm

Amélie - Sunday 13th September at 6:30pm

Do you need a job? Do you want a free lunch and £12.71 per hour? The catering company have 2 vacancies for till operators. Speak to Mr Spiers or any of the catering staff if you are interested.

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



New to English

Chippenham Community Hub, SN15 3BS

Welcome Meeting Monday 7 September 12:30
Monday 14 September - 16 November



Welcome meeting
7 September 12:30

10 sessions

Mondays 12:30 - 14:30

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9, 16

Take your first steps in English



- Simple conversations
- Learn new English words
- Practise and speak English

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August 2026. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

Wiltshire Council

Key dates:

See above for Summer Concert, Art and DT show and Matilda auditions

Yr7 camp next week – volunteers required – email Mr Salter

Thurs 17th Sept – Yr12 Parent Information evening – 6pm in the Study Room

Thurs 24th Sept - Whole school open evening - volunteers required – email Mr Spiers

Tues 22nd, Weds 23rd and Thurs 24th – Open mornings – volunteers required – email Mr Spiers

w/b 28th Sept – Yr13 in-class mocks

Fri 9th Oct – Hello Yellow – mental health awareness day

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 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Introduce and discuss SF Notes. Use phones to sign up for careers sites and/or check out some of the links	NetSixth: Getting the Grades – week 1 Leap from GCSE to Sixth Form LEAP FROM GCSE 1: REALISING THE CHALLENGES VIDEO LEAP FROM GCSE 2: UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUBJECT VIDEO	EXTRA assembly – enrichment: Mr Spiers Chairs: 12O1 EIB
Yr13	Introduce and discuss SF Notes. Use phones to sign up for careers sites and/or check out some of the links Watch and discuss - Transition from Yr12 to Yr13 or have your own discussion about what is going to be different, what will stay the same. Goals, actions, 5hrs in etc https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/the-leap-from-year12-to-year-13	Assembly – Miss Frater and Mr Spiers Chairs: 13B1 GRA	Planning for positive wellbeing. You could refer back to ppt from Yr12 Or show and discuss: 5 ways to improve wellbeing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ5V525SCK Releasing stress/anxiety meditation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFkHV7LfVUc
Year	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Project 5000 and Electives: time to discuss and complete the MS form sent out via email. All Yr12 need to sign-up to at least one regular activity for Project 5000. The Electives are optional extras.	Assembly: Access to Bristol Chairs:	Planning for positive wellbeing ppt Or show and discuss: 5 ways to improve wellbeing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ5V525SCK Releasing stress/anxiety meditation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFkHV7LfVUc

Yr13	Reminder/ update: Post 18 options and recording your intentions in Unifrog (even if you really don't know at this point) Two powerpoints in Teams	Unifrog – shortlisting UK apprenticeships tool: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/know-how-how-to-use-the-apprenticeships-tool and time to explore / discuss	Tutor choice
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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>

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!

Free virtual job simulations, ranging from 2-8 hours to complete and covers lots of different areas:
<https://www.theforge.com/simulations>

University and other opportunities:

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

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;

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

Aspiring medical and dental students in Years 10–12 are eligible to attend one of our FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Conferences this September:

Get Into Medicine:

Saturday 19th September from 9am–1:30pm

Sunday 20th September from 9am–1:30pm

Get Into Dentistry:

Saturday 26th September from 9am–1:30pm

The Get Into Conference is a significant turning point for aspiring medical and dental students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities, such as scholarships and prizes, and help them make a highly competitive application.

Students and parents can register using the links below:

Medicine:

<https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>

Dentistry:

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

The Get Into Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical and dental application process. Dr Kennedy, Dr Scarlett and I will cover:

Application Timelines
How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
Personal Statements
Interview Skills
National Leadership and Awards Programmes
Accessing Work Experience
UCAT Exam
Accessing Scholarships

We strongly encourage all students to make the most of this free opportunity.

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>



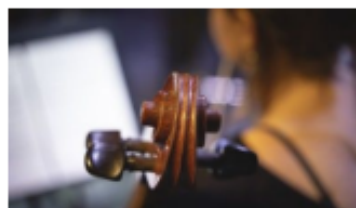
Why Do We Need Empathy?

Professor Jane Shaw

Mon, 07 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out

[Watch live online](#)



Cello - In Search of a Voice

Dr Kate Kennedy

Wed, 09 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out

[Watch live online](#)



The Sky at Night, Tonight...

Professor Chris Lintott

Mon, 14 Sep 2026

In-person tickets sold out

[Watch live online](#)

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

- **September 15 @ 13:35 - 14:20** English Literature: The Great Gatsby - Capitalism as Tragedy - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 16 @ 14:05 - 14:50** Business: Venture Capital - Nottingham University Business School (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 16 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Sociology/Media: Is Social Media Rewriting Our Reality? Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 17 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 21 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Psychology: Online Identities & Social Media – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]
- **September 23 @ 14:15 - 15:00** English Literature: The Power of Horror - Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

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



Last week: Birthdays to follow

This fortnight:

Pet of the week: Meet Freya – pet of the week. Send yours to Mr Spiers

