

## Sixth Form Notes – Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

W/B 9<sup>th</sup> = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs LML

W/B 16<sup>th</sup> = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs EXL

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

Thanks to those who dressed up on Thursday and played and supported on Weds. We are planning a rematch Varsity for the first week back after Easter. Watch this space for info.

Well done to the Yr12s who attended Worcester University on Thurs. If you attended the podcasting session, I have been sent some audio!

Students should NOT be parking on site. In the last week we have had several complaints about staff not being able to park due to Sixth Formers parking. This included somebody blocking a fire exit! We are exploring the possibility of clamping to prevent this issue in the future.

Ipads are back in the Study Room – please look after them and plug them back in after use.

If you are interested in becoming Sixth Form Student President please write an email/letter to Miss Frater and Mr Spiers explain a, why you want to do it; b, why you would be a good choice; c, what you would like to achieve – by March 20th

A poster for Christian Union. The background is a dark blue with a pattern of small, colorful geometric shapes in shades of yellow, light blue, and white. At the top, a yellow banner with a black outline contains the text "Everyone Welcome!". In the center, there is a large dark blue circle with a yellow border. Inside this circle, the words "CHRISTIAN UNION" are written in bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text, a white cross symbol is centered. To the right of the circle, the text "Lunch time club where you explore your faith, God, hang out with friends and play some games. Everyone of all faiths or none are welcome!" is written in white, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Bring your lunch with you to eat in the classroom." is written in yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Meets Thursday Lunch Time in A11" is written in white, sans-serif font.

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## Magic of maples haiku competition

Inspire creativity this term with Westonbirt Arboretums [Magic of maples haiku competition!](#)

A fantastic opportunity for young writers to craft a maple-inspired haiku, and compete in the under-18s category designed to celebrate emerging talent.

Perfect for literacy projects, creative writing clubs, and spring term activities.

Please find a poster attached to help us spread the word and encourage young people to take part. **Submissions from 1 to 31 March.**



## **The Young Songwriter 2026 competition** - Time's Running Out! Deadline: Tuesday 31st March

The deadline (the 31st March) to enter the prestigious [Song Academy Young Songwriter 2026 competition](#) is fast approaching!



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/friends-of-sheldon-school-2026-prize-draw>

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>

**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

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March** – 1320 – lesson 5 – room tbc – Sheldon Scholars – any Yr12s considering applying for Oxford and Cambridge – we have external speakers from our link colleges – Merton (Ox) and Robinson (Camb)

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> and Weds 25<sup>th</sup>** – lessons 5+6 – Wiltshire Mental Health Team – exam wellbeing session – see email for when your session is

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

**Fri 27th March** - School Development Day (SDD) – no lessons all day  
**Mon 13th April** - Term 5 starts 8.30am  
**W/B 20th April** - Yr 12 Mock Exams (Sports Hall etc) – study leave – no lessons + tutor time  
**Wed 29th April** - Young Musician of the Year  
**Mon 4th May** - May Day Bank Holiday  
**Tues 5th – Thurs 7th May** - A Level Art & Photography  
**Fri 8th May** - Yr 13 Leavers' Day  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Yr13 exams start  
**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Year	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>
Register – <b>DRESS CODE - LANYARDS</b> – SF notes – <a href="https://formtimeideas.com/">https://formtimeideas.com/</a>			
Yr12	SF Notes – loads to share and highlight  WEX reminders and checkins	Could you quit ChatGPT? Should you? Read and discuss: <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/mar/04/quit-chatgpt-subscription-boycott-silicon-valley">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/mar/04/quit-chatgpt-subscription-boycott-silicon-valley</a>	Thinking about the future: What drives you? Ppt in Teams  Why not be a water slide tester? ppt in Teams
Yr13	SF Notes – loads to share and highlight  Revision reminders and plans for this week	Could you quit ChatGPT? Should you? Read and discuss: <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/mar/04/quit-chatgpt-subscription-boycott-silicon-valley">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/mar/04/quit-chatgpt-subscription-boycott-silicon-valley</a>	Assembly – Mr Scourfield  Chairs @ 0815 - LML
Year	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>
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Yr12	<u>MENTAL HEALTH 1: STRESS, COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT</u>	<b>Tutor Choice</b>	Assembly – Shania Harper  Chairs @ 0815 – EXL
Yr13	<u>MENTAL HEALTH 3: STRESS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND EXAMS</u>	How to use a washing machine: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnyfcrJCAgc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnyfcrJCAgc</a>  And what the diagrams on the labels mean: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME2fc9MuVew">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME2fc9MuVew</a>	<b>Tutor Choice</b>

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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](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.

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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/>

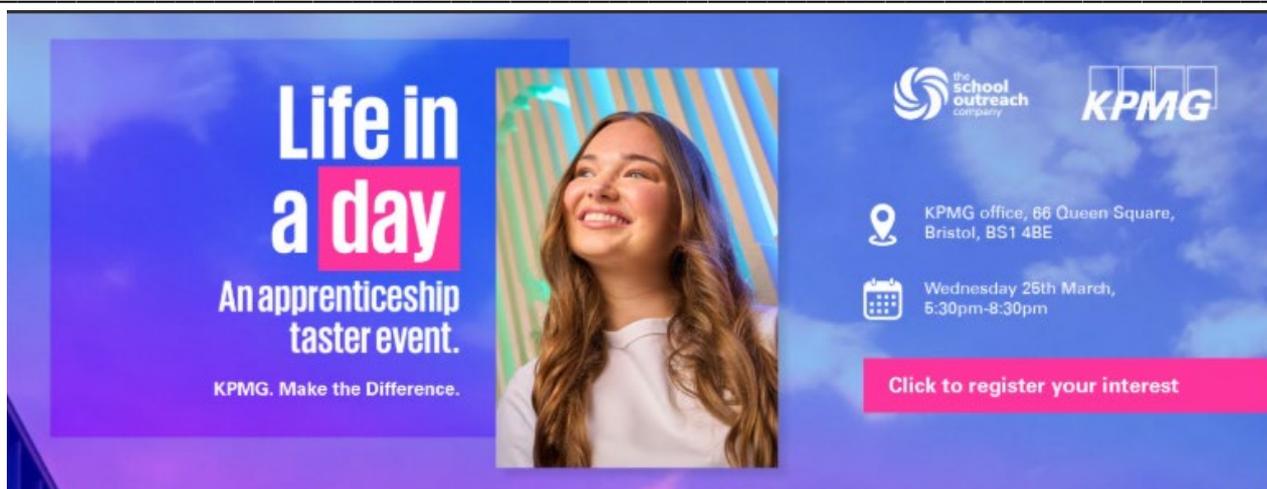
Check out the emails forwarded from **My Great First Job** for lots of great opportunities too!

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## Career Insight Days

- **Vet Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 21st March 2026
- **Computer Science Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 28th March 2026
- **Medicine Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 4th April 2026
- **Law Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 11th April 2026
- **Midwifery Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 18th April 2026
- **Dentistry Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 19th April 2026
- **Psychology Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 25th April 2026
- **Architect Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 2nd May 2026
- **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](http://www.careerdays.co.uk)



The poster features a young woman with long brown hair smiling against a blue background 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 26th March, 6:30pm-8:30pm'. At the bottom right, a pink button says 'Click to register your interest'.

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

## BBC 'Get in' Taster Experiences for 16-18

[https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC\\_Get-In/](https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Get-In/)

*Throughout 2025 and 2026 we will be running 'GET IN' TASTER EXPERIENCES across BBC bases the length and breadth of the UK.*

*We'd love to hear from you if a job in the media industry is something you think you might like, but just don't know how or where to start looking!*

*Our 'GET IN' TASTER EXPERIENCES are designed to show you what opportunities are on offer and to support you with the next steps you need to take to GET IN to the BBC.*

## 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](#)

## **Deloitte: Women in Business Webinar (Virtual)**

**Date:** Tuesday 10th March

**Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Location:** Online (Zoom)

**Application Deadline:** Tuesday 10th March

### **What you will gain:**

- Meet women leaders, apprentices and graduates at Deloitte and hear about their career journeys
- Learn about Early Careers opportunities, including:
  - Work Insight Programmes (Years 9-12)
  - Entry Level Apprenticeships (Year 11)
  - BrightStart Apprenticeships (Year 13)
  - Graduate Programmes
- Understand the application process

The Zoom joining link will be shared once you have signed up.

[\*\*You and your students can sign up here.\*\*](#)

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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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**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/\*\*](https://plaspencelli.co.uk/vacancy/outdoor-education-centre-trainee/)

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# Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities

Applications are **now open** for Dunelm's apprenticeship vacancies. You could apply for apprenticeships in Supply Chain & Logistics, Merchandising, Buying, Retail, or the exciting new Made to Measure Fitting apprenticeship opportunity.

Find out more about the roles and how to apply below...

**APPLY NOW**



**30 pages of up to date apprenticeship listings:**

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/higher-and-degree-listing/>



## Grant Thornton

**Business and Accounting Insight Events  
with Grant Thornton - Y12 & Y13 Students  
(Cardiff, Bristol, Oxford and Edinburgh)**

*Various Dates and Times in March*

### Who are Grant Thornton?

Grant Thornton is one of the largest accounting firms in the world, with over 5,000 people in the UK, and a presence in 150 global markets. They are on an ambitious journey from great to exceptional and need the best people to help them reach their potential. Providing audit, tax and advisory services, they empower clients through strategic insight, curiosity, 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](#)

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## 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

## 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/>

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## Newcastle University - Bitesize Uni: Year 12 Summer School – Applications Closing Soon

A quick reminder that applications for our year 12 residential summer school are closing soon. The deadline has been brought forward, and **applications will now close on Sunday 15 March 2026**.

BSU is a fully funded, three-day, two-night residential experience for Year 12 and first-year college students (or equivalent), taking place this July. It's a valuable opportunity for your students to:

- stay in student accommodation
- explore the city of Newcastle
- take part in academic-led taster sessions
- meet other Year 12 students from across the UK

Spaces are limited, and with the earlier deadline approaching, we encourage you to share this with your students as soon as possible.

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/visit-us-on-campus/other-on-campus-events/bitesize-uni/>

## Get Ahead – Virtual Event Series

Bookings are now open to sign up for our series of online virtual events, Get Ahead.

We will be running three events for Year 12 students on the following dates:

- 14 April: Course, Employability and Enterprise
- 15 April: Parents and Supporters
- 21 April: Student Life and Study Skills

Students will have the opportunity to increase their study skills, meet current students, take part in a subject taster session, and much more!

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/visit-us-on-campus/other-on-campus-events/get-ahead/>



LSE Explore is a series of academic taster events, designed to give students in Year 12 the chance to experience university-level study first-hand. Students can explore a range of subjects, hear from LSE academics and undergraduates, and gain a deeper understanding of the higher education application process.

### What can students expect?

- Six online subject tasters – delivered via Zoom and taking place from Monday 27 April to Thursday 7 May 2026
- The opportunity to attend one of two online admissions information sessions on Saturday 9 May - led by an LSE Undergraduate Admissions Specialist
- **New for 2026** - An opportunity to engage in *Explore Extra*, three in-person academic subject tasters occurring on **3, 10 and 17 June**, each showcasing one department across LSE



Applications for **LSE Explore** open on **Monday 23 February**, and close on **Sunday 29 March at 11:59pm**.

[Share this opportunity with your students](#)

## LSE Empower

LSE Empower (formerly The Black Achievement Conference) is a **one-day online conference supporting students of Black heritage**. Taking place on **Saturday 16 May 2026** via Zoom, students will hear the authentic experiences of LSE's Black students, staff and alumni. They'll gain practical advice and build the confidence needed to pursue their ambitions in higher education and beyond.

### What can students expect?

- The opportunity to attend a Law or Economics taster lecture delivered by leading LSE academics
- Gain advice from the LSE Admissions Team on university applications and the LSE admissions process
- Receive guidance from the Widening Participation Team on student finance and financial support at university
- Hear directly from LSE students and alumni about their LSE journey, societies and their overall experience being part of the Black student community



Applications for **LSE Empower** open on **Monday 2 March**, and close on **Sunday 26 April at 11:59pm**.

[Share this opportunity with your students](#)

## University of Portsmouth

a range of **online webinars** including:

- Becoming a Lawyer: The degree route (12 March, 4pm)
- World Social Work Day webinar (17 March, 4pm)
- Money Matters: Your future in Accounting & Finance (19 March, 4pm)
- Beyond the Buzzwords: What studying business really looks like (26 March, 5pm)

<https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/subject-specific-events>



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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**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>



**Bridget: Goddess and Saint**  
Professor Ronald Hutton  
Tue, 10 Mar 2026

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



**The Death of Athenian Democracy?**  
Professor Melissa Lane  
Thu, 12 Mar 2026

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

[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 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 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Film/Media: Ethics in Documentary - Tutorial - UEA (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]**
- **March 12 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Student Finance, Scholarships & Budgeting - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[RESHARED]**
- **March 16 @ 13:40 - 14:30** Biology/Medicine: The Human Gut - A Journey Through The Human Gastrointestinal System - Nottingham (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[RESHARED]**
- **March 17 @ 14:15 - 15:00** US Politics: Is Trump's America still a Democracy? ICE, The Constitution and The Rule of Law – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 17 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Geography/Environmental Science: Coastal Dynamics & Climate Change - Low & High Energy Coastal Systems - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 17 @ 12:00 - 12:45** Electrochemistry - Electrolysis, Enzymes & Green Chemistry - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 18 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Criminology: Miscarriages of Justice – Tutorial – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 18 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Pharmacology: PROTACs - Science & Potential in Drug Development - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 12 @ 14:15 - 15:00** MFL/French: Boule de Suif by Guy de Maupassant - Warwick (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 18 @ 10:10 - 10:55** English Literature/Language - Comparing Texts - Workshop - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 19 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Psychology: Neurodivergence, Neurodiversity & Neurotypicality – Aberystwyth (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

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



**This fortnight: Meenhaj A; Devon L; Albert B and Jack H**

### Learn to drive – advert!

"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:** Thanks Chloe, meet Brimstone!

