

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 10th Mar – Sun 23rd Mar 2025

w/b 10th = week 2 – Weds PE = Yr12; Fri assembly = Yr13

w/b 17th = week 1 Weds PE = Yr13; Fri assembly = Yr12

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Yr13 ball – Tues 1st July

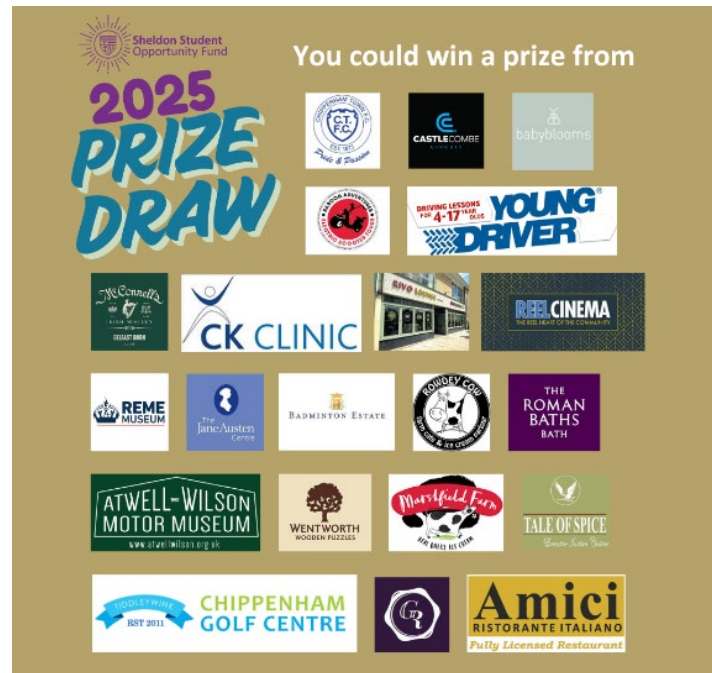
If you want to go to the ball, you must pay your deposit via Parent Pay by Monday please. No worries if you don't want to come, but if you do - please secure you place. We need to finalise the numbers with the coach companies and venue. If you definitely don't want to come, please let Miss Frater know quickly - it'll help stop chasing you unnecessarily.

If you have borrowed a laptop for a university interview can you please now bring it back to the office, thanks

If anybody is observing Ramadan there is a quiet space in Behaviour Support where some younger students are spending their lunch times.

Any Sixth Formers are also welcome to attend and I am sure some of the younger students would really appreciate seeing you there.

**Are you interested in becoming a Mental Health / Wellbeing Ambassador?
If you are interested in becoming an ambassador, it would be great to meet you and hear about what you would be able to offer the team. To get involved, please pop along to an initial meeting with Miss Owen on **Wednesday 12th March at 08:30 in Sixth Form Study Room.****



The Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund has just launched their annual prize draw. Get your entries today to win a great prize while helping support enrichment activities for our students. Prizes include restaurant vouchers, admission to local events and festivals, a Match Day Experience with Chippenham Town FC, a lovely art print and more! Find out what you can win and get your tickets here <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ssof25> Entries are only £2

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





SONG ACADEMY #SAYS25

YOUNG SONGWRITER COMPETITION 2025

1st February - 31st March

STAR JUDGES INCLUDE

TOM GRENNAN
NINA NESBITT
MIRANDA COOPER
MNEK
CALUM SCOTT
EG WHITE
TOBY GAD
GAYLE
FREDDY WEXLER
CONNIE TALBOT
DAN GILLESPIE SELLS
PLESTED
HANNAH V
EMILY PHILLIPS
NAUGHTY BOY
KENNY BARBER

GREAT PRIZES

- RECORDING SESSION WITH A TOP PRODUCER
- SHURE SM58 + MVX2U INTERFACE
- FOCUSRITE SCARLETT SOLO GEN 4 STUDIO BUNDLE + NOVATION LAUNCHKEY
- IK MULTIMEDIA TOTAL STUDIO MAX 3.5
- 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP OF AD LIB.
- PERFORM AT THE SAYS25 LIVE SHOWCASE

AGED 8-22?
ENTER YOUR ORIGINAL SONGS!
www.songacademy.co.uk/SAYS25

Spotify (→) Soundtrap
PRS Focusrite ICMIP
YouTube Music

Key dates: <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/calendar/>

School nurse drop-in every week: Meeting Room 1 (nr Learning Support every Tuesday from 12.35pm

- **Weds 12th March – tutor time – study room – if you are interested in becoming a mental health / wellbeing ambassador**
- **Fri 14th March - Young Driver & Passenger Education – lesson 3 in the hall – all students to attend**
- Thurs 27th March – Yr13 report goes home
- Tues 1st April – Yr13 parents' evening – face to face
- Thurs 3rd April – Term 4 ends (4th April = TD day)
- Tues 22nd April – Term 5 starts
- w/b 28th April – Yr12 exams – timetable tbc
- Mon 5th May – Bank holiday
- w/b 6th May – Yr12 exams – timetable tbc
- 6-8th May – Yr13 art and photography practical exams
- Fri 9th May – Yr13 Leavers' Day – details tbc
- Mon 12th May – A Level exams begin

- Fri 23rd May – term 5 ends
- Mon 2nd June – term 6 starts
- Tues 10th June – Yr12 Post 18 information evening for parents
- Fri 13th June – Yr12 reports home
- Thurs 19th June – Yr12 parents' evening
- Weds 25th June - Y13 last exam contingency day - students should be available until this day
- Fri 27th June – Olympic day fun run
- Tues 1st July – Yr13 ball – Wellington Barn
- **w/b 7th July – Yr12 work experience**
- w/b 14th July – Yr12 futures / activities week
- Fri 19th July – last day of the year
- Thurs 14th Aug – A Level results day

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

Year	Monday 10 th	Wednesday 12 th	Friday 14 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – Sixth Form Notes – WoW - https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	International Women's Day – Sat 8 th March https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kpwwbjHAmA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PzWnljCpL0 + ppt The Gender Gap ppt in whole school pastoral folder	Unifrog destinations tool: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/quick-task-recording-your-post-18-intentions +ppt They can use their phones to do this	Employability, work experience and resilience: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/employability-alexs-advice-as-recent-graduate
Yr13	International Women's Day – Sat 8 th March https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kpwwbjHAmA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PzWnljCpL0 +ppt The Gender Gap ppt in whole school pastoral folder	Unifrog destinations tool: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/direct/quick-task-recording-your-post-18-intentions +ppt They can use their phones to do this And if you have time...	Assembly: Mr Scourfield Chairs: WMB

		https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/visiting-universities-2-visiting-firm-and-insurance-universities https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/university-preparation-budgeting	
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Yr12		Tutor choice	Assembly: Families out Loud Chairs: RMB
Yr13		Tutor choice	

Fri 14th March – lesson 3 – all in the hall for Young Driver & Passenger Education

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 **NOW NEXT TO IT SUPPORT** 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>

Applications for year 12 work experience at University of Bath are now live

(Dates - 14th July 2025 for one week). Students are eligible if they live in: Bath, Chippenham, Corsham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Frome, Radstock, Keynsham, Brislington and surrounding villages.

As part of the university's ongoing commitment to increasing the diversity and social mobility of our students, we particularly encourage people from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/work-experience-at-the-university-of-bath/>

Applications: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/display.aspx?id=1847&pid=0>

Placement types

- University careers – for example: Science, Health - Sports Injury, Core Research Facilities
 - Corporate careers – for example: HR, Administration, Events & Marketing
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BDO – the 5th largest accountancy firm in the world

Are you ready to explore a career with one of the worlds leading accountancy and business advisory firms? Curious to see what makes BDO stand out in the industry? Now's your chance!

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive Insight Event with BDO on Tuesday, 11th March 2025, from 5pm to 7pm.

This is a unique opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes access to a world-class firm and learn about their diverse career paths, cutting-edge projects, and commitment to supporting young talent.

What's in Store?

- Hear directly from BDO professionals about their experiences and career journeys.
- Learn about BDO's renowned school-leaver programs, apprenticeships, work experience and graduate roles.
- Explore opportunities in audit, tax, advisory, and more!

Why Attend?

- Discover pathways into a career in accounting and professional services.
- Gain valuable insights into the skills and attributes BDO looks for in future talent.

- Network with professionals and get your questions answered directly by BDO's team.
- Apply to in-person events BDO will be hosting across the UK as well as their work experience schemes.

Register Now to Secure Your Place:


<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDO-Virtual>



VACANCIES & HOW TO APPLY

Applications are **now open** for vacancies in stores in selected locations across England!

The Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

APPLY NOW



Watch this **short video** to find out more about the Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme application process.

<https://www.tesco-programmes.com/apprenticeships/stronger-starts-retail/>

[National Cyber Force, Application Masterclass.](#)

The event is next week.

This opportunity is now open to all students across the UK with an interest in the world of cybersecurity of STEM.

The **National Cyber Force (NCF)** is a partnership between **GCHQ, Ministry of Defence, Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and Dstl (Defence Science and Technology Laboratory).**

By joining this Application Masterclass, students will get insider knowledge and support on how to successfully apply for one of NCF's roles in cyber, technology, project management and more!

Event details:

- **Date:** Tue 11th Mar
- **Time:** 10:00AM - 11:30AM
- **Location:** Online
- **Eligibility:** *Students need to be British citizens to be eligible to attend the event.*

🌱 Royal Horticultural Society: Green Careers open day

Students aged 14+ are invited to join employers, training providers, and voluntary organisations across horticulture and the environmental sector at this exciting open day. Students can get their green careers questions answered, listen to live talks, and get exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of RHS Garden Bridgewater. [Book here \(10 May\)](#)

👁️ EY: spring recruitment events

Students can get a feel for what it's like to work at one of the world's largest professional services organisations by booking a place at one of EY's upcoming insight events. They'll get to meet current apprentices and graduates as well as mentors and managers. They'll also discover a range of career paths at EY, as well as more information on the training and support available. [Sign up \(various dates and locations\)](#)

🏢 Forvis Mazars: paid in-person work experience

Y12/S5 students can learn more about the financial sector and develop employability skills with paid work experience during the Easter holiday. They'll take part in workshops, work on an interactive brief, and gain exposure to various business areas like consulting, tax, and audit. They'll also get to network with current apprentices and managers. [Apply by 18 Mar](#)

BT Apprenticeships

<https://jobs.bt.com/go/apprenticeships/8744502>



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

Career Days

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 22nd March 2025
Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 23rd March 2025
Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 5th April 2025
Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th April 2025
Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th April 2025
Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd May 2025
Vet Career Day - Saturday 10th May 2025
Business Career Day - Saturday 12th May 2025
Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 24th May 2025
Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 31st May 2025
Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 26th October 2025

Students aged 13-18 can register for any of the above sessions by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day.

University and other opportunities:

Check out UCAS and www.opendays.com and
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/> for lots of open day information and
 opportunities including:

University of Gloucester Summer Residential applications are now open!

Year 12: Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 July 2025

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 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 subject streams: Creative Arts and Humanities, Business and Law, or Science and Education..

Find out more and apply through the button below.

[Find out more](#)



Bookings are now open for [LSE's Undergraduate Open Day on Wednesday 9 April](#). Aimed at Year 12 students applying for entry in 2026, the Open Day is an opportunity for your students to explore the LSE campus, attend subject talks, meet current students and gain an insight into what it's like to study at the School. Students can [book their place at the LSE Open Day](#).

🗣️ Oxford Brookes University: virtual subject tasters
Y12-13 students are invited to dive into the fascinating world of university with on-demand Virtual Subject Taster Sessions, offering a glimpse into a wide range of subjects to experience university-level learning from the comfort of their own homes. [Sign up here](#)

Year 11 & 12



Women in Science² Festival 2025

Monday 14th April - Tuesday 15th April



Robinson College
University of Cambridge

This year, Robinson College is once again involved with the Mathematics Open Day. This year, we will take part on **Saturday 10th May**. We are particularly excited to welcome **Dr Tom Crawford** to work on some of the sessions with us. You may know Tom from his YouTube or social media presence, [@tomrocksmaths](https://www.instagram.com/tomrocksmaths), or even from his recent appearance on *Countdown*!

You can sign up to the college element of the Open Day here:

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07h8wo8TCq7pR9c

The Open Days are part of the Department and more information on what they will be hosting will soon be available [here](#).

In the afternoon, the Faculty of Mathematics offers a [programme](#) of in-person activities, including:

- Mathematical talks
- STEP workshop
- Preparation for interviews sessions
- Talk for parents and supporters

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>

- **March 10 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Marketing: Segmentation, Targeting & Positioning - UEA (16+) [Find out more >>](#) **[NEW]** **March 17 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Pharmacology - University

Module Insights & The Learning Experience - UEA & Cardiff (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

- **March 11 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Physics/Maths: The Astrophysicist's Toolkit - Creativity, Intuition & Maths - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 12 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Economics/Politics: Current UK Taxation - Policy Options, Interrelationship & Impact - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[RESHARED]**
- **March 12 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Economics/Politics: Current UK Taxation - Policy Options, Interrelationship & Impact - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 13 @ 14:10 - 14:55** Law/Criminology: Reversing a Miscarriage of Justice - Leicester (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 13 @ 10:05 - 10:50** English/Drama: Streetcar - Deconstructing the Text for Performance - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 13 @ 11:15 - 12:00** Film Studies: Experimental Hollywood? - Nottingham (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 13 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Physics/Engineering: Nuclear Energy – From Physics To Power - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 18 @ 16:30 - 17:15** Devising Contemporary Theatre Workshop - Guildford School of Acting/Surrey (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 18 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Modern Languages: Far-Right Movements in Europe - Comparison & Cultural Differences - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 19 @ 16:00 - 17:00** Accounting/Finance - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - NBS/UEA & HBS/Reading (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **March 19 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Biology/Environmental Science: Measuring Ecosystems - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

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



Half term: sorry it is late! Luca B; Daisy C; Caitlin H; Tom G; Abi B; Dan H; Jay R and Lucy W

Last fortnight: sorry it is late! Michael A; Michelle A; Rebecca S; Darcey L; Catlin A; Gracie GP; Evie W; Ella B; Donovan M; Emily G; Grace H; Maliha R; Jessica D; Callum Mc; Henry C; Ayla E and Evie S

This fortnight: Henry S; Hugo Bi; Jazz A; Nika P and Louis H

Pet of the week: We need more pets!!!!