



SIXTH FORM BULLETIN W/C 12 February 2018

PSCHE

The last session this half term will be:

- **Y13 Wednesday 14 February**

The session will be on Revision Techniques and will be delivered by Ms Purdy in the LRC. All to attend please.

Sessions for next half term include Student Finance and Surviving University.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

We break up on Friday 16 February and return on Monday 26 February.

DIARY DATES

We have booked a session with the Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for Schools (ASK) Project for those Year 13 students considering apprenticeships. This project is funded by the National Apprenticeship Service, part of the Department for Education. The aim of this project is to work with schools and other educational establishments across England to increase awareness of apprenticeships.

Activity: Registration workshop

Activity Date: 21/03/2018

Activity start time: 11:20

Activity end time: 12:20

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12 students should be applying for work experience placements NOW. All students will be expected to complete ONE week relevant work experience **w/c 16 July 2018.**

YEAR 13 UNIVERSITY CHOICES

Please ensure that your son / daughter have checked UCAS and know the dates by which they need to have replied to offers.



KEY STAGE 5 SUPPORT

There is a lot of support for your son/daughter on offer within department. Can you please encourage them to make the most of these sessions.

	P1	P2	P3	LUNCH	P4	P5	After school
MONDAY							
TUESDAY	P/Arts	P/Arts	P/Arts Business St				Y13 Physics
WEDNESDAY			English coursework support				Y13 Sociology Y13 History
THURSDAY			CTEC Sport Finance		English coursework support		P/Arts Rehearsals Y13 Geography drop in sessions
FRIDAY	Y12 Geography Y12 History (selected students) Y13 History	Y12 History (selected students) Y13 History				CTEC Sport Y12 Sociology	

Art students are welcome to use the Art dept any time in their free periods to continue their Art work Mon- Fri. Although Mrs Strain and Mrs Robinson may be teaching, they will still be available to answer questions, find art materials, trouble shoot etc.

Year 12 Maths students will be required to attend certain times if they don't get the required grades on assessments, where they will redo tests after support

Year 13 Maths may have sessions added nearer the exams

Year 13 Geography students have agreed set times to work in Humanities department independently.

Year 12 Biology can stay after Monday's lessons for help or drop in when they have free time and work in Miss Convery's room or Mr Rae's room as they need.

ICT operates an open door support policy every lunchtime and afterschool for any student that wants support. Also on the days where Mr Chatten teaches 6th form or has free periods he has told KS5 they are welcome to work in his room for any additional support.



NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

Architecture Exchange

Monday 26 February, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Architecture Exchange provides a fantastic opportunity for your post-16 students to meet our final year Architecture, Architectural Technology and Interior Architecture & Design students, view their work and gain advice from industry professionals.

Programme for the evening:

5.30 - 6.00pm – Arrival, registration and refreshments

6.00 - 6.45pm – Presentations by NTU alumni, providing a glimpse into what your students could be doing in the future

6.45 - 7.30pm – Table discussions between industry professionals and students

7.30 - 8.30pm – Exhibition of NTU student work, informal networking and refreshments

8.30pm – Close

Industry professionals attending for networking and table discussions include: Benoy; Waldeck Consulting; Pozzoni Architecture Ltd; CPMG Architects; Peter Rogan & Associates Ltd; Lungfish Architects Ltd; Maber Architects; HLW International Ltd; Andrea Caputo Srl; Urban Edge Architecture; Stoneforce; Associated Architects; *and more to be confirmed!*

Places are limited. **Please let me know you are interested in attending.**



UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

This is a reminder email that the deadline for the Sociology and Politics Taster Day and the Natural and Build Environment Taster Day are fast approaching! There are **limited places** on these events but they are **open to all students** on a first come first served basis. .

Sociology and Politics Taster Day

Date: Tuesday 27th February 2018

Application Deadline: Wednesday 14th February 2018

Students interested in the bigger picture of modern day society or are considering studying politics, sociology, history, human geography or international relations will find this event of particular interest. [APPLY HERE](#)

Natural and Build Environment Taster Day

Date: Friday 9th March 2018

Application Deadline: Wednesday 28th February 2018

Students who want to understand the shape and design of our world or are thinking of studying architecture, landscape, design, environmental science, geography (both human and physical) town planning or urban studies will find this event of particular interest. No prior knowledge of any of these subjects is needed to be a part of this event. [APPLY HERE](#)

Limited Places are available but these events are now open to all students on a first come first served basis
(Students must complete an application form)

The University will reimburse all transport costs and provide catering on the day

Online Application Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/e7dnAbIc9K0rBQu82>

Paper application forms and cover sheets are available to download from their website on the respective event page.

UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD

Year 12 students can experience first-hand what it's like to study a subject at university through sample lectures or interactive workshops at a Taster Day. Taster Days take place on campus, where you'll have the chance to look around and meet students and staff.

This event will allow you to build on your current knowledge and enjoyment of English Literature, English Language, History, Law or Journalism and Media. The day will explore elements of these subjects from a whole new perspective.

Duration: Half Day

This event is delivered at the university on the following date(s): 6th June 2018 20th June 2018



LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

Biomedical Science and Biochemistry Discovery Day

Prospective students in Year 12 and above have the opportunity to sample over 60 undergraduate programmes and work alongside academic staff and current students. During Discovery Days students and staff can visit University teaching facilities and take part in lectures, practical workshops and laboratory sessions.

Thinking about going to university? Sign up for a Subject Discovery Day. At the event, you'll be able to find out what an undergraduate course is all about. You'll also get to meet and work with our academic staff and current students. An overview of what you might do is:

- Sample one of 60 undergraduate programmes
- Take part in a lecture
- Try a practical workshop
- Experience a laboratory session
- Visit the teaching facilities
- Ask staff and students questions

Duration: Half Day

Dates Available: 17th April 2018

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

Mechanical Engineering Taster Day – Thursday 1st March

40 places available

University taster days are a great way for students to find out about their area of interest. They have put together an exciting programme of interactive activities to give students a taste of the skills and practical expertise undergraduate students will learn to become a professional engineer and the opportunities available whilst studying an engineering course at DMU.

A level Revision Day – Friday 16th March

The A level revision day consists of a range of academic sessions designed to enhance students contextual knowledge of key A level topics within English Literature, English Language and History. Key texts include Chaucer 'The Merchant's Tale', Dystopian texts such as 'A Handmaid's Tale' and Shakespeare. Our academics will explore key themes such as language and gender, the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and 'Tragedy' within Shakespeare's works. We will also offer a workshop on essay writing skills delivered by our Academic Learning Resource team.

Please note that all activities are completely free of charge. If you would further information or would like to register your interest, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

OXBRIDGE APPLICATION EVENING AT THE REDHILL ACADEMY

14th March 2018

Considering Oxford or Cambridge?

If you would like to find out more and speak to admissions staff from both universities, then you are welcome to attend a special evening at The Redhill Academy in Arnold, Nottingham.

Both universities will be presenting to parents, staff and students. You can learn about what makes these universities unique and how best to make a competitive application. They will also provide some tips and advice on the whole application process.

The evening will be of interest to students and their families in Year 12, **all students are welcome.**

Please can you either inform me if you would like to attend, or contact The Redhill Academy directly.

Please contact Miss Mitchell (Sixth Form administrator) on (0115) 926 1481 or email k.mitchell@theredhillacademy.org.uk

There is plenty of car parking on site and welcome refreshments will be provided from 6.30pm

6.30pm - 7pm: Welcome and refreshments, main hall

7pm - 8.30pm: Presentations, Q and A, main hall



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Visiting Opportunities 2018



The Open House events allow prospective students and their guests the chance to tour one or both campuses on the same day. During the Open House, guests will have an introductory talk; giving an insight into courses and how to apply. They will then tour our campus with student ambassadors.

- Saturday 10th February 2018 (10:30am - 4:00pm)
- Saturday 2nd June 2018 (10:30am - 4:00pm)
- Sunday 1st July 2018 (10:30am - 4:00pm)

Please be aware that booking is essential and can be made at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus.



The Open Day is for anyone interested in the undergraduate courses, including students of all ages, parents, careers advisors, and teachers. In addition to Campus Tours there will be an opportunity to speak with academic members of staff and attend lectures.

- Saturday 12th May 2018 - Open Day (10:00am - 3:30pm) – Hawkshead Campus

Please be aware that booking is essential and will open on 12th March 2018 (10:00am) at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus.



The Taster Course Programmes provides Year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course you will experience the different teaching methods used by university academics and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK.

- Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th April 2018 – **Veterinary Medicine Taster Course** (9:00am - 5:00pm) – Camden Campus (Wednesday) & Hawkshead Campus (Thursday)
- Monday 9th April 2018 - **Veterinary Nursing Taster Course** (9:30am - 4:00pm) – Hawkshead Campus
- Thursday 31st May 2018 - **BSc/MSci Biological Sciences Taster Course** (10:00am - 4:00pm) – Camden Campus
- **There are over 100 courses available, not just the ones run by the RVC.**

Applications are open now and are solely administered by the University of London at: www.london.ac.uk/tasters.



The Pre-Vet Summer School is a pay to attend two-week residential programme where students will gain veterinary skills, knowledge and earn one week of work experience in our globally-recognised animal hospitals, research facilities and farm.

- Sunday 5th August – Friday 17th August 2018 – **Pre-Vet Summer School** – Hawkshead Campus

Please be aware that applications open on Wednesday 24th January (10:00am GMT) and will close on Monday 16th April (5:00pm GMT) at www.rvc.ac.uk/prevetsummer. **NB: They will start making offers when they have received all applications and can determine the strongest applicants based on their academic achievements/predicted achievements and personal statement. As such they would recommend candidates spending time constructing their personal statement before submitting, as no offers will be made before Monday 16th April.**

They also have a free to attend Summer School, although there are eligibility criteria which can be found at: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/university/royal-veterinary-college/>



WNC

WNC offer a number of Sport based degree programmes at their University Centre which is based on their Derby Road Campus. Their Higher Education Course Leader Ben Ashdown, would like to offer our school the opportunity for Year 12 and 13 students who have wish to go into the sports industry after year 13, to have a taster session about our sports courses with a chance to get involved in a practical activity related the course and find out more about what is involved in our degree programmes.

They offer three Foundation Degree programmes, with a top-up final year BA (Hons) degree programme, so it offer students' flexibility in their study, and enables them to choose a route based on their interest and future careers aspirations. All of their courses run in partnership with the University of Derby, so students would graduate with a degree from the University of Derby.

Foundation Degree Exercise Science (Health) - Level 5 (2 year course)

The Foundation Degree in Exercise Science (Health) allows students to explore the causes, prevention and management of disease using physical activity and health promotion strategies as methods to improve the health and wellbeing of the nation. The programme seeks to further the scientific knowledge of students regarding physical activity, the principles and practices of performance and the application of psychology, nutrition and leading active lifestyles to benefit health. The importance of keeping healthy and eating well is becoming increasingly recognised by employers, the government and the public which is creating exciting career opportunities within this field.

Foundation Degree Exercise Science (Injury Management) - Level 5 (2 year course)

The FdSc Exercise Science (Injury Management) programme enables students to explore the science used to help the body perform to its potential with a particular focus on managing injuries. The course is multidisciplinary in nature which provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to study and analyse various aspects of exercise performance and the potential injuries that exercise enthusiasts may encounter.

Foundation Degree Physical Education and Youth Sport - Level 5 (2 year course)

The Foundation Degree in Physical Education and Youth Sport allows students to explore the fundamentals of physical activity and youth sport through a variety of theory and practical based modules. This foundation degree programme provides students with a range of transferable skills required to work within the public, private or voluntary sectors. Students will explore the national curriculum at both primary and secondary school level as well a variety of key youth sport issues such as increasing sports participation, the obesity crisis and promotion of physically active lifestyles.

They then offer a 1 year top up degree for students and complete their full BA (Hons) degree programme.



UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES AND STUDENT FINANCE IN ENGLAND : THE *UPDATED* KEY FACTS

University fees are a major barrier to higher education

Worries over tuition fees and an increased reliance on student loans are both seen as a major barrier for young people considering education. It is, therefore, really important that students have the key facts to allow them to make informed higher education decisions.

The headlines will tell you that students entering Higher Education in September 2018 face the prospect of graduating with over £50,000 in student loan 'debt' – and that's before interest.

Where do they get £50,000+ from? Well often students take a maintenance loan too and if you add this to the £9,250 fees and multiply by three for the average course length of three years, you will see £50,000 - £60,000 is a realistic graduation balance.

Key facts to be taken into account when looking at this figure

Repaying loans: it's not based on the amount a student borrows, but on earnings following graduation

Currently students pay back 9% of their earnings over £25,000 a year. At which point, students then pay an extra 9p for each £1 they earn above the threshold. For example, someone earning £30,000 per year would pay back £37.50 a month, £40,000 annual earnings would be £112.50 etc.

The money is deducted like a tax, often automatically on a payslip.

Anything a graduate hasn't paid off after 30 years will be written off

There's still free money out there!

Most universities and colleges will offer bursaries and scholarships which are not repayable. Each provider will have their own different bursaries with their own criteria and application processes. So students need to do their research.

Final thing to bear in mind

It's worth noting that previous changes to finance arrangements didn't have the profoundly negative impact on the number of students applying to HE that many anticipated. Perhaps proving the benefits may outweigh any concerns about the cost

** This blog includes content provided by Alex Bairstow, Partnership Activities Manager, Higher Education Progression Partnership*

*** This content is provided based on the English system, and is accurate to the best of our knowledge and based on the date published – students should always check for up to date information prior to making their HE decisions.*



GAP YEAR ADVICE AND PLANNING

Many students will of course have a concrete plan of what they are doing next, but for a growing number the next stage of their life is unclear and a little daunting.

Students may feel like this if they are:

- Deferring entry to university
- Planning on re-applying to university
- Re-taking some exams
- Unsure whether to go university

For these students, a structured Gap Year programme could be exactly what they are looking for and here are just some of the reasons why:

- **Improve your UCAS application** - if your re-applying/retaking exams, an overseas placement or volunteering project can help your personal statement.
- **Help you decide what degree/career path to take** - Gap Year programmes are designed to give you practical, hands on experience in an international setting.
- **Grow as an individual** - Gap Year students stand out a mile at University, mainly because they are the most confident and outgoing.
- **Once in a lifetime opportunity** - Before life gets in the way, now is the time to take advantage of a life changing opportunity to travel the world!

Gapforce has been leading the way in Educational Travel and Gap Year programmes for 27 years and offers a range of volunteering, adventure, training courses and internships to help students bridge the Gap between education and employment.

More information can be found on www.gapforce.org

NOT GOING TO UNI

So.....you are thinking about not going to university.

From apprenticeships to debt-free education, there are literally thousands of other opportunities out there. The **Not Going to Uni** team are there to help you find apprenticeships, college courses or work experience to start building your future.

Not Going to Uni – the one stop site for apprenticeships, gap years, distance learning and jobs

Go to www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/



KPMG APPRENTICES

Why does KPMG recruit apprentices?

Quite simply, because they're the future. Research shows there is a growing pool of talent considering starting a career straight after their A-Levels rather than going down the traditional university route. They think these students have just as much potential to succeed at KPMG as their graduate trainees and their entry-routes reflect this belief.

Their drive to recruit trainees into KPMG is part of their long-term recruitment strategy to attract talented people from all walks of life. They're really proud to say their trainees come from all kinds of diverse backgrounds and so you can rest assured that anyone you know will fit in just fine here.

KPMG360° is the innovative apprenticeship programme, giving students the chance to join KPMG and work with some of the best and brightest in the business world. Importantly, it includes a foundation year that is specifically designed so they can experience all areas of the business before they go on to choose an area of specialisation and gain a professional qualification.

KPMG360° Digital is a new four-year apprenticeship programme that combines academic study with practical work experience. Based in London, Leeds or Manchester, you'll undertake varied work experience with technology teams across the firm. At the same time, you'll also study for a BSc degree in Digital and Technology Solutions with their training provider, BPP University.

KPMG360° Business Services is a two-year apprenticeship programme that will give you an overview of Business Services and how you support the wider organisation. As a new apprentice, you will be fully supported throughout the programme with guidance from KPMG teams and gain a professional qualification

KPMG Discovery is for Year 12 students looking to gain work experience, an insight into KPMG and their departments. This two, three or five-day (depending on office location) programme will give you useful industry knowledge, career opportunities and the chance to develop the skills you'll need to apply for a role with KPMG.

Their apprenticeship programmes offer the training and support to help students reach their full potential. They're looking for ambitious, bright, motivated students who are interested in building a long-term career in business at a leading professional services firm.

To learn more about KPMG and our career opportunities, visit their website:

www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprenticeships



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An apprenticeship is a way of learning while you are in employment; allowing you to build up the theory needed to gain your qualification along with the skills required to do the job.

At the University of Derby they offer apprenticeships in subject areas including digital and technology, cybersecurity, aerospace engineering, and nursing from levels 2- 6. While they currently do not offer any level 7 apprenticeships they are interested in developing these with employers.

So if you would like an alternative route to achieving your degree – you can do it all at Derby.

The following degree apprenticeships are available at the University of Derby:

- Civil Engineering Site Management Degree Apprenticeship which includes BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering
- Higher Apprenticeship as a Construction Site Engineering Technician which includes a Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) in Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineer Degree Apprenticeship which includes BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering
- Aerospace Engineer Degree Apprenticeship which includes
- Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship which includes BA (Hons) Leadership and Business Management
- Digital and Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship which includes BSc Honours Digital & Technology Solutions (Cyber Security Analyst)
- Nursing Degree Apprenticeship which includes BSc (Hons) Nursing

If you would like to speak to the University of Derby about studying an apprenticeship at the University of Derby, you can contact them by email apprenticeships@derby.ac.uk or call them on 01332 591600.

Important information for
new university entrants
in England

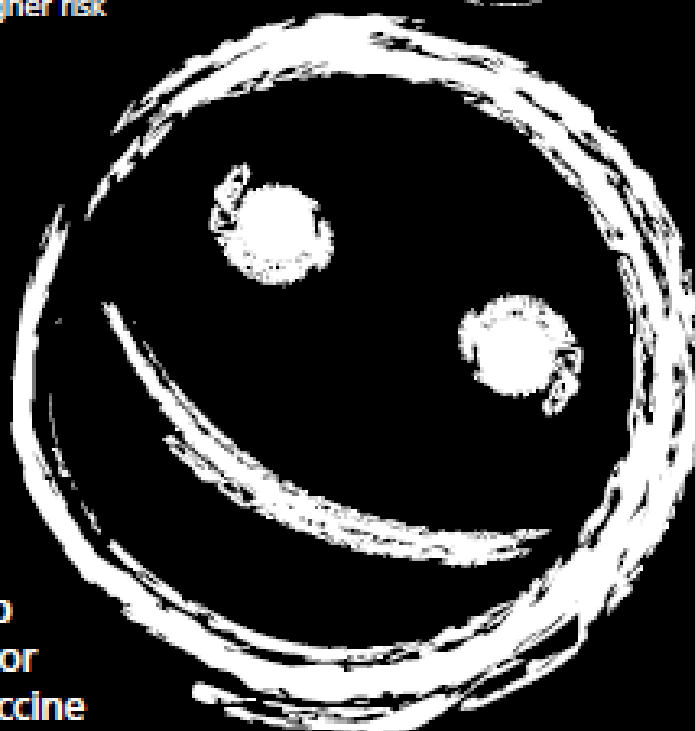
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MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA CAN KILL VERY QUICKLY

- Cases caused by meningococcal W (MenW) bacteria are increasing in the UK
- Teenagers and young adults have a higher risk of meningococcal W disease
- The MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 meningococcal groups (A, C, W and Y)

**If you are starting university,
go to your GP to get the
vaccination before you go.
If you miss out, you can still
register with a GP at uni and
get the vaccination there.**

**All new university entrants up
to 25 years old are eligible for
the MenACWY vaccine**



For more information, speak to your your doctor, or visit
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, www.meningitis.org or www.meningitisnow.org