



SIXTH FORM BULLETIN W/C 23 April 2018

EXAMS

All students should have their individual exam timetables. If for any reason you haven't got yours, you will need to see Mrs Evans in the Exams office. Please ensure you know WHEN and WHERE your exams will be.

Year 12 Mock exams will take place w/c 25 June 2018 and 2 July 2018.

Year 13 exams start on the 24 April 2018.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 May 2018 - YEAR 13 (students who have not applied to university) are required to attend a presentation being delivered by one of our ex-students who secured a higher level apprenticeship last year.

14 June 2018 – YEAR 12 - HE FAIR @ NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

Details to follow

11 July 2018 – YEAR 12 - FUTURES DAY

Details to follow

WORK EXPERIENCE w/c 16 July

ALL students are expected to complete work experience.

Details of placements need to be forwarded to Miss Hadley so that Health & Safety checks can be completed in time.

YEAR 12 SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2018 – BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY LINCOLN

If you missed out applying for the Nottingham Potential and Sutton Trust Summer schools, there is still the chance to go on this year's to Lincoln Bishop Grosseteste University. This year's residential summer school will be held from 7th August to 9th August 2018.

During the residential, participants will be provided with meals and accommodation at Bishop Grosseteste University, giving you an early taste of what living on a university campus is like, whilst making new friends and having fun in the process. There are 50 places and applications close on the **4th May 2018**. Students will be notified by the end of May at the latest if they have or have not been granted a place.

To find out more please visit www.bishopg.ac.uk/year12residential

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.*

A polite reminder that the deadline for Student Finance is **25 May 2018**. Students who don't apply before this date might not get their money in time for the start of their course. It's quick and easy to apply online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance If you've started your application online, don't forget to log into your account now and finish it before their deadline.

TASTER SESSIONS

There are still some places remaining on various Year 12 taster days this term.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

Year 12 Humanities Taster day – Wednesday 25 April. This bespoke and interactive event is being jointly run by the History, American Studies and English departments to give students an insight into studying a Humanities degree at university as well as the chance to meet current students across these departments.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

How to make paracetamol for Year 12 students on **18th June**. An hands on practical chemistry taster session involving organic synthesis of a painkiller combined with analysis using Infrared and Mass spectroscopy.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Civil Engineering and Architecture and Built Environment Taster Day **Wednesday 2 May 2018**

Aimed at years 12 and 13 studying maths and physics. Pupils will take part in a variety of activities lead by students currently studying the subjects at our University to give them an insight in to what studying them at university would be like.

The day will also include guided tours of our facilities and the chance to ask questions to admissions tutors.

To reserve a place or express an interest in either of the above activities, simply email engineeringoutreach@nottingham.ac.uk.

3D tune-in project

Researchers in the Human Factors Research Group are looking for young people to participate in their studies in February and March. The 3D Tune-In project has developed two digital games; one is designed for students who use hearing aids and aims to teach them more about how making changes to hearing aid settings might enable them to hear more clearly in different environments. Another game aims to educate students without hearing loss about what life is like for those who use hearing aids. We are looking for young people with and without hearing aids to download and play the game(s) and then answer a questionnaire telling us what they think. They will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win one of five prizes of a £25 Amazon voucher. Anyone who is interested in this project can contact Maddy Hallewell at m.hallewell@nottingham.ac.uk. You can read more about the project on the website <http://3d-tune-in.eu/>

MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

WAMS Nottingham

WAMS (Widening Access to Medical School) is a society run by a group of medical students from the University of Nottingham who are passionate about helping pupils from diverse backgrounds pursue their interest in a career in medicine. They believe that the medical profession should reflect the society it treats.

They therefore run multiple programmes to inspire people, who would not normally have the opportunity to find out about medicine, to want to become doctors! They also offer practical advice and experiences that aid the application process in an attempt to close the 'opportunity gap' that can often arise from differing backgrounds. WAMS runs an annual work experience week based at the QMC, a successful e-mentoring programme, plus outreach events and school visits.

If you'd like to learn more about what they do, please do not hesitate to contact them:

enquiries@wamsnottingham.com or visit their website: www.wamsnottingham.co.uk

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

We will be running the East Midlands 'Applying to Study Politics' Workshop at **Nottingham Trent University** to provide an opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of studying Politics at undergraduate level and its benefits.

The event is open to **Year 12 and 13 students** who are interested in studying Politics and want to find out more. This workshop takes place through a series of talks including an academic lecture; a talk on the admissions process; and a talk by current students on their experiences as Politics students.

The workshop will take place at **Nottingham Trent University, Monday 18th June**. The programme of the day will be finalised in the coming weeks but we expect the event to run from 11am-3pm.

The event is free and a buffet lunch is provided for all attendees. Teachers may sign up their classes or students can register individually. To register for this event click [here](#).

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



RESEARCH ON BEHALF OF UK UNIVERSITIES

We are carrying out the Student Tracker research on behalf of 10 UK universities. The study looks at Sixth Form students' future plans, what options they're considering, and their decision-making process. The outcomes of the research will inform universities communications with students.

If you're 16 or over, and in sixth form or equivalent, we would really appreciate you taking part in the survey. We welcome students who are considering university and/or employment.

If you take part, you will enter a prize draw to win **£500 in Amazon vouchers**.

The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

You can take part by following this link, or copying and pasting it into your web browser:

<https://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/1212238/4480/>

The survey is completely confidential – your answers won't be seen by anyone outside the research team. We will never report any responses at an individual level.

Many thanks and good luck with the prize draw

Royal Veterinary College, University of London

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.

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/

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 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

APPRENTICESHIPS

[Get My First Job](#) is a great place to start if you are considering the Apprenticeship route as your next step.

We have sent through lots of apprenticeship opportunities through to those students we know are considering that as their next step. These opportunity windows close very quickly; the wholetime firefighter recruitment is now closed, as is Lloyds Apprenticeship programme. Please check your emails!

UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

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.



Year In Industry

Following a recent review of our processes it has been agreed that we will be introducing a Registration deadline in May for students seeking a YINI placement that will start this September 2018.

The Registration Deadline date is: Thursday 31st May 2018

Who will this effect? Any student in Year 13 interested in gaining a YINI placement that will start this September 2018 and finish next August 2019.

What will students need to do? Students should register for YINI online via our website on or before the 31st May 2018.

Click [Here](#) to register. (For information on Year in Industry go to <http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry/apply-now>)

MARKETING PLACEMENT STUDENT – EXPERIAN - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Are you looking to gain great marketing experience in a very varied role?

Have your studies been teaching you about integrated, omni-channel marketing? Are you keen to experience how that works in the corporate world? Have you heard of HTML, CRM or SEO? Ever wondered how new marketing techniques integrate with traditional marketing tactics and campaigns.

Then we have a role for you.

We're looking for two students to join the Experian Business Assist Marketing team; as a marketing assistant. The positions will be based in Ollerton, with flexibility to work in Nottingham offices.

What are we looking for?

Most importantly:

Enthusiasm to learn new skills

Willingness to take on and manage multiple tasks and projects – from day to day routine to one-off activities

A great communicator, both written and verbal

Ability to work on your own and as part of the team to achieve results

Creativity and the willingness to share your ideas

Appreciation of the digital environment and the part it plays in the modern marketing mix

The ability to progress projects with varied groups – within Experian and our suppliers

Readiness to plan and effectively manage your time

Nice to have's:

Some experience of email management platforms, such as Dotmailer or Eloqua

Some experience of website content management, such as a basic understanding of web analytics software

Appreciation of the function of Social Media for business, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

Previous experience with Adobe Photoshop or similar software

Basic HTML knowledge

What is on offer

An opportunity to work within a talented marketing team in the direct to business owner environment

A wealth of knowledge and experience across a wide range of marketing methods

A chance to take full responsibility for the delivery of projects

Day-to-Day Responsibilities:

Campaign development and delivery

Supporting the team (email design, creating social posts etc) in running integrated campaigns in line with briefs

Working together to optimise the user experience

Analysis of search marketing campaigns and development of recommendations

Manage our blog by posting blog posts

Research activity into competitors, technology and customers

Attending and participating where appropriate in team meetings

eCommerce and lead generation

Copy-writing



We're looking for exceptional students looking to arrange an industry placement. Students should have a keen interest in both Digital and Marketing, and show ambition, initiative and enthusiasm. We're looking for two students to join us for work experience over the summer – we can take someone for 12 weeks or more but appreciate the likelihood will be over the summer holidays. We're happy to take those at A level (either year 12 or 13). The opportunity is unpaid but we will cover expenses such as lunch and travel.

[PLEASE SEE MISS HADLEY FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AT MORGAN STANLEY

[Step in Step up- Female A-level programme](#)

Deadline: 1st June

Programme dates: 24th-25th July

This two day insight programme provides an in-depth introduction into investment banking alongside a comprehensive overview of how various divisions and roles interact with one another. Participants will gain an understanding of an investment bank's various functions and departments through carefully designed, hands-on skill sessions, a tour of a live trading floor, and unique networking opportunities. Programme attendees will actively learn through case-studies, group presentations, panel sessions, interactive workshops, and networking. Step In, Step Up is held semi-annually in February and July and is intended for female students in years 12 and 13. The next SISU programme will take place on 24-25 July 2018.

The SISU programme has received intensely positive reviews, was shortlisted for the 2013 "Inspiring the Workforce of the Future" Opportunity Now Award, and was featured in a 2014 "Women's Business Council" video as an example of an innovation around diversity.

[Mixed Schools Open Day](#)

Deadline: 1st June

Programme date: 26th July

The Mixed Schools Open Day is aimed at all Year 13 students, and consists of interactive workshops and presentations where you'll learn about our Firm and have the opportunity to meet and network with employees at all stages of their careers. Held in July every year, our Mixed Open Day provides students in year 13 with an opportunity to learn about our industry and, more specifically, Morgan Stanley and our culture. In addition to interactive presentations and workshops, the Mixed Open Day includes opportunities to network with business representatives at all career levels across the Firm's various divisions and departments.

[Tech Step in Step up- Female Technology Insight Day](#)

Deadline: 1st June

Programme date: 17th July

This one day insight programme provides an oversight into the different technology programmes Morgan Stanley offers, as well as gives participants the opportunity to partake in interactive challenges, panel sessions and career workshops. Technology Step In, Step Up will be held on 17th July and is intended for female students in years 12 and 13.

KEY STAGE 5 SUPPORT

There is a lot of support for your son/daughter on offer within department. We have had some take up but not all students are accessing the support on offer and we would appreciate your support in encouraging your son/daughter to make the most of this extra support.

	P1	P2	P3	LUNCH	P4	P5	After school
MONDAY							Biology
TUESDAY	P/Arts	P/Arts	P/Arts Business St				Y13 Sociology Y13 Physics
WEDNESDAY			English coursework support				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.
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 6 th form or has free periods he has told KS5 they are welcome to work in his room for any additional support.
Year 12 Finance students will be required to attend additional sessions as agreed with Miss Brindley

Important information for
new university entrants
in England

NHS

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 doctor, or visit
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, www.meningitis.org or www.meningitisnow.org