



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin - 11

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FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



Congratulations to year 12 on the completion of the progression exams. Next week, lessons will be dedicated to giving feedback from the exams and highlighting key areas of independent study for the coming few weeks. I attach once again the year 12 timetable of lessons for next week.

Also attached is an important letter from Ms Bach addressed to **current year 13 students**.

I will be writing to you at greater length before the end of term, giving details of the beginning of the September 2020 autumn term.

With best wishes
Mrs H Valentine

THIS WEEK'S NEWS AND MESSAGES

Year 13 - Important UCAS messages from Ms Bach:

CLEARING is now live and it is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. Until 20 October, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places. You can use Clearing if:



- you're applying after 30 June
- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- you've **declined your firm place** using the 'decline my place' button in Track.

Clearing is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. If you find yourself in Clearing this year, UCAS will match you to courses you may be interested in. If you're unplaced or have started a new application, a button will appear in Track – 'My matches'. This will take you to your top 50 course matches. You'll then be able to tell universities and colleges you're 'interested' in their courses. If they still have vacancies and you meet their entry requirements, they may call you. If you want to apply for something different you can still find courses available in Clearing using our search tool. **What is Clearing Plus?**

1. Firstly, use the search tool to find courses – it's the only official vacancy list, so it's the most up-to-date. If you can't find the course you're looking for:
 - consider different subjects – you don't have to stick with your original idea. You could also look at joint honours courses, so you can study a mix of subjects
 - keep checking – unis update their course information regularly. You might not find the exact unis/colleges/courses you were looking for – some might be full, but some might get vacancies later on
2. Before you add a Clearing choice in Track, you need to call the uni and give them your Clearing number (you can find this in Track), and Personal ID, so they can look up your application.
 - Ask if they'd accept you – they might reconsider you (maybe for the same course) even if you applied to them earlier in the year.
 - Get informal offers over the phone – maybe from a variety of universities and colleges – then decide which one you want to accept.
 - Ask about accommodation options – is there any on-campus?
 - Take a look around the campus – if you have the time, it's the best way to see what a university/college is like – most will be happy to meet you and show you around. Alternatively, see if they have a **virtual tour** or a **virtual open day**.
 - Only add a Clearing choice in Track once you have permission from the university or college.
 - There is information about clearing coming from universities all the time - see below for information from Royal Holloway.



Year 12 - Important UCAS message from Ms Bach:

There are a series of **UCAS VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS** this autumn, designed to help students focus their research within their chosen subject area.

- Veterinary, medicine and dentistry – 23 July
- Business, law, and finance – 29-30 September
- Biological and physical sciences (including sport sciences) – 16 October
- People studies and teaching (including psychology, sociology, geography, politics) – 23-24 October
- Maths, engineering and computing – 2-3 November
- Creative subjects – 13-14 November

If you are considering applying to any of these subject areas, you can register your interest in your chosen event now at ucas.com/virtual-exhibitions and UCAS will email you as soon as booking is available.

Online exhibitions mean you can explore courses at lots of universities and colleges all around the UK. You will have the chance to speak directly to key subject specialists, teaching staff and admissions experts, listen to topical seminars and ask questions, and pick up digital prospectus' and other information.

UCAS HUB - Login page:

<https://www.ucas.com/account/login?returnUrl=/dashboard%23%2F>

Please continue to check university websites for online resources and virtual tours.

Year 13 - Message from Mr de Souza:

A reminder of the Transition to Uni - Year 13 2020 Google Classroom where I am posting subject relevant reading material and preparation work.

The classroom code is **2nxvb3v**.

Year 13 - Summer 2020 Destination Questionnaire:

Please could those year 13 students who haven't yet completed the destination form click on the link below. It will take only a minute of your time and we are obliged to provide this information to West Sussex County Council.

Link to Google form - <https://forms.gle/GFU1iwhVmtKTabJq7>



MEETOO APP



MeeTwo is an award winning, free, fully moderated app for young people which provides peer support, expert help, inbuilt educational and creative resources as well as in-app links to UK charities and helplines. MeeTwo is a neutral space which allows young people to experiment with what it feels like to open up without drawing attention to themselves while positive feedback and social support builds confidence, increases well-being and promotes emotional resilience.

<https://www.meetwo.co.uk/>

OXBRIDGE MASTERCLASS



Personal Statement Course

The Oxbridge Masterclass is offering us free access to their online personal statement writing course, which is designed to support anyone making a UCAS application. The course covers the following:

- Tutorials and templates to take you from blank page to final draft
- Walkthrough videos and model personal statements
- Wider reading recommendations based on your subject to kickstart your summer preparation

<https://oxbridgemasterclass.com/personal-statement-course>

ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

WEBINARS

Our June webinars were so successful that we have decided to run two more webinars for each topic as detailed below. If you are interested in signing up for the webinars, please click on Register your attendance which will take you to a website to easily sign up.



Scheduled webinars		
How to choose a course and a university	Understanding the UCAS process	How to write a personal statement
Mon 13 July, 1pm Tues 14 July, 10am	Tues 14 July, 1pm Wed 15 July, 10am	Wed 15 July, 1pm Thu 16 July, 10am
Click to register your attendance		

CLEARING 2020

This year has already been a tumultuous one and, to do our part, we wish to support your students in the clearing process as much as possible. As such we have produced several resources for your students which can all be accessed by clicking on [Clearing Webpage 2020](#) or on the links below.

CLEARING WEBPAGE 2020
Clearing webinar, Thursday 6 August, 11 am
Including, what is clearing and adjustment; how to prepare beforehand; what will likely happen when you call a university?; how to make the right choice for you
Super quick video guide to clearing
A fun and quick guide for your students to watch on YouTube
Clearing top tips
Advice about clearing as well as guidance on how learning at university in 2020/21 could look
Parents' guide to results day
Please share our easy to read guide for parents which can be accessed here
CLEARING WEBPAGE 2020



UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD



Subject specific online taster days will provide students with an insight into their chosen subject:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days>

GAS/ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS



Our training centres are now open for a revised programme of short courses & Apprenticeship training.

We are limiting numbers attending the centres and are Covid-19 secure with reduced class sizes, social distancing and safe working practices.

<https://stevewillis.com/>

THAMES WATER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP



We have a fantastic role available - a formal Level 6 apprenticeship in engineering. This is a great opportunity for anybody with a passion for engineering, looking to start a career in the Water Industry. It's a chance to work towards a degree while gaining practical experience in an engineering environment, learning while you learn.



As an apprentice you will undertake a development programme and will be expected to undertake different 3-6month placement rotations in other parts of Thames Waters' business to equip you with a broad range of skills and experiences needed for a successful career. You'll study for a degree in engineering by day release at Newbury college.

The starting salary will be from £17,191 with studies funded by Thames Water. You'll also receive 24 days holiday, pension and other benefits. Travel costs are covered for travel to and from your place of study in line with our internal business expense policy. A driving licence is required for these roles.

Entry requirements for this Level 6 qualification are 5 GCSE's grade C or above in English, Maths, Science, technology or an engineering or related subject and 3 A Levels, Grade C or above (or predicted grades) to include Maths, Science, technology or an engineering related subject. Please note that if you already have an Engineering degree you will not be eligible for this apprenticeship.

If this sounds like you, please [**submit your application as soon as possible**](#).

CAPGEMINI TECHNOLOGY DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP



We're delighted to let you know we have a role come up in our Worthing offices on client site at HMRC. It's for our Digital and Tech Degree Apprenticeship that you registered an interest for over the last 6 months. Given your post code we thought you may be interested in applying?

We've not released the role widely to the public yet but will do later this week for a few days.

The Assessment Centre takes place on July 15th, next week – so this role will be closed for applications towards the weekend.

So if you're keen to apply, please use this [**back-end link**](#) to apply ASAP.

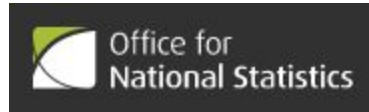
STUDY AND CAREERS MAGAZINE

Please click on the link to access the latest copy of the magazine:

[**https://issuu.com/studycareers/docs/study_careers_magazine_-_june_2020**](https://issuu.com/studycareers/docs/study_careers_magazine_-_june_2020)



CENSUS JOBS



Job centres across the UK are actively supporting 'The Adecco Group' with the Census 2021 high-volume recruitment campaign. Collectively we aim to promote inclusion across all community groups and ensure a diverse workforce is in place for the census.

This presents an exciting opportunity for candidates to be involved in the first 'digital census' in history. A wide range of temporary part-time and full-time roles will be available offering contractual periods between a couple of weeks to several months. Candidates can apply for officer (those working in the field), supervisory or managerial roles (subject to individual experience).

We are now rapidly approaching the recruitment 'Go Live' date which is **6th July 2020**. All adverts will be accessible on the microsite which is:

www.censusjobs.co.uk

ONS (the end employer) requires all successful candidates to be civil servants for the duration of the contract, therefore all candidates must satisfy the Home Office and Civil Service guidelines. For further information (if required):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-rules>

JOBCENTRE SUPPORT FOR SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

The Government has launched two new sites:

Job Help

This includes information about critical jobs which are currently high profile, ideas for job searching, transferable skills, working safely and competency based applications - <https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

Skills Toolkit

Free digital and numeracy courses to help build skills - <https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Additional sites which provide help and resources:

Barclays Life Skills - [Barclays Life Skills](#)

Tips to improve career prospects, start own business, write cv, prepare for interviews



British Gas Energy Trust - [BG online courses](#)
Cv builder, employability skills and online courses

CIPD Steps Ahead Mentoring - [Steps Ahead](#)
18 to 24 years old and returning parents and carers referred by the jobcentre.
Advice on CV, jobsearch, interviews and employability including on-line mentoring sessions

Clarion Futures Jobs and Training - [Clarion Futures](#)
Employment and training service, self-employed advice, apprenticeship advice. For Clarion residents and their families

Lloyds Bank Academy - [Lloyds Academy](#)
Digital skills for everyday life and business

National Careers service - [NCS](#)
Careers explorer by sector, on-line skills assessment, find a course, advice on how to find a job and tools needed to find a job

National Apprenticeships - [Apprenticeship information](#)
How to get started, is an apprenticeship right for you and search for apprenticeships

Princes Trust - [Princes Trust](#)
18-30 years
Building confidence, getting a job, starting a business

Skills to Succeed - [Skills to Succeed](#)
Beginning career search, interview techniques, looking for work, changing jobs.
Access Code for school learners DW1SC1

Target Careers - [Target Careers](#)
Technical apprenticeships, army entry level and officers