



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin

14th January 2021

FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



Welcome to our first bulletin of 2021 - I do hope you are all well and adapting once again to our remote learning. Our sixth form bulletin had its launch in the first school lockdown last year. During this school closure, we will be sending bulletins regularly. Please can I ask both students and parents to read the information carefully as it seeks to address our FAQs and also presents a range of higher education and futures opportunities for students. Many of you have queries about the grading procedure this summer - please can I ask you to bear with us whilst we await information from the DfE - we simply have no more information than that published in the media. Mr de Souza and I will

write when we have specific updates.

Contacting the sixth form team - see the list of contact email addresses below

Please can I direct you to the members of staff most likely to be able to answer your queries swiftly:

- The **form tutor** is always the first port of call. Form tutors check their form emails very regularly, know their students and know how to direct the query.
- **Absences and issues regarding not attending live lessons** should be reported as soon as possible to **Mrs Barden**. Mrs Barden is also able to deal with welfare and urgent pastoral issues. Safeguarding concerns can be passed to any member of staff, who will refer them through the correct channels.
- **Mrs Plumb** deals with all administrative and timetabling queries.
- **UCAS** queries are dealt with by Mrs Bush and me

Clearly you are also free to contact me and Mr Watson (Deputy Head of Sixth Form).



I would like to offer **CONGRATULATIONS** to those **year 14 students** who sat A levels in the November sitting. Not only are we full of admiration for their tenacity and resilience in wanting to better their grades through sitting an actual exam, we are delighted with their outcomes.

CONGRATULATIONS are surely due too to those **year 12/13 students** who took the positive decision to sit the vocational exams that are ongoing this week and into the next few weeks. We also thank the invigilators and exams office for tier organisation and supervision under these difficult conditions.

CONGRATULATIONS also to our **year 13 students** who achieved their **EPQ** with very high grades ranging from A*-B. This has brought them huge study skills benefits as well as grade reduction offers on their chosen university courses.

We are very proud of the achievements of the following students for EPQ:

 Amy Attwater	 Alex Flude	 Megan Green	 Ben Kenward
 Bethan Maidment	 Lauren Scrivener	 Megan Stratford	

Thanks and acknowledgement go as well to those who are doing voluntary work in the community in this pandemic. I would like to thank our recent ex-students who have volunteered to help with the in school COVID testing regime.

UCAS updates: Our UCAS applications and offers go from strength to strength. Offers from a range of institutions including Imperial, Bristol, Exeter, Bath, York, Nottingham, Sussex, Portsmouth and Oxford Brookes have been received. Our prospective medics, nurses and vet med students are awaiting interviews and decisions. We wish them well. We have had five recent Sackville leavers lodge applications through us to UCAS for nursing degrees - we wish them all the very best.



UCAS deadline: The official deadline for applications to UCAS is Friday 29th January. However, we must receive these for checking and discussion as soon as possible and in any case **no later than Thursday 21st January**. In case of any problems, please email Mrs Bush - mbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR SPECIFIC YEAR GROUPS

Year 13/14 mocks: These exams are online and begin on Monday 18th January. Any problems with accessing papers on the day of the exam, please contact the subject teacher, not the year team. Thank you and good luck to all students sitting these important assessments.

Year 13/14 future planning: We anticipate running a second set of assessments face to face in March, under exam conditions. Teacher assessed grades will be based on a wide range of work and assessments and it is vital both January and the later assessments are undertaken.

Year 13/14 finalising UCAS offers: Many students have now received offers from universities. Mrs Bush and I will be sending out information on how to finalise your final decisions later this term. If you have urgent queries on this, please contact us.

Year 12 lesson attendance and in-school assessments: Please continue with the great start you have made and attend lessons as timetabled. We will run progression into year 13 exams in the summer term. These exams serve to give you an indicator of how you are performing now and your level of attainment. In a very few cases, some students are advised not to continue with a subject. In case of subject specific queries, please contact the subject teacher or curriculum team leader.

Year 12 vocational courses: Many of these courses have summer **external** exams. It is therefore extremely important students keep fully up to date with work for these subjects. We will let you know any information about the grading process when we have it. Mrs Fleming is Vocational Leader for the whole school - please contact her if you have specific vocational queries - jfleming@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Year 12 Work Experience: We are sadly left with no option other than to cancel this year's year 12 work experience week. This is for several reasons based around the pandemic. Hardly any students have been able to organise any work experience due to understandable reluctance from many companies to accept placement students. Additionally, students in year 12 have missed substantial amounts of in-school teaching; **lessons will be taught as normal for all year 12 up to and including Friday 23rd July**. I will be writing to year 12 separately and more specifically about completing remote, online work experience this academic year, as this does form a vital part of any futures application. I will also address separately queries from those few students who have been able to organise work experience. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



Year 12 post Sackville planning: Traditionally this is the term we start futures planning for year 12 in earnest. We are grateful we have been able to rearrange and reschedule a couple of events online.

Monday 15th March 2.30pm-3.30pm (venue - in school tbc) There will be a personal statement advice workshop for all year students thinking of applying to university. It will be run by a senior admissions officer from the University of Bath. Attendance at this is vital if you are intending to apply to university.

Online virtual UCAS events and fairs: At the end of this bulletin, there are a range of extra-curricular, statement enhancing activities students can sign up to. These will help students decide what they want to apply for and where. You just need to follow the links and sign up independently. We advise you keep a note of all seminars and activities you attend as there is a section on the UCAS form that asks you to state activities you have undertaken in preparation for your chosen course.

With best wishes

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Head of Sixth Form

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Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience up to 10 days of interactive, immersive work experience in Law or Politics next summer. You will get the chance to:

- Advocate before a judge in the Supreme Court
- Privately network with MPs in the House of Commons
- Meet corporate lawyers in an iconic London skyscraper
- Work alongside UN and Foreign Office staff in "Model UN"
- Cross-examine witnesses in a high-stakes murder trial

Register [here](#)

View all the summer internship opportunities [here](#).



Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition 2020-21

St John's College is excited to welcome applications for this year's Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition! Year 12 students are invited to conduct a piece of independent research which will be read and evaluated by an Oxford tutor

Essay Titles:

1. 'Nice guys finish last.' Is this statement true for characters (of any gender) in ancient literature?
2. Did Greek and/or Roman elections express the will of the people?
3. Plato thought that democracy was the rule of the ignorant. Was he right?
4. In the ancient world, did the art of democracies express the same concerns as the art of the autocratic regimes?

Prizes will be awarded in each category, as well as one overall winner!

For the full guidelines and application form, please see the College's [website](#).



Spotlight: Sports and Exercise Science (SaES)

The BSc in Sports and Exercise Science at Lancaster University brings together scientific and medical knowledge with professional sports and exercise science practice. We equip our students with the necessary knowledge and skills to thrive in a career in the field, from supporting elite performance to working in public health and beyond. At Lancaster, we're proud to offer a truly student-focused learning environment, with a deliberately small class size and small-group teaching. We also get our students working with specialised, research-grade sports equipment from their first year.

Sports Webinar Series available from the [Events](#) page.

Inspiring Minds Essay Competition

- To raise awareness of interesting advances in the field of Sports and Exercise Science
- To encourage ambitious and talented students considering applying to Higher Education in a sports related discipline
- To recognise the achievements of highly able students and those who teach them

Deadline - Thursday 21st January. Click [here](#) for details.



Below, you have access to the resources that we have developed for you over the last few months. If there is something you feel we are lacking or you would find useful in addition, you can always let us know!

[Student Subject Videos](#) – after watching these, you really get a sense of what it's like to study at the University of Southampton.

[5 in Five](#) – you'll find these quick and easy to watch videos addressing multiple different IAG topics. We're constantly updating these based on your feedback.

[Webinars](#) - We have an exciting series of live events designed for students who are thinking about applying to and studying at University, that have been created to give you the opportunity to talk to people who work, teach and study at the University of Southampton.

Please browse our list of upcoming [events](#) to learn more and to register a place.



RUSSELL GROUP

This event is a collaborative initiative by all 24
Russell Group Universities

Join us on **Wednesday 10 February** from 12:00 to 19:00 for Meet the Russell Group, a virtual event in association with UK University Search. This online and interactive experience will allow you to explore all 24 Russell Group universities and chat directly to their representatives and ambassadors. You will be able to view information and videos about each university, link directly to Virtual Campus Tours to explore university facilities and accommodation, download prospectuses and take part in 13 live webinars in the virtual auditorium.

[Registration](#)



Are you thinking of studying medicine? Do you want to know more about what medical school interviews might involve?

To book your free place, follow the links below:

[Wednesday 20 January 2021, 12pm-1pm](#)

[Thursday 28 January 2021, 12pm-1pm](#)



Project Trust has 50 years' experience of providing Gap Year opportunities for young people. Since 1967, over 8000 Project Trust volunteers have challenged themselves, learnt about the world and discovered how to be a positive force within it... Now it's your turn to empower yourself and explore your potential.

<https://projecttrust.org.uk/>



GRESHAM COLLEGE

Gresham College has been providing free lectures within the City of London for over 400 years. The College's 130 annual lectures and events are free and open to all. The College has been recording its lectures since the 1980s and live stream all lectures for those unable to attend in person. There are now over 2,000 lectures freely available online on their [website](#) and on [YouTube](#).



Download our [University Application Checklist for 2021 Entry](#) and your students will be able to access advice on how to research their university options, register with UCAS and complete their application.

There's step-by-step guidance on the information they'll need to supply on their UCAS form, as well as tips on how to review their application before submitting.

And we've included some useful links to other resources, so your students can find out more about Newcastle University and what it's like to study with us.



This year has seen a change in the way we work and at the University of Salford we have been working on a new way of keeping you up to date with what is going on, both on and off campus. We therefore bring you our 'new look' online [Launchpad](#), a hub of information designed to inform and support you as much as we can. Your new hub includes:

- Applicant support sessions
 - Subject specific events
- Undergraduate events and Open Days
 - New courses and school updates
 - Student and University news
 - Our Made in Salford student blog



Discover our new Information, Advice and Guidance Hub

Our new Information, Advice and Guidance Hub is now live! Follow this link to take a look.

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying-to-university/>

Here you can find advice and guidance on your application journey, updates around how we're responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, and access to pre-recorded talks and higher education guides.



Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to access our online learning resources that students can explore at home.

These [resources](#) introduce students to university-style study and academic content. Our resources are suitable for students age 10-18, and include university information, advice and guidance, as well as subject masterclasses from PhD experts.

We hope that you will find these useful during school closures to challenge students and supplement their learning through independent research.



Explore studying in the USA and get help applying to American universities

Applications are open for the Sutton Trust US Programme 2021, and close this **Sunday, 17th January**.

The [Sutton Trust US Programme](#) helps state school students from across the UK explore US study and access leading universities through support, advice, UK residentials and a one-week trip to visit a variety of US universities.

Take a look at the Sutton Trust US Programme website to learn more about [eligibility and selection](#).



As we are currently unable to visit your school or college in person, we are bringing Kent to you. We have put together a virtual programme of our most popular talks (delivered via webinar) to help keep you informed and introduce your students to a range of topics.

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/campaigns/online-roadshow>



Did you know, the army gives students financial support while they are at university? Our Standard, Technical and Enhanced bursaries mean that students can graduate with far less debt, and gain the support they need to enter an exciting career.

There are opportunities for learning and development in a variety of areas in the Army, so if students have a particular career in mind we may be able to help:

Nursing degrees – Students can apply to be a soldier student nurse and have their tuition fees paid by the Army as well as earning a yearly salary of around £21,000

Medical, veterinary and dental bursaries – For people wanting to become Army doctors, vets and dentists, the Army will give sponsorship of up to £75,000

Music bursary – Aspiring professional musicians could be sponsored up to £9,250 per year

Apprenticeships – If university isn't for some students, they can work towards an apprenticeship, and choose to work towards diploma, degree and masters level qualifications as their career progresses

Find out more [here](#)

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](#)

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