

# Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin - 5

15th May 2020

### FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)

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Mr Watson and I continue to be impressed by the majority of our year 12 students who are engaging positively with our online learning. We are really very mindful of the difficulties faced by students in motivation, lack of usual routine both for school and socially, as well as for some, difficulties in computer and internet access. We appreciate all your efforts and the support from parents. Please can I once again reiterate that if you have any issues or problems relating to accessing and completing work, do get in touch with your form tutor in the first instance.

I would like to draw particular attention in this bulletin to Ms Bach's important UCAS message to current **year 13 applicants**. There are important reminders about student finance and university accommodation applications. It is vital students do not miss deadlines for these. I note there are still several students who have not firmed up their first choice university offers on the UCAS website. Should you need advice on this, please contact Ms Bach.

Following my message last week, can I please remind students of the importance of **year 12 Progression exams.** These will take place in the latter half of June, either online or face to face, if we are back at school. We are in the process of making plans for these. The exams are important in determining suitability for progression into year 13, as well as forming the basis of UCAS predictions and references.

**Year 12 work experience**, as you are now aware, is cancelled. Please ensure you have sent your letter of cancellation to your work placement, so the company is quite clear you will not be attending the placement that week. Attendance at lessons is now required for the week of 13th - 17th July.



**Year 12 EPQ:** Thank you to those students who have held excellent discussions with your supervisors in the past week. There is some excellent work going on. If you have not made contact with your supervisor since school closure, please do so.

Best wishes Mrs H Valentine

#### THIS WEEK'S NEWS AND MESSAGES

#### Year 13 - Important UCAS messages from Ms Bach:

Please continue to check your emails and UCAS Track regularly.

**Accommodation at university** - It is your responsibility to check communications from your chosen university about applying for a place in halls of residence. Please contact us if you have any queries on this.

**Student finance** - This application has to come directly from the student and does not come through school. Please contact us if you have any queries on this. <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance</u>

#### Year 12 - Important UCAS message from Ms Bach:

The UCAS Hub provides students with all the tools and information they need – in one place – and for free. When it comes to exploring subjects, considering apprenticeships, shortlisting the final five, and writing a killer personal statement or CV, the Hub covers all these topics.

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 - <u>https://forms.gle/GFU1iwhVmtKTabJq7</u>



### **UNIVERSITY OF KENT**



As we are currently unable to visit your school or college in person, we are bringing Kent to you. We've 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

# **UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD**



We know that in the current situation, your students can't come along and visit us on campus as they may have planned, or listen to a talk at your school or college. It is very important to us that students still have access to all the same key information they could have obtained, so here, you and your students can access a range of presentations and virtual Q&A sessions to help introduce your students to some of the key topics around going to university.

https://beta.salford.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/video-presentations



### **UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH**



We've hosted some fantastic webinars over the past few weeks, and we've got lots more lined up for you **every Wednesday at 12:00**.

Don't miss out on **advice and tips** from university and apprenticeship experts from across the UK, as we explore Student Finance, Taking an Apprenticeship and Life at University. We'll also be **answering your questions live** to make sure you have all the support you need to plan your future at this difficult time.

Our webinars are very popular so be sure to register ASAP! We also live-stream all of our webinars onto our YouTube channel, **you can subscribe here**.

https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays

# MEDICINE, HEALTHCARE AND SCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES



St George's are running a series of webinars for people interested in starting a university course in 2021, but teachers, parents/carers are also welcome to attend.

These live, online only events will allow you to find out more about applying for and studying medicine, healthcare and science courses. You'll also have the chance to have your questions answered at the end of each event.

https://www.sgul.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-study/explore-st-georges/webinars



### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON



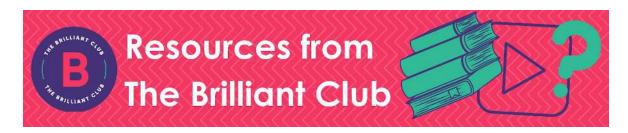
**UCL Study Prep** is a free online course for students in Year 13 who want to prepare for university study. UCL Study Prep is freely available to everyone regardless of where they live and where they have applied to university. It may also provide helpful information for students in Year 12 who are currently thinking about making an application to study at university.

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/ucl-study-prep

A parent's guide to university study - Starting university is a major turning point in a young person's life, particularly if they are leaving home for the first time. We understand that it can also be an anxious time for parents and carers who want to help and support their child so that they make the most of university. This guide aims to answer some questions and help parents and carers to prepare their son or daughter for what is to come

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/parents/parents-guide-university-study

# THE BRILLIANT CLUB



We are delighted to bring you more in our series of online resources, which we will continue to produce over the coming weeks. These resources will introduce students to university-style study and academic content.

https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-pupils/info-for-pupils/