



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin

November 2020

FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



We would like to start by commending and congratulating the sixth form on their responsible behaviour around school during the second lockdown. Mask wearing has become the new normal, along with operating within the rules of the bubbles in the school. Additionally, I have also noted around town that students are behaving very considerately when walking on the pavements and are not operating in large groups - something which can be intimidating for the general public at this time.

We have made some vital technological improvements to our sixth form bubble and are now able to hold large group presentations in the sixth form centre. Finn in year 13 kindly tested our new equipment last week, giving us a run through of his fantastic EPQ presentation.



Last Tuesday, Mrs Smith (Futures leader) held an apprenticeship workshop run by the University of Portsmouth - this aimed to give students a clear idea of choices and options available to them, should they not wish to follow the traditional degree path.



We were proud to attend the presentation showcase in the Sackville Centre of the work done by our year 12 Level 2 students on the COPE course. We were impressed by the standard of work they produced on this course led by Mr Watson, Mr Endersby and Mr Davies.

There are a lot of important messages and I am anxious both parents and students read these. I have marked clearly whether they are appropriate for year 12 or year 13/ 14 students.

Year 12 messages

EPQ: The EPQ programme is well underway now. We are delighted to announce we have more than 60 year 12 students enrolled on the EPQ programme. The vast majority are now matched to a supervisor. We have an exciting array of project topics, ranging from artifacts to scientific research documents. Our next EPQ lessons will take place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December.

Year 13 messages

ASSEMBLY: We are asking all year 13/14 students to attend the one assembly of this term on **Wednesday 9th December at 8.30am** in their form room. Mr Watson and I will be running the assembly and there will also be some sports presentations during this assembly. A register will be taken.

UCAS Applications are progressing very well. To date, we have 60 applications in progress, with 22 already submitted. These students are now receiving and awaiting offers. Our UCAS clinics run via Zoom with a University of Sussex tutor have been very well attended. Should you require an appointment to discuss your personal statement with a tutor from university, please let us know as soon as possible so we can see if there are any appointments still available.

Dates and timeline for UCAS applications: Whilst the official deadline is 15th January for UCAS applications, we would strongly urge students to apply in the



month of November. Many offers are given early. Once the application is submitted, students are then free to concentrate fully on their studies.

Who to ask for help for UCAS issues: All form tutors have undertaken UCAS training and should be the student's first port of call for help. Additionally, Mrs Bush (mbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk) and I (hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk) have expertise in this area.

Year 13 reports and predicted grades: Reports and predicted grades will be issued to parents and students by email on **Friday 11th December**.

YEAR 13 MOCKS: Please note these important exams will take place in the week beginning **18th January 2021** - students should be forward planning for these exams now.

Careers and university opportunities for year 12/13/14: As usual there are many exciting opportunities available for year 12 and year 13/14 students below and at the end of this bulletin. I would urge students to look at these carefully and take part in some of these courses offered. As it is now difficult to gain face to face placements, universities and employers are increasingly accepting virtual experiences and look for evidence of this in applications.

With best wishes

Mrs H Valentine
Head of Sixth Form



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Applicant Support Sessions

Our Applicant Support Sessions for November and December will be covering topics including personal statements and student finance. Sessions are scheduled for early evening so that students can log on from home and their supporters can also watch if they wish. The full timetable of events is available [here](#).



On Course to Uni

Join our interactive event on **Wednesday 25th November 5 - 7pm**, exclusively for students considering university:

- expert advice on producing a successful application
 - top tips for a stand-out personal statement
 - help with university interview preparation
- answers to your application questions from our specialist staff
- opportunities to talk to recent graduates and current students about the university experience

You will also have access to videos where you can explore our campus and city and take a look at our student accommodation.

[Sign up](#) to attend and you will receive the event programme and exclusive content to help you get On Course to Uni.



Virtual Subject Taster Days

Virtual Business, Law and Finance, 14th - 17th December - [Book here](#)

Virtual Criminology, 26th January 2021 - [Book here](#)

Virtual Humanities and Social Science, 28th January 2021 - [Book here](#)

Virtual Open Days

Saturday 28th November - [Book here](#)

Saturday 9th January 2021 - [Book here](#)



Faculty of Science and Technology

Discover Engineering, 10th December 5:00pm to 6:00pm - [Book here](#)

STEM webinars

Biomaterials and Wound Healing, 26th November 5:00pm to 6:00pm - [Book here](#)

An Atom's Eye View, 10th December 2020 5:00pm to 6:00pm - [Book here](#)

Why Study Maths, 24th November, 4:30pm to 5:30pm - [Book here](#)

Live Q&A: Faculty of Science and Technology, 8 December 2020, 4:00pm to 5:30pm - [Book here](#)

Lancaster University Management School Masterclass Week Monday 30th November to Thursday 3rd December

There are many different disciplines within the area of business. Some are highly numerical and teach analytical skills, while others place more emphasis on creativity, or intercultural understanding, or innovation.

We will be hosting a week of short, online sessions, aimed at prospective undergraduates, to help you get a taste of what it is like to study business subjects and answer any questions you may have about applying to university.

[Book here](#)



At the University of Sheffield, there are a number of opportunities for Y13 students to join us for our online subject specific Taster sessions.

All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university, including Engineering, Social Sciences and Medicine, Dentistry and Health.

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



Join us for a life-changing opportunity to work alongside top professionals in 6 STEM-related industries in London next summer.

Medicine: work experience in a top London teaching hospital. Experience emergency theatre; examine real patients; shadow doctors on a ward round.

Engineering: enter the Airbus headquarters; tear down a supercar engine; build aerofoil with a Rolls Royce engineer

Computer Science: visit some of the fastest-growing tech firms in Europe; design Artificial Intelligence; develop autonomous vehicles

Psychology: meet patients in hospital; coach a professional sports team; forensically assess a suspected criminal

Investment Banking: trade stocks live at the London Stock Exchange; visit hedge funds and private equity giants; work on a FTSE 100 M&A deal

Architecture: conduct site visits with architects; design buildings and get feedback; use 3D visualisation software

[Register](#) before 31st December and use the code INTERN15 to receive 15% off.

****Invitation For Parents: Success Beyond School****

Parents are cordially invited to our 'Live Online' event. You will hear our expert panel share their knowledge on:

- Why your child's career starts at school
- The most in-demand skills top employers are looking for, and how to get them
- The role you can play in helping them achieve their aims
- Guidance on work experience, interview techniques, LinkedIn profiles and more

Date: Thursday 10th December 2020

Time: 19.30 - 21.00 (GMT)

Register [here](#)



We have put together an informative webinar series, specifically designed to support students on the journey to submitting your UCAS application.

The series will include topics such as choosing a course that is right for you, writing a strong personal statement, and understanding student finance. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions about any of these topics or the application process itself.

To find out more about each webinar and to book your place, please see the information below.

Writing a persuasive Personal Statement

Thu, Nov 26, 2020 6:00pm - 7:00pm - [Book here](#)

Student Finance and Tuition Fees

Thu, Dec 10, 2020 6:00pm - 7:00pm - [Book here](#)



**Join our free Saturday Support Sessions and get university-ready
Saturday 5th December**

Our specially curated series of online events running throughout the day are designed to give you all the tools you need to start your university journey.

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/events/saturday-support-sessions>

Virtual Events

Our online information sessions let you find out everything you need to know about living and studying at Falmouth University.

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/experience/virtual-experience/#virtual-events>



PURE POTENTIAL

Every addition to a CV or personal statement will count for something and show that students have been proactive about their futures during lockdown. You'll find entries for budding barristers from Inner Temple, universities such as UCL, Manchester, Derby, Imperial College, Reading and Queen Mary as well as organisations such as UpReach and PRIME.

<http://purepotential.org/events-opportunities/>

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