



## Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin

October 2020

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



As we approach half term, I would like to thank students for their cooperation with adapting to our sixth form 'bubble' arrangements that have now been in place since the beginning of September. Our students have been acceptant of the arrangements and we thank them for their cooperation. One recurring piece of feedback is that the building is continuously cold. We would ask students to dress warmly for school and always have a coat or warm jumper with them. In order to minimise the virus spreading, it is important that we keep the building well ventilated and the only way we can do this is by keeping windows and doors open. I would also like to remind students of the importance of following our rule to wear masks in the corridors when travelling round the school.

**Year 12 EPQ launch and Year 12 University launch:** This important day will take place on **Thursday 8th October, periods 3/4/5** in the main hall. Attendance is compulsory for level 3 students as outlined in my email earlier today.

#### **Assessment and Attitude to Learning grades:**

**Year 13/14:** Next week year 13/14 will receive via email an Attitude to Learning grade and a current predicted grade for all subjects. Please note it states 'current' predicted grade, so there is still opportunity for this grade to change.



**Year 12 and year 13 following year 12 curriculum:** These students will receive an Attitude to Learning grade only, as it is too early to assess progress in a subject in a well rounded and meaningful way. This A2L grade is important as it gives an indication of the effort and commitment shown to the subject. These grades mark the first stage of our assessment and reporting process for the academic year. In case of queries about these grades, please contact your son/daughter's form tutor.

**Year 12/13/14: Eating in the Sackville centre and B01 library** - I would like to clarify that eating in lesson times in these rooms is not allowed. The Bistro is always open and available for students and is a designated social and eating area. However, the Sackville centre and B01 libraries are strictly quiet and silent work areas respectively.

**Year 13/14 UCAS:** In the two weeks following half term, we will be holding 1:1 UCAS statement clinics with professionals from the University of Sussex. To gain space on one of these 1:1 tutorials, students will have to show they have completed an initial draft of their personal statement. A separate letter with booking details and procedure will follow.

With best wishes

Mrs H Valentine  
**Head of Sixth Form**



All of our Undergraduate Open Days in 2020 will be held online. You must book a place in order to attend.

Our Virtual Open Days for undergraduate courses based in Southampton and Winchester will allow you to see footage of our beautiful campuses, our range of accommodation, and explore the courses you're interested in.

You'll have the opportunity to chat live to our students and staff, ask questions, and get access to an exciting range of on demand content.

Our next Virtual Open Days will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 12 October and Tuesday 13 October**

Book your place [here](#)



Join us at the free UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on Wednesday 4th November, designed to feel exactly like a Careers Fair, just on your laptop! Over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers will be attending, making it the best place to explore all your post-18 options.

- Explore Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist universities.
- Personal Statement webinars led by universities at 1pm and 5pm.
- Chat directly with university and apprenticeship representatives and ask questions.

The fair will run from 12pm to 6pm so you can visit at school or at home. The event is perfect for Years 13, 12 and 11 - whether you're finishing off your UCAS application or looking for inspiration.

<https://ukunisearch-london.vfairs.com/>



**university of  
 groningen**

The University of Groningen (RuG) is one of the top 100 universities in the world and they currently have around 35 Bachelor's degrees offered in English, everything from art history to artificial intelligence.

Twice a year, RuG offers prospective students the opportunity to join their web classes. These give students first hand experience of what it is like to study at a Dutch university.

Each web class requires between 3 and 5 hours study per week for four weeks and participants will receive feedback on any assessments they submit as well as a certificate upon completion.

Visit the website for a full list of the web classes:

<https://www.rug.nl/society-business/scholierenacademie/scholieren/webklassen/>



Project Trust empowers young people to be confident, effective, creative, independent and resilient through a challenging volunteering experience overseas. Acting as responsible global citizens Volunteers make a positive difference to their overseas host communities and share their learning and understanding when they return home. Our volunteering experience is open to all young people with the desire, motivation and aptitudes required to succeed.

Project Trust has been organising long term voluntary placements in Africa, Asia and Latin America for young people since 1967, making us the most experienced educational charity specialising in overseas volunteering for school-leavers.

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**On our programmes we aim to create the 'ultimate work experience' for students aged 12-18. Our purpose is to give them the knowledge, experience, advantage and network they need to have a head-start in their dream career.**

We offer experiences in: Architecture, Art, Computer Science, Dentistry, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, International Development, Investment Banking, Journalism, Law, Management Consultancy, Marketing, Music, Politics, Psychology, Publishing & Veterinary Science

**Autumn internships - 5 days**

Register [here](#)

**Weekend programmes 1 - 2 days**

Register [here](#)

**Summer 2021 internships - up to 10 days (in person)**

Register [here](#)



### Free online taster day sessions

**Law - History - Midwifery - Occupational Therapy - 3D Design - Education - International Relations - Photography - Creative Media - Illustration - Criminology - Fine Art & Art History - Built Environment - Graphic Design - Architecture - Music**

Aimed to give your students an insight into their area of interest and have the opportunity to gather further information relating to career choices, graduate opportunities, course availability and entry requirements.

They will also have the ability to ask current students their views of studying at University during this unprecedented time.

To book a place, students can click [here](#). They can attend as many sessions as they wish.



Right now 73% of students applying to university and college are yet to decide their final choices. With many open days cancelled, students need more help than ever to get the facts they need to make informed decisions.

To help, we're hosting live, virtual exhibitions, dedicated to their interests. With advice on how to research options during the pandemic, writing personal statements, and student finance, it's their chance to get their questions answered by subject and admissions specialists.

Book [here](#)



ARE YOU A  
FUTURE DR?



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## Virtual Year 12 Medicine Admissions Conference

A **free** national event for state school pupils.

**Surgical skills, talks from doctors, life as a medical student, work  
experience advice, Q&A panels and MORE!**

**Saturday 28th November 2020**

**9am to 4.30pm**

Birmingham Widening Access to Medical  
Sciences



<https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-junior-2020-application>



## **BSMS MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES**

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS



### **Dr Marija Pantelic**

#### **Do Human Rights Matter More Than Public Health? Lessons from the COVID-19 and HIV Pandemics**

COVID-19 has pushed many of us to ask ourselves: Is public health more important than my personal freedom? Contact tracing, mandatory quarantine and isolation have been among the basic measures for controlling COVID-19 and other pandemics in the past. But are these measures infringing on our basic human rights? To what extent is it possible to protect our freedom and our health? It turns out that marginalised communities that have been at the forefront of HIV prevention (including LGBTQ+, sex workers and drug users) can teach us a lot about protecting both our health and our freedoms. This session will explore the role of our individual freedoms and collective responsibility in the pursuit for public health.

**Wednesday 4 November, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Talk to be delivered online via Zoom video conferencing**

Tickets are free but must be booked online at: <https://bit.ly/2SkYGJQ>





## **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