



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin

October Half Term 2020

FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



I hope you can take the time to read the important messages with important dates in this bulletin - I have tried to keep them brief and concise and divided up by year group where possible.

Year 12 EPQ update: A number of taught sessions for year 12 EPQ will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays during period 6. Students are required to attend one of these sessions per week, delivered by me and Mrs Morris. Attendance is a course requirement and therefore compulsory. Before the first session on Monday 2nd November, students must have evidence they have begun to research a title area. All instructions for this, plus some suggested title areas, are on the VLE under the EPQ heading.

Year 13/14 UCAS workshops for personal statement checking, Monday 9th and Monday 16th November: We are fortunate enough to have procured the services of Sussex University Admissions department to work on a 1:1 tutorial basis with individual students, checking personal statements for UCAS. Please can I implore students to take advantage of this offer? In order to book an appointment, students must contact their form tutor. Tutorials will take place in the Sackville centre.



Year 12/13/14 Degree Apprenticeship information sessions: We are delighted to have organised two sessions for students about the area of degree apprenticeships. This is a specific niche area for which we need outside assistance. Mrs Smith (Futures Leader) will be coordinating arrangements for these sessions and additional information will be sent via email.

- **Wednesday 4th November:** Degree Apprenticeship Virtual Fair, 2pm - 6pm (you can opt in and out of relevant sessions)
- **Tuesday 17th November:** Virtual presentation and Q and A session from the Degree Apprenticeship department at Portsmouth University

Year 12 mentoring of younger students: Although we are working in year group bubbles, we are looking at creative and safe ways to allow some budding year 12s to mentor younger students in the school. This is a fantastic opportunity for year 12 students to help younger students as well as enhance their CVs. Mrs Barden will be training our prospective mentors after half term. If this is something of interest, please can your son/daughter let Mrs Barden know as soon as possible.

Year 12 money management workshop: As students approach the final years of their education, it becomes all the more important for them to learn the skills of money management. We are fortunate enough to have secured the services of Mybnk, a charity based in London designing and delivering financial education to young people. On **Tuesday 1st December**, all year 12 students will have a designated 100 minute session of input and activities from this organisation, supervised by us. The session is compulsory as it forms part of our PSHE programme and is free of charge. For further information please see <https://www.mybnk.org>

Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening: You will recall attending a sixth form open evening when your child was in year 11. On **Thursday 5th November**, we are holding a virtual sixth form open evening in the mid - late afternoon. For those of you who have children in year 11 hoping to join our large and inclusive sixth form, we look forward to seeing you then.

Maths and English GCSE resit exams: We would like to wish all of your students resitting English and maths GCSE after half term the best of luck in these exams.



I wish you all a pleasant half term break and look forward to seeing students after half term once more.

With best wishes

Mrs H Valentine
Head of Sixth Form



Our next virtual open days run from 26 to 31 October. We are holding general and subject talks and some live chat sessions with course tutors and current students. You can also chat to a student from their chosen subject area any time that week. Bookings open from 19 October. [Register](#) interest to get a reminder and view our [catch-up](#) sessions from previous open days.

We are offering evening webinars in November to support Y12 students considering applying for Veterinary Medicine or Medicine. These sessions would also be suitable for Y13s who would like to ask questions following their application to these subject areas. Please sign up [here](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic means that many potential vet students cannot undertake animal handling work experience. UK vet schools which require work experience have agreed to accept completion of a [Virtual Work Experience and Exploring the Veterinary Profession](#) online course in place of in-person work experience.

We've recently updated electronic materials to entertain and inform students about a variety of subjects taught at the University. They are designed to either enrich or directly relate to the school curriculum. The page includes videos, blogs and links to guidance, with new content from the departments of Geography, History and Languages. You can find these on our [electronic resources page](#).



The deadline for applications to universities is fast approaching on 15th January 2021. With that in mind we are running a series of Applying to University virtual sessions in the coming weeks. The sessions are designed to give practical help to students who are in the process of applying as well as expert advice in preparing for the next steps for those who have already made their applications.

The events are approx. 45 mins long and will be broadcast live on Tuesdays at 2pm and then again on Thursdays at 5pm for 4 weeks. We'll look at a different aspect of preparing for university each week starting on Tuesday 10th November and finishing on Thursday 3rd December. The sessions are hosted on the UniBuddy platform, which gives all participants the opportunity to interact in real time through the chat function. Current students, lecturers and recruitment staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

[Register to attend](#)



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Places are limited! [Register now](#) to avoid disappointment.



We are delighted to bring you more in our series of online resources. These resources will introduce students to university-style study and academic content.

<https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-scholars-programme/for-schools/pupil-resources/>

The Brilliant Club YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITv15xDz5kkhRcYDRiDD-g/videos>



University of Salford Campus Tours

We are running a series of online campus tours which begin next week. You'll be able to see our campus, hear from current students and ask any questions you may have. Tours will all be followed by a presentation on personal statements. You can book your place at <https://www.salford.ac.uk/campus-tours>

Tuesday 27 October (2pm-3.30pm)
Wednesday 28 October (2pm-3.30pm)
Thursday 29 October (2pm-3.30pm)

University of Salford Open Day

If you've started to think about your university choices, join our online Open Day on Saturday 28th November to find out more about studying with us.

Our online experience will allow you to explore all the same activities as our on-campus Open Days. You'll be able to learn about our courses, find out about accommodation, hear from our students, understand how student finance works, and much more.

You can book your place at <https://www.salford.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days>



Explore Events for year 12 and 13 students

Virtual Explore events support you during your university and course decision making process.

During the events, you can learn more about courses, student life, and the support available at the University of Bristol.

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/virtual-resources-for-students/virtual-explore-events/>



In the current climate it is much harder for students to secure meaningful activity to either explore their academic interest areas, or evidence their passion in a personal statement.

Please click [here](#) for a series of open lectures that might appeal to students interested in pursuing an Humanities-based degree.

It will offer the opportunity to;

- attend a lecture
- get a feel for how an unfamiliar subject might be delivered
- access content related to their current subject but out of their curriculum range
- try note taking in a lecture scenario
- or it may just be that they attend purely out of curiosity.



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