



## Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin

28th January 2021

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



Congratulations to students on getting their UCAS applications submitted by the deadline. This has been a time consuming process made more difficult by our school closure.

There will be an important virtual meeting **for ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO UCAS**. It will take place on **Monday 8th February, 2.30 - 3.30pm**. We would urge attendance as it will answer many of the recent queries we are having from students. If students have a lesson 6 that day, they have permission to miss this. Form tutors and key sixth form staff will also be attending. Mrs Bush and I will be leading the

meeting. The agenda is to outline the next steps in the UCAS process.

#### Agenda

- Relevant updates from UCAS for 2020/2021 applicants.
- How to choose your **CONDITIONAL FIRM** and your **INSURANCE** offer.
- How to deal with rejections from universities or changing your mind about your course.
- Clearing
- Accommodation applications for halls of residence - the process
- Student finance



We are proud of the perseverance that our 100 year 13/14 UCAS applicants have shown throughout this process. The sixth form team is very keen to support all applicants through the next stage of this process.

With best wishes

Mrs H Valentine  
**Head of Sixth Form**

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### **MEET THE RUSSELL GROUP**

As a founding member of the Russell group, we're taking part in a trio of interactive virtual events next month when you can 'Meet the Russell Group' – 24 UK research-intensive, world-class universities.

We're supporting [warm-up webinars](#) on **Wednesday 3 February** and **Monday 8 February**, ahead of the [main event](#) on **Wednesday 10 February**.

At these preliminary events you can get expert advice on:

- researching universities
- making firm and insurance choices
- student life at a Russell Group university

Throughout the main event, there'll be opportunities to chat to our staff and students, explore our facilities and accommodation, take a virtual tour of the campus, and much more.

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We're hosting regular live sessions throughout the week to help you make the transition to university and discover more about Sheffield. You'll get an insight into career opportunities, study skills and support. Our team will be on hand at each session to answer your questions.

<https://explore.sheffield.ac.uk/areas-of-interest/how-to-apply>



# UCAS

## DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK

It's National Apprenticeship Week – **Monday 8 Feb to Friday 12 Feb!** Join us each day to discover something new about what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.

- Hear from current apprentices about their experiences.
  - Meet and speak to employers' apprenticeship providers about what opportunities await you.
  - Get expert advice on choosing between your options after school or college.
    - Join us live to find out how you can land your dream apprenticeship.
- To get involved in all of this and more, sign up [HERE](#).
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We have curated a library of virtual resources to offer extra support to students. These include information and guidance sessions such as how to choose your university, student finance, student life at the University of Bristol, understanding admissions criteria, personal statements and many more. They also include subject specific resources such as pre-recorded lectures and lesson plans which can be followed up by live seminars with our experts.

When you sign up [HERE](#) you will receive bespoke email updates based on your subject interest, including early invitations to events and talks.

### **2 - 6 August 2021 - Sutton Trust Summer School**

Sutton Trust Summer School offers eligible students the opportunity to experience student life in one of the UK's most exciting cities.

For further information and to apply follow this [link](#).

### **26 - 30 July 2021 - Insight into Bristol Summer School**

Insight into Bristol summer school is aimed at Black and Asian students who are from widening participation backgrounds and who have the academic ability to study at the University of Bristol.

Visit our [website](#) to apply.



## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND MEDIA ACADEMIC EVENTS

**Tuesday 9th February 4pm**

### **What is Security?**

Security is important. In everyday life, speeches by politicians, government reports, journalists all talk of 'security threats'. But what does the word 'security' actually mean, and what are the major threats facing the UK today? In this session, Dr. Dan Lomas (University of Salford) looks at how security has been viewed in the past and looks at the threats going forward, suggesting that ideas about security have been restricted and cover more than just 'things military'. In this session, we will discuss the significant threats we face today and explore how attitudes to security change.

Join the session [here](#) - (works best using Google Chrome)

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## **Undergraduate Virtual Events: Discover a World of Opportunities**

'Why Choose Queen's University?'  
6pm on Tuesday 2 February.

These [events](#) allow students to find out more about studying at Queen's, including our range of Undergraduate degree programmes, Support Services, Clubs and Societies, Careers and Employability, Accommodation and much more. We hope to provide students with the knowledge, confidence and skills to make informed choices about their future learning at Queen's.

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## **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