

# Sixth Form Weekly Notes – Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

Week 2

**Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):**



**REARRANGED FROM LAST WEEK:** Thank you for your attention and commitment to the Representation Matters assembly last week. If you are interested in discussing how to move this forward and in particular how the Sixth Form can play a key role, then please come to a meeting to discuss this on Monday at lunch time in VI3 Any Yr13 who applied to be involved with the Student Leadership Team in the summer should come along too. (We will be recruiting Yr12 to this team soon)

**A huge thank you and well done to all those involved in the Christmas concert last week and for those who donated to the reverse advent. Good luck to all those involved in A Christmas Carol – there are tickets still available, so don't miss it.**

If you use a sixth form iPad please make sure that you put it on charge in the cabinet when you have finished using it.

Please DO NOT leave them lying around in the Common Room or classrooms, and if you have an iPad from a faculty return it to the faculty.

These iPads are expensive and we are very fortunate to have them for use in the sixth form study room so please be respectful of them and return them to the cabinet so they are charged and ready for use by the next person.

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## Follow @sheldonsixthform on Instagram – Be Kind, Be Brave, Be The Best You

### Key dates:

- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – lunch time in VI3 – Student Leadership / Representation Matters – all welcome**
- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> and Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Unit 3 Criminology NEA**
- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup>, Tues 12<sup>th</sup> and Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – A Christmas Carol – 6.30pm**
- **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sixth Form Carol Service - St Nicholas' Church – after lunch**
- **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – lesson 5 – celebration assembly – all in the hall**
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – school finishes for students at 1230 but Sixth Formers can leave at break time due to most not having lessons 3+4. IF YOU DO HAVE A LESSON YOU NEED TO STAY FOR IT**
- **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – lesson 2 on Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – lessons continue at Hardenhuish for anybody studying a subject there**
- **Jan 16<sup>th</sup> –some Yr13 internal assessments start**
- **w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Yr13 study leave – NO LESSONS – most exams take place this week**
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 - Year 13 Ball – save the date!**

### PDC: Post-18 + Personal skills + Wellbeing + SPMC

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	Be Kind, Be Brave, Be The Best You; Sheldon6; Weekly notes; WoW; <b>DRESS CODE + LANYARDS</b> ; <a href="https://formtimeideas.com/">https://formtimeideas.com/</a>				
<b>Yr12 pm</b>	Christmas quiz – ppt shared	Tutor choice	Christmas Carols at the church or sign out to go home or study in the study room	Celebration assembly – 1pm into lesson 5 in the hall	<b>No pm reg</b>
<b>Yr13 pm</b>	Christmas quiz – ppt shared	Tutor choice	Christmas Carols at the church or sign out to go home or study in the study room	Celebration assembly – 1pm into lesson 5 in the hall	<b>No pm reg</b>

### Work experience, employment and apprenticeship opportunities / information:

Katie Witchell– our Careers Adviser is available to you all. You can email her directly at [kwitchell@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:kwitchell@sheldonschool.co.uk) to make an appointment or you can drop-in to the Careers Hub near the hall on Thursday or Friday lunch times.

## What is LMI? Why is it important and where can find it?

LMI is Labour Market Information. It is useful and important because it tells you what jobs are available, which are on the increase/decrease, what the pay is like etc. You can find LMI in the Careers Newsletter that comes out every week or so. You can also find it on every careers page in the Careers Library on Unifrog.

Search <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

Search and sign up for alerts at <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>  
<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

Pathway CTM: <https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/>

Uptree: <https://uptree.co/a/signup/student/>

Springpod: <https://space.springpod.com/sign-up>

## Bath RUH virtual healthcare work experience programme.

The programme provides an introduction to the areas of health and social care and a look into the varied opportunities there are available in the sector. Did you know there are over 350 different careers in the NHS?

Students can sign up for free to take part in this programme [here](#)

## Newly released BBC Apprenticeships

The range of schemes span across Business, Editorial and Technology and 156 roles are on offer across 7 different schemes in 36 towns and cities in the UK. You can go to [www.bbc.co.uk/earlycareers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/earlycareers) for more information.

Applications for Level 3 – 5 close on the 8<sup>th</sup> January for most of the roles. The Level 6 and Level 7 roles are closing very soon:

[https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC\\_Early-Careers-Opportunities/?locale=en\\_GB](https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Early-Careers-Opportunities/?locale=en_GB)

The image is a screenshot of the 'Amazing Apprenticeships' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, RESOURCES, EVENTS, ABOUT US, NEWS, CONTACT US, CAREERS WITH US, and SUBSCRIBE, along with social media icons for Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Below the navigation bar, there is a large teal banner with the text 'HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY LISTING' and a 'BACK' button. To the left of the banner, there are logos for several employers: Amazing Apprenticeships, Amazon, JCB, mace, Experian, pwc, Morrisons, HSBC, MBDA, and J.P. Morgan.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>

# I'M INTERESTED IN APPRENTICESHIPS...WHAT NOW?



## 1. GENERAL RESEARCH

Start by researching what apprenticeships are and the wide range available.

Visit our website: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> and explore our resources, films, webinars, games and more. **EXPLORE:**



Find our **Rapid Reads** (quick guides to everything apprenticeship related) here: **RAPID READS:**

<https://tinyurl.com/3z4rfttn>



## 2. SPECIFIC RESEARCH

Look on the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) website and search for apprenticeship standards using keywords that interest you, e.g. theatre, finance, sport, health:

Visit the **Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE)** website here: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>



**THE INSTITUTE:**

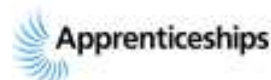


## 3. VACANCIES RESEARCH

Look at current vacancies on the Government website, Find an Apprenticeship (FAA) to see what is available. Read the job adverts to help you know what employers are looking for. Create an account and set up alerts for new vacancies that fit your criteria.

Visit **Find An Apprenticeship** here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



**FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP:**



## 4. EMPLOYER RESEARCH

Research employers that offer apprenticeships. Don't discount any companies without looking into them properly! If an employer you're interested in mentions knowledge, skills, qualities or experience they require, think about how you could show you meet their criteria, or what you could do now to ensure you do in the future.

Visit the **employers' website** and **social media** pages to find out more about what they do.

Find out where the position will be based and start to look at **transport options**. Could you get there everyday?

## 5. GET READY TO APPLY

It's never too early to start getting ready to apply for apprenticeships. Read up on the different processes so that you can be ready to apply when you see a vacancy that interests you.

Read our **Step-by-step guide** to applying for an apprenticeship so you know what applying for an apprenticeship involves <https://tinyurl.com/4c3bvd9r>

Use our **Rapid Reads** to guide you through making a CV, writing a covering letter, creating a LinkedIn profile and more <https://tinyurl.com/3z4rfttn>

**HOW TO APPLY:**



**RAPID READS:**



## Vocational Training

Are you under 25 and planning to study a vocational course at school, sixth form or college – or about to start an apprenticeship?

You may be eligible for a grant of up to £1,000 towards the cost of travel, resources equipment, field trips and other expenses.

Find out more or apply now at [wiltshirecf.org.uk](http://wiltshirecf.org.uk)



## CAREERS IN SPORT CONFERENCE

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### CAREERS IN SPORT CONFERENCE 2023

📍 USW Sports Park

📅 Monday 18th December

🕒 9:30 - 15:00

- Strength and Conditioning
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Business and Management
- Sports Journalism
- Sport and Exercise Therapy
- Sport Coaching and Development
- Performance Analysis



An exciting opportunity for year 12 and 13 (or college equivalent) students to explore career pathways in Sport. Students will get the option to pick between different disciplines within sport and meet and speak to sport related exhibitors. To book please scan the QR code.



**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

**Year 13 students - Wessex Water's Technical Apprenticeship vacancies have been announced.**

**Did you know that if you do an apprenticeship with WW and don't drive they will pay for your driving lessons!?**

**Applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, with Assessments and interviews taking place between January and April 2024.

Decisions will be made between February and May 2024, with an Enrolment Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and a start date of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Wessex Water have won awards for their apprenticeship programmes so please can you make any of your students aware of these great opportunities.

Further information can be found here: [Technical apprenticeships \(wessexwater.co.uk\)](https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/technical-apprenticeships)

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## University and other opportunities:

Check out UCAS and [www.opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com) for lots of open day information and opportunities

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Please find below the Open Day List for November. The list features over 65 University Open Days, including Russell Group universities and is the last busy month in terms of Open Days before the UCAS deadline:  
<https://bit.ly/University-OpenDays-November>



**UNIVERSITY  
OPEN DAYS**

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# ON-CAMPUS OPEN DAY

COME AND SEE FOR  
YOURSELF WHY YOU SHOULD  
APPLY TO STUDY AT USW

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**

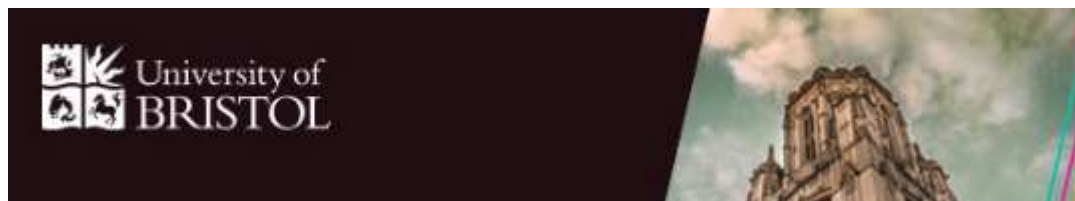


**Saturday 25th November 2023/Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Open Days are the ideal way to discover the opportunities awaiting you at the  
University of South Wales, both professionally and personally.

At a USW open day, you'll have the chance to explore our campuses, meet academic staff and current students, take part in interactive activities related to your course, learn about life at USW, take tours of the accommodation and facilities, and get lots of advice around student support, money, careers and study options.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**



**Sheldon School is now on the University of Bristol's Aspiring schools list which means we are eligible for contextual (lower offers). You still need to check individual course requirements.**

## **STEM Up - Applications are open**

[STEM Up](#) is an online programme which provides the opportunity for Year 12 and mature students to experience what it's like to study a STEM subject (this includes subject areas such as Science, Engineering, Geographical Science and Mathematics) at university. Participants take part in academic taster sessions, speak to current students and receive advice on applying to university.

The programme will take place online with sessions weekly from 5.00 - 6.30pm on the following dates: **Monday 26th February, Monday 4th, 11th and 18th March, 2024**, with a planned visit to the University.

Students can apply [here](#). Applications will close on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**.

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## Free Year 12 University of Bristol Residential Summer Schools in 2024

Our [Insight into Bristol](#) and [Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#) are free residential experiences for Year 12 students. They both offer the opportunity to experience student life in the vibrant city of Bristol. Participants will stay in university accommodation and take part in academic seminars and social activities, supported by current undergraduate students. They will meet student societies and learn more about what university life is really like. The summer schools for 2024 will likely take place in July 2024.

Participants who complete the summer school will be eligible for a guaranteed contextual offer or interview from the University of Bristol. Contextual offers are set two grades below the standard offer level, meaning this programme is a great opportunity for students to access a highly selective Russell Group university.

Applications for both summer school open in January 2024. Students can now **register their interest** in Insight into Bristol (click [here](#)), which is exclusive for students who identify as Asian, Black or Mixed (featuring one or more of these groups) and the Sutton Trust Summer School (click [here](#)).

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**Gresham College** lectures are a great way to learn beyond the curriculum and give you things to write about in university applications - <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on?see-all>

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### Did you hear about University of Hull Chancellor's Scholarship?

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The Chancellor's Scholarship will reward 10 high-achieving students who have a great potential for academic excellence.

It will cover the full cost of their undergraduate tuition fees and will be awarded to 10 new University of Hull students per year, starting with 2024/25 entry and will run for three years.



### Key Dates:

\* Applications are now open, and the application deadline is 31st January 2024.

\* Scholarship winners will be announced by the end of March 2024.



### Key Criteria:

\* Applicants must be UK resident and qualify for Home fee status.

\* All undergraduate degree courses commencing Autumn 2024 are eligible with the exceptions of Foundation courses and Medicine.

\* Applicants will need to submit a written application (max 500 words) and a video (max 2 minutes) explaining why they should be considered.

\* A predicted grade of at least 128 UCAS points.

\* Applications will be assessed on multiple criteria rather than just grades alone. This includes a student's passion for their chosen subject, their overall communication skills and their plans to contribute to university life.

Further information is available on our website at [www.hull.ac.uk/chancellors-scholarship](http://www.hull.ac.uk/chancellors-scholarship).

A direct link to the application form is available at [Chancellors Scholarship](#).

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## Birthdays recently or coming up – Happy Birthday to...



**This week: None!**

**Over the Christmas holiday: Christine B; Josh W; Lily W; Liv R; Rhilee C; Robyn W; James S; Ermela B; Elk R; Olly C; Oscar M; Sophie B; Kim H**

**Pet of the week: Thanks Elliot, meet Rosy and Snowy**

