

# Sixth Form Weekly Notes – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

Week 1

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

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 Friday lesson 4 (room tbc). 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)

**Reverse Advent has been happening at Sheldon for a few years now. Please bring some things from the list below tomorrow.**

## Food Collection

The list below outlines food items you could donate to the Reverse Advent...

Tinned Food	Other Food Items	Drinks	Christmas Treats	Other Items
Sugar	Breakfast Cereal	UHT Milk	Stuffing	Toilet Roll
Meat	Instant Mash Potato	Squash	Cranberry Sauce	Sanitary Towels
Fish, e.g. Salmon	Sponge Pudding	Long Life Fruit Juice	Gravy	Shampoo
Baked Beans	Dried Pasta	1 Litre Bottles Cola	Selection Box	Shower Gel
Spaghetti Hoops	Dried Rice	Hot Chocolate	Christmas Pudding	Deodorant
Soup	Cooking Sauces	Tea Bags	Mince Pies	Toothpaste
Vegetables	Chocolate Bars	Instant Coffee	Christmas Cake	Washing Up Liquid
Fruit	Jam		Jars of Chutney	
Rice Pudding	Custard		Box of Biscuits	
Custard	Sauces, e.g. Ketchup		Shortbread	
	Cheese Biscuits			
	Crisps			



**Yr12 Sheldon Scholars** – if you are planning to apply for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or other very competitive courses/institutions then please come along Friday lunch time ready to talk about something you have read recently that will be useful to support your application. Room to be confirmed.

**Inclusivity Group**

- Tuesday lunchtimes – E8
- Starting after half term – 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Bring your lunch
- Open to all students
- Focus on marginalised groups
  - LGBTQ+
  - Gender diverse
  - People of colour
  - Disability
  - Neurodiverse
  - Varied religious and cultural backgrounds
  - Allies

- Safe space
- Student-led
- Sheldon community
- Conversation
- Being around people with similar experiences
- Non-judgemental
- Ideas for change

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

### Key dates:

- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reverse advent collection day**
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> and Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Unit 1 Criminology NEA**
- **Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr12 vs Yr13 Varsity in the afternoon – sign up now! Everybody should be playing or supporting!**
- **Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Concert @ 7pm**
- **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Politics trip to Parliament**
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – lesson 4 – Student Leadership / Representation Matters room tbc**
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr12 Sheldon Scholars – book club! Come ready to discuss something you have read recently – room tbc**
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Gresham Oracy competition deadline – see Mr Hicks asap if you are thinking of entering!**
- 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
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – school finishes for students at 1230
- 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>				
Yr12 pm	How parliament works – 2 Ppt	U – WEX – how to contact employers ppt	Assembly – Miss Witchell + Mr Spiers  Chairs - BLF	How parliament works – 2 Ppt	Tutor choice
Yr13 pm	<b>Reverse advent – collection day Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  Unifrog / UCAS - research	Your Money Matters - earnings, payslips and tax pgs 81-6	NS - motivation to keep working: <a href="https://www.etsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/motivating-yourself-to-keep-working">https://www.etsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/motivating-yourself-to-keep-working</a>	Assembly – RTP!  Chairs – SXC	Tutor choice

## 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)



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

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**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 \(wessexwater.co.uk\)](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/technical-apprenticeships)

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**Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 9th December 2023**

**Students can visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk) to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience**

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# 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: <https://tinyurl.com/3z4rfttn> **RAPID READS:**



## 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:



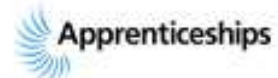
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**THE INSTITUTE:**



## 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/4c3byd9x>

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



## 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**

**University and other opportunities:**

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



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**

**2023  
2024**

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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**

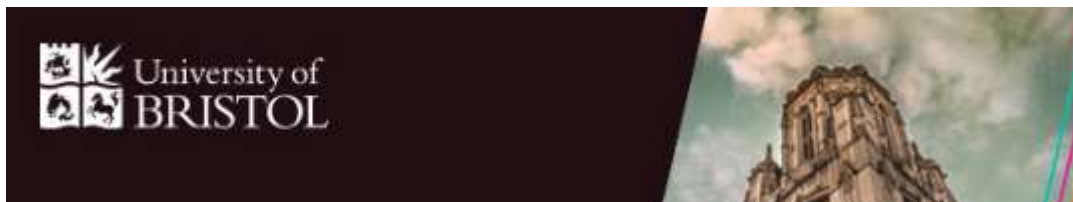


**Saturday 25th November 2023/Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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>



**Living With the Forever  
Chemicals**

Dr Ian Mudway  
Mon, 04 Dec 2023  
• [Watch Online](#)  
• In-person tickets [available](#)

**The Massive Internet of  
Things**

Professor Victoria Baines  
Tue, 05 Dec 2023  
• [Watch Online](#)  
• In-person tickets [available](#)

**Have Yourself a Merry  
Little Christmas**

Professor Dominic Broomfield-  
McHugh  
Wed, 06 Dec 2023  
• [Watch Online](#)  
• In-person tickets [available](#)

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- **December 5 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Law/Criminology: CJS - Analysing Crime and Criminal Conduct – Tutorial – Aberystwyth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
  - **December 6 @ 16:00 - 16:45** Drama/Theatre: Brecht's Epic Theatre - Legacy & Contemporary Relevance - Tutorial – Aberystwyth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
  - **December 6 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Photography/Fashion: The Persuasive Power Of Photography & Its Relationship To Fashion – Solent (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
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  - Title: **How airborne diseases spread and how we can stop them**  
Speaker: Dr Adam Squires, Department of Chemistry  
Date: Wednesday 6 December, 6-7pm GMT  
Venue: Online (Zoom)  
Event link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/50314>

**Winter Webinars to support UCAS applications!**

Please encourage your students to take part in our December Winter Webinars hosted by expert university reps. You can use the email below or [here](#) to let interested students know about this fantastic opportunity. The schedule is as follows:

**Tue 5th Personal Statement & application - 12-13:15**

**Wed 6th Choosing a course/university - 12-13:15**

**Thu 7th Preparing for University - 12-13:15**




To book your free place, sign up to be emailed recordings or find out more [see here](#).

## Introducing Unifrog's **COURSES TOOL**

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Help your students choose their best next step with **engaging taster courses of subjects and careers**, produced with top universities and employers.

### Key benefits

-  Broaden your students' horizons and help them choose the right destinations for them with realistic tasters of careers and university subjects.
-  Assign courses, track sign-ups, and monitor student progress - all within the Unifrog platform.
-  Make sure students are making the best use of independent study time with flexible 'on demand' courses and self-paced learning.

*"The students loved the courses! For me it's great because we already use Unifrog and I want to have everything in one place, so being able to see my students' progress and add comments is ideal."*

**Simone Wilson, Careers Manager, Wirral Grammar School for Boys**

*"I think there's a really exciting opportunity regarding these courses. Our subject department heads would love to direct students to courses that let students explore what studying their subject is like at university, and that link their subject to careers"*

**Natasha Roberts, Assistant Head, Melton Vale College**

*"These were the best online courses I've done. The Unifrog ones had more interesting topics than any others I'd looked at and it's free to get a completion certificate at the end."*

**Tom, Year 12 student**



Head to the 'Exploring pathways' section of the Student homepage to check out the first batch of courses

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



**This week: Madeline Mc; Ollie B; Danielle L; Owen C; Will H; Anna J;  
Bethany P**

**Pet of the week:** Thanks Mrs Williams, meet Loki



Loki

