

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 15th – Fri 19th Dec 2025

W/B 15th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – NO ASSEMBLY

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):



A massive thank you to all those who have helped with events in the last couple of weeks or who are taking part in the carol service and/or assembly on Friday. A huge congratulations to those who took part in the production of Alice and/or the Christmas concert.

Have a great break, a wonderful Christmas and an amazing 2026!

Yr13 please note – Weds 14th Jan – Exam Stress Workshop – room tbc

The Wiltshire Mental Health Team are running this to support you ahead of the second set of mocks in Jan/Feb.

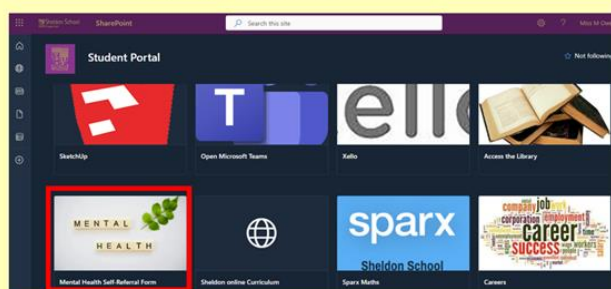
Unless you are in a lesson you are expected to attend as follows:

Lesson 5 = RTP, CMN, SXC

Wellbeing

- Last year, we introduced a new mental health referral form alongside a range of new interventions to support students' mental health and wellbeing. More information is available on our website - <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/information/wellbeing/>.

- To make it easier to come forward and ask for help with your mental health and wellbeing, you can now make a self-referral through a link on the student portal.



COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7
[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7
[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours
[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234
[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19
[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858
[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

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NORMALIZE REGIFTS.
NORMALIZE EXPERIENCE GIFTS.
NORMALIZE CONSUMABLE GIFTS.
NORMALIZE CARDS AS GIFTS.
NORMALIZE NO GIFTS.
NORMALIZE A HOLIDAY THAT'S
ABOUT MORE THAN JUST
BUYING NEW JUNK.



Key dates:

w/b 15 Dec - Y12 Assessment Week (in class) - Some lessons will have assessments, some normal lessons

Mon 15 Dec - Y13 internal UCAS deadline

Tues 16th Dec – Cinema trip – 1.15pm showing – meet at back gate at 1245

Weds 17th – student Christmas lunch in the refectory and Christmas jumper day! And Sixth Formers can wear pyjamas if they want to!

Wed 17 Dec - Sixth Form Carol Service –

Fri 19th Dec – L3 – Celebration assembly in the main school hall

Fri 19 Dec - Term 2 Ends – lunch time

Coachstyle buses will run at this time, however all Faresaver buses and Coachstyle service number 99 will operate at the normal time of 3.pm.

Tues 6th Jan – Term 3 starts

Weds 14th Jan – Yr13 L5 Wiltshire Mental Health Team Exam Stress Workshop

Weds 14th Jan @6pm in the Study Room – Yr13 Revision and Parent Information evening

w/b 26th Jan - Yr13 mocks:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/exams/mocks-timetables/#Y13>

Yr13 ball – Tues 30th June!!!!

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

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

Year	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	SF notes YEAR 12 - MAKING THE MOST OF THE SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE LOOKING AHEAD: MAKING THE MOST OUT OF SIXTH FORM	Christmas quiz ppt – see emails from Yvonne Williams – thank you! Write some thank you emails / cards for staff, each other etc	Tutor choice

Yr13	<p>SF notes</p> <p>Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc</p> <p>Where to look for apprenticeships etc – see careers section below</p> <p>Post 18 actions doc in Teams</p> <p>UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026</p>	<p>Christmas quiz ppt – see emails from Yvonne Williams – thank you!</p> <p>Write some thank you emails / cards for staff, each other etc</p>	Tutor choice
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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 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/>

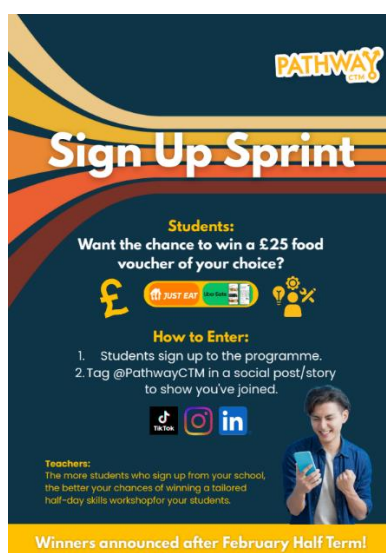
Search and sign up for alerts at <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>
<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

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

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

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

Zero Gravity: <https://app.zerogravity.co.uk/>



Telegraph Media Group Media Literacy Programme, which begins in March 2026

The programme aims to break down the barriers to careers in journalism and provide school pupils with the tools and skills to think critically about the media landscape. It gives an insight into what it's like to be a journalist at an award-winning multimedia news brand. The programme is open to all 16-18-year-olds across the UK and we would really encourage your pupils to apply.

The online sessions will be with a range of Telegraph journalists from departments including news, sports, beauty, music, and social media. Participants will have the opportunity to learn news skills such as headline writing, interviewing and travel writing, and win prizes.

The programme will run for four weeks, beginning on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2026.**

Sessions will take place online from **4:00 to 5:10 pm every Tuesday**. At the end of the programme, each student will receive a Telegraph Media Literacy Journalism Certificate.

To submit their applications, students should visit <https://careers.telegraph.co.uk/jobs/job-details/The-Telegraph-Media-Literacy-Programme-2026-London> . As part of their application, they will need to complete a short cover letter outlining why they wish to participate in the programme.

Two week paid internship for Law – Summer 2026

<https://app.zerogravity.co.uk/careers/jobs/0knU4j>



30 pages of up to date apprenticeship listings:

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Higher-and-Degree-October-2025.pdf>

Experience of the Workplace (Previously called Work Experience)

We have some enjoyable and engaging opportunities for you to experience what life is like working in the NHS and following the Gatsby benchmark 6 EotW.

Placements are limited but we invite you to apply here and look forward to meeting you soon.

**Closing date for applications
is Midnight 18/01/2026**

<https://forms.office.com/e/zGhZcsCqPe>



Poster removal date: 16/02/2026

The RUH, where you matter

PwC: Flying Start degree programme

Applications are now open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes in Accounting, which allow students to gain a degree and begin their career at the same time. Students can apply for 2026 entry through UCAS. [Share with your students](#) (deadline: 14 Jan)

Lloyds Banking Group: 2026 apprenticeships

Lloyds Banking Group's 2026 apprenticeships are open for applications, with a starting salary of £26,500 and opportunities nationwide. Students can apply for roles in sectors including Data, Technology Engineering, Risk, Commercial & Business Banking, Audit, and Actuarial, and gain real experience while earning and learning. [See one of the roles available and share with your students](#)

⚡ National Grid: 2026 apprenticeships

With opportunities across craft, engineering, and business support, there's a pathway for every student at National Grid. These roles are open to applicants in Y11-13, offering a real career start, training, and qualifications. Apprenticeship applications open on 27 October. [Share with your students](#)

Microsoft apprenticeships:

- QS and Cost Management Apprentice: <https://msft.it/6042tdHJG>
- Construction Site Management Apprentice: <https://msft.it/6043tdHJH>
- Design and Construction Apprentice: <https://msft.it/6044tdHJy>
- Customer Solutions Apprentice: <https://msft.it/6045tdHJJ>
- Customer Success Unit Apprentice: <https://msft.it/6046tdHJK>

[Trowers & Hamlins](#), an award-winning international law firm, with your students interested in a career in law:

1 Solicitor Apprenticeship (Y13/S5/S6)

- **Locations:** Birmingham, Exeter, London, Manchester
- **Start:** Sep 2026 | **Assessment Centres:** Mar 2026
- **Eligibility:**
 - 128 UCAS points (ABB) from top 3 A-Levels
 - 6 GCSEs (Grade 6/B+ in English & Maths)
- **Salary:** £23k regional | £26k London
- **Application deadline:** 20 Feb 2026
- **More info** <https://uptree.co/opportunities/trowers-hamlins/1079539088/>

2 Online Application Masterclass (Y13/S5/S6)

- **Date & Time:** Tue 27 Jan, 4:30–6:00 PM
- **Who:** Students eligible for the apprenticeship
- **Agenda:** Icebreaker, firm intro, apprenticeship overview, recruitment stages, Q&A
- **Register:** <https://uptree.co/events/trowers-hamlins/1391288719/>

**National: Taylor Wessing, Virtual Law Work
Insight Day**

For: Year 12/S5, 13/S6 and Gap Year students

Date: Thu 4th Dec

Where: Virtual event

National: Publicis Groupe, Media & Marketing
Virtual Webinar

For: Year 12/S5, 13/S6 and Gap Year students

Date: Thu 11th Dec

Where: Virtual event

Solicitor Apprenticeship, Bristol

Application deadline date: Mon 26th Jan

Start date: Tue 1st Sep 2026

Tomorrow's Talent, London

Application deadline date: Open until enough
applications are received

Start date: Sat 1st Aug 2026

University and other opportunities:

Check out <https://www.unitasterdays.com/event-incentives/> and **UCAS and**
www.opendays.com **for lots of open day information and opportunities**
including:



UCL Masterclasses are back with a brand-new range of taster lectures, giving Year 12s a taste of university-level teaching. From '200 years of students at UCL' to 'The effects of microplastics on humans and the environment', there's a whole range of subjects available.

Masterclasses are a great platform to learn more about a subject and, at an hour long and hosted online, it's never been easier to join in and learn something new. For a full list of masterclasses available, please check the website via the button below.

The application deadline for the February sessions is **19 January**:
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/information-advice-and-guidance/masterclasses>

How your students can study in the United States

The [Sutton Trust Fulbright US Programme](#) is now taking applications from state-school students that are curious about US culture and higher education.

This fully-funded programme includes:

- Residential events in the UK where students can learn about studying at a US university
- In-depth advice about applying for funding and scholarships
- Access to a community of like-minded young people from across the UK
- Opportunities to connect with decision makers at top US universities
- Tailored guidance for teachers supporting students to apply to US universities

You and your students can learn more and meet the programme staff at our [online information session](#) on Wednesday, 17th December at 5PM. We hope to see you there!

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>

Other free lectures / seminars (good for uni applications, supporting studies)

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



This week: Daisy H

Over the holidays: Lily H-W; Chelsea K; Abi D; Alex J; Toby H; Ethan L; Thomas M; Sofia C; Maisie R-M; Tristan B; Rose S; Maria W; Freddie T; Noah L and Jamsine P

Art and Pet of the week: Thanks Jess, meet Barney (Santa) and thanks Emilia for Stanley. And thanks to the Yr12 artists for some beautiful art.

