

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 19th Jan – Sun 1st Feb 2026

W/B 19th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs EIB

W/B 26th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs WMB

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):



Yr12 will now ALL have PE every Weds afternoon (unless they have a lesson or a medical reason). It is optional for Yr13.

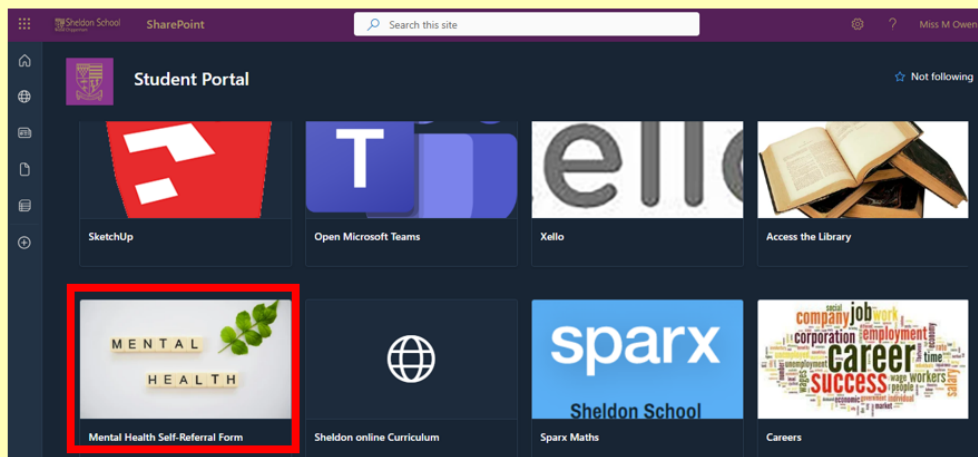
Phones only in Sixth Form areas and NOT on desks in lessons unless instructed by the teacher.

If you are interested in organising some regular pool competitions and establishing some agreed rules for use, please let Mr Spiers now asap.

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.



Key dates:

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 20 th	Wednesday 21 st	Thursday 22 nd
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Uptree webinar: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b1dad0a8-46c8-40c0-bd1c-849408c94b0c@4d2ffa71-c4b7-4bd5-816f-b570ed5aea44	YEAR 12 - GETTING THE GRADES - LESSONS DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING 1: MAKING THE MOST OF LESSONS VIDEO	Tax and how it is spent – ppt in Teams
Yr13	Uptree webinar: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b1dad0a8-46c8-40c0-bd1c-849408c94b0c@4d2ffa71-c4b7-4bd5-816f-b570ed5aea44	YEAR 13 - PLANNING AHEAD & GETTING THE GRADES UNIVERSITY PREPARATION - FIRST TERM CHALLENGES VIDEO	Assembly – Mr Humphreys Chairs @ 0815 - EIB

Year	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th
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Yr12	Holocaust Memorial Day – ppts in Teams	Wikipedia's 25 th birthday: https://wikimediafoundation.org/wikipedia25/ Watch the videos, take the quiz, discuss how James Whale could've made billions out of it but has kept it a non-profit / no adverts site	Assembly – Miss Frater Chairs @ 0815 - WMB
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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/>

Two week paid internship for Law – Summer 2026

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

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.

Yr13 – thinking of a gap year? Do you love the outdoors? Work at Pencelli for a year?

<https://plaspencelli.co.uk/vacancy/outdoor-education-centre-trainee/>



30 pages of up to date apprenticeship listings:

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

Employer webinars:
British Army - 3rd February, 4pm - [BOOK NOW](#)

Upcoming Uptree careers events:

[UK Intelligence Agencies – Work Experience Day](#)

This event is aimed at Year 12 and Year 13 students interested in STEM and looking to explore Early Careers options such as apprenticeships or junior development programmes.

- **Date:** Thu 26th Feb
- **Time:** 10:00AM - 3:30PM
- **Location:** Cheltenham

Eligibility criteria: Students need to be British citizens to attend this event.

[Bristol: Lloyds Banking Group – Work Experience Days](#)

This programme is designed for **Year 12 students** who want to gain confidence, build practical skills, and explore careers in Finance, Technology, HR, Law, or Marketing. **It takes place across two sessions:**

- Session 1: Friday 6 March 2026, 9:30am–3:00pm
- Session 2: Friday 12 June 2026, 9:30am–3:00pm

Location: Bristol

If you would like to nominate students for either of these opportunities, [please complete this form.](#)

[Virtual: Trowers & Hamblins - Solicitor Apprenticeship Online Application](#)

[Masterclass](#) (27 Jan)

[National: KPMG - Student and Parent Insight Evening](#) (28 Jan)

[National: Cyber Force - Application Masterclass](#) (30 Jan)

[National: Broadfield - Virtual Law Work Experience Day](#) (5 Feb)

[Edinburgh: KPMG - Work Experience Day](#) (3 Feb)

[National: Clifford Chance - ACCESS Work Experience Day](#) (17 Feb)

[Leeds: Lloyds Banking Group - Work Experience Days](#) (27 Feb, 6 Mar, 25 Jun)

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>

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:

Bristol University Virtual Summer School 2026

We're excited to announce that applications for our Virtual Summer School 2026 are now open! The Virtual Summer School is open to Year 12 students and offers many of the benefits of an in-person program but is accessed online, meaning students can access it from home or another place of study.

The three-day program comprises academic talks, social sessions, and information, advice and guidance to help you make informed choices about your future options in Higher Education. Student Ambassadors are on hand to answer questions about what it's like to study at Bristol. Take a look at [our website](#) for further information and the link to the application form.

Insight Into Bristol

Insight into Bristol is a free Summer School that provides Year 12 students of colour the opportunity to experience life as a student at the University of Bristol running between Tuesday 28th July - Friday 31st July 2026 (inclusive).

Participants in the summer school will get the opportunity to experience student life at the University of Bristol by:

- staying in student accommodation
- meeting similar students from across the UK
- exploring the City of Bristol
- attending academic sessions in an assigned [subject stream](#) delivered by our world-leading academics
- getting to know current University of Bristol students, including some of our student societies
- taking part in social activities throughout the week
- receiving information, advice and guidance to equip you to navigate to a top UK university

The summer school will take place in the latter half of July 2026 on the University of Bristol campus with accommodation provided.

For further information visit [our website](#), or complete [the application form](#) to sign up



<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/kings/kings-college-london-medicine-and-dentistry-lecture-series-26>

What to Expect from the Programme

Welcome to the application form for the **King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2026**. Lectures will be held **online** via **Zoom Webinar** on **Tuesday or Friday evenings** at 5:00-6:30pm and will run from March - July 2026

Over the course of the lecture series, you will hear from a **variety of guest speakers** from different specialties in medicine and dentistry. You will also learn about the **application process** with sessions on the UCAT, personal statements, and interview. The lecture series is your **one-stop-shop** on your journey to making a successful application to medicine or dentistry!

The deadline to complete this form is **Monday 9th February at 2:00pm**. You only need to apply to the programme once. If accepted, you will be invited to the **entire programme of lectures**. Those who come to **50% of our core live lectures** will receive a **certificate of participation**.

Programme Eligibility

Before starting your application, please ensure that you are **eligible** for the programme.

Core eligibility criteria:

- In Year 11, 12, or 13 as of September 2025, or on a gap year prior to applying to university. Alternatively, if you are a mature student you are currently taking an Access to Higher Education course.
- Are currently attending (or most recently studied at) a **state school** (non-fee paying). If this school is non-selective you are **automatically eligible** to take part in the programme.



ONLINE LAW LECTURE SERIES

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LONDON

*Understand Law. Build Confidence.
Advance Your Ambition.*

What is the Online Law Lecture Series?

The Online Law Lecture Series is a free national programme of live online lectures, running from March to June 2026, designed to support state school students interested in studying Law at university.

The series combines academic law lectures with sessions on the university application process and careers in the legal profession.

Delivered by King's College London academics, student ambassadors and legal professionals, the programme offers insight into what studying law is really like and the wide range of careers available in the legal sector.

What are the benefits of taking part?

- Join a national community of students interested in Law
- Learn from King's academics, law students and legal professionals
- Discover what studying Law at university is really like
- Build your confidence and understanding of higher education
- Get guidance on applications, admissions and the LNAT
- Explore legal careers and alternative routes into the profession
- Ask questions in live weekly Q&A sessions
- Certificate of completion



Who can take part?

Students who, as of September 2025, are:

- In Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13, or on a gap year before applying to university and are currently attending (or most recently have attended) a state school (non-fee paying)

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wp.online.lectures@kcl.ac.uk



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Explore Edge Hill Subject Spotlights

Here are three brilliant examples your sixth form students can explore right now:

Psychology Subject Spotlight with Professor Linda Kaye

Explore **cyberpsychology** and how digital life shapes behaviour — from social media to digital footprints.

[Explore Psychology Spotlight](#)

Education Subject Spotlight with Dr Seán Henry

Learn how education drives **social change** and empowers **communities**, guided by critical **pedagogy principles**.

[Explore Education Spotlight](#)

Politics & International Relations Subject Spotlight with Dr Steven Daniels

Examine the **Miners' Strike** and its lasting impact on UK politics, protest and society.

[Explore Politics Spotlight](#)

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>



**Constable's "The Cornfield":
A Bicentenary Harvesting**
Professor Malcolm Andrews
Tue, 20 Jan 2026
• In-person tickets sold out
• [Watch Online](#)



Why Do We Grieve?
Professor Robin May
Wed, 21 Jan 2026

• In-person tickets sold out
• [Watch Online](#)



An Ocean of Air
Professor Helen Czerski
Thu, 22 Jan 2026

• In-person tickets sold out
• [Watch Online](#)



**The Shape of Shells: She
Sells Self-Similar Spiral
Seashells on the Seashore**
Professor Alain Goriely
Tue, 27 Jan 2026

• In-person tickets sold out
• [Watch Online](#)



Mithras: Master of Mystery
Professor Ronald Hutton
Wed, 28 Jan 2026

• In-person tickets sold out
• [Watch Online](#)



**Pictures from
Afghanistan:** This
lecture by Prof Clive
Stafford Smith has
been postponed; we
hope to reschedule
soon!

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

- **January 19 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Forensic Chemistry: Using Spectroscopy to Detect Food Fraud - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 21 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Health/Medicine: End of Life Care - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 21 @ 15:45 - 16:45** insight4me English Literature: Dystopia - Surrey & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 22 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Human Rights & The Refugee – Perspectives & Debate - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 28 @ 14:00 - 14:45** Extended Project Qualification: Academic Writing - Southampton (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 28 @ 09:10 - 09:55** From Physics to Power - The Latest Developments in Nuclear Energy - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 29 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Sports Psychology & Performance - Applying Theory - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 29 @ 15:45 - 16:30** MFL/German: The Dark Sides of German Unification - Then and Now - Warwick (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 29 @ 14:05 - 14:50** History: The Historian's Toolkit - Goldsmiths (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **January 29 @ 17:00 - 17:45** HE Guidance: Being Application-Ready - The University Perspective - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **February 2 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Economics/Geography: Globalisation & Development Economics - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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



This fortnight: Billy F; Sophia H; Olivia E; Lera R; Maya D; Florence P; Ellie H; Poppy B; Megan C; Alfie T and Polina U

Pet of the week: We need more pets!!!