

Sixth Form Notes – Tues 2nd Dec - Sun 14th Dec 2025

W/B 1st = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs VHM

W/B 8th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs RTP

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

There are lots of things happening over the last three weeks of this term/year. Please take a good look at the dates below. We need volunteers for at least 3 events so please get involved!

Yr13 UCAS – Tues 2nd lesson 6 and/or Fri 5th lesson 1 – in the Study Room – drop-in session with Mr Spiers – any questions – bring your PS – get it done!!!!

Yr13 please note – Tues 9th Dec – 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 the Criminology NEA or at a lesson in HH you are expected to attend as follows:

Lesson 5 = EIB and LML

Lesson 6 = RMB and TJS

Another date will be confirmed for the other tutor groups after Christmas.

Thank you to Kate McIntosh, Claudia McQuillan, Libby Bennet, Freddie Terrell for helping with the primary mini-mudder last week!

And well done to Sophia Hunt and Freddie Terrell for taking part in the Area Cross Country last week too

**Thanks for adding to the post-it art wall –
keep it going!**

Also for the artistic among you – a local and a school competition:

HOW TO ENTER

WHO CAN ENTER:
Anyone living in Chippenham or surrounding area (all ages welcome).

DEADLINE:
31 December 2025

SUBMISSION:
Drop off your artwork at 31Co.Work, Cousin Norman's or Chippenham Museum during their opening hours.

Label the back with your name, address, and contact number.
(parent/guardian contact and age if under 18)

MEDIUM:
Anything goes — painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles, photography, mixed media — whatever you love creating.

NEED INSPIRATION?



Try These Prompts

Your artwork can be about **anything you like**, as long as it's family-friendly, non-political, and not misleading.

If you'd like a theme to get you started, try one of these prompts:
Hands | Organic | Evolution | Connect | Transmit



Styles You Might Explore

Figurative: Recognisable subjects and realism

Stylised: Expressive mark-making, bold outlines, or exaggerated proportions

Abstract: No fixed subject, exploring shape, colour, and emotion

<https://publicartchippenham.com/curious-cabinets-competition>

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BE KIND | BE BRAVE | BE THE BEST YOU

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Can you design our school Christmas Card?

Submit your drawings, paintings, digital art or photography by 8 December to enter!

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 Watsapp 0800 585858

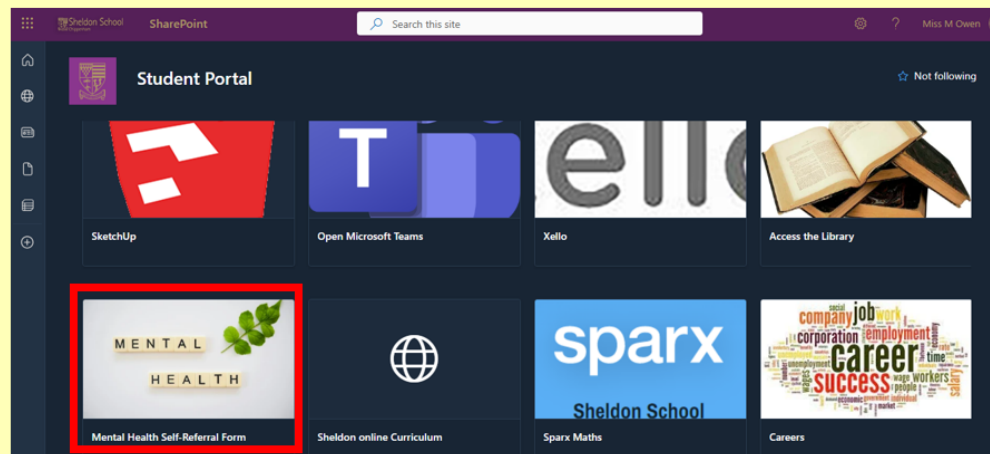
[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

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

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:

BSL – lunch time club - Tues – V13 – grab lunch then head there

Thu 4 Dec - Christmas Concert – volunteers for refreshments please email Mr Spiers

Tues 9th Dec – Yr13 Exam Stress Workshop – by the Wiltshire Mental Health Team – lesson 5 for EIB + LML and repeated lesson 6 for RMB and TJS – room tbc

Tue 9 Dec - Y12 Parliament Trip (TJT)

Tue 9 Dec & Wed 10 Dec - Y13 Criminology Controlled Assessment - Unit 3 – **good luck!!**

Wed 10 Dec & Thur 11 Dec - School Production - **volunteers for refreshments please email Mr Spiers**

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

Mon 15 Dec - Y13 internal UCAS deadline

Weds 17th – student Christmas lunch in the refectory and Christmas jumper day!

Wed 17 Dec - Sixth Form Carol Service – if you would like to do reading or perform please email Miss Frater asap

Fri 19 Dec - Term 2 Ends – lunch time

Tues 6th Jan – Term 3 starts

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 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	SF notes – especially upcoming events! Reverse advent: Reverse Advent 2025.pptx	YEAR 12 - USING STUDY PERIODS STUDY PERIODS 1: AVOIDING DISTRACTIONS STUDY PERIODS 2: WORKING EFFECTIVELY	Assembly – Abi Williams – ex-student Chairs @ 0815 - VHM

Yr13	SF notes – especially upcoming events! Reverse advent: Reverse Advent 2025.pptx	Introduction to Unifrog Talent Pool: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/help/direct/the-talent-pool	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc – see careers section below Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026
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Yr12	Unifrog – Read, watch, listen: https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/help/23 A great resource for wider reading	MENTAL HEALTH: SLEEP MENTAL HEALTH: THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SLEEP VIDEO <i>Optional support material</i> What happens when we sleep? Watch on YouTube Effects of sleep deprivation - Watch on YouTube Sleep is essential for learning PPT - download 5 ways to improve your sleep - Watch on YouTube	Tutor choice
Yr13	Gap Years – what you need to know ppt and https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/a-guide-to-gap-years	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc – see careers section below Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026	Assembly – St James's Place Chairs @ 0815: RTP

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>

Free online webinar all about apprenticeships at YTL UK:

- ✓ Learn what apprenticeships are available
- ✓ Understand how to apply and what to expect
- ✓ Ask questions directly to our Careers Team

Date: 10th December 2025

Time: 6.00-7.00pm

Location: Online – Via Teams

Please share this opportunity with your students and their parents – it's perfect for anyone considering their next steps after school or college.

Register here: [Apprenticeships at YTL UK – Join the Next Wave Tickets, Wed 10 Dec 2025 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)



30 pages of up to date apprenticeship listings:

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

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](#)

**Browse Sky apprenticeship jobs across the UK.
Already know where you'd like to start? Head
straight to your programme and apply.**

Sky News Journalism Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Edit Assistant Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Finance Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



Billing Operations Apprenticeship

Livingston

Nov 2025



Digital Marketing Apprenticeship

Osterley

Nov 2025



<https://careers.sky.com/earlycareers/apprenticeships> - **LIVE NOW –
DEADLINES EARLY DEC**

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

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**PAID CORAL RESTORATION INTERNSHIP:
Reef Renewal Bonaire**

Reef Renewal Bonaire offer an internship designed to introduce individuals to the non-profit sector of marine conservation with a focus on the restoration of tropical coral reef ecosystems. During this internship you will be trained and certified as a coral reef restoration diver and will get fully acquainted with the daily operations of the foundation. The internship lasts 10 weeks and is a full-time volunteer position offering a vast amount of experience in coral reef restoration through participation in our community involvement, daily operations and field work- which includes maintaining our coral nurseries and outplanting corals onto the reefs.

Learn more here: <https://lnkd.in/e4Gc6wSX>

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What we look for

If you're interested in applying for our School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme, here are some insights into what we look for.

- Hard-working, self-motivated and self-aware individuals
- Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to work well with others
- Those with a passion for a career in our industry and with SJP
- A high level of academic attainment in your GCSEs including Level 5 or above in English and Maths
- Completing or have recently completed your A-levels or equivalent

Look out for our application support guide coming soon!

A great alternative to University

Kickstart your career with a School Leaver Apprenticeship.

- Earn a qualification while working
- Real on-the-job experience
- **A permanent contract**
- Ongoing guidance from your manager, early careers team, and wider business
- Apprenticeships with blended learning, self-study, and online courses

*Most roles based at our Head Office in Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Applications opening!

2026 School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme applications open
Friday 7th November 2025.

We have roles in;

- Cyber Security
- Data Engineering and Analytics
- Marketing
- Advice/Client Liaison
- HR
- Internal Audit
- Investment
- Operations Support
- Finance

[Find out more >](#)



Early application is advised.
Applications close on 8th Jan 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:



See email for massive list of taster lectures - Bookings can be made [here](#).

All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university.



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>



UniTasterDays featured event information. Content provided by Escape Studios

Your students can get a taste of Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics degrees at our upcoming taster day

Post-16 students are invited to our final undergraduate taster day of the year on **Saturday 6th December, 10:00am to 1:00pm** in North Greenwich, London's Design District.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Meet other students interested in the screen industries
- Test-drive industry software with the guidance of our industry-expert tutors
- Get to know the "Escape" way and see if your chosen course is the right fit for you

Come along to a taster day at a top 5 UK creative school, *The Rookies*, and see how we've shaped studio-ready graduates since 2002.

Event details

Date: Saturday 6th December

Time: 10.00am - 1:00pm

<https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-taster-days/>

Looking for support as you jump from school to university?
Join the Dots can help!

At school

Expert guidance on:

- Applying to uni
- Managing uni finance
- Getting set for results day and uni life

Available to anyone in Year 12 or 13

Starting uni

Your own personal coach to help you:

- Build connections with other students
- Develop study skills
- Smash your first assignment

Available to students attending a partner uni

Sign up today for **free** and have the chance to win up to **£300***

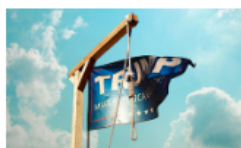
*Win up to £300 to support your university journey. Terms and conditions apply.

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>



From Mars with Love:
 Postcards from 50 Years of
 Exploring the Red Planet
 Professor Chris Lintott
 Wed, 03 Dec 2025

- In-person tickets [available](#)
- [Watch Online](#)



**Donald Trump and the Death
 Penalty**
 Professor Clive Stafford Smith
 JD OBE
 Thu, 04 Dec 2025

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



A Tudor Christmas
 Siobhan Clarke &
 Dr Alison Weir
 Wed, 17 Dec 2025

- In-person tickets sold out
- [Watch Online](#)
- **Live-stream only!**
- No recording available.

New to Gresham College?

Check out our
 Frequently Asked
 Questions if you
 plan to attend an
 event in person:

[FAQs>>](#)

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

- **December 1 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Law: Skills & Insight - Building A Defence - King's College London (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 1 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Psychology/Linguistics: A Tour of The Linguistic Brain - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 2 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Politics/Media: Do Newspapers Influence The Way That People Vote? - Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 2 @ 11:10 - 11:55** English Literature: Close Reading Modern Poetry With Seamus Heaney - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 3 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Religious Studies/Philosophy: Humanity Reloaded - AI & The Future of Religion - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 3 @ 16:00 - 16:45** So You Think You Know Anime? UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 4 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Paramedic Science: Responding To A Medical Emergency - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 8 @ 15:45 - 16:30** English Literature/Theatre: Remixing, Rewiring, Rewriting Othello - Warwick (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 8 @ 13:35 - 14:20** History: The Rise To Power & Rule of Stalin - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 8 @ 10:05 - 10:50** Chemistry: Isotopes, Analysis & Unlocking The Past - The Chemistry of Archaeology - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 9 @ 14:05 - 14:50** Biology/Medicine: Meeting The Challenge of Antibiotic & Antimicrobial Resistance - Tutorial – UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

- **December 10 @ 15:45 - 16:30** Law/Media: Digital Rights - Media Law In Today's Digital Society - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **December 10 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Sociological Research Methods in Education - Glasgow (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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



**This fortnight: Rose B-J; Kiaron L; George S; Issy B; Ethan M; Maddie C;
Chloe W; Jemima W; Eva A and Matthew B**

Pet of the week: Thanks...., meet....