

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 2nd Feb – Sun 22nd Feb 2026

W/B 2nd = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs RMB

W/B 9th = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs CMD

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Minority Culture Day – Fri 13th Feb

This is the first Culture Day that Sheldon has done, and we want you to help make it a success. Please use this form to get involved! Pick some music; Bring some food; Wear some culturally relevant clothing etc
Volunteer to help organise!?

[Sheldon Minority Culture Day – Fill in form](#)

Would you like to be immortalised on film? Volunteer to take part in a video about life in the Sixth Form – email Mr Spiers asap!

Wiltshire Youth Council – vote for your preferred candidate this week.

[Meet the candidates: Ben, India and Saskia](#)

Good luck to India and Ben: <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/rzk3ic>



Worcester University Careers Fair – Thurs 5th March

Thanks for the replies so far. Please respond by Weds morning at the latest: [National Careers Week 2026 - Booking Form – Fill out form](#)

If you are interested in organising some regular pool competitions and establishing some agreed rules for use, please let Mr Spiers now asap. Darts will only be available at break and lunch times from the office due to the noise they make for users of H7

Take part in some Surry University research about adolescents' attitudes toward sexual consent:

https://surreyfbel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SS6m3TwiNE2mea



Bring cash on this day to buy snacks etc in aid of Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance



Join me in the league now no.190387 : Sheldon Sixth Form 6Nations Fantasy League

Password : GICE

By clicking on the following link

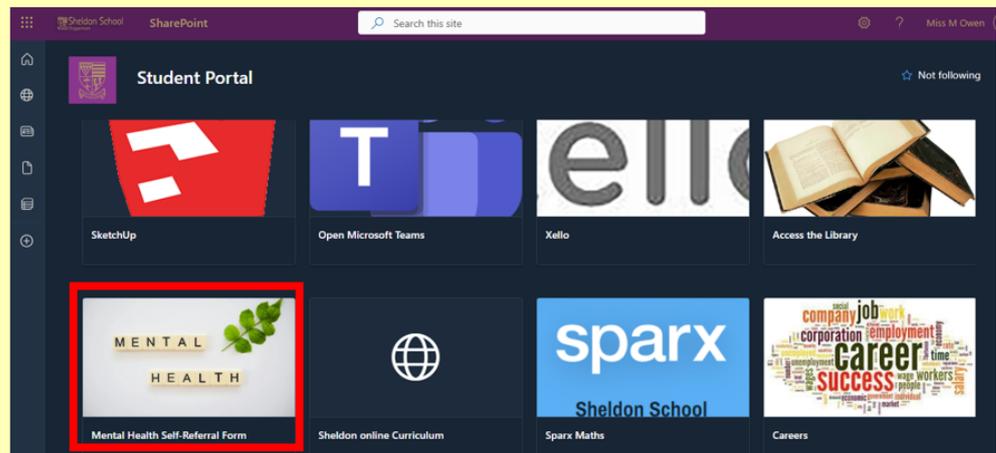
: https://fantasy.sixnationsrugby.com/m6n/#welcome/register?sponsor_player_code=g2ja3jo&league_id=190387&league_password=GICE

Do you want to form a band? A drummer and a guitarist from Calne are looking for potential band mates – email Mr Spiers if you are interested

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: <https://sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Sixth-Form/Key-Dates/Sixth-Form-Key-Dates-2025-26.pdf>

4-13th Feb - Hardenhuish Yr13 mocks

[Stand out from the crowd: the Unifrog Future Talent Programme](#) - for students (Mon 9th Feb @ 16:30)

Weds 11th Feb @ lunchtime – Yr12 vs Yr13 varsity!

[Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair - for students and parents](#) - (Weds 11th Feb @ 16:00)

Fri 13th Feb – Culture Day – see emails and complete the form

Fri 13th Feb – last day of term – normal 3pm finish

Mon 23rd Feb – term 4 starts.

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 3rd	Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Culture Day ppt in Teams and shared Wiltshire Youth Council ppt in Teams – encourage voting, share manifestos etc from previous emails	RECOGNISING AND AVOIDING PROCRASTINATION And / or ppt and activity in Teams	SF notes Prep for National Apprenticeship Week etc
Yr13	Culture Day ppt in Teams and shared Wiltshire Youth Council ppt in Teams – encourage voting, share manifestos etc from previous emails	EMPLOYABILITY 1: ADVICE FROM A RECENT GRADUATE VIDEO And / or VISITING UNIVERSITIES 2: FIRM AND INSURANCE	Assembly – Mr Humphreys / Mr Spiers Chairs @ 0815 - RMB
Year	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	National Apprenticeships Week: NEXT STEPS 1: CONSIDERING AN APPRENTICESHIP VIDEO NEXT STEPS 2: CHOOSING AND FINDING APPRENTICESHIPS VIDEO NEXT STEPS 3: APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS VIDEO National Apprenticeship Week resources Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair - for students and parents - (Weds 11th Feb @ 16:00)	Tutor choice	Assembly – Wiltshire College Chairs @ 0815 - CMD
Yr13	National Apprenticeships Week: NEXT STEPS 1: CONSIDERING AN APPRENTICESHIP VIDEO	YEAR 13 - RESILIENCE / MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH: 'FAILURE' IS NORMAL VIDEO	Tutor Choice

[NEXT STEPS 2: CHOOSING AND FINDING APPRENTICESHIPS VIDEO](#)

[NEXT STEPS 3: APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS VIDEO](#)

[National Apprenticeship Week resources](#)

[Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair - for students and parents](#) - (Weds 11th Feb @ 16:00)

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/>

Check out the emails forwarded from **My Great First Job** for lots of great opportunities too!

University of Bath's Work Experience Programme for 2026.

The programme will be commencing on the **29th of June 2026** for one week only.

This year, students will apply online using an application form and select their career pathway/area of interest. They will do their best to match students with the area most relevant to them.

For more information about career pathways and the application process please see: [Find a work experience placement](#).

To apply, please see: [Work Experience advert](#).

The closing date for applications will be the **15th of March 2026**.

ACCESS Law Development Programme 2026 – Clifford Chance

For whom:

Year 12 state-school students (meeting widening participation criteria)

Programme details:

A two-year development programme including mentoring, legal insight, skills workshops and work experience, with a pathway to future training opportunities

How to apply:

Submit your application [here](#)

Deadline:

23 February 2026

Key benefits:

- Early access to law
- No prior legal experience is required, and support with travel and accommodation is available where applicable

Bath RUH are hosting a Careers Evening on 11th March from 5 - 7:30pm, held in the Education Centre (building E7).

These events are extremely popular and sell out fast, so please be sure to book ASAP if you are interested in finding out about the different careers the RUH has to offer!

You can register for tickets here: [Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS FT Careers Evening 11th March 2026](#)

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SCAN THE QR CODE OR
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities

Applications are **now open** for Dunelm's apprenticeship vacancies. You could apply for apprenticeships in Supply Chain & Logistics, Merchandising, Buying, Retail, or the exciting new Made to Measure Fitting apprenticeship opportunity.

Find out more about the roles and how to apply below...

APPLY NOW

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/resources/higher-and-degree-listing/>

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.](#)

[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)

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:

WRITE IN RESPONSE TO THE THEME:

TRUTH

THE ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE 2026

You can write in any form. Journalism, essays, stories, poems, speeches and plays are all welcome.

FINAL DEADLINE: 29TH APRIL 2026
FEEDBACK DEADLINE: 25TH FEBRUARY 2026

Head to our website to find out more:
www.orwellyouthprize.co.uk
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There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.

— George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE

With generous support from George Orwell's son, Richard Blair and The Political Quarterly

The Orwell Youth Prize is now open for entries. Introducing our new theme:
TRUTH.

“There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.”- George Orwell

You can write in any form--fiction, non fiction, poetry...even game design!

The competition deadline is 29 April, but you can submit a draft entry by 25 February for feedback from the judges. Three winners will receive a £100 cash prize. All winners and runners up will be published and invited to become part of the Orwell Youth Fellows programme.

Find out more and enter the competition
 at <https://www.orwellfoundation.com/the-orwell-youth-prize/>

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
Understand Law. Build Confidence. Advance Your Ambition.

KING'S College LONDON

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)

Scan the QR code to apply NOW!

Applications Now Open!

wp.online.lectures@kcl.ac.uk KCLWP

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>



Will You Be AI's Pet?
Professor Matt Jones
Tue, 03 Feb 2026

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



Alien Earths: What Makes Us Special?
Professor Chris Lintott
Wed, 04 Feb 2026

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



Death Investigation: What Do Coroners Do?
Sir Peter Thornton
Thu, 05 Feb 2026

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



Pictures from Afghanistan: Are we making the same mistakes?
Professor Clive Stafford Smith
Mon, 09 Feb 2026

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



Lee Miller's Indelible Images
Antony Penrose
Tue, 10 Feb 2026

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



Peacebuilding through the Visual Arts
Professor Jolyon Mitchell
Wed, 11 Feb 2026

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

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

- **February 3 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Study Skills: Critical Thinking Skills Workshop - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[RESHARED]**
- **February 5 @ 13:30 - 14:30** insight4me Linguistics: Language & Power - Surrey & Cardiff (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[RESHARED]**
- **February 9 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Criminology: How Criminal Profiling Really Works - Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **February 10 @ 14:30 - 15:15** Politics: Political Thinkers & Their Relevance Today - John Stuart Mill & John Rawls on Free Speech - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **February 11 @ 16:00 - 16:45** English Literature: The Power of Poetry - Creating Communities with William Morris - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **February 11 @ 12:35 - 13:20** MFL: Importance of Languages in the World of Work/Careers - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW February 12 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Journalism: The Journalist's Toolkit - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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



This fortnight: Rebecca H; Josh B; Abi H; Eve H; Archie S; Lilia A; Alex C and William J

Half term: Amelia B

Pet of the week: Thanks Mrs Beange, meet Hodge (helping with marking)

