

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 3rd Nov - Sun 16th Nov 2025

W/B 3rd = Week 1 – Yr12 assembly – Thurs – chairs BLF

W/B 10th = Week 2 – Yr13 assembly – Thurs – chairs LML

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Thank you to all the helpers at Open Evening and huge congratulations to all the winners at Awards Evening.

Very well done to Faye Withers for braving storm Amy back in Oct to ride 108 miles in a day and raise over £2000 for Breast Cancer Now!

Does anybody else fancy surfing for a week in Europe next July? Approx. cost £1500 for all travel, lessons, food and accommodation. Expression of interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/sm2WtLYz7Q>

When we witness success, we see the performance. The majestic free kick, the completed novel. But we don't see the years of practice, the drafts thrown into the bin. Understanding the submerged part of the iceberg helps to build a growth mindset.

Key dates:

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

Mon 3 Nov - Term 2 Starts

Mon 3 Nov - Y13 reports home

November 6 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#)
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Fri 7th Nov – Yr12 potential early entrants for UCAS – are you thinking of applying for Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Oxford, Cambridge or a conservatoire? (or maybe some other very competitive courses). Come along to the Study Room at tutor time.

Tue 11 Nov - Y13 Crime Scene Day All Day

Thu 20 Nov - Y13 Parents' Evening

Mon 1 Dec - School Development Day (SDD) - No lessons

Wed 3 Dec - Yr13 early entrants - Preparing for university interviews workshop at Hardenhuish

Thu 4 Dec - Christmas Concert

Tue 9 Dec - Y12 Parliament Trip (TJT)

Tue 9 Dec & Wed 10 Dec - Y13 Criminology Controlled Assessment - Unit 3

Wed 10 Dec & Thur 11 Dec - School Production

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

Mon 15 Dec - Y13 internal UCAS deadline

Wed 17 Dec - Sixth Form Carol Service

Fri 19 Dec - Term 2 Ends

Tues 6th Jan – Term 3 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 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th
Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – SF notes – https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Collect packs for making tutor poppy from Sixth Form office. Lockdown ppt in Teams Start making poppy?	Finish poppy and maybe use this video if needed: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/the-royal-british-legion-explored-through-the-perspective-of-various-different-commonwealth-citizens	Assembly – Mr Spiers Chairs @ 0815 - BLF
Yr13	Collect packs for making tutor poppy from Sixth Form office. Lockdown ppt in Teams Start making poppy?	Finish poppy and maybe use this video if needed: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/the-royal-british-legion-explored-through-the-perspective-of-various-different-commonwealth-citizens	Post-18 check-in – choices, personal statements, intentions etc Where to look for apprenticeships etc Post 18 actions doc in Teams UCAS Buzzword: Sheldon2026
Year	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th
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Yr12	Remembrance day – whole school ppt in Teams plus: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/video-in-flanders-fields-2-mins-poem-by-john-mccrae	Lockdown practice	TAKING NOTES 1: IN LESSONS TAKING NOTES 2: AFTER LESSONS <i>Optional support material</i> How to take Cornell notes watch
Yr13	Remembrance day – whole school ppt in Teams plus: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/video-in-flanders-fields-2-mins-poem-by-john-mccrae	Lockdown practice	Assembly – KPMG Chairs @ 0815: LML

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>

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>

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](#)



Join us to hear from the Early Careers team at EDF on **17th November at 4pm** to learn more about their amazing apprenticeship opportunities and the exciting range of vacancies available, opening for applications on 26th January 2026.

Offering apprenticeships ranging from Nuclear Engineer to Project Management, Health Physics to Business Administration, Chemistry to Data/DevOps and more, EDF's early careers programmes offer the opportunity to develop an exciting green career, whilst helping to create a more sustainable energy future.

All are welcome, whether you're a student, parent, carer, teacher or careers adviser!

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SJP is one of the UK's leading wealth management companies. This means we help people make smart choices with their money, from saving for the future to buying a home or planning for later life. We support over a million people by giving advice and building trust, so they can live the life they want.



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At SJP, we're looking for talented people who want to grow and succeed with us. We know everyone's career journey is different, so we offer training, mentoring, and coaching to help you develop in your own way. With us, you'll have plenty of opportunities to build skills and shape your future!



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 UCAS and www.opendays.com for lots of open day information and opportunities including:

Subject Specific Interview Workshops (Online)

College? St Catharine's (Cambridge) and Brasenose (Oxford)

When? Monday 3rd November - Monday 17th November

Deadline? Day of workshop

Who? Year 12 (or equivalent e.g. S5, Scotland)

Sign-up here!

We will be hosting a variety of sessions led by Cambridge and Oxford academics to give students the chance to see the type of questions asked during the interview process. Some of these sessions will be run as a live mock interview with a current Oxford/Cambridge student, while others will be run in more of an interactive style to give students watching the chance to participate and have a go at some interview style questions.

All webinars will have a Q&A portion at the end to give students the chance to ask any questions they may have!

For a full list of subject workshops offered, you can check the website here: <https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/outreach/year-12-to-13-webinar-series>

In2MedSchool is a registered Charity (1197973), which supports aspiring medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are inviting students at your school to sign up for our **FREE MEDIC MENTORING** scheme. So far, we have around 2,400 mentors, all of which are doctors/medical students who have been through the application cycle and will do their best to help your students with their application. All our mentors have agreed to follow our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our [website](#).

Should you have any aspiring medics at your school that would be interested please get them to apply here: <https://bit.ly/I2MS-Mentee>

Whilst we primarily offer a mentoring service, we also run events open to **all** students who would like to learn more about **life as a doctor/medical student, our tips and tricks, UCAT/exam support, work experience opportunities and much more**. You can find more information on our website: www.in2medschool.com.

Future Doctors Month – Free Online Programme (November 2025)

Throughout November, students can take part in **Future Doctors Month**, a **completely free, month-long virtual programme**.

- **6 live sessions** with NHS doctors (case studies, clinical skills, medical ethics).
- **Recordings available** for 60 days, so students can watch on-demand.
- **End-of-programme knowledge test** with an official **Certificate of Completion** (ideal for UCAS applications).
- Open to **students aged 14+** who might be considering careers in medicine.
- **2,000 students** are expected to take part, making this one of the largest pre-medical events of its kind.

[Register for Future Doctors Month](#)

Swansea University

3. On Campus Open Days – 18 October & 8 November

We are holding our next on-campus Open Days on **Saturday 18 October & Saturday 8 November** for any students interested in our university. Your students will have the opportunity to:-

- Find out about courses
- Speak to staff and current students studying their chosen subjects
- Take a tour of our fantastic campus and department facilities.

**Saturday 18 October &
Saturday 8th November**
9:30 – 16:00

Book A
Space Now >

4. Our Masterclass Webinars Are Back!

We're delighted to share that our Swansea University's Masterclass Series is returning from 17 - 20 November!

Our free masterclass webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields. They give your students an idea of the topical developments taking place within subjects they may be interested in studying, and can help to support course choice.

As soon as our registration page is live, we'll let you know!

17 - 20 November
18:00 – 19:00



Applications are now open for your Year 12 students to experience LSE Springboard 2025

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) invites your students to join our Springboard Programme – a free, 10-month experience delivered in a hybrid format that gives them a real taste of university life.

- The programme begins in January 2026 with applications closing at **11:59pm on Sunday 9th November 2025**
- It is free for your students to participate, as activities and travel are fully funded by LSE
- The programme is specifically designed to reach students who live **outside of London and the South East of England**. To check your students' eligibility and details on how they can apply, please check out our [admissions page](#).

[Apply today](#)



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.



Join the Westonbirt Youth Forum

Are you passionate about nature, events, education, or simply looking to make a difference?

The [Westonbirt Youth Forum](#) is a brand-new opportunity for young people aged 17-25 to collaborate with staff at Westonbirt Arboretum, helping shape the future of conservation, learning and participation.

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>

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

- **November 6 @ 12:45 - 13:30** Business Analytics: Making Smart Decisions from Millions of Data Points - City St George's (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[RESHARED]**
- **November 10 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Criminology: Exploring The Harms of Hate Crime - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **November 11 @ 09:10 - 09:55** History: Challenging The Authority of Henry VIII - Portsmouth (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **November 11 @ 13:45 - 14:30** MFL/French: The Impact of Music on French Popular Culture - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **November 12 @ 16:15 - 17:15** The Future of UK Farming – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - NFU & UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**
- **November 13 @ 09:10 - 09:55** Psychology/Biology: Understanding Dyspraxia (Developmental Coordination Disorder) - Tutorial - Surrey (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

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



Half term and the week before: Lydia B; Jessica C; Spencer H; Natasha H; Eve H; Lewis L; Malachy N; Anayah S; Teghbir G; Isabelle H; Joe R and Eloise S

This fortnight: Indy P; Oliver I; Neo S; Jasmine U; Cody H; Olivia B; Phoebe B; Daniel F; Phoebe L, Ella S and Ben H

Pet of the week: Send yours in now!!!