

Sixth Form Notes – Mon 24th Mar – Fri 4th April 2025

w/b 24th = week 2 – Weds PE = Yr12; Fri assembly = Yr13

w/b 31st = week 1 Weds PE = Yr13; Fri assembly = Yr12

Key messages (inc. community, wellbeing etc):

Yr13 – exam timetables have been issued. Please check these and let your tutor / exams office know immediately if there is a problem.

If you have clash on your timetable these will all be resolved in a subsequent timetable which will also show your exam venue and seat number. In all cases one of the papers will be moved to either an earlier (morning) or later (afternoon) session on the same day. If you want to know more, please speak to the exams team.

If anybody is observing Ramadan there is a quiet space in Behaviour Support where some younger students are spending their lunch times.

Any Sixth Formers are also welcome to attend and I am sure some of the younger students would really appreciate seeing you there.

Chippenham Uniform Exchange Prom Extravaganza!

29th March 11am-1pm

Exclusively open for Prom Dresses/Suits to be tried on- we have over 150 items!

£25 to hire any suits/dresses (accessories included in the price)

Unit 5 The Granary, Station Yard, 6 Union Road, SN15 1HW, Chippenham

2025 Young Musician of the Year



Auditions begin 31 March
Sign up outside A1
Any instrument. Any piece.

Three categories for entry: **KS3, KS4, KS5**
Approximately 5 finalists per category will perform at the concert on **Wed 30 April 2025**.

Winners are selected by a visiting judge. They'll receive a trophy, with prizes for winners and runners-up.

See Mrs Hall if you have any questions
LHall@sheldonschool.co.uk

 Sheldon School
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Follow [@sheldonsixthform](https://www.instagram.com/sheldonsixthform) on Instagram – **Be Kind, Be Brave, Be The Best You**

The Samaritans logo features the word "SAMARITANS" in white capital letters on a green rectangular background. Below this, the text "If you need space to be yourself, we're here to listen." is written in a dark teal font. At the bottom, it says "Call free day or night on" followed by the number "116 123" in a large, bold, dark teal font. The entire graphic is framed by a teal border with light blue and pink accents at the bottom corners.



**SONG
ACADEMY**

#SAYS25

YOUNG SONGWRITER COMPETITION 2025

1st February - 31st March



STAR JUDGES INCLUDE

TOM GRENNAN
NINA NESBITT
MIRANDA COOPER
MNEK
CALUM SCOTT
EG WHITE
TOBY GAD
GAYLE
FREDDY WEXLER
CONNIE TALBOT
DAN GILLESPIE SELLS
PLESTED
HANNAH V
EMILY PHILLIPS
NAUGHTY BOY
KENNY BARBER




GREAT PRIZES

- RECORDING SESSION WITH A TOP PRODUCER
- SHURE SM58 + MVX2U INTERFACE
- FOCUSRITE SCARLETT SOLO GEN 4 STUDIO BUNDLE + NOVATION LAUNCHKEY
- IK MULTIMEDIA TOTAL STUDIO MAX 3.5
- 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP OF AD LIB.
- PERFORM AT THE SAYS25 LIVE SHOWCASE

AGED 8-22?

ENTER YOUR ORIGINAL SONGS!

www.songacademy.co.uk/SAYS25

 Spotify (→) Soundtrap



Focusrite



YouTube Music

Yr 12 exams – w/b 28th April – study leave – no lessons Mon-Thurs. There may be second papers in class/lessons

Date	Time	Duration	Paper
Mon 28 Apr	8:30am	1hr 30min	Media Studies ADV
Mon 28 Apr	8:30am	1hr 30min	Physics ADV Paper 1
Mon 28 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Politics ADV Paper 1
Mon 28 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Economics ADV
Mon 28 Apr	8:30am	1hr 15min	English Literature ADV
Mon 28 Apr	1:00pm	1hr 40min	Further Maths - Core Pure
Mon 28 Apr	1:00pm	1hr 30min	History ADV Paper 1
Tue 29 Apr	8:30am	2hr 30min	German ADV
Tue 29 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Computer Science ADV
Tue 29 Apr	8:30am	1hr 40min	English Language ADV
Tue 29 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Religious Studies ADV
Tue 29 Apr	1:00pm	2hrs	Business ADV
Tue 29 Apr	1:00pm	1hr 30min	Chemistry ADV Paper 1
Wed 30 Apr	8:30am	1hr 45min	Drama ADV
Wed 30 Apr	8:30am	2hr 30min	DT Textiles ADV Paper 1
Wed 30 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Psychology ADV
Wed 30 Apr	8:30am	2hrs	Geography ADV
Wed 30 Apr	1:00pm	1hr 45min	French ADV
Wed 30 Apr	1:00pm	2hrs	Sociology ADV
Wed 30 Apr	1:00pm	1hr 30min	Physical Education ADV Paper 1
Thu 1 May	8:30am	2hrs	Mathematics ADV Pure
Thu 1 May	1:00pm	1hr 30min	Biology ADV

How to prepare for exams and tests

For students

Exams and tests can be daunting, but effective revision can help cure some exam nerves and set you up for success! Join this webinar to hear some top tips from university experts, a current university student, and a member of the team at Unifrog about how to balance your revision and rest time, and how to excel in the upcoming exam and test season.

<https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/upcoming/1295-how-to-prepare-for-exams-and-tests>

Key dates: <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/calendar/>

School nurse drop-in every week: Meeting Room 1 (nr Learning Support every Tuesday from 12.35pm

- **Thurs 27th March – Yr13 report goes home**
- **Tues 1st April – Yr13 parents' evening – face to face**
- **Tues 1st April – 1245-1430 – External applicants afternoon – helpers required – please email Mr Spiers**
- **Thurs 3rd April – Term 4 ends (4th April = TD day)**
- **Tues 22nd April – Term 5 starts**
- **w/b 28th April – Yr12 exams – timetable on website and above – study leave – no lessons Mon - Thurs**
- **Mon 5th May – Bank holiday**
- **w/b 6th May – Yr12 exams – timetable tbc**
- **6-8th May – Yr13 art and photography practical exams**
- **Fri 9th May – Yr13 Leavers' Day – details tbc**
- **Mon 12th May – A Level exams begin**
- **Fri 23rd May – term 5 ends**
- **Mon 2nd June – term 6 starts**
- **Tues 10th June – Yr12 Post 18 information evening for parents**
- **Fri 13th June – Yr12 reports home**
- **Thurs 19th June – Yr12 parents' evening**
- **Weds 25th June - Y13 last exam contingency day - students should be available until this day**
- **Fri 27th June – Olympic day fun run**
- **Tues 1st July – Yr13 ball – Wellington Barn**
- **w/b 7th July – Yr12 work experience**
- **w/b 14th July – Yr12 futures / activities week**
- **Fri 19th July – last day of the year**
- **Thurs 14th Aug – A Level results day**

Current Yr12 – Yr13 ball - Tuesday 30th June 2026!

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

Year	Monday 24th	Wednesday 26th	Friday 28th
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Register – DRESS CODE - LANYARDS – Sixth Form Notes – WoW - https://formtimeideas.com/			
Yr12	Wellbeing – Recognising Perfectionism: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/perfectionism-1-recognising-perfectionism And question sheet	Wellbeing – Failure is normal: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/mental-health-failure-is-normal	Post 18 – assumptions and influences ppt
Yr13	Accommodation at university: https://www.netsixthform.co.uk/resources/view/accommodation-at-university-video	Fantastic scholarships and where to find them ppt	Assembly: Andrew Creed (WIN) – top tips for applications, CVs, interviews etc Chairs: CMD

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Yr12	Post 18 – what drives you? ppt	Tutor choice – end of term thanks; quiz, Easter plans etc	TD Day – no lessons
Yr13	Budgeting template and ppt (not just useful for uni)	Tutor choice – end of term thanks; quiz, Easter plans etc	TD Day – no lessons

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 **NOW NEXT TO IT SUPPORT** 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/>

Easter STEM Work Experience with Spectris PLC Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm

Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex! Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity, by using the registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV's and any job applications that you make.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spectris-Easter>

Job title	Trainee Accounts Clerk
Reports to	Accounts Department Manager

Job purpose

The role involves preparing accounts from source documents for a range of clients, from sole traders to limited companies.

The role is ideal for a candidate looking for a role in business or accountancy.

Duties and responsibilities

- Analysing client source documents to prepare schedules in excel
- Inputting excel schedules into our accounting package to produce business accounts
- Reviewing accounts produced and preparing relevant commentary
- Studying for AAT qualification at external training provider

Qualifications and Experience

- 5 GCSEs at grade 4 to 9, including English Language and Mathematics
- 2/3 A or AS Level at predicted grade A*-C or equivalent qualification.
- Experience in Excel

Information

The training is fully funded
Attractive apprenticeship salary package

If you are interested in this position and believe you would be suitable then please apply by emailing your CV to careers@manderduffill.com or alternatively contact Mike Parfitt, Practice Manager on 01249 650441.

VACANCIES & HOW TO APPLY

Applications are **now open** for vacancies in stores in selected locations across England!

The Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

APPLY NOW



Stronger Starts

TESCO

Watch this short video to find out more about the Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme application process.

<https://www.tesco-programmes.com/apprenticeships/stronger-starts-retail/>

🌱 Royal Horticultural Society: Green Careers open day

Students aged 14+ are invited to join employers, training providers, and voluntary organisations across horticulture and the environmental sector at this exciting open day. Students can get their green careers questions answered, listen to live talks, and get exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of RHS Garden Bridgewater. [Book here \(10 May\)](#)

👁️ EY: spring recruitment events

Students can get a feel for what it's like to work at one of the world's largest professional services organisations by booking a place at one of EY's upcoming insight events. They'll get to meet current apprentices and graduates as well as mentors and managers. They'll also discover a range of career paths at EY, as well as more information on the training and support available. [Sign up \(various dates and locations\)](#)

BT Apprenticeships

<https://jobs.bt.com/go/apprenticeships/8744502>

Pages and pages of the Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS VACANCY LISTING
OCTOBER 2024

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>

Career Days

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 5th April 2025
Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th April 2025
Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th April 2025

Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd May 2025
Vet Career Day - Saturday 10th May 2025
Business Career Day - Saturday 12th May 2025
Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 24th May 2025
Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 31st May 2025
Performing Arts Career Day - Sunday 26th October 2025

Students aged 13-18 can register for any of the above sessions by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day.

University and other opportunities:

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



WORRIED ABOUT THE COST OF UNI?

You could be eligible for our University Bursary programme:

- £1,600 per year of your degree
- Applicants must be aged between 17 and 24
- Applicants or their parents/guardians must be in receipt of two Means Tested Benefits or two elements of Universal Credit.

APPLY TODAY!

www.wiltshirecf.org.uk

Deadline 11 April 2025



Tel: 01380 738985

Registered Charity Number: 1123126

University of Gloucester Summer Residential applications are now open!

Year 12: Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 July 2025

Application forms are now live for the **University of Gloucestershire's free Summer Residentials**. Your students can experience university life for themselves by spending four days living on campus. They'll get to meet other students from across the country, live in halls of residence, try interactive subject tasters led by our lecturers in industry-standard facilities, speak to current students and find out more about university life.

Year 12 students can choose from 3 subject streams: Creative Arts and Humanities, Business and Law, or Science and Education..

Find out more and apply through the button below.

[Find out more](#)



Bookings are now open for [LSE's Undergraduate Open Day on Wednesday 9 April](#). Aimed at Year 12 students applying for entry in 2026, the Open Day is an opportunity for your students to explore the LSE campus, attend subject talks, meet current students and gain an insight into what it's like to study at the School. Students can [book their place at the LSE Open Day](#).

The Black Achievement Conference

Since 2007, LSE has celebrated the achievements and contributions of the community with [The Black Achievement Conference](#), taking place this year on Saturday 17 May 2025, exclusively for Year 12 students of Black heritage.

There's no better way to offer eligible students the chance to experience our world-leading university than this long-standing event which includes:

- Inspiring talks from black speakers including alumni and student societies
- A discussion panel involving current LSE students from the Black community
- A taster lecture from a leading LSE academic

- Support on student finance and the LSE application process

Applications close at **11:59pm on Sunday 13 April**.

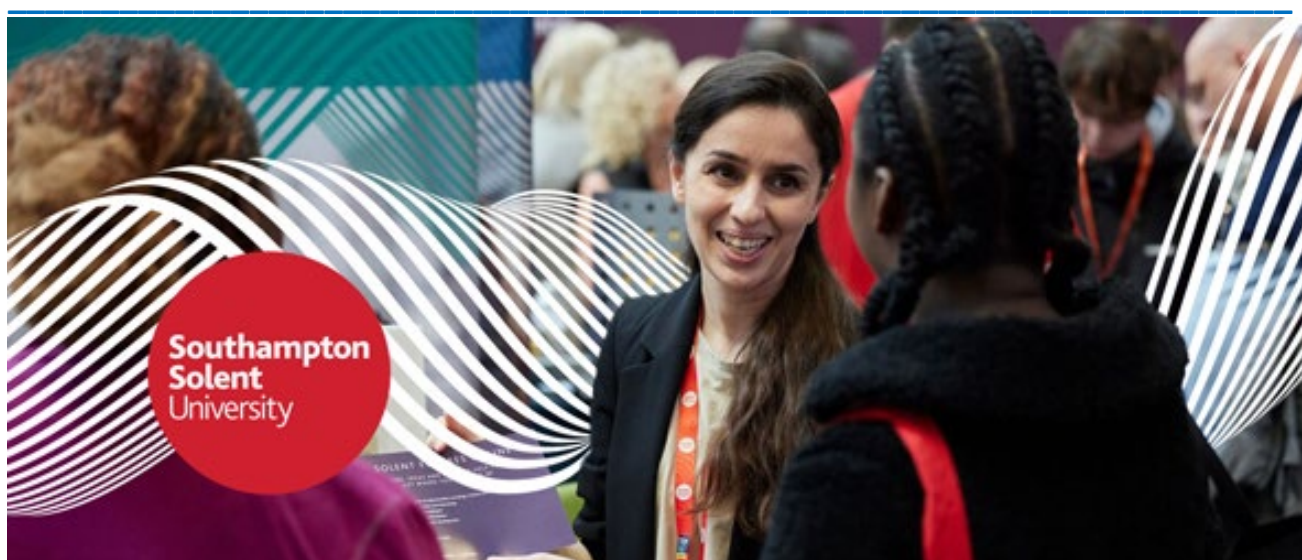
LSE Explore

Through a series of free online events in May 2025, [LSE Explore](#) gives Year 12 students the unique opportunity to get a taste of what it means to study at LSE, hear from student ambassadors and receive top tips for making an application to study at LSE. There is something for everyone as these invaluable online events span across a range of departments including:

- Management
- Geography and Environment
- Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method
- Government
- International Relations
- Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

Applications close at **11:59pm on Sunday 27 April**

🗣️ Oxford Brookes University: virtual subject tasters
Y12-13 students are invited to dive into the fascinating world of university with on-demand Virtual Subject Taster Sessions, offering a glimpse into a wide range of subjects to experience university-level learning from the comfort of their own homes. [Sign up here](#)



<https://www.solent.ac.uk/open-days>



**Medical
School**

2026 Entry

**Widening
Access**

7-9 July 2025

Cost: FREE

YEOVIL WORK-BASED SELECTION SCHEME



A new way into Medical School

If you're a Widening Access candidate we'd like to invite you to try a new way into med school. You'll still need good A level grades but will be assessed on your performance in the clinical workplace using 360 feedback and special teaching sessions.



2 days residential work experience

You'll spend 48hrs with us at Yeovil Hospital, living in student accommodation. As well as clinical placements, you'll work as a team to learn, eat and live with other students and mentors. Find out about life at uni and whether Medicine is for you.



Start Medicine in September 2026

If your time at Yeovil goes well, we'll guarantee you a conditional offer to start Medicine at Bristol in Sept 2026 if you apply to us through UCAS. You won't need to pass another interview, but you will need suitable grades.

Sign up and more information at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/m43krHSZTy>

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MH_ksn3NTkql2rGM8aQVGz_yqc2wh3VOIs-

[AOy5YVw1UQIFKUjgwSTZJNkpCV1ILNFdRTzJFQkZIMS4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MH_ksn3NTkql2rGM8aQVGz_yqc2wh3VOIs-AOy5YVw1UQIFKUjgwSTZJNkpCV1ILNFdRTzJFQkZIMS4u&route=shorturl)

Apply by Weds 30th April

Year 11 & 12



Women in Science² Festival 2025

Monday 14th April - Tuesday 15th April



This year, Robinson College is once again involved with the **Mathematics Open Day**. This year, we will take part on **Saturday 10th May**. We are particularly excited to welcome **Dr Tom Crawford** to work on some of the sessions with us. You may know Tom from his YouTube or social media presence, [@tomrocksmaths](https://www.instagram.com/tomrocksmaths), or even from his recent appearance on *Countdown*!

You can sign up to the college element of the Open Day here:

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07h8wo8TCq7pR9c

The Open Days are part of the Department and more information on what they will be hosting will soon be available [here](#).

In the afternoon, the Faculty of Mathematics offers a [programme](#) of in-person activities, including:

- Mathematical talks
- STEP workshop
- Preparation for interviews sessions
- Talk for parents and supporters

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>



Documentary Photography in Apartheid South Africa
Professor Tamar Garb
Tue, 25 Mar 2025

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



How Do Vaccines Work?
Professor Robin May
Wed, 26 Mar 2025

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



Architecture of Enslavement, Colonialism and Independence: The Story of James Fort in Accra
Elsie Owusu OBE
Thu, 27 Mar 2025

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

- **March 24 @ 14:05 - 14:50** Chemistry/Physics: Entropy & Free Energy - Exploring the History of Thermodynamics - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **April 24 @ 10:10 - 10:55** Media/Sociology: End of Audience with UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **April 29 @ 13:30 - 14:15** Classics: Virgil The Roman Historian? - Edinburgh (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **April 29 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**
- **April 30 @ 10:15 - 11:00** Economics/Business: Protectionism Rising - Trade War & The Pursuit of 'Optimum Tariffs' - UEA (16+) [Find out more](#) » **[NEW]**

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



This fortnight: Seda D; Alfie V; Melisa M; Kyra P; Samuel M; Patrick C; Isaac S; Libby B; Theo P; Nokutenda N; Lawson M; Tabitha W; Grace M; Olivia O and Sophie P

Easter Hols: James P; Fatima A; Filip M; Dennis H; Luke W; Madeline S; Alex H; Charlotte S; Zachary H and Zach B

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