



#### Sixth Form Message

Exams are underway and there is an air of concentration and determination, coupled with anxiety throughout the Sixth Form. Students are either deep into their exams or revising in preparation. This is a time when all the revision skills they've developed - ideally more refined than during their GCSEs - come into play. Those who have implemented effective strategies will now be reaping the benefits in what can be a stressful period. We encourage our Year 12 students to take note and begin preparing accordingly. During Tutor Time, a wide range of revision techniques are introduced through our VESPA method. Please encourage your child to revise smartly and make use of the tools we've shared with them - they really do work!.

Study leave for our Year 13s begins on 23rd May and students are expected to attend lessons everyday until then. Teachers are using their lesson time for structured revision and it is essential that students take advantage of and learn from the expert knowledge available to them. Please enforce this message at home, as tempting as it may be for students to want to study in their rooms, it is more beneficial for them to be here with the support of their teachers and absence will be treated as unauthorised.

Work Experience (WEX) is on the horizon for Year 12 students, and now is the perfect time for them to start thinking about how to make the most of this opportunity. Students should aim to gain as much relevant experience as possible during their placement and also continue to take advantage of opportunities available within the school to broaden their skills and experiences. By doing so, they will be in a strong position to complete a robust application form in the near future. Students should already be keeping a record of their achievements and using this information to begin drafting a personal statement. We encourage all students to write a personal statement, regardless of whether they plan to apply for university, apprenticeships, or jobs. While still at school, they can access valuable resources and expert guidance to help them produce a high-quality statement.

Application for Connolly Foundation funding have been submitted by our year 13 students. Year 12 students will have this same opportunity next year.

Our Year 13 Leavers BBQ has been confirmed for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Year 13s will have a celebration assembly in lesson 4 and then come across to the Sixth Form garden, where they will be able to celebrate their ETA journey with their teachers over lunch. The price will be £7, which will include food and a drink. We hope all Year 13s will attend what promises to be a really lovely send off.

Chloe Dowden

## KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)

## KEY DATES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May A Level art and photography exams  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Exams begin  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Yr12 Mocks  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

## COMING UP

Student Finance applications are now open - to assist you, please click on the link provided:  
[Student finance - when to apply](#)

## SUPPORT

### Emotional and Physical Support:

Bedfordshire Counselling Service: [Open Door](#)  
Hitchin Counselling Service: [HCS](#)  
Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)  
Mental Health Support: [Kooth](#)  
HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)  
Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)  
Vaping: [Childline](#)  
Delete social media: [BBC](#)  
Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)  
ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)  
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: i111 and select option 2

### Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)  
Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)  
Funding: [Connolly Foundation](#)  
Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)  
Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)
- [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

## STUDENT NOTICES

### Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn

Please do follow this page on LinkedIn where you will find a wide range of degree apprenticeship opportunities and more!

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Find the perfect job simulation or short course to build your skills and get noticed by recruiters.

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## EXAM INFORMATION

[Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place](#)

## REMINDER

All students must sign in and out of Sixth Form. There are several ways to do this... you can use the chromebook on my desk or scan the QR code on your lanyard and use your phone.

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