



Sixth Form Message

Connolly Foundation - Funding

As previously communicated, students who are planning to attend university may be entitled to funding from the Connolly Foundation. More information about this excellent initiative can be found on the [Connolly Foundation website](#). The charity aims to support local students by providing a bursary to help with the costs incurred as they move on to their post-18 destinations. Last year, the charity awarded Etonbury students over £7,000, for which we are extremely grateful. They will continue to support our students for each year they are at university.

Eligible students have been contacted directly and must complete the application form provided by Mrs Schumann and return it as soon as possible. If you have not received communication but believe you may be eligible, please speak with Mrs Schumann straight away.

Student Finance - Year 13

Students who are applying for student finance should begin considering their options, if they haven't already. The government website provides a wealth of information: [Student Finance](#). Please note that you apply in the year you begin your studies.

Student Shout-Out

We are delighted to share that two of our students have received Gold Awards in the Biology Olympiad 2026. This places them in the top 5% of the 18,800 students who took part nationally.

As a result, they are now eligible to participate in the International Biology Olympiad selection process, which begins with a further one-hour assessment on 5th/6th March.

Congratulations to Henry B and Reuben W — a fantastic achievement!

Parents Evening - Year 12 - Thursday March 5th

We warmly invite you to our parents evening for year 12 students on Thursday March 5th. This will be in-person in the Sixth Form centre. A letter was sent out via MCAS last week with links to book appointments. You will have also recently received your child's latest report which includes their first set of predicted grades, as well as an overview of the effort they are putting into their work. We really value the opportunity to meet with parents and students to give personalised feedback on how they are currently performing and any steps they can take to ensure they make further progress.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Degree Apprenticeship presentation](#)
- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [School photo code: C40-3DB-26B1](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)
- [Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships.](#)
- [Year 13 UCAS applications parents' guide](#)

KEY DATES

Yr12 parents evening Thursday 5th March
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London 24th March
Yr 12 Careers meetings March onwards
Yr13 business, sociology & psychology trip Thursday 26th March
Yr13 final reports issued Friday 27th March
Yr12 geography trip Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April
Yr13 art and photography exams Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th May
Yr13 exams begin Monday 11th May
Yr 12 & 13 early finish at 1:30pm on Monday 15th June
Yr 12 mocks 22nd June
Yr 12 work experience Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July

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](#)
[Drugs and alcohol: FRANK](#)
[Drug and alcohol: BLMK NHS](#)
[Addiction: Aquarius](#)
[Young Carers](#)
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: 111 and select option 2

Academic Support:

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

EXAM INFORMATION

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

[YEAR 12 & 13 BTEC EXAM DATES 2026](#)

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

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

Bereavement Support

[Child Bereavement UK](#) - call 0800 028 8840
[Cruse Bereavement Care](#) - call 0808 808 1677
[Grief Encounter](#) - call 0808 802 0111
[Hope Again](#) - call 0808 808 1677
[Winston's Wish](#) - call 0808 802 0021

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