



Sixth Form Message

Year 12 Information Evening

It was great to see so many parents and students at the Year 12 Information Evening. We are delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students and their parents/carers to the Sixth Form community. During the evening, we shared important information about expectations, enrichment opportunities, and the wide range of support available to help students succeed. Please find attached, as a reminder and information for any parents who were unable to attend, copy of the [presentation](#) given

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

This week in assembly, we introduced students to the wide range of extra-curricular activities available in Sixth Form. These opportunities are designed to help students grow both as learners and as individuals. Options include: Wellbeing activities – supporting balance and personal growth. Lunchtime clubs – from sports to creative activities. Super-curricular enrichment – such as podcasts, MOOCs, reading lists, and recommended websites to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Students have been asked to volunteer and get involved in activities taking place this term. Participation will not only build skills and confidence, but also strengthen applications for university, apprenticeships, and future careers.

iCash Visit

This week, iCash (Integrated Contraception and Sexual Health services) visited our Sixth Form. iCash provides a full range of sexual and reproductive health services, including contraception, STI and HIV testing, and treatment. We are proud that ETA Sixth Form is now a registered iCash centre, meaning our students can access confidential advice and free contraception on site.

Wednesday 8th October - Guest Speaker Cathy Eckett - 1:45pm (lunchtime) in B2

What is a degree apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are a specific type of apprenticeship that combine work with higher level study that leads to a degree. They can take between two to five years to complete depending on the level. On successful completion, degree apprentices are awarded either a bachelor's degree (level 6) or a master's degree (level 7). Students who would you like to know more - including how to find and apply, please do come along !

Year 12 School Photo - Full Cohort

Every year, we invite students to join in and be part of a full cohort photo. We proudly display these in our Sixth Form reception area, and students are also able to purchase a copy. More information on how to make a purchase will be included in next week's bulletin.

Year 13 UCAS applications

Students are working hard at the moment on refining their personal statements with their form tutors. Here is a reminder of the [parents' guide](#) about the applications process we sent out last year.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [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.](#)

KEY DATES

Yr 12/13 Wednesday 8th October - Guest Speaker Cathy Eckett - 1:45pm (lunchtime) in B2
Yr USA trip - 22nd to 29th October
Yr 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6th November
Yr 12 English and Math resist - 4th to 11th November
Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18th and 19th December
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London: Tuesday 24th March

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 selects 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](#)

STUDENT NOTICES

Speak Up, Speak Out - Oracy Competition at ETA

Message from Mrs K. Brookes:

Students interested in entering the Speak Up, Speak Out Oracy Competition should watch the [loom video here](#) for further details. The deadline for applications is Friday 26th September. To take part, please speak with Mrs Brookes in D8 during break or lunchtime.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

REGISTRATION REMINDER

If leaving the school site for any reason, including but not limited to driving lessons, medical appointments, use of the Pembleton gym, or Year 13 students taking one of their ten off-site periods, students must have parental permission through the completion of the appropriate forms (found under the Contact Details section of this bulletin) or through direct contact with the school. They must also sign out using the Chromebook on Mrs. Schumann's desk.

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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