



### Sixth Form Message

#### **Year 12 Information Evening - Thursday 25th September - 6pm to 7pm - Main Hall**

We are delighted to invite our Year 12 students and their parents/carers to our Sixth Form Information Evening. Please refer to the attached letter for further information: [Year 12 Information Evening](#)

#### **Work Experience**

Later this year, our Year 12 students will take part in a week of work experience. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to explore different career paths and gain valuable insight into the world of work. However, we know that placements can sometimes be difficult to find. If you work for a company that may be able to offer even a few days of work experience to a student, we would love to hear from you.

#### **UCAS Applications and CVs**

Our Year 13 students are now focused on perfecting their CVs and completing their UCAS applications. By this stage, students should have produced a first draft and shared it with their form tutor for feedback. After this, students will be ready to register on the UCAS website and submit their application provided they have made their final decisions about where to apply. We always recommend having a mix of choices, including an aspirational university as well as a solid back-up plan.

#### **Bursary Funding**

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, some students may be eligible for bursary funding. The application form, which includes full eligibility criteria, can be [found here](#). If you are unsure whether you qualify, please don't hesitate to contact us - we are more than happy to provide advice. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

#### **Speak up - Speak out**

Students in key stages 3, 4 and 5 are invited to take part in BEST academies first, 'Speak Up, Speak Out!' competition. For more information, or to confirm your entry, speak to Mrs Brookes in D8.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) - Year 12 Silver award**

We are pleased to announce the opportunity to participate in the DofE Silver award and encourage you and your child to attend our information evening on **Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 5pm** to learn more about how the DofE Award can help build valuable life skills and create lasting memories.

#### **Applications Open: Sixth Form Principal and Vice Principal 2025**

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the roles of Principal and Vice Principal. These positions are an excellent opportunity to demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and school spirit, while also strengthening future applications for university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Students must complete this [application form](#) if they are interested in these roles.

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 DofE information evening: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
**Yr 12 Information Evening - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Yr 12 Full cohort photo opportunity: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Yr USA trip - 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Yr 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Yr 12 English and Math resist - 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!