



Sixth Form Message

All ETA Sixth Form students have the opportunity to meet with a careers expert during their time in Sixth Form. This is a valuable time for students to explore their next steps, whether it's university, apprenticeships, or employment. Each student will have a face-to-face meeting with a professional who provides tailored advice and guidance based on their individual interests and aspirations. This free service is fully funded by the school and attendance is mandatory. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and think about what they would like to get out of the meeting - whether that's learning about university courses, discovering degree apprenticeships, or exploring job options that could lead to a long-term career. We also encourage parents to talk with their child about the meeting and its outcomes, so they can offer additional support and guidance at home.

Students also have access to Unifrog, which is an online careers guidance platform. Students can research and shortlist information about careers, apprenticeships and university courses. They can see when open days are, start compiling information for their personal statements, complete extra qualifications such as MOOCs to help their applications stand out and even find out more about overseas admissions processes. There is an excellent apprenticeship finder tool, which is also useful for looking for work experience contacts. If students are still in the dark about what they would like to do in the future, there are psychometric tests available to suggest career paths that students might be well suited for. Please ask your child to see this fantastic resource and find out what they have been shortlisting on their profile.

Our Year 12 students' work experience week will take place June 30th to July 4th. Students have been busy securing their placements. However, there are a few students who still need to find a suitable placement. To assist students we have compiled a document to help navigate the process, [WEX useful information](#). Our message to students is that it does not need to be in the exact industry or profession they are hoping to go into. The transferable skills they will be developing throughout the week and the confidence they will gain through working with new people will be invaluable as they apply for their post 18 options. Moreover, they can escape us nagging them for a week!

A Level and BTEC exams have begun and we wish everyone the best of luck. You have all worked so hard to get to this point and now you have the chance to show off to the examiners all the knowledge you have gained and skills you have developed. We are immensely proud of all of you and look forward to seeing lots of happy faces when you come out of the exam hall. Please make use of the support networks overleaf if you feel exam pressure is overwhelming.

As the weather is getting warmer, please can we remind students of the [dress code](#). Please make sure clothing is appropriate for a professional working environment, keeping shoulders, midriffs and thighs covered.

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 7th - Friday 9th May A Level art and photography exams
Monday 12th May 2025 Exams begin
Monday 9th June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5
Thursday 19th June- Wednesday 25th June- Yr12 Mocks
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th 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](#)

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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](#)

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.

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!

Explore Forage

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

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London Marathon

Completing your A-levels is like running a marathon. The pace gets tougher, pressure builds, and doubt creeps in. When you feel like giving up, you find out what you're really made of. And when you finally get there-it's more than just a sense of relief. It's pride. Well done!!

Well done Aimee and Owen

