



Sixth Form Message

MOCK BAR TRIAL

After weeks of preparation, a team of our Sixth Form students will be competing in the Young Citizens UK National Bar Mock Trial Competition at Norwich Crown Court this Saturday. The competition aims to give young people an unparalleled insight into the judicial system, its venues and the work of senior legal professionals.

Best of luck to them at what will be an exciting and inspiring event!

TRAVEL & TOURISM VISIT TO SHEPRETH WILDLIFE PARK

Last week, the travel and tourism students visited Shepreth Wildlife Park. As well as enjoying the cute animals, students were collecting data as part of their module on visitor attractions, such as footfall and the demographics of the visitors.

UCAS APPLICATIONS

We are pleased to report that we have had a flurry of UCAS applications being submitted over the last week and we are in the process of checking these thoroughly with the students before we add their reference. All subject teachers have provided us with a summary about how each student is performing in their subjects and the form tutors have been busy compiling these into a glowing reference to submit with the application forms. As you can imagine, this has taken many hours of work behind the scenes but it is a pleasure to be able to recommend our students for their chosen courses or employment.

I also enjoy reading all the students' personal statements and I love seeing all the activities students have completed outside of their studies to enhance their applications. Their passion for their subjects shines through and so far we have received applications for a range of subjects such as biochemistry, geophysics, law, engineering and education.

I am also happy to say that our Oxbridge applicants are starting to be invited to interview and we will now be busy helping them prepare for this, both within the school and with the Raising Aspirations group, who help support students with the interview process.

Please encourage your child to submit their application as soon as possible. Leaving it until the last minute may mean we are unable to provide the time and support they deserve, as many applications coming in at once can create delays.

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

As part of our commitment to supporting our students choose the right post 18 pathway for them, all year 12 students are offered an appointment with our 4YP careers advisor, Sharma, to help them start considering their options early on. Students have started to book appointments so please remind your child to book theirs as soon as possible.

SHEU SURVEY

Thank you to all the year 12s who completed the SHEU survey this week. The questions focussed on happiness and worries, drugs and alcohol, smoking and vaping, relationships, bullying and resilience. The results of this will help us better understand the needs of our students so we can develop our programme of activities to support them.

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

Yr 12 & 13 Parliament trip- 24th November
Yr 12 criminology mock- 11th December
Whole school Christmas dinner- 17th December
School Production- 17th & 18th December
Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18th and 19th December
Yr 13 Study leave - 6th to 16th January (BTEC lessons will continue to take place)
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London: Tuesday 24th March

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

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](#)
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: 111 and selects option 2

Academic Support:

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

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](#)

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

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