



### Sixth Form Message

#### **Exams are beginning - wishing all students the very best of luck!**

You've worked hard to get to this point, so stay focused, do your best, and remember to take things one step at a time. We're all rooting for you!

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

#### **Leavers assembly and BBQ- Monday 18th May - starting at 12:30pm**

We are delighted to announce that our annual Year 13 Leavers' Assembly and BBQ will take place on Monday 18th June. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in our beautiful garden and celebrate the end of the Sixth Form journey.

Please read the attached letter for further information about the event: [Leavers Letter](#)  
Also, as students leave our Sixth Form we require them to complete this [Clearance Form](#)

#### **Study Leave**

Study leave for year 13 will begin from May half term. Until this point, students are expected to attend school everyday. We know that some exams will take place before this date, but teachers would like to continue to offer structured revision in their lessons to help support the students with their exam technique. Obviously if a student has to miss a lesson because they are sitting an exam in another subject, this is unavoidable, but we would like to make it clear that the expectation is for full attendance until May half term. If students are in the fortunate position that they have no further exams to sit in any of their subjects and their coursework has been submitted, please come and discuss with Mrs Dowden so decisions can be made on an individual basis.

#### **Work Experience - Year 12- Monday 29th June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Students in Year 12 take part in a week of work experience this term, which provides a valuable opportunity for them to develop both soft skills - such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, time management - and technical skills related to the workplace. Please do support your child with this process. Form tutors are very much on board and available to help. Please find attached a copy of the [useful information sheet](#) which may also be a helpful reference for you.

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 Careers meetings** March onwards  
**Yr13 Exams begin** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**Yr 13 Leavers assembly & BBQ** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**Yr 12 & 13 early finish at 1:30pm on Monday** 15<sup>th</sup> June  
**Yr 13 Sixth Form Prom** -Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm to 11pm  
**Yr 12 Mocks** 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Yr 12 Work experience** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving 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](#)  
Support with Cancer: [The Osborne Trust](#)  
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](#)

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

## 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

## EXAM INFORMATION

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

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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!