



#### Sixth Form Message

It's hard to believe how quickly the year has passed. We still remember the excitement and uncertainty of that first day, when few knew what the EPQ would involve or how it would unfold. Since then, we've guided students through each stage and have been genuinely impressed by all they have achieved. We're incredibly proud of the dedication shown - not just to projects, but to the many extracurricular activities embraced. It's been a pleasure to watch students grow into thoughtful, well-rounded young professionals, ready for the next step.

Looking ahead, we know how fast the coming year will go. Many students return from summer with renewed focus to secure the grades they need. If you're resitting exams, use this time wisely and stay disciplined in your preparation. Completing MOOCs over the break can also be a great way to boost your skills - especially for those who haven't done an EPQ. Platforms like Unifrog and LinkedIn offer excellent opportunities for learning and development.

As the term ends, students have submitted the first drafts of their UCAS personal statements to form tutors for feedback. Some will go through several edits before uploading to the UCAS site for final checks. Please support your student with their application. Even those not applying this year should write a draft statement - it's useful preparation should they change their minds. We've created a [presentation](#) to help students and parents/carers understand the UCAS process. Please take a moment to read it, and get in touch if you have any questions.

Sports Day was a fantastic opportunity for our Sixth Form students to get involved in the wider school community, whether leading, officiating or participating in all the various events. They conducted themselves impeccably and were brilliant ambassadors for the school. We hope their positive example inspires other students to follow in their footsteps and consider joining our Sixth Form in the future. Well done to everyone for being true team players and getting involved - you made us proud!

On Monday our sociology and criminology departments ran a joint trip to the Houses of Parliament for our A level students. They were given a guided tour of the House of Commons, learning much about its history and traditions; even seeing some well-known MPs. Following this, the staff at Parliaments Educational Centre carried out a workshop, where our students created their own party. Each party had the opportunity to pitch their policies, after which we held a mini-election. Not only was this an interesting and enjoyable day in London, it supports our learners in understanding who holds the power within the UK, and how our laws are created.

You should have received your child's latest report including mock grades, predicted grades and UCAS grades this week via the My Child At School app. These can be found under the "reports" tab.

Wishing all our students and their families a sunny and relaxing summer break

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

Whole school Sports Day: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
First day of new term - year 12: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
First day of new term - year 13: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Yr12 Mock exam resits: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Yr13 Parents' Evening- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## 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

[Free Summer Workshops – Norwich University](#)  
Norwich University of the Arts is offering free summer workshops run by industry professionals – a great opportunity for Sixth Form students interested in creative fields.  
Art & Photography students have been informed, but all are welcome to sign up!  
This is just one example of many workshops taking place over the summer so do look out for other opportunities like this.

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

## REGISTRATION REMINDER

Students leaving site during the day, including for food, is not allowed. If this continues, the exit code will be changed daily and only shared after 1:30 p.m., with gym access removed for the term. All students must stay on site.  
Unauthorised absences will impact attendance.

## 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!