



Sixth Form Message

Yr 13 UCAS Applications

Our Year 12 students are now working on their UCAS applications. Students should have registered with UCAS, begun completing their applications and be working with their Form Tutors on their personal statements. Students should now be researching and considering the universities and courses they wish to apply for, using the [UCAS website](#) and the support available from their Form Tutors and the Sixth Form Team.

Parents and carers are encouraged to take an interest in this process and discuss their child's options and plans for life beyond Sixth Form. All applications will be checked by the Sixth Form Team before final submission to UCAS, so students should submit their applications as soon as possible to allow time for these checks.

Yr 12 Independent Study

Year 12 students are beginning to get to grips with their Independent Study time, developing the skills and routines that will help them make the most of their post-16 education. Independent Study is an important part of Sixth Form life and gives students the opportunity to consolidate learning, complete wider reading and research, prepare for upcoming lessons and assessments, and develop their confidence as independent learners.

At this early stage, we are encouraging students to establish good habits, including using their time effectively, meeting deadlines and taking responsibility for keeping on top of their workload. Parents and carers can support this by taking an interest in what students are working on and encouraging them to make regular, purposeful use of their Independent Study time.

Early Finish - Thursday 1st October

Secondary & Sixth Form Pupils: Finish at 1.30pm - Pupils who wish to access their lunch from the canteen can do so between 1.30-1.45pm

Bursary Fund - Applications Open

Please read the attached information about the Bursary Fund, including the eligibility criteria and details of what the funding can help with, such as travel costs and essential study resources.

Applications must be submitted by the end of September 2026.

Application forms are available from the table next to Mrs Schumann's desk.

If you think your child may be eligible, or if you would like further information, please speak to your child's teacher.

[Bursary Funding - Application Form](#)

Absence Reporting

Please report your child's absence directly through the MCAS app using the Report an Absence feature. [MCAS guidance](#). If you have any difficulties reporting via the MCAS app you can still use the following email address: eta-sixthformattendance@bestacademies.org.uk

NOTICES

Sixth Form Trip

A 7-day trip to New York & Washington DC for Year 12 students, with a Humanities & Business focus.

Statue of Liberty • 9/11 Memorial • Central Park • Times Square • White House • Lincoln Memorial • Museums • Shopping & more!

Estimated cost: £2,500 including flights (some additional costs apply).

Register your interest by 21st September. No commitment or guarantee of a place.

Expression of interest form

KEY DATES

School Photos (Yr12)- Friday 25th September

Early finish- Wednesday 1st October at 1.30pm

Senior maths challenge- Wednesday 7th October

Year 12 information evening- Thursday 8th October

Ski trip information evening- Thursday 15th October

GCSE maths & English resits- 4th-9th November

Yr13 Travel & Tourism trip - Thursday 19th November

Polecon trip- Monday 23rd November

Year 13 mocks- Jan 5th to Jan 12th : Timetable

GCSE and ALevel certificate Collection- Mon 4th January 2027 - 9am - 11am

UCAS Discovery London 2027- Monday 15th March

Work Experience Week- week commencing July 5th

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](#)
- [Face Family Advice](#)
- [MenB \(meningococcal B\) vaccination programme from July 2026](#)
- [UCAS parents' guide](#)
- [Year 13 mock timetable. Timetable](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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ETA Sixth Form absence reporting: Please report using the MCAS app ([MCAS guidance](#)) or alternatively by using the following email address:

eta-sixthformattendance@bestacademies.org.uk

Form Tutors:

Mrs Clarke: cclarke@bestacademies.org.uk

Mrs Wright: swright@bestacademies.org.uk

Ms Young: wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk

Mr Scott: cscott@bestacademies.org.uk

Mrs Harbour - Cooper: hharbour-cooper@bestacademies.org.uk

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

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

EXAM INFORMATION

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

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EMOTIONAL & PHYSICAL SUPPORT



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNSELLING – OPEN DOOR

Web: bedfordopendoor.org.uk.
Call: 01234 360388. Text: 07922 105200.

HITCHIN COUNSELLING SERVICE (HCS)

Web: hitchincounsellingservice.org.uk.
Call: 07783 887772.

YOUNGMINDS – MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY

Web: youngminds.org.uk.
Crisis Text Line: YM to 85258.

KOOTH – ONLINE SUPPORT

Web: kooth.com.

THE OSBORNE TRUST – CANCER SUPPORT

Web: theosbornetrust.org.uk.
Call: 01296 330134.



HELPLINES & IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

SAMARITANS

Web: samaritans.org.
Call: 116 123 (24/7 Free).



NHS MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

Call: 111 (Option 2).



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK

Web: childbereavementuk.org.
Call: 0800 028 8840.



CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE

Web: cruse.org.uk. Call: 0808 808 1677.

GRIEF ENCOUNTER

Web: griefencounter.org.uk. Call: 9002 0111.
Call: 0808 802 0111.

HOPE AGAIN

Web: hopeagain.org.uk.
Call: 0808 808 1677.



SAFEGUARDING

ICASH – SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Web: icash.nhs.uk. Call: 0800 300 3030.

CHILDLINE – VAPING & GENERAL HELP

Web: childline.org.uk. Call: 0800 1111.

BBC OWN IT – DELETE SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE

Web: bbc.com/ownit

NSPCC / CHILDLINE – REMOVE NUDE IMAGES

Web: childline.org.uk/remove-image.
Call: 0808 800 5000.

ETA SAFEGUARDING – ETONBURY ACADEMY

Web: etonbury.org.uk/safeguarding.
Call: 01462 730331.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL & ADDICTION ADDICTION SUPPORT



FRANK – DRUGS & ALCOHOL ADVICE

Web: talktofrank.com.
Call: 0300 123 6500. Text: 82111.

BLMK NHS – DRUG & ALCOHOL SUPPORT

Web: blmkhealthandcarepartnership.org.
Call: 0808 175 6993.

YOUNG CARERS

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Web: carers.org/young-carers.
Call: 0800 772 3000.

