



Sixth Form Message

UCAS trip- Year 12- Tuesday 24th March

A reminder that on Tuesday, Year 12s will be heading to the ExCel in London to the UCAS Discovery day. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet representatives from many universities and apprenticeships all under one roof. We will be travelling together by coach leaving at 9am and students will be able to explore the event together in small groups. If they haven't done so already, please can students download their individual QR codes as this will be their entrance ticket. All being well and traffic dependant, we anticipate arriving back at school before the end of the school day. [Letter to Parents/Carers](#)

Attendance

A reminder that all students, in both Year 12 and 13, are expected to attend school every day from 8.40am and go to their tutor time to register, regardless of when their first lesson is. We are getting far too many students not attending registration and they are missing out on important messages and information. If students do not attend, this will be classed as an unauthorised absence. There are plenty of places within the school that students can work quietly when they have no face-to-face lessons, but we do expect them in school. Students can find where all the quiet rooms are on their Google Classroom noticeboards.

Student Finance – Year 13

Students who are planning to attend university should now be applying for student finance. The government website provides a wealth of information: [Student Finance](#). Another Sixth Form has put together [this presentation](#) that explains student finance and the application process very clearly.

UCAS choices- Year 13

Most students applying to university have now received all their offers and are deciding which university to make their firm choice and which as their insurance choice. There are several points to consider when making this choice:

- Is the offer realistic in terms of the grades needed to get in?
- Use your insurance choice wisely to maximise your chances – but make sure that's somewhere you'd still like to go!
- Even if you have been given an unconditional offer, you still need to work hard to get the best grades you can this summer as employers will always want to see your A Level grades

Year 11 interviews

We are already looking towards September and welcoming our next cohort of Year 12s. I have started meeting with all applicants, both Etonbury students and those who currently attend school elsewhere. It is exciting to see that our reputation as a smaller, friendly Sixth Form is reaching the local community and we have more new students apply than ever before. I have been very impressed that lots of students already have a clear vision about what they would like to study in Sixth Form and beyond- a sign that our careers programme and Unifrog sessions lower down the school are being used to good effect, supporting students with their career aspirations. Our taster day for Year 11s is on the 22nd June and students will be invited to attend lessons in their subject choices to get a real feel for what Sixth Form life is like at Etonbury.

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 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London 24th March
Yr 12 Careers meetings March onwards
Yr13 final reports issued Friday 27th March
Yr12 geography trip Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April
Yr13 art and photography exams Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th May
Yr13 exams begin Monday 11th May
Yr 12 & 13 early finish at 1:30pm on Monday 15th June
Yr 12 mocks 22nd June
Yr 12 work experience Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July

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](#)
[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](#)

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

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

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](#)

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

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