



Sixth Form Message

The Year 12 mocks are running from Thursday 19th June to Wednesday 25th June.

You will now be able to view your child's timetable in the MCAS app under 'Examination Timetables'. Please note that that exams are listed in alphabetical order rather than date order. You are able to change this by clicking the header 'Exam Date' and the exams will then be sorted into date order. Mock exams are run in line with JCQ guidance. Please familiarise yourself with the Information to Candidates documents which can be found on our website using the below link: [JCQ Information to Candidates](#)

Throughout the mock exam period, students must report to Sixth Form - 30 minutes prior to their exams scheduled start time. This will allow us to register, brief and support students fully prior to their exams. We wish all students luck and encourage them to believe in themselves / their abilities - confidence coupled with a robust revision technique is a recipe for success!

Work experience begins this month on 30th June. This is a great opportunity to gain transferable skills/experience, which can be referred to during future applications. The majority of our cohort have secured a placement which is fantastic! Those students who have not managed to secure an in-person placement will come into school throughout the week, where they will complete a week of virtual work experience. The work experience opportunity is one of the many activities we encourage students to participate in as part of our commitment to 'develop the person / develop the learner' ethos we aspire to.

With the up and coming mocks and work experience taking place - please do take a moment to check out our 'key dates' section found on the second page of this bulletin where you will find useful information on what the plans are over the coming weeks.

Chloe Dowden

KEY DATES

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](#)

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Bedfordshire Counselling Service: [Open Door](#)
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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](#)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [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](#)

REMINDER

All students must sign in and out of Sixth Form. There are several ways to do this... you can use the chromebook on my desk or scan the QR code on your lanyard and use your phone.

Year 12 Mock Exam and Work Experience Arrangements

Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th June: In school attending lessons as usual

Thursday 19th-Wednesday 25th June: On study leave - attending school for exams only

Thursday 26th-Friday 27th June: Students to work independently from home on researching their next steps using the Unifrog tool. Preparing their CV's, setting up their LinkedIn accounts and identifying what course/apprenticeship or Job they may choose to embark upon post Sixth Form. Students applying to university must use this time to start their UCAS statements.

Monday 30th-Friday 4th July: Students are on their WEX - those students who have not secured a placement must come into school for the whole week, where they will complete a week of virtual work experience.

Monday 7th July: All students to attend Sixth Form as usual.

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STUDENT NOTICES

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