



Sixth Form Message

UCAS

We are delighted to share that we have submitted UCAS applications for all students who see university as their next destination. We realise this achievement could not have been possible without the support of parents, and we sincerely thank you for this. We now look forward to seeing all those offers come in, which is exciting and will give students clear focus over the coming months as their Sixth Form journey moves towards completion.

Connolly Foundation Funding

Next week we will be contacting students eligible to apply for funding through the Connolly Foundation initiative. More information about this great initiative can be found on the [Connolly Foundation website](#). The charity aims to support local students by providing them with a bursary to help them with the costs incurred when they go on to their post 18 destinations. Last year the charity gave Etonbury students over £7000 for which we are extremely grateful and they will continue to support our students every year they are at university. Please complete the application form and get it to Ms Schumann to be put forward to the charity.

UCAS Discovery – ExCeL London (Year 12 Trip) – Tuesday 24th March 2026

We are planning to take the whole Year 12 cohort to the UCAS Discovery event at ExCeL London on Tuesday 24th March. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore universities, apprenticeships, and career options, and to receive guidance from experts. A letter with full details, including costs, registration, and the proposed itinerary will be issued next week.

Punctuality

It has come to our attention that some students are not arriving to their classes on time. Punctuality is essential, as arriving late impacts both your child's learning and that of their peers. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of arriving on time. Please note that if a student is reported late on three occasions, their permission to leave at 1:30 pm will be revoked. They will also be required to meet with the teachers whose lessons they have missed and complete the work under Mrs Schumann's supervision in the Sixth Form. Thank you for helping us ensure all students make the most of their learning time.

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 criminology exam Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd January
Yr13 reports issued Friday 30th January
Yr12 parents evening Thursday 5th March
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London 24th March
Yr13 business, sociology & psychology trip Thursday 26th March
Yr13 final reports issued Friday 27th March
Yr12 geography trip Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April
Yr13 art and photography exams Monday 5th to Thursday 7th May
Yr13 exams begin Monday 11th May

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

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:](#)

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](#)

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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