



Sixth Form Message

The deadline to complete the KS5 wider reading programme has now been reached and we have 9 students achieving silver standard and 2 students achieving gold standard! The reading programme is a great opportunity for students to obtain a certification which can be referred to in future applications. Reading academic articles at this levels also greatly enhances students' understanding of their courses, giving them plenty to talk about in their personal statements next year. Well done to all who took part and particularly to those who have received a reward:

Gold: Chloe H and Evie S.

Silver: Henry B, Alice B, Lilly C, Sam F, Olivia G, Martha-Alice G, Ellie H, Evie S, Thomas S, Madison S.

The UCAS deadline arrived this week and this year students have applied for a wide range of courses such as accounting and finance, law, psychology, Korean studies, animation, geology, construction management and forensic science to name but a few. It is one of my favourite parts of the job to support students getting onto courses or apprenticeships, as every application is unique and I feel I have been given a little deeper insight into our students' dreams and aspirations. Whilst offers of places have been flooding in, students now need to concentrate fully on their studies and getting the best grades possible to allow them to accept these amazing places.

Year 13s have been getting their mock results back and teachers will be going through their papers closely, so students can see on which areas they need to focus over the next few months. Teachers may be in contact to remind you of all the support that is available to students, so please encourage your child to make the most of the expert knowledge being given.

Preparations for the Juniors Valentines Disco are well under way. This annual event gives the Year 12s a first hand experience of organising an event. The logistics team are organising the music, food and decorations; the marketing team are producing advertisements and getting communication out to parents; the finance team are calculating potential incomings and outgoings to ensure we make a profit and the health and safety team are ensuring the event complies with regulations and is well staffed by producing risk assessments. This experience and development of transferable skills are great for students to reflect on in future applications, so please encourage your child to get involved.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

Vaping: [Childline](#)

Delete social media: [BBC](#)

Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

KEY DATES

Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip
Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 UCAS Discovery
Monday 9th June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

COMING UP

- Junior School Valentine's Disco - Thursday 13th February

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

Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

EXAM INFORMATION

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

SHOUT OUTS !

We were thrilled to hear how well the Year 12s have performed in their recent business studies test. Special mention must be given to Luke B, Callum B, Santiago C, Joe C, Luke C, George H, Evie S and Fin S for getting A*s! Keep up the good work!

STUDENT NOTICES

Bedfordshire Police Work Experience

Great news! Bedfordshire Police have their Work Experience week the same as ours! If you would like to do your work experience with the police force, please read the posters on the Google Classroom noticeboard. If you need help with your applications, please ask.

Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship

If you are interested in a solicitor degree apprenticeship with Wedlake Bell, there is a useful webinar coming up to help you with your applications etc on Wednesday 5th February 2025 4.15-6pm

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