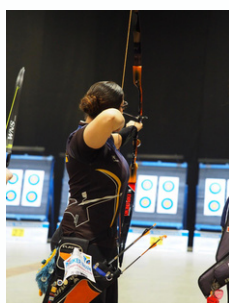




#### **Sixth Form Message**

##### **Student Shout - Out**

Nicole H competed in the Junior Indoor National Archery Competition in Coventry and is now the under 18s Indoor Barebow National Champion. Congratulations Nicole, we are all so proud of you and can't wait to see you compete in future Olympics!



##### **The Most Scrumptious Hot Chocolate Event**

This week, our Sixth Formers came together during Wednesday breaktime to bring some festive cheer to the Junior School with hot chocolates, biscuits, and Christmas music. The event was held to raise funds for a local charity, Garden House Hospice Care. They somehow managed to produce 200 hot chocolates in just 20 minutes - a feat that can only be described as organised chaos (with extra marshmallows). They also made over 200 decorated cookies, proving that yes, teenagers can focus when sugar is involved. Most importantly, we raised a whopping £365 for Garden House Hospice Care, a local charity providing free and compassionate palliative care and support to patients and their families.

I was so proud of the Sixth Formers, who quickly developed their organisational, teamwork and leadership skills when faced with a hoard of eager customers! If you would like to make a further donation to this charity, please follow the link provided below:

[Hot Chocolate Event](#)

##### **Year 13 mock exams**

Straight after the Christmas holidays, year 13 will embark on their formal mock exams. Students have attended couple of assemblies about revision techniques and these can be found on their Google Classroom noticeboards. We want students to study hard and really take these exams seriously so that the feedback they receive will help them identify areas to work on over the upcoming months. Equally this is a good time to practise maintaining a healthy balance between revising and resting. Getting into good study habits now will pay off in the summer, when they will be feeling the pressure.

##### **Early Finish for Years 12 & 13**

A reminder that both Yr12 and 13 have an early finish on Monday at 1.30pm as they are not required to attend the Meet your Mentor sessions. Students should use this time productively, either completing school work, revising, completing super curricular activities or doing some physical exercise for their mental wellbeing.

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 mock :**

11<sup>th</sup> December

**Early finish (1.30pm) for Yr 12 & 13 :**

15<sup>th</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> January & 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Whole school Christmas dinner:**

17<sup>th</sup> December

**School Production:**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Yr 12 Art & Photography mock:**

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Yr 13 Study leave:**

6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January (BTEC lessons continue to take place)

**Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London:**

24<sup>th</sup> March

## 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](#)

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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 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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