



Sixth Form Message

Student Shout-Out

A huge congratulations to our Year 12 student Nicole, who represented Bedfordshire Archers and secured a Silver Medal alongside her teammate. Even more impressively, the whole team went on to achieve Gold, earning the title of Great Britain Barebow Champions. What a fantastic achievement - well done, Nicole!

Oxbridge Applicants

Our early entry applicants are in the final stages of perfecting their Oxbridge applications—dotting i's, crossing t's, and making sure every detail is ready before submitting. Students will then be preparing for entrance exams and interviews. We work with other schools in the local area to offer mock interviews to support the students and give them useful insights into how to best present themselves. We wish them the very best of luck in this exciting next step.

Whole School Open Evening

This week, we had the pleasure of showcasing Etonbury Academy to prospective students and their families. It was wonderful to see so many of our Sixth Form students acting as ambassadors and subject champions, sharing their experiences and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success.

UCAS Applications

Our Year 13 students who are applying to university should now have completed their first drafts and be considering their choices carefully. It is important to include a balance of aspirational universities as well as a safety-net option. We fully support students wishing to visit university open days as it is so beneficial in the decision making process. Students wishing to visit universities must collect a green form from Miss Schumann and inform the teachers of any lessons they will miss.

Year 12 School Photo

Last week, our Year 12 students had their school photographs taken. Individual photos were taken, and students were handed a card so they can go online and place an order if they wish using the code provided.

A photo of the whole cohort was also taken. If you would like to place an order for this, students can collect the QR code available in the Sixth Form reception area, or alternatively, please use the link provided to [Vancols Photography](#) and enter the following access code: 2fd-67c-a3c6.

Degree Apprenticeships

Next Wednesday lunchtime we will be welcoming Cathy Eckett into the Sixth Form to discuss degree apprenticeships with our students. Degree apprenticeships are fantastic as it allows students to gain important work experience and earn money whilst gaining a fantastic qualification. They are therefore extremely competitive so Cathy will explain to the students all the ways they can prepare now to get themselves ahead of the game when they apply.

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](#)
- [Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships.](#)
- [Year 13 UCAS applications parents' guide](#)

KEY DATES

Yr 12/13 Wednesday 8th October - Guest Speaker Cathy Eckett - 1:45pm (lunchtime) in B2
Yr USA trip - 22nd to 29th October
Yr 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6th November
Yr 12 English and Math resist - 4th to 11th November
Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18th and 19th December
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London: Tuesday 24th 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](#)
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](#)

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

STUDENT NOTICES

Year 12 Information Evening presentation

Wednesday 8th October - Guest Speaker Cathy Eckett - 1:45pm (lunchtime) in B2
What is a degree apprenticeship?

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

REGISTRATION REMINDER

If leaving the school site for any reason, including but not limited to driving lessons, medical appointments, use of the Pembleton gym, or Year 13 students taking one of their ten off-site periods, students must have parental permission through the completion of the appropriate forms (found under the Contact Details section of this bulletin) or through direct contact with the school. They must also sign out using the Chromebook on Mrs. Schumann's desk.

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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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!