



Sixth Form Message

Both students and staff have returned to Sixth Form feeling rested and ready to embark on the summer term, which will begin with exams - primarily for our Year 13 students, but also for some Year 12 subjects. Included in this bulletin is a link to the exam timetable.

This week, we were visited by Ofsted. We welcomed the opportunity to showcase our Sixth Form, highlight the fantastic cohort of students we have, and demonstrate the facilities and support available to help every student reach their full potential. We are unable to go into any detail about the report until it is officially published, but we look forward to sharing the outcome of the inspection with you then. We would like to thank all the parents who completed the parents' survey and gave such lovely comments. Your support is invaluable to the work we do with the students and it was so lovely to hear how much families value the work we do.

The cut-off date for Connolly Foundation applications has now passed, and we are currently focusing on submitting them to the foundation over the coming weeks. We will endeavour to keep you informed of the outcomes of these applications.

As our Year 12 students begin making decisions about their post-18 education options, we would like to share an exciting opportunity related to Russell Group university applications. Please turn to page 3 of this bulletin for information on upcoming webinars, which include Q&A sessions your child can participate in.

Our year 13 students, Aimee and Owen, will be taking on the challenge of the London Marathon this weekend - Go Aimee! - Go Owen! Their chosen charity is, Spinal Research. If you would like to sponsor, please use the following link: [Just Giving](#).

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](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)

KEY DATES

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th May A Level art and photography exams
Monday 12th May 2025 Exams begin
Monday 9th June 2025 Yr 12 and 13: Sixth Form Early Closure P5
Thursday 19th June- Wednesday 25th June- Yr12 Mocks
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

COMING UP

Student Finance applications are now open - to assist you, please click on the link provided:
[Student finance - when to apply](#)

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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](#)
- [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.

STUDENT NOTICES

[Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

Please do follow this page on LinkedIn where you will find a wide range of degree apprenticeship opportunities and more!

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Russell Group Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As students prepare to make decisions about their post 18 education choices we would like to inform you about a fantastic opportunity regarding Russell Group university applications.

The Russell Group in conjunction with UK University Search are running a series of free webinars. Taking place from the **29th April – 1st May**, there are **five 90-minute sessions** each featuring **four or five expert panellists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey.

We will be joined by 18 members of the Russell Group, including: Cambridge, LSE, Kings, Bristol, Durham, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, UCL and Cardiff.

During each session the Q&A function will be available for students to ask specific questions and receive further information.

Each webinar will be recorded so students and parents should register if they would like to be emailed access after the session.

The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - 29th April

- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: An Introduction to the Russell Group and Why Choose to Study There?
- 4:30 PM – 6PM: Student life at University

Day 2 - 30th April

- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Considering clinical and health professions 9:00 to 10:30

Day 3 - 1st May

- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Researching University Options
- 4:30 PM – 6 PM: Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University

All times shown are UK/BST.

To register for a place students and parents simply need to sign up on the UK University Search website –

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars>.

If you have any follow up questions you can email info@ukuniversitysearch.com.