

## Sixth Form Bulletin

For your information, please see below some of the things that are happening in school for our Sixth Form students ...

### ... in the first week of Term 5:

Monday 22 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Holiday Easter Monday – School Closed</li> </ul>
Tuesday 23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Term 5</li> <li>• St George's Day</li> <li>• Sixth Form Girls' Rounders Tournament</li> </ul>
Wednesday 24 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 13 Assembly, at 8.50 am in the Sixth Form Theatre</li> <li>• Sixth Form Girls' Rounders Tournament</li> <li>• Deadline for ordering Year Group photos through the school</li> </ul>
Thursday 25 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Assembly, at 8.50 am in the Sixth Form Theatre</li> <li>• Sixth Form Girls' Rounders Tournament</li> </ul>
Friday 26 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixth Form University Challenge – The Final: 13-4 v 12-2, at lunchtime in the School Theatre</li> </ul>

### ... and for the rest of Term 5, so far:

Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May	Year 12 Trial exams
Tuesday 30 April	A Level Theatre Studies Component 2 Examination dress rehearsal, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm in DTH, SFT and DST
Wednesday 1 May	Deadline for making UCAS firm and insurance choices (if all universities responded by 31 March)
Monday 6 May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 May and Wednesday 8 May	AS/A Level MFL Oral exams
Tuesday 7 May to Thursday 9 May	A Level Art exams
Thursday 9 May	A Level Theatre Studies Component 2 Examination performance, 3.30 to 8.00 pm in DTH, SFT and DST
Monday 13 May	Careers Talk: Careers in Music, at 1.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 16 May	Careers Talk: Careers with Modern Languages, at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre (bring your lunch!)
Friday 17 May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations
Thursday 23 May	Careers Talk: Careers in Engineering, at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre (bring your lunch)
Friday 24 May	Last Day of Term 5 Non-School Uniform Day Deadline for Student Finance applications for those starting university in September 2019

## Notices and Reminders ...

**Please check your school email account regularly.**

**Year Group photographs:** All students should have received an envelope with photo proof and order form via their tutor during Friday tutor time. Photos can be ordered through the school, but students must return their order in the envelope to the Sixth Form office **by Wednesday 24 April**. Alternatively, photos can be ordered online. Orders placed online before the cut-off date will have the option of FREE delivery to school (the cut-off date will be clearly shown on the website). Alternatively, photos can be delivered home for a nominal charge of £4 for post and packing.

**Year 13 Leavers' Ball:** The 2019 Year 13 Leavers' Ball will be held in the Heineken Lounge at Ashton Gate Stadium on Friday 28 June. Further details are included in the letter issued via tutors and also on the letters home page of the website. Please purchase your tickets via ParentPay and order your menu choice **by Monday 13 May**.

**Year 13 Debate:** Congratulations to 13-3 (represented by Max Stops) on winning the Year 13 Debate!

**IMPORTANT : EMAIL PHISHING ATTACK:** A number of schools are being targeted by malicious phishing emails. Phishing is a targeted attempt to obtain sensitive information and data through the use of legitimate looking emails and fraudulent websites. If you receive a suspicious email, **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK OR OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS, as it may extract and steal your login credentials**. If you have opened attachments or clicked on embedded links and believe your account may have been compromised, you need to change your password **immediately**. You **must** also notify the IT Department immediately. As a school we are constantly enhancing our protective measures to help block fraudulent emails, but we must all remain vigilant.

**Lost Property:** The Sixth Form Lost Property Box is located in the Sixth Form Office.

- If you find anything in the Sixth Form Centre, please place it in the Lost Property Box;
- Valuables, such as phones, keys, jewellery, etc., should be handed to a member of the Sixth Form Team for safekeeping;
- If you have lost anything, please come to the Sixth Form office to see if it's been handed in.

### **Sixth Form Attendance/Absence:**

- Prompt attendance is required to registration, all lessons and assemblies.
- All Year 13 students must attend all Sixth Form Assemblies and Year 13 Assemblies, even if you have Home Study. Morning tutorials form part of our statutory provision and are also compulsory, unless you have Home Study. No student should be in the Library during Tutor Time, even if you have Home Study.
- All Year 12 students are required to be in school from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. You are not allowed to leave early, even if you have study periods in the afternoon, unless authorised by Miss Haywood or Mr Moore. If you leave the school site during the school day, except at lunchtime, you should sign out in Student Services.
- If you know you will be absent from a lesson, you should obtain permission from the teacher and complete a form, available from the Sixth Form Office. Teachers will expect you to have caught up with work before the next lesson.

- If you are absent through illness, your parent/carer must phone the Student Absence Line (01275 464188) at the beginning of the day. If you go home ill, you must sign out in Student Services and your parent/carer should still contact the school to authorise your absence.

**Year 13 car parking:** A number of Sixth Form students are parking on the school site without a parking permit. We appreciate that some of you need to drive to school, but **unless you have a valid visible permit, you cannot bring your car onto the school site.** Parking is very limited and all the Sixth Form spaces are currently allocated to students who have applied and hold a permit. If you wish to apply, please complete and submit your application form to the Sixth Form office and you will be placed on the waiting list – priority is given to those students who have greater need. **When parking off site, please can we remind you to park sensibly and show consideration to Backwell residents.** As always, thanks for your cooperation.

**Access Control Cards and Lanyards:**

- All students must wear their lanyards at all times in school. Please keep your card safe. It is registered to each student as an individual and is your responsibility. Do not give your card to another student or anyone else. Students persistently not wearing their lanyards will be placed in a Friday After School Detention by the Sixth Form Team.
- If you lose your lanyard, please report it immediately to Mrs Bangham in the Sixth Form office, where you can arrange a replacement. Replacement access control cards will be charged at £5 each, payable via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team.

**WiFi access issues:** Please speak to IT Support

**Laptops in SF4:** Laptops are available in SF4 for students' use. However, **they must not be removed from SF4** and we ask you to plug them back in once you have finished with them.

**There should be no ball games during study periods.**

**Free Rooms Timetable:** Please see the Free Rooms Timetables displayed in the Sixth Form Centre. These rooms have been allocated to use for private study or group study involving discussions. However, in the event that these rooms are temporarily unavailable, we ask for your understanding and to use the Library instead. It is important that you use study rooms sensibly and solely for studying and that you leave the room in a good condition.

**Future Learn:** FREE on line short courses. Ideal for students wishing to broaden study around a subject or research an area of interest. They only take up to a couple of hours a week, you can sign up at any time throughout the year and there are many courses running through the summer. Useful when applying to university, as it could enhance your personal statement. Visit <https://www.futurelearn.com>.

**Post-18 choices:** Please see the 'future plans' page in the Sixth Form section on Frog and book an appointment with Mrs Hobbs if needed.

The following information about events and opportunities has recently been sent to students:

Careers Bulletin

To all Year 12 and Year 13 students:  
Latest careers events and opportunities

Apprenticeships in painting & decorating, plastering and bricklaying

Year 12 and Year 13 Apprenticeship Groups:  
On Site Bristol would like to hear from school leavers who are thinking of pursuing a career in construction. Due to a skills shortage, they are currently looking for apprentices in painting & decorating, plastering and bricklaying.  
To apply, please visit  
<https://www.onsitebristol.co.uk/apply/>

Building a Digital Future

To Year 12 and Year 13 Technology/Engineering Groups:  
A two-day introduction to the semiconductor (“electronics”) industry, at the Students’ Union, University of Bristol, on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 May, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Take part in activities and talk to someone who has recently transitioned from study into the industry. If you are interested in attending, please pre-register at [www.semitalentforum.org](http://www.semitalentforum.org). Entrance is free.

**Twitter:** For information, news and a little humour from the Sixth Form, follow the Backwell Sixth Form Twitter feed on @backwellsixth – for Sixth Formers by Sixth Formers.

### Popular University Open Days coming up this year

University of the West of England (UWE)

Saturday 8 June  
Saturday 5 October  
Saturday 16 November

University of Bath

Friday 21 June  
Saturday 22 June  
Saturday 14 September

Bath Spa University

Saturday 1 June (excluding Art & Design)  
Saturday 8 June (Art & Design only)

University of Exeter

Friday 31 May  
Saturday 1 June  
Saturday 7 September  
Saturday 19 October

Oxford University

Wednesday 3 July  
Thursday 4 July (school visit for interested Year 12 students)  
Friday 20 September