

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... next week:

Monday 16 July	•
Tuesday 17 July	• Early Birds Meeting, at 8.50 am in the SFCR
Wednesday 18 July	• Sixth Form Paarlauf Relay Race, at 12.55 pm on the field
Thursday 19 July	• Year 12 Assembly, 8.50 am in the Sixth Form Theatre
Friday 20 July	•

... and for the last two days of Term 6 and the summer ...

Monday 23 July	Sixth Form Tournament, during Periods 1 and 2 (Boys: Softball, Girls: Rounders)
Tuesday 24 July	Last Day of Term Non-School Uniform Day in aid of the Za Foundation Lessons 1 to 4 as normal Lunch: 12.50 pm to 1.20 pm 1.20 pm: Registration in tutor bases 1.30 pm: End of term – all students to leave school site

... and for the summer:

Wednesday 8 August	World Challenge Expedition returns from Indonesia
Thursday 16 August	A Level results day, from 8.00 am
Monday 3 September	INSET Day – School closed to students
Tuesday 4 September	First day of new term for all students

Congratulations!

We received many applications for the position of Head Student for 2018-19 and it was a very strong field. We would like to congratulate the following students on their successful applications:

Head Student: Jemma Mayler
Deputy Head Students: Joel Blakey, Nansi Kuti and Caitlin Rees

Notices and Reminders ...

Please check your school email account regularly.

House polo shirts (urgent plea!): Some house polo shirts have not been returned to the Sixth Form, especially purple Rock shirts! Please can you check at home and, if you have any, return them to the Sixth Form office urgently (clean!). They are needed for future house matches.

Sixth Form Dress Code: Now that the weather is warmer, students are reminded that you are expected to dress in a way that is suitable for the working day. Some examples of what this means are as follows:

- No clothes with offensive slogans or pictures
- No clothing that is too revealing (e.g. exposed waists, low tops, shorts that reveal the majority of the thigh)
- No extreme hair styles (this includes unnaturally coloured hair)
- No 'beachwear' such as surf shorts or flip flops
- No caps, hats or earphones in lessons or assemblies
- Piercings should be limited to those which would be acceptable in the workplace: this would mean no 'spacers' and no piercings other than ear piercings or small nose studs
- No visible tattoos

In all cases, your tutor and/or the Sixth Form Team have the final say on what is appropriate. You may be asked to go home and change if you do not dress reasonably. It is embarrassing for everyone if students need to be reminded about too much flesh, etc.

There should be no ball games during study periods.

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.

Parking on the school site: If you wish to park on the school site, please submit an application for a parking permit.

GCSE Certificates: Certificates can be collected from Student Services anytime during the week, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

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 lots of courses running through the summer. Useful when applying to university, as it could enhance your personal statement. Visit <https://www.futurelearn.com>.

Access Control Cards: Please keep your card safe. It is registered to each student as an individual and is your responsibility. You should not give your card to another student or anyone else. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to Mr Middleton immediately. If you lose your card, you will be charged £5 to cover the cost of a replacement. Year 12 access cards will operate at lunchtime only, between 12.50 and 1.50 pm, from Monday to Friday.

16-19 Bursary Fund: The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit. Application forms are available from the Sixth Form office. For further information, please contact Mrs Gumm, the Business Support Manager.

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.

Future plans ...

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

Careers Bulletin	To all Year 12 students: Latest careers events and opportunities
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Popular University Open Days this summer ...

Bristol University	Saturday 8 September
University of the West of England	Saturday 6 October (City and Frenchay Campuses) Saturday 3 November (City Campus only) Saturday 17 November (City and Frenchay Campuses)
Bath University	Saturday 15 September
Bath Spa University	Saturday 13 October Saturday 27 October Saturday 10 November Saturday 24 November
Exeter University	Saturday 8 September
Oxford University	Friday 14 September