

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 2:

Monday 5 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Exam Retake: English Language Paper 1, in the morning Sixth Form Production Rehearsals, from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in the main Theatre
Tuesday 6 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Exam Retake: Maths Paper 1, in the morning Geography Association Lecture, 'Carbon cycle and forests', at 7.00 pm at Bristol University
Wednesday 7 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Exam Retake: English Language Paper 2, in the morning Sixth Form Production Rehearsals, from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in the main Theatre School Careers Convention, from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm at The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare
Thursday 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Remembrance Day Breakout, periods 1 to 4 (normal lessons periods 5 and 6) Extended Sixth Form Assembly, at 11.10 am (period 3) in the School Theatre (no assembly at tutor time) GCSE Exam Retake: Maths Paper 2, in the morning Careers Talk : 'Careers in Psychology', at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre
Friday 9 November	

... and for the rest of Term 2 (so far):

Monday 12 November	GCSE Exam Retake: Maths Paper 3, in the morning
Thursday 15 November	Future Plans Seminar: 'Creative Industries', at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre
Friday 16 November	Non-school uniform day in aid of BBC Children in Need
Wednesday 21 November	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening, at 7.00 pm in the School Theatre
Friday 23 November	A Level Art, Life Drawing workshop, from 3.45 pm to 7.00 pm, in the Art department
Tuesday 27 November	Winter Concert, at 7.00 pm in the School Theatre
Wednesday 28 November	Inset Day – school closed to students
Thursday 29 November	Careers Talk : 'Apprenticeship opportunities', at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre Year 12 Parents' Evening, from 4.15 to 6.45 pm
Wednesday 5 December to Friday 7 December	Sixth Form Production performance of <i>Legally Blonde</i> , from 7.00 pm in the School Theatre
Thursday 11 December	Live Lounge Electric, at 7.00 pm in the School Theatre
Friday 21 December	Last day Term 2

Notices and Reminders ...

Please check your school email account regularly.

Year 13 parking on the school site: If you have a Backwell School parking permit, please see Mrs Bangham in the Sixth Form office on **Monday 5 November**, to renew your permit (bring your Term 1 parking permit with you).

Permission to bring a car to school is given on a provisional basis only. Year 13 students can apply for car parking permits. However, due to limited spaces, these will be allocated on an individual basis, with priority given to those living further away and with limited access to public transport. Due to the expected number of applicants, this will be reviewed on a termly basis.

All students, when parking off site, please show consideration to Backwell residents and park sensibly.

Students using Public Transport: GWR offer an 'Adult Scholar' season ticket for 16-18 year olds who are in full-time study. The season ticket offers a substantial saving on the price of an equivalent standard adult season ticket. For more information or to purchase an Adult Scholar season ticket, you will need to call GWR direct on 0345 6786972.

The 16-25 Railcard gives a 1/3 off rail fares and costs £30 for a year. However, it is not possible to use this card for journeys before 10.00 am, so therefore not very useful for school travel.

Please note that if you use Public Transport and lose your pass or season ticket, you will need to contact First Bus or First Great Western, as applicable. Neither the school nor the Local Authority can issue a replacement or any kind of temporary pass.

Access Control Cards and Lanyards: 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.

Year 12 students: 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.

Year 13 Home Study:

- Even if you have Home Study, you must attend Sixth Form Assembly on Thursday of Week 1 and Year 13 Assembly on Wednesday of Week 2.
- If you are timetabled for Home Study, but are in school during registration, you need to go to registration!
- The signing in and out book is in the Sixth Form Foyer.
- Changes to your Home Study timetable need to be discussed with your tutor (but not on a weekly basis!).

Year 13 UCAS important deadlines:

- All applications to be completed by 3.30 pm on Monday 5 November (to guarantee submission by the January 2019 deadline).
- Do not enter Send and Pay until a member of the Sixth Form Team has said it's OK to do so!

Please find the latest UCAS application information on the 'bulletin' page in the Sixth Form section of Frog .

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.

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.

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.

There should be no ball games during study periods.

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.

Careers Events and Opportunities: Please see the 'Careers events and opportunities' page in the Sixth Form section on Frog and the Backwell School website.

Targeted information: Year 12 students, if you would like to receive emailed information about careers or courses in specific areas, please sign up by visiting the '6th form targeted info' page in the Sixth Form section on Frog.

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
MOD Apprenticeship	To Year 13 Technology/Engineering and Apprenticeship Groups: Defence Engineering Apprenticeship (Degree Level). For more information and to apply, visit Defence Engineering Apprenticeship (Degree level) - Find an apprenticeship
Atkins Global Apprenticeships	To Year 13 Technology/Engineering and Apprenticeship Groups: Atkins Global are offering apprenticeships for an August/September 2019 start. There are over 50 available nationally. Those based in Bristol are: Advanced Apprenticeship – Civil Engineering; General Engineering; Business Admin Higher Apprenticeship – Cyber; Project Management and Consultancy

Degree Apprenticeship – Safety and Asset Management; Quantity Surveying; Creative Design; Building Surveying; Civil Engineering; Aerospace Engineering
For more information and to apply, visit <https://careers.atkinsglobal.com/jobs/?pagesize=60&page=1&sortdir=desc&s=1&ij=0&opt=1097%2C1533&sortby=WebsiteDate&site=249>

Law information days and work experience opportunities with Burges Salmon

To Year 12 Law Group:
Bright Sparks Work Experience Programme – gain skills and experience by participating in workshops and group projects, presenting to business people as well as experiencing life in a busy law firm. Placements available either the week commencing 8 July 2019 or 15 July 2019. To apply, please visit <https://www.burges-salmon.com/careers/work-experience/>
Law Information Day on Thursday 21 February 2019, from 10.15 am to 3.00 pm, followed by optional careers advice clinic from 3.00 to 4.00 pm. Places are limited to five per school and on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please email Corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com, indicating that you are interested in 21 February and provide your name, gender, Backwell School and year group.

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>.

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 this Autumn:

University of the West of England	Saturday 3 November (City Campus only) Saturday 17 November (City and Frenchay Campuses)
Bath Spa University	Saturday 27 October Saturday 10 November Saturday 24 November
Cardiff University	Saturday 27 October