

## 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 12 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE Exam Retake: Maths Paper 3, in the morning</li><li>• Sixth Form Production Rehearsals, from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in the main Theatre</li></ul>
Tuesday 13 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Wednesday 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 13 Assembly, at 8.50 am in the Sixth Form Theatre</li><li>• Sixth Form Production Rehearsals, from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in the main Theatre</li></ul>
Thursday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sixth Form Assembly, at 8.50 am in the School Theatre (instead of Year 12 Assembly)</li><li>• Careers Talk : 'Creative Industries', at 1.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre</li></ul>
Friday 16 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-school uniform day in aid of BBC Children in Need – Sixth Formers can dress in <b>onesies (but not general pyjamas)</b>. <b>Please bring £1 donation to school</b></li></ul>

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

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
Tuesday 11 December	Live Lounge Electric, at 7.00 pm in the School Theatre
Friday 21 December	Last day of Term 2

### Notices and Reminders ...

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

**Attendance/Absence:** Prompt attendance is required to registration, all lessons and assemblies. Morning tutorials form part of our statutory provision and are therefore compulsory, unless you have home study. 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.

**Kenya Trip:** The PowerPoint presentation from the Parents' Information Evening is available to view on the Backwell School website, in the Sixth Form, Enrichment section: [Kenya Trip Presentation](#)

**Year 13 parking on the school site:** If you have not yet renewed your parking permit for Term 2, please see Mrs Bangham in the Sixth Form office on **Monday 12 November** (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.

**If you do not have a parking permit, you cannot park on the school site.**

**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:**

- 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 '6<sup>th</sup> 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
Nuffield Research Placement Programme	To Year 12 Technology/Engineering and Medical/Dental/Nursing Groups: Nuffield Research Placements provide over 1,000 students each year with the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. Online applications for summer 2019 have now opened – visit <a href="https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/">https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/</a>
Financial support available to students applying to Bath Spa or Surrey Universities	To all Year 13 students: To see if you are eligible, please visit: <a href="http://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey">www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey</a> <a href="http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/go">www.bathspa.ac.uk/go</a>
Free tasters at London and Surrey Universities	To all Year 12 students: For more information and how to apply, please visit:

