



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin - 1

3rd April 2020

FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



During the school closure, Sackville Sixth Form Team has decided to issue a regular bulletin which collates all messages, letters and other information. This will aim to bring all our communication to you under one umbrella and make it easier for you to track and also save you receiving too many emails from us. This bulletin is for parents/carers and students - I would urge you all to read it, as it contains updates as well as points for action, consideration and follow up, primarily by students.

The summer term of **year 12** is traditionally a time when we hold a universities fair at Sackville and have other higher education workshops. We will obviously not be able to run such events this coming term. Many opportunities are coming through from outside providers online. These will require students to take the initiative and respond to the emails themselves and to follow up links we send out. We would urge year 12 students to make the effort and seize these opportunities, such as those offered on the following pages.

For **year 13** students intending to go to university, we recommend that you check your emails regularly from your chosen institutions and respond to any actions requested, such as applying for university accommodation and applying for student finance. Additionally, your student head team (Lily, Ayo, Will and Awatif) may on occasions communicate with you via this bulletin.

I hope all our sixth form students and families are staying well and healthy and I wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break.



Contacting us

To help speed up answers to your queries, please ensure you contact the correct member of staff. We are here to help in this new, unexplored way of learning but it is very beneficial for us if you direct your query to the appropriate member of our team. We would ask you follow the procedure set out below for contacting us:

First point of contact for queries is the **Form Tutor** - however please note the subject teacher should be contacted about subject specific queries:

Year 12 tutors	Year 13 tutors
12MBH Mrs Bush - mbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13AHN Mr Hatton ahatton@sackvilleschool.org.uk
12LBE Mr Byrne lbyrne@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13SLS Mr Latus slatus@sackvilleschool.org.uk
12JCK Mrs Carrick jcarrick@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13TLY Mr Leahy tleahy@sackvilleschool.org.uk
12ACR Mr Coomber acomber@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13RLN Mr Linnington rlinnington@sackvilleschool.org.uk
12ADT Ms Dewhirst adewhirst@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13JRS Mr Roberts jroberts@sackvilleschool.org.uk
12FLD Mr Langford flangford@sackvilleschool.org.uk	13GSE Mr Scarfe gscarfe@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Other issues can be directed to the sixth form team:

Mrs H Valentine - Head of Sixth Form hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk
Mr J Watson - Deputy Head of Sixth Form jwatson@sackvilleschool.org.uk
PASTORAL ISSUES: Mrs A Barden - KS5 Intervention Leader abarden@sackvilleschool.org.uk
DATA AND ADMIN ISSUES: Mrs J Plumb - Sixth Form Support Manager jplumb@sackvilleschool.org.uk



THIS WEEK'S NEWS AND MESSAGES

Please note that information about grading and results for year 13/14 and for those taking external exams in yr 12 will be issued separately, as we do not have information on this at present.

A message from year 13 form tutors: Please contact your form tutor or Ms Bach if you need any help in firming up your first choice and insurance offer for university.

A message from year 12 form tutors: Year 12 Form tutors have been in touch with each student in their form asking for information and online appointments to meet with students in groups. Please ensure you respond to these requests. Thank you to those who have already responded.

Year 12 progression into year 13: It is vital students keep up to date with the online work set and continue to complete it rigorously and where possible undertake extension work. In the summer term, we will be issuing A2L and progress grades to parents and students. Additionally some sort of progression assessments will take place. Failure to complete work to the required standard and with the required commitment can result in not being able to continue with a subject in year 13.

Message from Mrs Valentine - EPQ: I am in the process of contacting students individually about their EPQ progress. However, please note, you should be working on your EPQ independently. The onus is on the student to set up appointments with the EPQ tutor. All students should aim to finish the EPQ by the end of the summer term.

Message from Mr Watson: We will soon be announcing an exciting opportunity to apply to be part of the **Sackville Sixth Form Head Team**. There will be seven key roles to apply for - information on the application process to follow after the Easter break.

UCAS preparations: Year 12 received an email from Ms Bach this week with some ideas about how to start some post-18 preparation:

UCAS HUB - Login page

<https://www.ucas.com/account/login?returnUrl=/dashboard%23%2F>

Studying abroad - A Star Future

<https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/>

Check university websites for online resources and virtual tours - eg, Sussex University

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/virtual-tour/>



UK University Search LIVE WEBINAR

Register to take part in a fantastic live webinar with six of the UK's top universities on **Wednesday 8 April at 12:00pm**.

Whether you are a Year 13 student looking to start in September, or a Year 12 wanting information about university admissions in 2021, the webinar is the perfect opportunity to learn more about university and have your questions answered by the experts.

The following topics will be explored, and we will finish with a Q&A session:

- The Benefits of University - Bournemouth University (Rebecca Oliver)
 - Choosing a Course - University of Stirling (Ali Clark)
 - Virtual Events - University of Leicester (Elliot Newstead)
- Personal Statements - University of South Wales (Rebecca Bowen)
 - Student Finance - City, University of London (Andy Cotterill)
- Intro to the Russell Group - University of Liverpool (Jonathan Atkinson)
- Jonathan from the University of Liverpool will also discuss how universities are responding to COVID-19.

Places are strictly limited - register here:

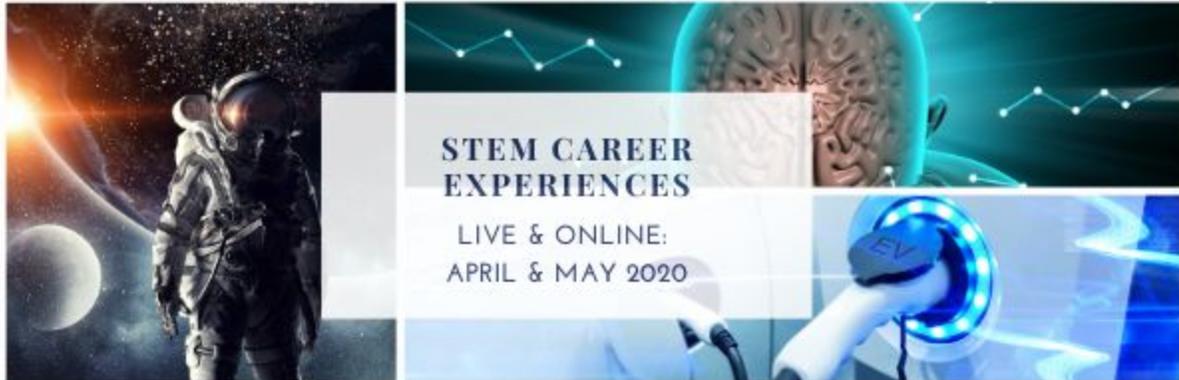
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ITdg2sKwTz2eAk8I-zBqDg

The banner features a pink top section with the title 'UK University Search LIVE WEBINAR' in white. Below this, in a white section, is the text 'Learn more about university admissions, and have your questions answered by the experts.' The bottom section is white with colorful abstract shapes on the left and right. It contains the 'UK university & apprenticeship search' logo, the date '8th April | Webinar | 12pm', the HELQA logo, and a row of logos for the University of Leicester, BU, University of Stirling, City, University of Liverpool, and another university.



STEM Career Experiences
The 'Live & Online' Series This Spring

Investment Banking. Medicine. Engineering. Psychology. Computer Science. Architecture.



InvestIN is delighted to offer six STEM-related career experience programmes LIVE & ONLINE this spring for students aged 15-18.

Our 'Live & Online' programmes give students the opportunity to gain crucial work experience from the comfort of their own homes. They are delivered by top professionals who will immerse students in simulations of their real-life work PLUS be on-hand throughout to answer their questions live.

The full list of live and online STEM-related programmes can be found on the InvestIN website:

<https://investin.org/collections/live-online-programmes>



Project Trust - online presentations

For over 50 years Project Trust have specialised in sending school leavers on challenging and accredited volunteering placements overseas. Due to the unique educational nature of the placements they offer, Project Trust is officially recognised as a **Positive Leavers Destination** by Skills Development Scotland. In addition, Project Trust Volunteers who achieve their Diploma in International Volunteering will gain **16 UCAS points**.

Over the coming weeks and months, they will be delivering, via Zoom, inspiring and engaging presentations about the benefits of taking a structured gap year upon finishing school. They will be posting details of upcoming online events here:

<https://projecttrust.org.uk/information-sessions/>

