



Sackville Sixth Form Bulletin - 8

12th June 2020

FOREWORD FROM MRS VALENTINE (Head of Sixth Form)



We are pleased to let you know that sixth form plans for the return of year 12 are going well - we are really excited to see our students again, albeit in a limited way. Before I outline information about these plans however, I would like to address an issue that has been at the forefront of the minds of our sixth form staff and students, as well as our larger school community - the issue of **Black Lives Matter**. We take racism of any sort very seriously and recognise the need to build a truly anti-racist school and curriculum for students. The student head team responded very swiftly to the killing of George Floyd and has already met with Mr Watson and me.

Here is a statement from year 12 student, Ben Kenward, a member of the Student Head Team:

In reinforcing Sackville's zero-tolerance policy to racism and all other forms of prejudice, the Sixth Form Leadership Team alongside Mrs Valentine and Mr Watson are looking into what else we can do to build on existing practice.

To ensure we have the full support of the Sackville community, we will in due course share with students and parents further ideas for refining our anti-racist curriculum.

Year 12 return to school: We want to reassure you that it is very important to us that your child feels safe and secure on his/her return to school and that parents/carers feel reassured too. Mr Grant and senior members of staff, along with the premises team have worked very hard to **minimise** risk to students and staff



alike. I do hope the details below go some way to reassuring you. Please can I ask you also to read the main school [Sackville News](#) which outlines in greater depth the health and safety measures taken and plans in place.

Video link: Please can I ask you and your son/daughter to click on [this video link](#) outlining how students should enter and exit the building and class rooms.

Document 1: Year 12 class timetable, week of 22nd June - please see document attached

This document shows the confirmed timetable and scheduling for classes. I would be grateful if you and your son/daughter could check carefully when the KS5 classes take place. The lessons are in specially designated classrooms, with places set out adhering strictly to social distancing.

Document 2: Progression exam timetable - please see document attached

These exams will be run online, not in school. This will ensure as many students as possible can access them at the appointed time and feel as safe and secure as possible by completing these exams in their home surroundings. We recognise at these times there is no ideal solution but hope this enables students to plan ahead for computer access on the specific days of their exams. ***Queries and questions about the exams in the first instance should be directed to the relevant subject teacher and department, not to the sixth form team.*** Mr Watson and I, along with form tutors, are of course available in case of queries that cannot be solved by the subject specialists.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend.

With best wishes
Mrs H Valentine

THIS WEEK'S NEWS AND MESSAGES

Year 13 - Important UCAS messages from Ms Bach:

With the 18th June reply deadline fast approaching, it's time for many of you to make your decisions. If you received decisions from all of your university choices on or before **4th June 2020**, you need to reply to any offers **by next Thursday, 18th June 2020** (except if you are using Extra to find a place).



With COVID-19 disrupting lots of plans, we know this decision may be more difficult than expected. Over the coming days, UCAS will be doing everything they can to help you make the right decision, including:

- **Working with Universities UK to provide top tips and support students' decision-making.**
They have emailed all applicants with an 18th June deadline, but in case you have missed it, [here's a copy](#) for you to share.
- **Sending helpful reminders as the deadline fast approaches.**
UCAS are sending messages by email, text, and across social media.

Remember – if you do not reply by 18:00 on 18 June, your offers will be automatically declined.

Our advice is a decision is better than no decision - many of the reasons you chose to go to university or college are still the same and will remain long after COVID-19. With new guidelines and advice, universities and colleges are putting plans in place to welcome students starting their studies this autumn.

Introducing Clearing Plus

For the first time, from 6 July, students in Clearing will be able to see a list of courses they've been matched to in Track, using their application, what unis have told us they're looking for, and what previous applicants have gone on to study based on their grades and choices.

Students are in control, so if they find a course they want to be considered for, they can send an expression of interest which means the uni or college can then reach out to discuss things further.

The search tool will still be available, with over 30,000 course options. To find out how it works go to www.ucas.com

Accommodation at university - It is your responsibility to check communications from your chosen university about applying for a place in halls of residence. Please contact us if you have any queries on this.

Student finance - This application has to come directly from the student and does not come through school. Please contact us if you have any queries on this.
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

Year 12 - Important UCAS message from Ms Bach:

UCAS are offering LIVE with the Experts – on Facebook, and now in the UCAS Hub!

9 & 16 June – How to best represent yourself to universities (in your personal statement and interviews).



10 & 17 June – Unpicking league tables (and advice on how to use them).

23 June – Q&A with Universities of Oxford and Cambridge (a chance to find out what exactly is required to get in).

The full list of Hub lives can be viewed on ucas.com, along with details of the subject-matter experts who will be delivering them.

UCAS HUB - Login page:

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

Please continue to check university websites for online resources and virtual tours.

Year 13 - Message from Mr de Souza:

A reminder of the Transition to Uni - Year 13 2020 Google Classroom where I am posting subject relevant reading material and preparation work.

The classroom code is **2nxvb3v**.

Year 13 - Summer 2020 Destination Questionnaire:

Please could those year 13 students who haven't yet completed the destination form click on the link below. It will take only a minute of your time and we are obliged to provide this information to West Sussex County Council.

Link to Google form - <https://forms.gle/GFU1iwhVmtKTabJq7>

MEETOO APP



MeeTwo is an award winning, free, fully moderated app for young people which provides peer support, expert help, inbuilt educational and creative resources as well as in-app links to UK charities and helplines. MeeTwo is a neutral space which allows young people to experiment with what it feels like to open up without drawing attention to themselves while positive feedback and social support builds confidence, increases well-being and promotes emotional resilience.

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



UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH



We are offering webinars for students in their 'Getting Started' series. Join our webinars to ask questions about the journey to university, hear from student ambassadors and get information on all things UCAS related.

- Understanding the UCAS process – 16 June | 11am-12pm
- How to prepare for a virtual open day – 18 June | 11am-12pm
- How to write your UCAS personal statement – 23 June | 11am-12pm
 - What can you do to prepare for your personal statement? – 25 June | 11am-12pm
 - What is Clearing? – 8 July | 2pm-3pm

<https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/getting-started>

UNI TASTER DAYS



Uni Taster Tuesdays

During these events, different universities deliver impartial sessions on important aspects of university guidance alongside a moderated Q&A. Events are up to an hour in length and are hosted at 9.30am, 12pm and 3pm every Tuesday, with different topics and subjects each week! Details of this free resource as well as recording of events previously hosted is available at the new UniTaster Tuesday event hub at:

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/tuesdays>

In addition to general university guidance topics such as personal statements and student finance, subject specific events are available here too, including an introduction to studying Medicine, Law and Engineering.



TARGET CAREERS



TARGETcareers is here to help school leavers make decisions about their future. Explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help applying successfully.

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/>

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD



If you've started thinking about your university choices, why not join our Online Open Day and find out more about studying with us?

Whilst we can't offer you the chance to visit us in person yet, you can join us on **Saturday 20 June** for an Online Open Day experience to find out what we have to offer. We know it's not the same as a face-to-face visit, but our online experience will allow you to explore the same activities all from the comfort of your home. You'll be able to learn about our courses, find out about our accommodation, hear from some of our current students, understand how student finance works and much more.

<https://beta.salford.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days>



UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL



Virtual Open Day

We will host a Virtual Open Day on Friday 26 June. This event will offer introductory taster lectures as well as the chance to talk to our academics, current students and members of our support services. We recommend that students prepare questions in advance and also check which [Faculty](#) their preferred subject sits within.

[Students can register for this event here.](#)

Higher Education and Guidance Sessions

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/virtual-resources-for-students/he-information-and-guidance/>

Subject Specific Resources & Higher Education Information and Guidance

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/virtual-resources-for-students/>

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION



Join the ESU Festival of Speaking

The ESU helps young people become confident communicators and, in these testing times when most schooling is online, students will benefit from developing their speaking skills more than ever before.

All students from primary upwards are invited to film themselves in a short video (1-5 minutes) delivering a speech, a poem, a monologue etc and post it on a social media platform of their choice using the hashtag #esufestivalofspeaking.

<https://www.esu.org/esu-festival-of-speaking/>



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY



Join us for a range of interactive sessions to support students progressing to Higher Education:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/resources/onlineevents/eventonlineoutreachambassadorsessionsforstudents.html>

ROYAL HOLLOWAY



We would invite you to join us for a series of webinars on three topics, each to be delivered twice:

- How to choose a course and a university
 - Understanding the UCAS process
 - How to write a personal statement

<https://royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/schools-and-colleges/webinar-registration/>

We are holding several virtual Taster Days in June and July:

<https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/student-life/visit-royal-holloway/taster-days/>

Free online MOOCs available:

[Survival Statistics: Secrets for Demystifying Numbers](#)

A free online course for anyone who is curious about the world and statistics

[Understanding Biological Energy](#)

Designed for young people who have studied GCSE science and those who have an interest in the connections between these subjects and going on to study science at university.



JOBCENTRE SUPPORT FOR SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

The Government has launched two new sites

Job Help

This includes information about critical jobs which are currently high profile, ideas for job searching, transferable skills, working safely and competency based applications - <https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

Skills Toolkit

Free digital and numeracy courses to help build skills - <https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Additional sites which provide help and resources:

Barclays Life Skills - [Barclays Life Skills](#)

Tips to improve career prospects, start own business, write cv, prepare for interviews

British Gas Energy Trust - [BG online courses](#)

Cv builder, employability skills and online courses

CIPD Steps Ahead Mentoring - [Steps Ahead](#)

18 to 24 years old and returning parents and carers referred by the jobcentre. Advice on CV, jobsearch, interviews and employability including on-line mentoring sessions

Clarion Futures Jobs and Training - [Clarion Futures](#)

Employment and training service, self-employed advice, apprenticeship advice. For Clarion residents and their families

Lloyds Bank Academy - [Lloyds Academy](#)

Digital skills for everyday life and business

National Careers service - [NCS](#)

Careers explorer by sector, on-line skills assessment, find a course, advice on how to find a job and tools needed to find a job

National Apprenticeships - [Apprenticeship information](#)

How to get started, is an apprenticeship right for you and search for apprenticeships



Princes Trust - [Princes Trust](#)

18-30 years

Building confidence, getting a job, starting a business

Skills to Succeed - [Skills to Succeed](#)

Beginning career search, interview techniques, looking for work, changing jobs.

Access Code for school learners DW1SC1

Target Careers - [Target Careers](#)

Technical apprenticeships, army entry level and officers

