

# Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our students recently raised over £250 for Children in Need. Students are now collecting for the Black Country Foodbank, we are really grateful for the support and generosity students have shown.

Year 13 trial exams begin after the Christmas break. Students should now be well into their revision and will be starting to receive further information about their exams from their teachers over the next few weeks. These examinations offer a real opportunity for the students to experience the longer exam formats and question types. During the trial examination period, students are expected to attend lessons as normal unless they are timetabled in an exam. Staff will be delivering revision sessions during lessons and supporting students to ensure they are fully prepared. The results will help staff identify the student's strengths and areas for development and what to focus their studies on between now and their A-Level exams next summer. Just a gentle reminder that the Law trial exam will be taking place next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. A copy of the trial exams timetable is attached to this bulletin.

Some students will be sitting CTEC and BTEC exams during this time. These exams will take priority and students must discuss with their subject staff when they will sit their trial exams if there is a clash.

Our Year 13 students are working hard on completing their application forms for UCAS. Students are encouraged to discuss their application forms with their form tutors in the first instance or Mrs Pedley, Head of Year 13. Congratulations to a Year 13 student who has been invited to attend an interview at Cambridge University. We wish them the best of luck and to all our students who have interviews over the next few weeks.

Year 13 Parents Evening will take place Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the booking system is now live for you to book an appointment with your son/daughter's teaching staff.

A gentle reminder that next Friday is an Inset day for the students so they are not expected in.

Finally, if you have any concerns at all with regards to your son or daughter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dhanoya  
Assistant Headteacher

## Othello Performance

Year 12 and 13 Literature students enjoyed a performance of Othello at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham recently. The students engaged brilliantly and even stayed behind to speak to the cast about their interpretations during a post-show discussion!

A fantastic experience!



The Sixth Form email is:  
[sixthform@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## Senior Maths Challenge 2023

A huge congratulations to the students who participated in the Senior Maths Challenge 2023 from Years 12 and 13. This was a really tough problem solving challenge which encouraged them to show great resilience. Overall our students achieved 4 Silver and 11 Bronze Certificates.

Well done everyone!



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

## Football Report

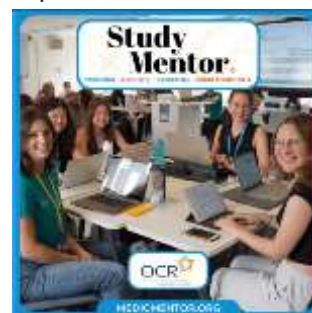
The Windsor Sixth Form football team won their West Midlands County Cup match 3-2 against Heath Park Academy. Goals from Luke A, Paddy W and an own goal brought Windsor back from 1-0 and 2-1 down to go into the next round. A great performance from all involved.



## Sign up for our Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Success Conference

This is a FREE virtual conference, scheduled for **Sunday, 3rd December**, from 11am to 1pm UK GMT, will cover a diverse range of topics, including:

- Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills and Exam Techniques
- The Power of Effective Study Habits
- Interactive Session: "Study Styles Interactive Quiz?"
- Memory Boosters for Exam Prep
- Conquering Exam Anxiety
- Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR, and EDEXCEL



During the conference, we will help students identify their learning style and explore memory and study techniques tailored to their needs. Topics such as active recall, spaced repetition, the pomodoro technique, and the use of revision methods like mind mapping, flashcards, and practice questions will be covered.

It's important to note that this support is not only for students interested in medicine; it is beneficial for those exploring ANY career. If the scheduled conference dates pose a challenge for students, they can opt for the 'E-learning' option, instead.

FREE Virtual Study Skills Conference: <https://airtable.com/appaypcxGI0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9g>

Additionally, we are proud to offer FREE Chemistry and Biology tutoring for students from low-income backgrounds. This initiative aims to provide crucial support, and if successful, we plan to extend this provision to cover more subjects in January.

Details about this tutoring support can be found here: <https://medicmentor.org/widening-access-for-all/>

## Fully funded PwC Pre Apprenticeship Programme

This is an opportunity from The Talent Foundry, a social mobility charity offering fully funded opportunities for schools across the UK and is for your current year 12 girls.

For the third year of their PwC partnership, they're aiming to support 100 girls in the West Midlands into PwC's incredible Flying Start degree apprenticeship programmes (**for full information and application process see attached flyer**)

There is a specific eligibility criteria for this programme:

Students must currently be in Year 12 and on track to achieve 136 UCAS points. (Accounting and Technology streams) or 112 UCAS points if interested in the Manchester 'work first' tech degree apprenticeship (accredited by the Open University).

[Enquire now](#)



## December Webinars

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 16:30 - 17:15**

### Careers in Tech

Discover the wide range of careers in tech, from AI to research, and how to get there!

[Register](#)



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 16:30 - 17:15**

### Careers in Medicine and Allied Health Professions

There's more to it than being a doctor! From music therapy to paramedic science, you'll hear from people from a range of healthcare careers.

[Register](#)



## Medical Work Experience 2024



The Dudley Group  
NHS Foundation Trust

### What is Medical Work Experience?

The Russells Hall Medical Work Experience programme is an annual week long programme in June or July organised for school or college students interested in pursuing future studies and a career in Medicine.

Students will be introduced to varieties of health professionals and departments within the Trust and participate in exciting activities within the Ron Grimley Undergraduate Centre and Clinical Education Centre.

You will visit different departments such as; Outpatients, Simulation Centre, Clinical Skills, Operating Theatres, Ward Attachments.



### Am I Eligible?

The programme is open to students who either reside or attend school or college in the Dudley borough and are in Year 12 (age 17 or above). Students who have already attended the programme are not eligible to apply again.



### How to Apply?

Recruitment for the Medical Work Experience Programme will open on Monday 8th January 2024 and close Thursday 31st March 2024.

You can apply by visiting the Ron Grimley Undergraduate Centre website ([www.rguc.co.uk](http://www.rguc.co.uk)) and downloading the Application Form and Equal Opportunities form and returning it to us via email to ([dgft.medicalwork.experience@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.medicalwork.experience@nhs.net)), or by post to Undergraduate Centre, North Block, 2nd Floor, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, DY1 2HQ.

**We are unable to take enquiries or expressions of interest by telephone.**

Any applications received outside the recruitment dates will not be considered.

### What next?

Once the deadline has closed, the applications will be put through a recruitment process in terms of those that meet the specified criteria.

When the students have been selected, offer letters will be sent out and reporting instructions of what to do next.

This is likely to be towards the end of April or early May.



The Medical Work Experience Programme for 2024 will be run on the following two weeks:

24th June to 28th June 2024  
1st July to 5th July 2024

Successful applicants will attend for one of these weeks.

**Thank You & Good Luck!**

## Why you should spend your summer with InvestIN

Meet the expert team behind our flagship Summer Experiences in London, who will walk you through all the key components of our immersive Work Experience programmes taking place in July and August 2024.

### Join us to hear all about:

A day in the life of a Summer Experience student  
Programme offering, structure & format  
Residential package  
Dates, fees and registration process  
Live Q&A panel



We will be holding this webinar twice on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Join us at either 11am – 12pm or 7pm – 8pm GMT.

[SIGN UP HERE - 11AM GMT](#)

[SIGN UP HERE - 7PM GMT](#)

**SMF: Year 12 Student Applications**  
**Apply by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Unlock your potential with the Aspiring Professionals Programme**

Gain first-hand experience in the top professions and the skills needed to achieve your aspirations. We provide:

- ✓ Mentoring with a professional via email
- ✓ Tailored skills sessions and career workshops
- ✓ University application support and guidance
- ✓ Internships with top employers
- ✓ Social impact career advice

[Eligibility criteria](#)

[Apply](#)



**Thriving in Student Life**  
**Well-being Webinar 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1pm - 2pm**

Join us for an engaging and informative student life well-being webinar on 'Thriving in Student Life'. Discover practical tips and strategies to thrive in your academic journey, whilst maintaining a healthy work-study balance. We'll explore stress management, time management, social connections and self-care techniques to help you make the most of student life. Jaskaran Soomal, CEO and founder of @amindfullmessage will also be on hand to give her top tips for well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to prioritise yourself!

[Book now](#)



**Personal Statement Top Tips**

Our friendly lecturers are hosting a series of subject-specific virtual events designed to support students with completing their UCAS applications.

Full of handy tips and advice, there will also be opportunities to ask questions at each of the following events:

- Ten tips for making your UCAS Statement in Biological, Forensic and Biomedical Sciences on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 4-5pm
- Top tips on making your Nursing application on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-3.30pm
- Personal Statements for Criminology courses: the do's and don't's on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7-8pm

[Book your place](#)

The University of Worcester are offering one-to-one personal statement advice at their Open Day on Saturday 13 January. You can bring a draft of your personal statement along to receive advice and feedback from their team. Appointments must be booked in advance as there is limited availability.

Book on to the Open Day to receive more information:

[Book your place](#)



**How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 12th December 6:00-7:00pm**

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ How you can identify early signs of stress in your child
- ✓ Practical techniques to help your child manage their stress levels
- ✓ How you can maintain a dialogue with your child about their mental wellbeing

[Click here to register for free](#)



## Brand new courses for 2024 entry

Located in the Staffordshire countryside and just five miles from Stoke-on-Trent, Keele is world-renowned for its breadth of teaching and research that tackles the world's most urgent problems.

We are pleased that the following new undergraduate programmes are now live on our website.

[Astrophysics MSci](#)

[Business Psychology BSc](#)

[Sport and Exercise Psychology BSc](#)



## UK University & Apprenticeship Search Winter Webinars 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December

Interested in going to university? Make sure you don't miss our brand new series of Winter Webinars. These are three informative and inspiring online presentations that cover the key topics of applying, choosing and preparing for university.

Taking place from the 5th-7th December, we have three 75-minute sessions each featuring four expert panellists from different well known higher education institutions who will offer clear and unbiased guidance for students looking to learn more about these processes.

Whether you are seeking some guidance as a year 13 ahead of the application deadline in January, or a Year 12 or 11 looking ahead to what the university application process might involve, we are excited to see you there.

[Register For Your Place To Each Webinar Here](#)

### Webinar Schedule

#### Personal Statements & Applications

Tuesday 5th December  
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

[Register Now](#)

#### Choosing a Course / University

Wednesday 6th December  
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

[Register Now](#)

#### Preparing For University

Thursday 7th December  
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

[Register Now](#)



## 2024 Events

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite students to our **Birmingham Edgbaston Stadium UK University & Apprenticeship Search** event. [See details here](#)

The event will feature a multitude of exhibitors including Russell Group, red brick and modern universities, as well as apprenticeships representing top UK companies and local providers. Vital seminars taking place will include UCAS personal statement, degree apprenticeships and student finance.

## University of Worcester Open Day - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - 10am - 2pm

Visiting us is the best way to get a feel for student life at the University of Worcester. Book your place at an Open Day to discover what Worcester has to offer.

During an Open Day, you will have the opportunity to learn more about our courses from our lecturers and current students. You'll also be able to explore our campuses, including our accommodation and specialist teaching facilities.

You are more than welcome to bring guests with you to our Open Days. We can't wait to meet you!

[Book your place](#)



### Santa's Black Country Toy Appeal

After last year's amazing collection, we are keen to support the Black Country Toy Appeal again this year in collaboration with Halesowen BID. We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to make any kind of donation from the list below to send those items into school between now and 7th December, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID. These items will help brighten local families Christmas so anything that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be taken to Mr Morley, Mr Jackson, Mrs Proctor, Sixth Form study room, Mr Lea or Mrs Pedley before school or during morning registration. There will also be a box in the staff room.

**What's needed:** **New unopened items only please** (We cannot accept used items for health and safety reasons).

**Food and toiletries:** Any food items and toiletries including deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products.

**We are also asking for:** Toiletry sets for teens, new fleecy blankets to snuggle under, wrapping paper and gift bags.

**Toys / Gifts / Sweet Treats:** Books, Games, Toys, Colouring Books, Felt Tip Pens and Crayons, Crafty stuff e.g. Paints, Chocolates, Sweets, Selection Boxes or Boxes of Biscuits.

**School Stuff:** School Trousers / Skirts, School Jumpers, School Shirts or Polo Shirts, School Bags, Sports Kit Bags, Notebooks / School Stationery.

**Clothing 0-18 Years:** Pyjamas or Dressing Gowns, Slippers, Pants, Socks, Vests, Coats, Jumpers, Cardigans, Jeans, Leggings, Trousers, Shoes, Boots or Trainers.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Day: School closed for Students  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 12 Progress Reports to Parent/Carer  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Christmas Holidays

The school Calendar of events for the forthcoming academic year can be found on the Windsor website  
<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/term-dates-and-school-calendar/>

