

Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families are safe and well. We are really looking forward to welcoming the students back into school next week. Students who have booked appointments, will be able to have their first lateral flow test on Monday 8th March. Students need to arrive via the Sixth Form gates and proceed to the lower gym and wait for further instructions. Students do not need to wear business dress on Monday for their test but must wear their lanyard and a face mask. Lessons will commence on Tuesday 9th March from 9am. A gentle reminder that students are only expected to attend for their lessons and we would like to remind students that they must remain on site for break and lunch. Due to current circumstances it is essential we all maintain social distancing, both in and outside of the school environment. We would like to remind students of the need for them to be responsible young adults and ensure they adhere to government advice on social distancing. Year 12 students are securing placements for their Work Experience; please continue to encourage your son/daughter to secure a placement if they have not done so already.

As a reminder, all our safety advice, organisational details and information for parents and students can be located in one place in the weekly newsletters section of our website.

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/news-vacancies/weekly-newsletters/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dhanoya
Assistant Headteacher

Year 12 Parents Evening - Wednesday 31st March

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our parents' evening as a face to face meeting as normal, so we will run the evening via video appointments using a new system called School Cloud. This is a web-based system and does not require an APP to be downloaded. Parents will be invited to make an appointment and will then join a video call with the member of staff on the evening at the appropriate time.

Details of the new system will be sent to parents via ParentMail to explain how to book appointments and access the new system.



University of Aston Virtual Events

Hear from 8 different universities on student finance and budgeting - Thursday 11th March, 6-7pm

This session will help students find more about how student finance works, including the UK loan system, applying and repayments. You'll also find out about extra funding and how to budget at university, by hearing from higher education professionals themselves from eight different universities. The session will begin with a short 5-10 minute presentation followed by a Q&A for the remaining time. [Book your place here.](#)

Chat with a graduate as part of national careers week - Thursday 4th March, 4:30-5:30pm

This Employer Engagement event will give students an opportunity to develop their understanding of what their future career could look like as well get the opportunity to hear how former Aston graduates were able to earn their current positions. Our careers team will also be delivering a small talk to highlight what key skills you need and how they can help you develop them. We will finish with a panel style Q&A, to give everyone the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. [Book your place here.](#)



The Sixth Form email is:

sixthform@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Virtual Outreach Opportunities with Oriel College and the University of Oxford

Oriel's Outreach output will remain virtual until further notice. It is hoped that some in-person activities and visits will be possible by late spring/summer. Find out more [Virtual Outreach programme](#).



Oxbridge Classics Open Day (virtual event) – 29th March 2021

The 2021 virtual Oxbridge Classics Open Day is a chance to find out more about applying to study [Classics](#) (and its joint degrees) at Oxford and Cambridge, with course presentations, taster lectures, and opportunities to ask questions to current students and academics.

Law Residential/Online Spring Workshops for Year 12 students – 15th to 17th March 2021

For 2021, the Law Residential has been adapted into a virtual programme of Spring Workshops. Find out more [here](#).

Law Faculty Taster Day (Virtual Event) – 15th and 16th March 2021

This event is open to everyone and will consist of admissions talks, an introduction to BA Jurisprudence & BA Law with Law Studies in Europe, 1 to1 chats with College and Faculty Ambassadors, finance presentation and a careers talk with sponsors, Clifford Chance. Find out more [here](#).

Virtual BAME Humanities Study Day (University College) – 8th April 2021

Get the chance to explore what it is like to apply for and study a humanities degree at Oxford University. This virtual study day is for Year 12 students from UK State Schools who have Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME) Heritage. The event will take place live via Microsoft Teams on the 8th April from 10:00 to 14:30. Book [here](#).

Events are regularly added to the Oxford Outreach Calendar, which can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Virtual Events

10th March 2021 – 16:00 to 17:00 - The Good, The Bad and The Memorable: Entrepreneurs

Join us as we explore some of the biggest successes, failures and memorable moments from entrepreneurs within different industries [Book here](#)

21st April 2021 – 16:00 to 17:00 - Virtual True Crime

An in-depth look into an interesting but grizzly subject. A look at real crimes and their legal and criminological effect on the world. We venture to different times with Jack the Ripper, Charles Ponzi, Gypsy Rose Blanchard and more. [Book here](#)

22nd April 2021 – 16:00 to 17:30 - Criminal Investigation Day

It is over 25 years since the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a case that contributed to major changes within policing, the law and society as a whole. Investigate what happened, uncover the facts and follow the campaign to get justice with the University of Law. This day is aimed at students from year 10 through to year 13. If you are considering Law, Policing or Criminology this event is an ideal way to find out more about what careers are available in these areas. [Book here](#)



National Career Guidance Shows 2021 Virtually on 28th April

We're excited to announce that registration for the virtual 2021 series of National Career Guidance Shows is now open.

You're invited to register your free place

<https://prospectevents.co.uk/visit-national-career-guidance-show-2021>



Sutton Trust Programmes

We are writing to let you know that we are extending the application deadline for our Sutton [Apprenticeship](#) and [University Summer Schools](#) by two weeks to midday on **Tuesday 16th March**.

This will help to ensure students are applying to the programme most suited to them and allow students who may not have received information digitally with a chance to learn about and apply to our Summer Schools.

Students will now have until midday on Tuesday 16th March to submit their application.

We have emailed all students who have either submitted or started an application to let them know about these changes. Decisions will still be made and communicated directly to students by the end of April.



Looking after your Mental Health

Having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more. We have expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



Midlands Collaborative Event Thursday 11th March Preparing For Your Higher Education Journey

Join eight different universities as they discuss key higher education topics to help prepare you for university, whilst answering your questions in these Q&A style webinars.

Click the links below for more info & to register.

Student finance & budgeting - Thurs 11 March, 6pm
Choosing the right university & course - Thurs 20 May, 6pm



Oxbridge Access Programme

Leading Education provides a free-of-charge Oxbridge Access Programme that students could benefit from. Our company specialises in helping state school students gain admission to the UK's top universities, and especially Oxford and Cambridge. Last year our cohort of Oxbridge applicants were 36% more successful than average!



Our 14-hour programme provides personalised support covering all aspects of the application, from personal statement to admissions tests to interview practice and more. For more details on the programme, please see the **attached flyer**.

Leading Education's founders care deeply about the cause of widening access to top UK universities, as both of them gained entry to Cambridge from comprehensive schools in Trowbridge. We recognise that most students in UK state schools are unable to afford private admissions support from companies such as ours. Therefore, we want to give students from non-fee-paying backgrounds the opportunity to take advantage of our services without cost.

In return, successful applicants undertake to tutor future candidates for 20 hours a year during their undergraduate studies. The majority of those hours will be spent working with fellow state school students (who will also not be paying), and a minority with our private clients. We feel that this is an innovative initiative which allows students to benefit from top-quality admissions support and then share their skills and knowledge. We also feel that the Work Experience and the references we would provide will be valuable in their future job search.

To apply, please click on the following link <https://bit.ly/2XsQ9s7>

Edgbaston Stadium 29th June - UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair

Following the government's recent guidance we are very pleased to announce our **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair at Edgbaston Stadium** will take place on **Tuesday 29th June**. Please see further [details here](#). This will be a great opportunity for students to gain face to face higher education and careers advice. We have a high number of exhibitors already signed up to the fair who are keen to meet students in person.



On **March 17th** we are holding a **Virtual Fair** with **over 100** exhibitors. Students and parents sign up [here](#).

Our highly popular **Webinar Wednesdays** will be returning with three webinars led by university experts, you can sign up and find out more [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 31st March - Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening
Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April - Easter Holiday
Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday - School closed
Half Term Week: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st July - Year 12 Work Experience

The school Calendar of events for the forthcoming academic year can be found on the Windsor website www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks for students in classrooms and communal areas in school is now required (where social distancing cannot be maintained). Anyone who is exempt should have notified us and will have a lanyard to indicate this is the case.

Please remind your son/daughter to bring their face mask with them when they return next week.