

Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families are safe and well during these unprecedented times. Staff are delivering live lessons to provide students with further guidance and support. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to engage with this work as it will keep them focused on their studies. Class charts will provide you with an overview of how your son/daughter is engaging with the work remotely. Mr Richards and Mrs Pedley continue to share key messages via Tutor Google classrooms for your son/daughter to keep them posted on key updates and useful advice.

Well done to those students who received GCSE results and EPQ results this week. The EPQ results are superb with four students achieving an A* for their project. Well done to all the students and staff, this is a real credit to all their hard work.

As you may be aware the UCAS deadline has now been extended until the end of January. If you have any particular questions about UCAS please contact Mrs Pedley spedley@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk in the first instance.

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/>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dhanoya
Assistant Headteacher

Amazing News!

Windsor High School and Sixth Form have raised £1400 as a school for Riley's Fight - the non-uniform day arranged by Millie on Friday 18th December. Thank you to everyone who donated.



netsixthform.co.uk

Looking for advice about Work Experience (Year 12) and interviews (Year 13)

[Watch this video](#)

Class Charts

Class Charts was launched with Parent/Carers in December.

Class Charts is a fantastic interactive software package that will integrate into daily school life. It will enable you to fully engage in your son/daughter's learning each day. This is particularly important now with remote learning in place for students. Class Charts will automatically notify you on a daily basis whether your son/daughter is engaging with their live lessons and remote learning.

In December, your son/daughter was given instructions needed to create your parent account which can be completed online via the ClassCharts website <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> or directly via the APP (which can be downloaded from your APP store).

Parent Guide and further information can be found on our website by clicking the link below:

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/parents-students/classcharts/>



If you need a Parent Code please email this request to:

info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk providing the name of your son/daughter- we will then email the code to you.

If you have any questions please to contact us on the above email address.

School Safety Measures and Lateral Flow Testing

We continue to ensure our school is a safe environment for all as we continue to operate a wide range of safety measures such as year bubbles, social distancing, hands, face, space, face masks and good ventilation to name a few. We will soon also be able to offer Lateral Flow Testing in school.

These tests are to detect asymptomatic cases only. Anyone with symptoms such as loss of sense of smell or taste, a temperature or continuous cough should not attend school and should book a PCR test by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or dialling 119.

These highly effective tests offer those students and staff who wish to, the opportunity to take a simple and quick test with results available in just 30 minutes.

We have set up a testing area with individual booths and have a team of fully trained staff ready to help us ensure Windsor is a Covid free environment. Consent forms will be sent out in due course and must be returned if an individual wishes to take a test. This is a completely voluntary test with no obligation to take one. It is also painless and simple for students at secondary school or Sixth Form to self-administer before our highly trained team will complete the testing process. Training has been completed in association with the NHS and supported by our local school nurse.

One of the significant benefits is that students identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 in school will have the choice to self-isolate or to attend school/college and take a test each morning for 7 days to ensure they are negative and therefore safe to be in school/public. More information will follow in due course.

Thank you to everyone in the community who are taking all the appropriate actions to keep themselves and others safe and for all the positive messages we have had from parents and carers who recognise and appreciate the efforts of key workers including those working in schools.



Virtual Work Experience

All Windsor Sixth Form students have now been added to the 'Sixth Form Careers Hub' Google classroom where Work Experience opportunity links are posted regularly. **Recent virtual opportunities** include:

- Young Professionals Virtual Work Experience with big name brands - only 200 places available
- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - Introduction to Pathology - Apply by 22nd January
- Severn Trent: Tap into your potential – The business of water - Apply by 21st January
- Severn Trent: Insight Day-Empowered Women Working in the Water Industry - Apply by 21st January
- Willmott Dixon - Construction Virtual Work Experience - Apply by 31st January

It is a legal requirement to complete a Work Experience placement during Year 12 (or Year 13 if your placement was cancelled last year). Virtual experiences count if you can evidence your involvement using the 'evidence record' in the Work Experience section of your tutor classroom.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to ask Mrs Brookes

jbrookes@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.



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PwC Degree Programmes

If students want to go to university but are also keen to begin their career, PwC's Flying Start degree programmes in Accounting and Technology offer the best of both worlds.

[Find out more](#)



The National Apprenticeship Show 10th February 2021

Students can register online now and will have the opportunity to chat with exhibitors by voice or text chat as well as download useful information and view online video content.

<https://nas.vfairs.com/en/register>



Virtual University & Apprenticeship Event and Meet the Russell Group

I am pleased to announce that following the huge success of our autumn fairs, we have two more fantastic and free virtual events coming up. Please see details below or [here](#)

The first will be our national **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** which is on the **27th January**, featuring a vast array of exhibitors and 10 vital webinars. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and [sign up here](#).

The second virtual event on February 10th is our **'Meet the Russell Group'** virtual event. This will feature all 24 universities and essential webinars for students considering applications to these institutions. Students and parents can find out more and [sign up here](#).



Pathways – Applications are now open for our Pathways to Business, Law and STEM!

Aston Progression Pathways (APP) is an 18-month programme that empowers eligible Year 12 students to achieve their goal of studying STEM, Business or Law courses at Aston University. Students on the scheme receive the following benefits:

Residential summer school, E-mentoring, UCAS and personal statement support, Study skills support, A contextual offer

Applications are **now live**. For more information and to apply, visit [our website](#).

Want to hear from 6 universities at the same time? Preparing for your HE Journey - 21 January at 6pm

Want to find out what to expect when you go to university? Want to find out more about normal contact hours, what support is available, or how COVID may affect University life? In this session you will find out more about university life and how to prepare yourself for university, hearing from higher education professionals from six different universities. This session takes place live so you will have the opportunity to ask questions throughout. However, if you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, if you [register for the webinar](#), you will receive the recording via email.

Online Annual Admissions Conference – Friday 12 February

It is so great that so many of you have registered for the conference already – we can't wait to see you, albeit virtually! For those of you that haven't registered the conference will take place virtually on Friday 12th February from 9.30am – 3pm. Hear from UCAS, UniTasterDays, the Art of Brilliance and Buzz Consultancy. [Reserve your place now](#).

IAG events and subject tasters- Visit our [website](#) for information on all our events in 2021



University of York

At this time of year we know Year 12 students will be starting the process of choosing their subject of study at university and Year 13 students will be starting to think about how to choose between the offers that they will receive from universities. One of our Student Recruitment Officers has recorded a presentation on choosing a course and a university which we hope will be helpful and we have collated tips from our Student Ambassadors giving an insight into their subjects of study and the things they considered when making these choices. <https://you-at-york.org.uk/1BEN-75T6N-3YA4F8-4AFS7A-1/c.aspx>



Applications are now open for our new *programme* *Yorway to York*, a two year programme starting in Year 12 designed to offer bespoke support for students living outside of the North of England and who are underrepresented in higher education. Please check eligibility criteria by clicking the logo below and apply today.

<https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/post-16/yorway/#eligibility>

Save the date: We will be participating in the [Meet the Russell Group](#) virtual fair on Wednesday 10th February along with all of the Russell Group universities.

Realising Opportunities 2020-21

Year 12 Realising Opportunities 2020-21 applications are now open for students via the RO website. <https://realisingopportunities.co.uk/apply/>.

The deadline for applications is **12 February**, however, in light of the Recent announcement we've been advised that this may be extended.

We'll keep you updated of any changes.



UCKG Help Centre Fundraising

As I am sure you are aware, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on our communities, with its effects being more hard-hitting and far-reaching than any of us could have imagined. We at the UCKG Help Centre are looking to do as much as we can to alleviate some of the suffering that the pandemic is causing, by offering to others a helping hand wherever we can.



Having said this, we would like to tell you about an exciting new initiative called 5Alive! As part of our response to Covid-19, we have worked and are continuing to work hard to deliver five major community projects this year, with the aim of keeping various members of our community alive throughout this difficult time.

We currently operate a 24-hour helpline, run weekly soup kitchens in five different locations that have fed over 2,000 people throughout the pandemic, as well as food banks in several of our centres across the country. The initiative also includes two other projects: "Night Angels", which sees our volunteers take to the streets during the night to provide basic necessities and food packs to those still sleeping rough; and also the Give Warmth Appeal, which extends aid not only to the homeless and those sleeping rough, but to children in hospitals, the children of prison inmates, and others, through gift-giving and the provision of items that will help those struggling get through the cold winter months.

We want to do more and you can be a part of it too! The funds raised will help support the general work of the UCKG Help Centre, and will also help keep the five projects mentioned above alive! Help us to help others by keeping this work alive - sponsor us. Your support will also help us continue the many other community-based outreach projects that we are currently undertaking and that we plan to undertake.

Thank you in advance for your support. It is without a doubt greatly appreciated.

lzl.fundraising1@gmail.com

New Webinars - The Sutton Trust

The Sutton Trust will be offering the following sessions:

The first session titled "**Making HE encounters count during COVID**" will take place on **Tuesday 19th January** from **4-5pm** and **6-7pm**. This will delve into ways that students can make the most of the current situation and take advantage of the avenues of online support available. You can sign up for the earlier session [here](#) or the later session [here](#).

There will also be a chance to hear about the Sutton Trust's university and apprenticeship Summer Schools, including digital support for students. Subsequent sessions this academic year will include:

- A deep dive into Social Mobility and relevant Sutton Trust research (April)
- Turning your Personal Statement support from good to outstanding (May)
- Writing references (June)
- How to support students undertaking admissions tests (July)

Full dates will be announced in due course on our website.



CREATIVE DEGREE TALKS by The Northern School of Art

We have an exciting programme of **Live and Pre-recorded Virtual HE Talks** by Creative Professionals at The Northern School of Art.

Our live virtual sessions can take place anytime to suit you and will provide students with a detailed insight into any one of our degree courses. Session includes a live Q&A.

Alternatively, links to our pre-recorded talks can be found below.

We also have a range of short 2-minute videos showcasing our courses, facilities and student life at www.northernart.ac.uk



Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

Allied Healthcare Mentor is part of the 'Your Medic Family' group. Take your first steps towards a healthcare career with the UK's only live Virtual Work Experience Programme. We are here to support you and help you on your journey to becoming a successful healthcare professional.



[JOIN THE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29th January – INSET DAY –
School closed for students

Half Term Week: Monday 15th –
Friday 19th February