

# Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families are safe and well. It has been fantastic welcoming the students back to Sixth Form. Students have been excellent role models taking their lateral flow tests. They have now had their three tests in school and have received their home kits. It is imperative that the students record their results twice a week and inform us of the outcome. Many of our Sixth Formers have received their BTEC/CTEC exam results this week, we want to congratulate the students on their fantastic results.

As you will now be aware our Year 12 Parents evening will be taking place via School Cloud. Parents can book an appointment with their son/daughter's teaching staff. A gentle reminder that the deadline for Year 12 students to secure their Work Experience place is 31st March. Congratulations to the students who have secured a placement already, particularly to the students who have managed to secure more than one placement. If you have any questions about Work Experience, please contact Mrs Brookes in the first instance at [jbrookes@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:jbrookes@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

To support us with the delivery of our tutor programme, students are expected to attend one session per week at the moment to allow us to cover the content. Year 12 students are required to attend at 8.40am on a Tuesday morning and Year 13 is 8.40am on a Thursday morning.

Finally, this week some of our Year 13 students have received offers to study Medicine and Veterinary science at University. Well done Madiah, Isabel and Joshua, we are very proud of your achievements.

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

Windsor BTEC Dance students are celebrating their outstanding results in their recent external exams. Achieving 100% Distinctions.

Students in Year 12 sat unit 1 'Investigating Practitioners and Year 13, sat unit 7 'Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts'. Two theory based units of which they made their final preparations for in lockdown.

We are really proud of their determination, hard work and resilience to achieve these excellent results. Well done everyone.

Miss Harris



## Home Lateral Flow Testing

As you will now be aware, we have provided home LFT kits to all students who wanted them. Students will have received 2 packs each containing 3 tests which should be ideally be taken on a Monday and Thursday morning before coming into Sixth Form and allowing time for the result to be seen before coming in.

These results should be shared with the school and the NHS via the Test Register system. Parents and students have already been sent communication regarding this. Reporting is quick and easy and a really important part of keeping our school safe.

Written consent is not needed for home testing as a student gives consent by taking a kit and taking a test at home. More details can be found in the letter sent by Mr Leathem-Pugh on 17th March 2021 and on the school website. Any student who subsequently decides they wish to take home LFT should speak to their tutor in the first instance.



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

# Well done!

To Kashaf for completing two virtual Work Placements with the Young professionals, she has received certificates for her involvement. What an achievement!

To Mahdis for completing four virtual work placements! One involving working in groups and preparing a presentation! Excellent Skills for the Future

This shows real determination and drive to complete multiple placements!

## Virtual Work Experience Reminder

**Year 12:** It is a requirement of your study programme to complete at least one Virtual Work Experience programme this academic year and to sign up/have a confirmed place by **31st March**. Many students are successfully gaining places online for virtual experiences now and Mrs Brookes will support your applications.

Use websites like Speakers for schools ([s4snextgen.org](https://s4snextgen.org)) and Springpod to find reputable placements, as well as checking on the Sixth Form Careers Hub classroom. Please remember that traditional Work Experience is cancelled this year so please do not seek face-to-face placements and any paid or part-time work does not count. Thank you, Mrs Brookes



## Girton College March Events

### Study Skills Meta-Cognition and Learning to Learn – 25th March 2021

Join Girton College, Cambridge in a live webinar session with our Schools Liaison Officer and current students. This session will introduce students to the idea of metacognition, and challenge you to think about what learning styles and techniques are best for your individual learning experience. This event is intended to support students of all backgrounds in their A-level studies and transition to Higher Education.

Sign-up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145246747933>

### Humanities Writing Competition

This annual competition is an opportunity for students to research and write beyond the curriculum, using one or more of the Lawrence Room museum objects, as their focus. Essays or creative responses (such as dramatic monologues or short stories) are equally welcome. We are looking for the ability to connect different areas of knowledge, to think about details and to communicate clearly.

Open to: Students in Year 12 who have an interest in the Humanities.

Prizes: Up to £200 cash and £200-worth of books from Cambridge University Press, the latter to be shared between the winning entrant/s and their school/s. The prize fund may be divided between winning entrants.

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Thursday 1st April 2021

### Important Further Information here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11s3SmVw4XTE6r8s2zO53hHkn2R7aSmdc/view>



GIRTON COLLEGE  
University of Cambridge

## Oxford Scholastic Academy

As Easter approaches and students start to think about how to make the most of their time in the current circumstances, we are thrilled to let you know that we still have a few places left on our [online Easter courses](#) and [virtual internships](#).

In particular, our [Virtual Medicine Internship](#) is now open for bookings and due to exceptionally high demand we recommend students sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

**We get 15% off for being a partner school**



## Free Opportunities for Students

### Easter Holiday Events

BT Virtual Work Experience Day – 6th April 10:00 to 15:00

Females into STEM Insight Day – 8th April 10:00 to 15:00

NHS Virtual Taster Day, Mental Health Focus – 15th April 10:00 to 15:00

Further information here:

<https://netsixthform.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8dedc07ce580600fe618f38c3&id=f7e81a0ba2&e=50d592cbc2>



## Year 12 Parents Evening - Wednesday 31st March

Our Year 12 Parents Evening will take place via video appointments using a 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. You will be able to start booking appointments from **6:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March until 30<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.**

Please find instructions attached to this Bulletin which explains how to book your son/daughter's appointments and access the system.



## Experience Your Future

Join us from 23rd March for a five-day experience worth logging on for.

Designed for applicants and students who are looking to start their study with us this year and beyond, **Experience Your Future** is an inspiring online event that brings the student experience to life. [Booking Link](#)



## Spotlight Talks

We have some amazing talks lined up from the **NHS, Fire Service, Science Council, GSK, Royal Navy, British Esports Association, Apprentices for Fire and Security** and more.

Spotlight Talks will take place on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March 2021.**

Register now:

<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence/>



## University of Essex The Edge Hotel School Experience 13rd April 2021

Join us virtually to explore courses within Hospitality and Events at undergraduate level and learn more about the experience of studying at university.

The morning will include an introductory session, as well as topical and interactive sessions with our expert academics so that students can get a feel for what studying will be like. You will also be able to hear from some of our current students and alumni to find out first-hand what it is like to study with us and where it can take you.

View the planned programme for the event, and book to attend on [our webpage](#).



## Newman University

The Student Finance application window is now open. It is important that students and parents have all the correct information so they can be well informed when they are making their applications. With this in mind, we have produced a comprehensive 'Student Finance 2021' guide that students can download [HERE](#).



Our successful webinar programme will also continue throughout this academic year. We are regularly adding dates, with opportunities presently listed until the end of April. Students and their families can find out more and register [via our Webinar page](#).

## St James's Place Wealth Management Virtual Work Experience - Easter Holiday

- Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13th April (9:00 to 16:00 each day)
- Great opportunity for those interested in a career in the financial sector (cyber, technology, HR, marketing, investments & more)
- Presentation on SJP's heritage
- A day in the life of an SJP partner
- Variety of presentations and interactive sessions to learn more about the industry
- Opportunity to ask questions
- **FREE event** (limited places, first come first serve)



Application Link: <https://www.research.net/r/SJP-Virtual-WEX>

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### A List of websites and apps that are helpful for managing mental health

#### Calm

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to as well as 'sleep stories' and some guided meditations



#### Cove

Create music to capture your mood and express how you feel with the Cove app. Instead of words, create music to reflect emotions like joy, sadness, calm and anger. You can store your music in a personal journal, or send them to someone and let the music do the talking: [www.nhs.uk/apps-library/cove/](http://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/cove/)

#### Headspace

A mindfulness app that has more of a 'podcast feel' to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.

#### NHS Every Mind Matters

This website offers a range of mental health advice as well as an interactive quiz that is designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional/mental wellbeing: [www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/)

#### Stem4

A charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers as well as encouraging them to build resilience and manage difficult emotions via online resources: [www.stem4.org.uk](http://www.stem4.org.uk)

The logo for Kooth, featuring the word 'kooth' in a bold, lowercase font. The two 'o's are replaced by stylized speech bubbles with faces inside.

**Kooth is a free online service offering emotional and mental health support for children and young people**

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

#### Kooth

This week all students have had a presentation shared with them by Kooth, a fantastic online organisation who are a leading mental health provider. These timely presentations shared how to get support, strategies for managing mental health and well-being and that it is ok to talk about how you feel.

This goes alongside Kooth's latest campaign that centres on talking about mental health as seen in this video <https://www.kooth.com/campaign-video>

Kooth offers online and anonymous support which can then signpost your son/daughter and young people to the support they may need. Please talk to your son/daughter about this resource and where needed explore Kooth.com and contact a member of the Sixth Form team if you require any further information.

### Lively, Engaging, Tailor Made Digital Shakespeare Sessions for A-Level Students

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust expert educators can help support classroom learning through our 'Set-Text Digital Sessions' & 'Catch-Up with Shakespeare' Conferences. Easy to build into your A Level class schedule whether learning in your classroom or remotely, our Shakespeare experts come to you DIGITALLY with lively, information packed videos and follow up LIVE lecturer engagements building student knowledge and confidence.



Our engaging illustrated video talks bring to life and analyse your set-text, covering contexts, interpretations, and critical reception. The LIVE engagement sessions give students immediate access to our expert Shakespearians who will target specific interests and queries and explore the text in finer detail.

Find out more: <https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/education/schools/a-level/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

The school Calendar of events for the forthcoming academic year can be found on the Windsor website

[www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](http://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



We invite you to watch this years' Love2Dance Virtual Showcase by following the link below. It will go **live at 6pm on Friday 19th March** until Monday 22nd March 2021 to allow everyone who wants to watch it do so.



The virtual performance showcases the talent of our dancers from across Windsor Academy Trust. You will see performances from solo's and duets, to large groups from our WAT schools.

We hope you enjoy Love2Dance 2021. Link: <https://youtu.be/njTKCVmbrA0>