

Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. Students will be issued with their Progress Reports on Friday 16th July. These reports will help inform students when investigating university courses and apprenticeships over the summer. If you have any questions about your son or daughter's progress, please contact their tutor in the first instance.

As you are aware there will be no formal lessons running next week, due to our activities week taking place. Students are expected in for 9.55am and must go straight to their tutor rooms. Students will finish by 2.30pm on Monday and Tuesday and will leave at 12.15pm on Wednesday. Refreshments will be provided for the students on Tuesday afternoon. Food will be available to purchase on Wednesday afternoon for the students if they so wish. Students are able to wear non-business dress for activities week. They must also continue to wear a face covering for activities week.

A gentle reminder that results days have changed to Tuesday 10th (A Level) and Thursday 12th August (GCSE). Please adhere to the arrival times as outlined in the results day letter you have received.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a fantastic summer break.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dhanoya
Assistant Headteacher

University Applications - UCAS

Well done to Year 12 students who have been working hard researching university options and attending Virtual Open Days.

Students have been encouraged to submit a first draft of their personal statement and those who have will receive feedback next week.

Over the Summer

Please encourage your son/daughter to register with UCAS if they have not done so already. They need to complete as much of the application as possible by September. Guidance for completing this can be found on their tutor Google Classroom.



For guidance on setting up and completing the application along with a list of Virtual Open events please see the following links:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

Early next week we will share information with parents/ carers regarding the return to school in September.

Alternative Olympics

On Tuesday afternoon, we have the much awaited return of our Alternative Olympics in Sixth Form. This has been a firm favourite with our students over the years and a chance to have some fun with a primary school style sports day.

After the event when appetites are at a high after the hard work in the egg and spoon race, we will treat the student to refreshments in the form of Domino's pizza but they will have to be quick to beat Mr Richards to the food.



Opportunities for students to explore the workplace virtually

A lack of face-to-face opportunities does not mean students have to miss out on workplace experiences. From taking a virtual tour of an office environment to watching case studies of young people working in different industries, LifeSkills virtual work experience resources can be accessed by students independently over the summer.

LifeSkills

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Students can also discover short films featuring Barclay's colleagues explaining their career journey and skills they needed to develop, helping students understand the importance of skills in the world of work.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/virtual-work-experience/>



Oxford Scholastica Academy Summer Virtual Internship Opportunities

We are so pleased to have a whole range of virtual internships running throughout the summer.

Our virtual internships span a wide range of subjects, and give students a unique opportunity to get real-life work experience and mentorship in their field of interest - enabling them to go beyond the theory and experience what a career in their chosen field is really like. Over the course of the internship, students work with their teammates on a real-life project such as crafting an academic paper co-authored with their expert mentor.

<https://www.oxfordscholastica.com/book-now/>



Year 12 Opportunities and Information for Students

Autumn Open Days & Campus Tours - Visit Us in Person

Saturday 25 September 2021

We plan to offer full Undergraduate Open Days in the autumn, if Government guidance allows. Our later Open Day dates are listed on the link below and they can be the first in-line to join us by simply selecting their preferred date using the buttons on the page.

Campus Tours

We are currently offering small group campus tours, giving students the chance to take in our spectacular city centre campus, cutting-edge academic facilities, and purpose-built accommodation on a guided tour led by our staff and student ambassadors.

On request, students can also arrange to **meet with an academic tutor from their chosen subject area** and ask any questions about their course or studying at Lincoln.

[Book Your Place](#)



Lincoln Live Lounge - We Are Back for a Summer Season

From topping the music charts to protecting the environment, our series of interactive and livestreamed events will feature exclusive guest speakers from an array of industries and professions to share their secrets of success. Speakers include our own academics as well as Chris Packham (4th August) and Dr Alex George (5th August) and many more.

They will be sharing secrets of success across an array of industries in special programmes hosted by the University of Lincoln and designed to inspire, educate and entertain young audiences on topics linked to education, skills, careers, well-being and social action.

Events are free and usually take place each Wednesday. Viewers can also 'watch again' on our Lincoln on demand platform. To view the summer line-up and get involved, visit

www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/studywithus/applicantsportal/lincoln-live-lounge/



Oriel College - University of Oxford

Oriel is a welcoming academic community in the heart of Oxford, a place of study and learning for nearly 700 years. Home to world-class teaching, learning and research, we welcome students and staff from all over the world.



We are anticipating that both in and outbound visits will be possible from October onwards, all being well. [Virtual Outreach](#) will continue to be available alongside this, allowing you to take a hybrid approach to engagement with Oriel and the University which suits you. Oriel will also be participating in the final [Virtual Open Day](#) of the year on Friday 17th September, along with all other departments and colleges.

Have a wonderful summer and all the very best for the future.



Oriel College
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<https://www.ox.ac.uk/virtual-open-days-2021>

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

www.nhs.uk/apps-library/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.

Headspace

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



Kooth

www.kooth.com

This site contains free mental health support with their online counsellors. It is a free sign up service that has resources such as discussion boards, helpful tips/articles written by young people and an option for them to write mood journals and set positive goals.

Papyrus

www.papyrus-uk.org

A mental health charity dedicated to preventing young suicide by providing support and resources for young people and their families. They have their "Hopeline" (Call 0800 068 4141 / Text 078600 39967 / Email pat@papyrus-uk.org) for children and young people who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or for anyone concerned for a young person that could be thinking about suicide.

Advice for parents, guardians and carers on how to support a child or young person if you are concerned about their mental health

Dr Prathiba Chitsabesan has produced a blog outlining advice for parents / carers to support their child's emotional health.

The link also signposts you to other supportive sites, such as Young Minds Parents Helpline and Better Health Every mind Matters. Please click on the link below for further information.

Link: [Advice for parents/guardians and carers](#)



University of Reading

Summer Webinars

We are running a number of webinars over the summer to help students with their journey's into higher education, including webinars on failure, getting to know Reading, and how Clearing works.

The full list including the sign-up links can be found on our [Virtual Events Page](#).



Students can fund their next steps with the British Army

The summer holidays bring time for reflection and planning as students start to consider their next steps after they have left school or college. While the cost of university may seem daunting for some, the Army has many ways to help students fund their further education.

With support from the Army, students could receive:

Medical bursaries up to £75,000

Officer undergraduate bursaries up to £25,000

Bursaries for music students up to £27,750 (Soldier entry)

Fully funded degrees for nursing students or those starting officer training as a non-graduate

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/base/funding-university>



Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your son/daughter may be entitled to Free School Meals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit



If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form.

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information you can contact the Free School Meals team by:

Telephone – 01384 814988

Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday.

Activities Week - Monday 19th July - Wednesday 21st July

Timings of the day for Year 12 Students are outlined below.

Day	Arrival	Depart
Monday 19th July	9.55am	14.30pm
Tuesday 20th July	9.55am	14.30pm
Wednesday 21st July	9.55am	12.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22nd July - Summer Holiday begins

Tuesday 10th August - A Level Results Day

Thursday 12th August – GCSE Results Day

Thursday 2nd September - Inset day - School closed to students

Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

The school Calendar of events for the forthcoming
www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

