

Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will know that this year there are no formal examinations for our year 11 and 13 students and that our school will provide Teacher Assessed Grades to exam boards for our students.

In order to facilitate this very important process, we will close school early on 26th May 2021. All students should attend school as normal on the morning of the 26th but will leave school according to the times below.

Year	Exit point	Departure time
12	top gate	12:50pm
13	top gate	From 12:50pm

All students will either have lunch before they leave as part of their normal school day or will have the opportunity to have lunch before they leave should they choose to.

Work will be available for completion remotely on the Google classrooms during the afternoon. School will operate as usual again on 27th May onwards.

This altered school day will allow staff quality time to consider and moderate judgements and organise and collate the various evidence that is needed to deliver the expectations of our school.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

Yours faithfully
Mr S. Lanckham
Headteacher

Congratulations to Aleksandrs for taking part in the Oxford Scholastica Academy online Mock Trial Live programme recently.

This is an excellent achievement.



Congratulations to Kai (Year 13) for securing an apprenticeship to study accounting, whilst working towards gaining an AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) qualification.



Year 13 Information

Student Finance

In order to have funds in place for September you must complete your application by **May 21st 2021**. Please do not worry if the site appears slow, there are many students applying at this time, so please keep trying.

UCAS - Firm and insurance offers

You must accept a firm and insurance offer through UCAS track by their given deadline. If you do not meet their deadline all your offers will be automatically declined.

These reply deadlines are based on when UCAS receives the last decision from your university or college choices. Check Track to see your personal deadline.

General reply deadlines

- If you receive your last decision on or before **20th May 2021**, your reply date is **10th June 2021** (except if you are using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **6th July 2021**, your reply date is **14th July 2021** (including Extra choices)

Please see the links below for guidance on student finance and UCAS replies.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/when>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Lateral Flow Testing

The importance of testing and reporting in secondary schools and colleges

Below is from the DFE and highlights just how important the continuation of Lateral Flow Testing is. Only this week it has successfully identified an asymptomatic case meaning a child with Covid 19 self-isolated therefore not spreading it to others, for which we are really grateful.

“Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus (COVID-19). Staff should continue to test themselves and report results whilst encouraging secondary school and sixth form students to do likewise.

To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, we have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.”

Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly (*our system is Test register and is incredibly easy to use* <https://testregister.co.uk/login>) from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but also assists our understanding of community rates of infection. You should report the result to school (via testregister) and to the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Face Coverings update

As you may be aware, the government has begun loosening restrictions on Covid-19 control measures as part of a roadmap out of lockdown. One of these measures has been the expectation that staff and students wear face coverings when in areas of the school where social distancing has been difficult.



From May 17th, this has been reviewed and the guidance updated. It is now left for us as a school to decide if this control measure is needed according to our individual risk assessment.

You will be aware that we have recently experienced some positive cases of Covid-19 in school. **Consequently, we will continue our policy of wearing face coverings in classrooms and communal areas for a further period in order to reduce the chances of transmission of the virus in our community. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis.**

Academic Writing Competition 2021



All students across Sixth Forms in the trust are encouraged to participate in this competition. The essay is based on the following question:-

“The Covid 19 generation of young people will turn out to be the most resilient generation since World War Two” To what extent do you agree ?

Explain your point of view

- The essay should be no more than 3000 words
- The essay must be submitted electronically to rallen@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk no later than 7th June.

To view the Powerpoint please click on the link below:
[Google slides for competition](#)

Further information is available in the tutor Classroom

GSK Virtual Work Experience

Have you ever considered a career in the world of pharmaceuticals? On Thursday 1st July 9:00 - 16:00 GSK will be hosting their Virtual Summer Work Experience Day to which you're invited.

This is the only event GSK will be running over the summer so if you like the sound of learning from some of the world's leading scientists as they talk all about the pharmaceuticals and healthcare industry then this is the opportunity you've been waiting for!

GSK are a science-led global healthcare company with a special purpose: to help people do more, feel better, live longer. “Turning that purpose into reality starts with our employee experience, because we know when we feel at our best, we perform at our best.”

If you'd like to apply to this exclusive event, please click on the registration link below.

<https://www.research.net/r/GSK-Work-Experience>

FREE Live Virtual Work Experience

If students are still searching for Work Experience to support their UCAS applications for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary medicine this year we can support you.

Medic Mentor currently supports over 15,000 students from thousands of schools across the UK with our [Free Live Virtual Work Experience Programme](#). Each programme is created and delivered by qualified clinicians and simulates their daily working life within the NHS.

Students' can register for free for any of our following programmes below:

[Medical Virtual Live Work Experience](#)
[Veterinary Virtual Live Work Experience](#)
[Dental Virtual Live Work Experience](#)



Medic Mentor
Motivating Medical Minds

NHS Virtual Work Experience 6th June

Our next NHS Virtual Work Experience day is 6th June. It will cover all of the specialties below and students will be able to register places at this link:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



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Careers that will be showcased: Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and Language therapy, Osteopathy, Pharmacy, Podiatry.



University of York Open Days

Deciding to go to university is one of the most important decisions you will make about your future. Come to one of our virtual events to get to know us better and explore whether York is for you.

Upcoming events:

Our Online Open Days will be taking place from 9am to 6.30pm on:
Saturday 26th June 2021 and Sunday 27th June 2021

Bookings are now open. Sign up and we will keep you updated with lots of useful information about the events to help you make the most of your online visit. [Book your place](#)



Goldsmiths Young Writer Competitions

Our writing competitions for young people aged 16-18 aim to uncover the next generation of writing talent. Become the next **Young Writer** (a short story writing competition for creative writers), **Young Columnist** (for journalists with a historical angle), or **Young Anthropologist** (for writing about identity and culture).

All three competitions have a £1,000 first prize, and two runner-up prizes of £50. All shortlisted entries will also receive a small prize.

Registration is now open. The deadline for submissions for all competitions is **12.05am on Monday 2nd August 2021**. [Register now](#)



Virtual Work Experience for Aspiring Law and Business Students

We are aware of the extraordinary challenges students considering university study are facing and in 2020, we launched our first virtual work experience scheme, welcoming around 300 students who were unable to secure a work placement opportunity.

This year, the Real World Work Experience Scheme is expanding to cover even more professional areas across the legal and business sectors, with the aim of ensuring more students know what to expect and can develop key skills ready for the workplace.

The Scheme has a fully live and virtual 3-day programme (26th - 28th July), meaning students are able to learn from, and network with professionals safely from across the UK.

<https://www.law.ac.uk/landing/work-experience-scheme/>



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Virtual Year 12 Study Days in Medicine, PPE and English

As part of Oriel's Virtual Outreach programme, a series of Virtual Study Days in selected subjects are available to Year 12 students interested in studying at Oxford or other top universities.

Virtual Study Days give Year 12 students from UK state schools a taste of what it is like to study their subject at Oxford, alongside dedicated advice and guidance on making an application. Live academic content will be provided by Oriel academics, alongside sessions led by the college Outreach Officer and opportunities to interact with current undergraduate students.



Applications are currently open for English & English Joint Schools (1st June), Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (3rd June), and PPE (4th June). Further information, including selection criteria and an application form, can be found here: <https://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/virtual-study-days>

University of Hertfordshire

We are back with more Live Taster Sessions, Industry Talks and Masterclasses! Join us to have your questions answered and to find out more about the subjects you are interested in.

We will also be running sessions on writing Personal Statements, Study Skills and Clearing.

To find out more and book your place visit:
www.herts.ac.uk/study/open-days/lets-talk-about-uni



Year 12 - Are you thinking about the future?

As you progress into Year 13 you will start thinking about your future: Do you want to go to university? Start an apprenticeship? Take a gap year? Find full time employment?. As there are so many options and each of you will choose an individual path it is important that you start thinking about these options early.

Earlier Entry Courses

For those of you thinking about early entry courses such as: Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science, Dentistry, and Oxford or Cambridge. It is important start your research now as you will have an earlier application deadline (usually in October).

The links below may start you off:

Medicine - <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/making-an-application/entry-requirements>

Veterinary medicine - <https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/veterinary-science>

Dentistry - <https://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk/studying-dentistry/making-an-application/>

Oxbridge - <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/applying-to-uni/guide-to-applying-for-oxford-and-cambridge-university>

Note: Much of the guidance is based on 2021 entry but it will still help.



University of Reading Virtual Events and Open Days

We are continuing with [virtual events and webinars](#) at the moment. We have many great webinars coming up where you will have the chance to ask some of our current students' questions. We also have [Virtual Open Days](#) taking place in **June** for you to get more information about University of Reading, our courses, support services, etc.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021 - Half Term
Monday 21st June to Friday 2nd July - Year 12 Trial exams
Monday 28th June - Inset day - School closed to students

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

www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk



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