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| **Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week beginning: Friday 9th Sept 2021** |
| **This week’s news and reminders**  |
| We are delighted to welcome Y12 to BGN 6th form and of course to welcome back Y13! It is so good to see the common room back with a buzz and we would like to thank students for the way they have embraced school this week. Big ‘well done’ to Y13 who have worked hard on their UCAS applications with their tutors in extended tutor time this week. As usual, the bulletin remains our main way to keep in touch and pass on information to students and parents and although we have separated it into a Year 13 and Year 12 ‘to do list’ there is no harm in looking at both lists to get ahead and be well prepared! This week we have had single year tutor groups to help with the admin of the week. Next week we will reinstate mixed year tutor groups and houses and we hope to have our Pupil Leadership Team up and running very soon as well.   |
| **Year 13: to do list**  |
| 1. We have many students this year who are considering **applying for a Law Degree**. The universities they wish to apply for may well require that they have taken The Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT). It is the student’s responsibility to register and complete the test and all the details are available on the LNAT website <https://lnat.ac.uk/>. Tests started on Sept 1st and the test should be taken on or before the final UCAS application is made.
2. For **Cambridge and Oxford Admissions tests**, refer to the information in this link: <https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/>
3. **The first UCAS deadline** is the 15th October when applications for Oxford or Cambridge (Oxbridge), Medicine and Veterinary science have to be sent. Aspiring doctors can apply for up to 4 courses for medicine and their fifth choice is in a related field. All these courses, including nursing at top universities, could fill up quicker than this deadline, as many more students have become interested since the pandemic, so Yr13s are urged to complete their applications and send them in ahead of the deadline date. The BGN internal deadline for completion of the early entry UCAS application is the 1st October, to allow time for processing the applications and preparing the academic references.
4. Most of our Year 13s have now started their **UCAS application** and plan to follow through with the process while also keeping other Post-18 options open. The education section requires the most detail, starting with a shortened title of the Extended Project. A levels/Level 3 BTECs need to be entered with ‘pending’ grades, and with the exam date of June 2022.
5. Students applying for degrees in education and in the medical field are expected to complete **work experience** – students need to check the entry requirements for the duration that is required. In some cases, students organise their work experience or volunteering as a block or spread out over several weeks. Quotes from references from these placements may be added to the school reference
6. The next **Virtual Open Day for Oxford University** is on the 17th September. To register use this link: <http://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/open_days_registration_2021>
7. Live on Thursdays is the **Oxford MAT Livestream.** Are you thinking of applying to study Mathematics at university? James Munro is running a [weekly livestream](https://trinity.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4a0b1e5f420a239cc77614cfd&id=9e88841d95&e=edcdcff110) this summer, talking about maths problems and discussing problem-solving strategies, with a particular focus on Oxford's Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT).
8. Find out more about **Amazing Apprenticeships** at <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=apprenticeships&utm_campaign=AA+Sept+Launch>
9. Learn about different subjects you can study at university through these **on-demand webinars** at <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>
10. **MOOCs** (short courses) on many interesting topics will help you add value to your personal statement. Typical courses on sustainability and climate change are found at: [Future Learn](https://links.futurelearn.com/e/evib?_t=5d0f654c48b44391b60384eab004f9d8&_m=d2b5bf507ed246fba1bbde7519766bdc&_e=tufZv8HuaL-jW6PqzbWhuxuU5enFpZ2cRW_L4ihnbZoqSCnxzdG1FuDjEJ6iNTFGexQQocZDchs31bzSUOD8W0JRtp_IHBeK7-i6SIOiiaj9yoIZAPeYRymyRPp-jel3)
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| **YEAR 12: to do list**  |
| 1. The transition from GCSE to Level 3 (A level/BTEC) studies is quite significant and this week tutors have focused on **study skills for Sixth Form**. Students might like to explore this further and to think about the study techniques which suit them best. Tutor2you are offering a free course on the study skills needed to be a successful 6th form student for more detail here is the link: <https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/transition-to-sixth-form-skills-booster>
2. If you are interested in a **career in the Uniformed Services**, the Drive Initiative on the 17th to 18th September allows young people between 15 to 25 years old with a wide range of talents to engage with these services. Check out the attached flyer (DRIVE) for more information.
3. The virtual Autumn **Chemistry Conference** 2021 for Yr12 & 13 students is being held on the 30th September. Use the link for more details and to [Register here](https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/G96VzPWXk0-0uv5ouFLPkQ%2CRj_B6XZR8EmsO-W7MV12Qw%2CIzk0UHxEdUuFqlIy-guBvQ%2CM0BCGALA0UCenr1X9roxnA%2CUGmxcklUF0euOjf43hBudg%2CAfQePaR2IUu5vllqAYQtQQ?mode=read&tenantId=cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91&nbsp;)
4. As we move into the autumn, Sutton Trust is excited that applications for the Year 12 Pathways programmes for Engineering, Medicine, Law, Consulting and Banking & Finance are now open. Apply early if you meet the criteria for a place: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/>
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