

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

Dear Lord, we pray You guide our steps as we move forward in our lives. Grant us open minds, courageous spirits and generous hearts. May we be grateful for each day and each person we encounter and the opportunity they bring to grow in love and wisdom. Amen.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 26th September 2025

News and Reminders

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all students, parents, and guardians of our 2025/26 BGN Sixth Form. Secondly,

*Thank
you*



It is wonderful to see all our students making such a positive start to the new academic year. Year 13 have hit the ground running having spent the summer break laying the foundations for positive outcomes this year. Many made progress on their personal statements, and consolidation of Year 12 content so they were ready for their early assessments. Our new Year 12s have really stepped up to the expectations and culture we have established here at BGN Sixth Form. It is a big adjustment, but we can already see they are committed to making the most of the opportunity Sixth Form offers. I would like to thank each and every one of you that attended our Year 12 and 13 Parents Information evening early in the term. If you were unable to attend, please find a copy of the presentation attached to this bulletin.



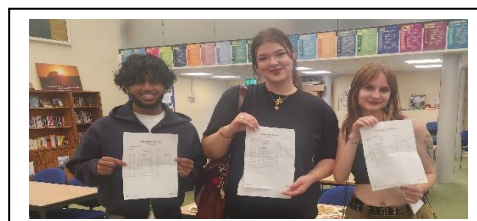
All students have been involved in an intensive workshop already, upskilling them in aspects of study success including time management, organisation, and exam mindsets. Further information and resources are available via the website using the details below:

www.live-n-learn.co.uk

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Considering what we're all working towards we must also mention how proud we are of last year's Year 13, and the amazing outcomes they achieved. With many students now in their first-choice universities up and down the country, we wish them all the success they deserve in their next step of their educational journey and beyond.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th October – Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 13th October – Year 13 Interview Skills Workshop
Tuesday 21st October – Year 12 Geography Trip
Wednesday 22nd October – Sixth Form Open Evening (You, the students are our best adverts!)
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term
Monday 3rd November – Return to School – Week A
Friday 7th November – BGN Day – School closes at 12:30pm

Any past students interested in raising awareness of careers, pathways and the motivation of our current cohort should contact Mrs Rebecca Russell on RRussell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk or telephone BGN reception on 01295 264 216.

As always, please check your school email address regularly. A lot of important and useful information is sent out to you this way.

The early deadline to send Oxbridge, Medical/Dentistry/Veterinary and any other early applications is the 15th October. Please let Mrs Ellul know by email if you are needing to or intend to apply by this deadline to prioritise reading your work. For detailed advice about writing your personal statement, please refer to the email sent by Mrs Ellul on 7th September.

DISCOVER ROUTES INTO MEDICINE

At the John Radcliffe Hospital

After school talk, Thursday 2nd October 2025 5.00pm – 7.00pm

- Meet real doctors and medical students
 - Discover the journey to becoming a medic
 - Top tips for getting ready for medical applications
 - Experience a real-life medical scenario
 - Get information about work experience and alternative pathways
 - Put your questions to our expert panel
- Whether you are decided or still exploring, this event is your gateway to understanding routes to medicine!

Lecture Theatre 1, Level 2 Academic Centre John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford OX3 9DU
REGISTER FOR A PLACE [HERE](#)

[Russell Group Webinars Fair](#)

Tuesday 30th September 2025 - Thursday 2nd October 2025

Interested in going to a Russell Group University? **UK University Search** are excited to be collaborating with the **Russell Group** once again to bring you our popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics.

Taking place from the **30th September to 2nd October**, we have **five 90-minute sessions** each featuring **four or five expert panellists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey.

In each session the Q&A function will be managed by other member universities from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information.

MEDICMENTOR

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications, luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing.



Our Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic & Dental Mentor. It is free to participate in, and is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above who has attended one of our FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!

Our next Get Into Medicine Conferences are:

- Sunday 28th September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Saturday 4th October, 9am - 1:30pm

[REGISTER FOR MEDICINE HERE](#)

Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 27th September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Saturday 18th October, 9am - 1:30pm

[REGISTER FOR DENTISTRY HERE](#)



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and chat directly
with **32** universities
across the UK

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UNIVERSITY FAIR
Tuesday 14th October 2025

Unifrog Virtual University Fair
Tuesday 14 October

From acing your application, to understanding scholarships, and learning more about what it's like to study at university, this fair is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered by the experts.

Join universities from across the UK to speak to their representatives via Q&A, and attend live sessions to get an insight into all things university!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

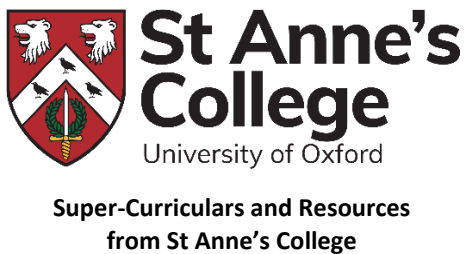
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Recordings of past Mansfield Public Talks can be found on Mansfield's YouTube channel, [here](#)



[In conversation with Taylor Mac](#)

Friday, 17th October 2025, 5:30pm

Talk held in association with the Schwarzman Cultural Programme

The renowned American actor, playwright, performance artist, director, producer, and singer-songwriter Taylor Mac, starts our series of public talks with reflections on his work.



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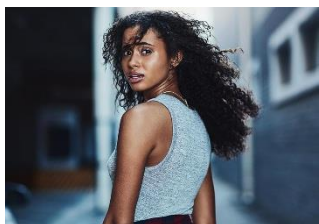


[Hitler, Jesus & How to Win a Culture War](#)

Professor Alec Ryrie FBA

Tuesday, 30 September 2025 - 18:00

[History](#) [Politics](#) [Culture](#) [Religion](#)

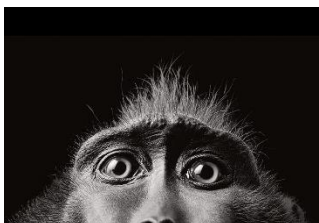


[Why Do We Fear?](#)

Professor Robin May

Wednesday, 1 October 2025 - 18:00

[Neuroscience](#) [Biology](#) [Animal](#) [Science](#)

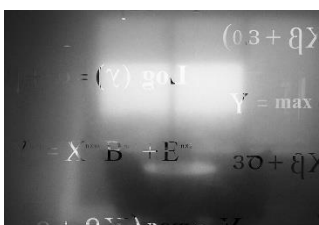


[Evoking Empathy through Animal Portraiture](#)

Tim Flach

Tuesday, 2 October 2025 - 18:00

[Animal](#) [Art](#) [Visual art](#) [Environment](#)



[How Does Mathematics Last? Heritage and Heritage-making in Mathematics](#)

Professor Caroline Ehrhardt

Wednesday, 8 October 2025 - 18:00

[Maths](#) [History](#) [Heritage](#)

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Our lectures are available as podcasts; subscribe via Google Podcasts, Spotify or Apple Podcasts. Alternatively follow the link below.

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IN OUR TIME

Melvyn Bragg and his guests discuss the history of ideas - including topics drawn from philosophy, science, history, religion and culture.

WORK EXPERIENCE

[NHS OUH Work Experience](#)

Oxford University Hospitals NHS open application windows three times a year. If they receive a large number of applications, they may have to close applications early.

Placements **12 January to 10 April 2026** including **Half Term 16 to 20 February 2026** and **Easter holiday 30 March to 10 April 2026**

The [application link](#) will be live 14 to 24 October 2026

Placements **25 May to 28 August 2026** including **Half Term 25 to 29 May 2026** and Summer holiday **23 July to 28 August 2026**

The [application link](#) will be live 24 February to 5 March 2026

YEAR 12 - YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR WORK EXPERIENCE FROM 24TH FEBRUARY FOR YOUR JUNE WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK.



Oxford Playhouse Work Experience

At the start of each placement week, students are given a couple projects and will work across several departments — including Participation, Marketing, Tech, and Fundraising — to complete a range of tasks before presenting their work at the end of the week.

This structure allows students to experience our industry from multiple perspectives and develop an understanding of the importance of collaboration in theatre.

Dates and application forms:

- Monday 13 October – Friday 17 October 2025 <https://forms.office.com/e/nvfh8MvFMc>
- Monday 3 March – Friday 8 March 2026 <https://forms.office.com/e/6skMVJZ7LS>
- Monday 27 April – Friday 1 May 2026 <https://forms.office.com/e/80EiYs9bwA>
- Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June 2026 <https://forms.office.com/e/zDyWqtNfZy>



Interested in STEM?

EDT delivers a range of programmes and tailored activities for companies supporting young people at every key decision-making point throughout their educational journey.

Industrial Cadets is a widely recognised, accredited awards scheme providing industry-based experiences on pathways through education to employment.

Together, with our partners we collaborate and unite, inspiring young people to discover the exciting world of STEM, creating a funnel of diverse early talent interested in entering the STEM industries, answering the needs of key growth areas.



Virtual Work Experience with Springpod

Get stuck in with immersive and informative virtual work experiences with leading employers such as the NHS, Barclays, and Airbus. These incorporate real workplace activities – from observing a live surgery to designing a lunar landing module – and the chance to speak with, and hear from, industry professionals.



Future Careers Experience

Future Careers Experience can be accessed at any time and at your own pace. This program is designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding of different roles and potential career pathways within Amazon whilst also helping you build employability skills. It includes activities related to the various career pathways and CV building.

MEDICAL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES



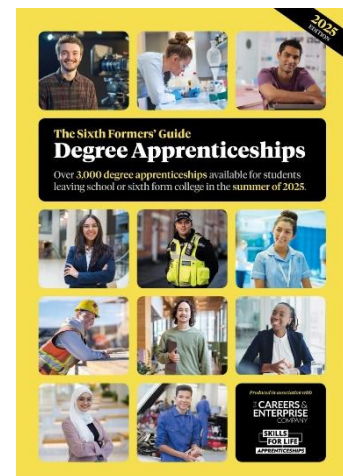
AFTER SIXTH FORM



New for 2026! Our league tables rank UK universities nationally, regionally, and in 74 subject areas.

The Degree Apprenticeship Guide

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is the A-Z guide to degree apprenticeship employers in the UK. Produced in partnership with **The Careers & Enterprise Company** and the **Department for Education**, the guide explains how degree apprenticeships offer a work-led, debt-free route to a university degree and a graduate job. It features inspiring interviews with degree apprentices working in different industries & sectors, expert guidance from degree apprenticeship employers, and showcases many of the top degree apprenticeship programmes available in 2025.



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Check out the [The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2025 - YouTube](#)

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Webinars:

- Mon 29th Sept 4:30pm - [Top tips for acing your Personal Statement](#)
- Mon 29th Sept 5:30pm - [Breaking barriers: applying to selective universities](#)

- Tue 30th Sept 4:30pm - [Top tips on acing your portfolio for university creative arts courses](#)
- Tue 30th Sept 5:30pm - [What to expect when applying to medicine and dentistry courses](#)
- Wed 1st Oct 4:30pm - [What to expect from a university course interview](#)
- Wed 1 Oct 5:30pm - [Parents and caregivers session: supporting university applications](#)
- Thur 2nd Oct 4:30pm - [The best of both worlds: study business and make a positive difference](#)
- Thur 2nd Oct 5:30pm - [The future of work 2030: how to develop high impact “un-LLM-able” skills](#)
- Mon 6th Oct 4:30pm - [Careers in renewable energy: watt’s it like?](#)
- Mon 6th Oct 5:30pm - [Careers in medicine healthcare: making a lasting impact](#)
- Tue 7th Oct 4:30pm - [Making a difference: careers in education and childcare](#)
- Tue 7th Oct 5:30pm - [Finance and investment banking: charting your career](#)
- Wed 8th Oct 4:30pm - [Law: paving the way to successful law careers](#)
- Thur 9th Oct 5:30pm - [Applying to medicine? Don’t forget about your fifth choice!](#)

OPEN DAY CALENDAR

[Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days](#)



Check out The Uni Guide Podcast for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode,

University in 2026 – year 12’s biggest questions answered

Listen to this and all previous episodes [HERE](#).

Browse exciting events listed on UniTasterDays for students, with more being added daily. Including open days, subject taster days, information fairs on studying abroad...Your next university adventure awaits! Check them out [HERE](#)

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