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| **Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week ending Friday 6th May 2022** |
| **This week’s news and reminders** |
| I hope you all had a good Easter break and bank holiday weekend. It is good to see students working hard to get ready for their mocks and, in the case of year 13, ‘the real exams’. This has been a very difficult week for the whole BGN community following the sad news of the death of Miss Smith last weekend. As you know, Miss Smith has been a pivotal part of BGN for many years, and we feel her loss keenly and will do for a long time. Miss Smith was also a central part of the sixth form, in the past as Head of 6th Form, and more recently as a dedicated sixth form tutor who helped numerous students write the prefect personal statement. She was also a dedicated teacher of A level Philosophy, Theology and Ethics, and supported many students to reach their potential and achieve grades they could be proud of, helping them to continue their journey beyond BGN with confidence.  It is a testament to her love of teaching and her vocation that she was in regular touch with generations of past students who still valued her support and advice into their adulthood. There is consolation to be found in the knowledge that, as Head of Catholic Life at BGN, Miss Smith’s unwavering faith that brought her strength and comfort has now led her to the peace and joy of eternal life in our heavenly home.  We know that this is an anxious time for you all for a number of reasons and we are here to support you. As always, parents and students, do please ask if you have any questions or concerns. This is our last two weeks together as a two year cohort as year 13 leave us on May 20th and we are looking forward to our Leavers’ Celebrations which start with Mass on May 19th. We wish year 13 all the luck in the world with their exams. Please keep checking your e mails as it remains our main way of communicating with you and then look out for the bulletin every other Friday which contains details mostly of the careers options you need to be considering. The bulletin will continue to be relevant for year 13 when they are on study leave so, please do keep reading it over your Saturday breakfast!  A few dates for your diaries:   * Friday 6th May – Year 12 * Thursday 19th May – Year 13 Leavers’ Mass * Friday 20th May – Year 13 Study Leave * Thursday 30th June – Year 13 Prom. * Monday July 4th to Friday July 8th inclusive: Year 12 work experience.     This week, in the **Careers Tutor Programme**, we shared with sixth formers the attached Labour Market Information by the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. This helps our students to make more informed decisions about their future career path. Quoting Anne Milton, former MP, on the provision of Gatsby Benchmark 2:*It is vital, in an environment where new industries are emerging and many of the most important jobs of the future don’t yet exist, that individuals have access to high-quality labour market information and earnings data to underpin their choices.* |
| **Year 13** |
| **Purposeful Planning:** Make sure you are dedicating, planning and effectively using the time you have to maximise revision and consolidate subject knowledge. Use the planning frame!  **Prompt for Prompt Prom Payment!** On Monday we will be working out the final ticket price for Prom. You were forced to miss out on your Year 11 Prom do not miss the chance to attend your Year 13 Prom, whether you’re there emotionally or ironically just be there! All payments can be made through ParentPay.  Student Finance deadline - To ensure that you receive your maintenance loan on time, you need to apply for Student Finance by the **20th of May** deadline. Also, now is the time to open up a student Bank Account if you don't already have one, where you can receive the loan.  UCAS offer reply deadline - If you receive your last offer by 19 May, your reply date of a Firm and Insurance choice is **9 June 2022.**  If you are taking a gap year, applying for a job or an apprenticeship, examples of a covering letter can be found at: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/cover-letters/sample-cover-letter> and you can update your cv using this link: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/example-cvs/school-leaver-cv-example> |
| **Year 12** |
| **\* Is your Work Experience arranged and paperwork completed? \***  Find the best careers for you in Unifrog's Careers Library - you can search by career area, subjects or personality type!  University Open Days - This is the time to visit university campuses to help you with making university choices. Please see this link for dates when the universities are open to the public: <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>  **Humanities Taster Day** 9th May, 10:00-14:20 This Oxford Brookes taster day explores the theme of 'Power and Privilege - exploring social justice'. It will give students an opportunity to engage in discussion with academics and current students and tour the university campus. [Register here](https://COM.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2eb277ff62b44aa5d97ec4011&id=4c035b2444&e=26c244fae3).  **Future Stars** 12th May This free event is open to SEND schools this year. The keynote speaker is record breaking Paralympian Tanni Grey-Thompson and organisations such as Siemens, UK Music and UCL are exhibiting. You can register by contacting [hello@myglobalbridge.com](mailto:hello@myglobalbridge.com). [Find out more](https://COM.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2eb277ff62b44aa5d97ec4011&id=0a26a3e861&e=26c244fae3).  **Health Careers Hour** 12th May, 10:00 Aimed primarily at KS4 & 5, this broadcast will feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the health sector. There will be a live q&a and jobs board and the recordings can be accessed after the event to be used at a time to suit. [Find out more](https://COM.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2eb277ff62b44aa5d97ec4011&id=91eef4a45c&e=26c244fae3).  **Humanities Taster Day** 13th May, 10:00-14:20 This Oxford Brookes taster day will explore the theme of 'Humanising the future - exploring the need for humanities and social sciences in a technological future'. It may interest students who are considering studying social sciences at university. [Register here](https://COM.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2eb277ff62b44aa5d97ec4011&id=021815db3e&e=26c244fae3).  **Don’t forget to keep checking:** <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/> So you can tour accommodation, lecture theatres, and visit the town. |
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| **And finally:** |
| We hope you all have a wonderful, productive, restorative Easter break!  If you have any questions relating to anything Sixth Form, please contact:  Mrs O’Donnell – [SODonnell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:SODonnell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk)  Mr Thornton – [wtho0370@bgn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:wtho0370@bgn.oxon.sch.uk)  Mrs Ellul – [mell8376@bgn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:mell8376@bgn.oxon.sch.uk)  Mrs Russell - [rrussell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rrussell@bgn.oxon.sch.uk)  ***Disclaimer:***  ***Please note that BGN School cannot take responsibility for checking every aspect of these websites in detail. We advise you to follow normal internet safety precautions when accessing these, and any other internet sites. Remember, that if you give your personal details to a third-party website, you may be consenting to them using or sharing your details. Always read the Privacy Notice and Terms and Conditions carefully.*** |