

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

O, Lord, on this feast of the Sacred Heart, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to Your Son, we may learn to see Him in every person we encounter.



## Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### News and Reminders



Thank you to all Yr12 students who were such wonderful representatives of BGN on the Lourdes trip. We hope you all got as much from the experience as you gave in service to your fellow pilgrims. We also hope you've managed to catch up on some sleep!

Mock Resit Week is now complete; this should mean that all Yr12 students can continue with their subjects confident in the knowledge that they are where they need to be at this stage and have a good understanding of what is necessary to progress and improve in Yr13.

Year 12, there are still a few of you without work experience. Please see Mrs Soza next week if you still do not have a work placement.

Yr13 Leavers' Prom is less than a fortnight away so those of you attending MUST have bought your ticket and submitted your Menu Choices by now. Any questions or issues please contact Mrs Russell.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Higher Education Talk

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 12 Biology Trip

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Work Experience

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 13 Prom

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Inset Day - School Closed

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – School Finishes for Summer 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](mailto: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.

### **How to Get into (Oxford) Medicine Summer School**

STEP inTO OxMed are holding a summer school series of weekly small-group sessions for Year 11, 12 & 13 students in August to increase understanding of and confidence in making (Oxford) medical school applications within under-represented groups. The sessions will cover personal statement and interview, medical ethics, diagram interpretation, clinical research, BMAT and an interview workshop. The dates aren't confirmed yet but you can [register your interest](#) to receive more details as they become available



Students and parents can sign up to the Free Virtual UCAT Conference on Sunday 14th June or Sunday 21st June from 10am - 12pm:

<https://medicmentor.org/ucat-gim/>

The UCAT Conference provides a comprehensive overview of the UCAT exam and its subtests. The conference will cover:

- How the UCAT is structured and scored, and how this impacts your

overall performance

- What medical schools are actually looking for in UCAT results, including how different universities use scores in selection
- A detailed breakdown of each section: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, and Situational Judgement
- Guided question walkthroughs, so students can see how high-scoring applicants approach and think through UCAT questions
- Practical strategies for managing time pressure and maintaining accuracy under exam conditions
- How to structure UCAT preparation throughout the summer months
- How to use question banks and mock exams effectively to track and improve performance
- The most effective resources for UCAT preparation, and how to avoid common mistakes students make

## **PREMED PROJECTS**

Medical opportunities for students aged 14–18 and considering careers in medicine or healthcare:

- London 1 Day Medical Work Experience (Anatomy, A&E, Surgery, Radiology, Oncology and more)
- London Medical Summer Camps (Residential)

1 week and 2 week options available across July and August

- Thailand Medical Summer Camp (Residential)

26 July–8 August 2026

- Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week

13–17 July 2026 (live online with recordings)

- Free Future Doctors Weekend (On Demand)

Students can complete the course and obtain a certificate

[Summer Camps](#), [1 Day Courses](#), [Virtual Week](#), [Free Course](#)



- By joining Sutton Trust Online, students will have the opportunity to:
- Ask questions to current university students and apprentices using STO chat
  - Enjoy expert personal statement support based on what universities are looking for
  - Get admissions test and interview support
  - Attend webinars and taster lectures delivered by universities, including admissions staff
  - Learn about university and apprenticeships with our expert resources
  - Become a Sutton Trust Alumni and gain access to exclusive opportunities for years to come.

Applying only takes about 15 minutes, and the programme is self-directed and designed to fit in around studying. [Find out more](#)



**\*NEW\* Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing**

The April mini-edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched!

Explore 950+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 38 employers, including GXO, KPMG, Devon and Cornwall Police, British Army, ARUP and many more!

Download the Higher & Degree listing [HERE](#)



[The UK University & Apprenticeship Search](#) event will be returning to Oxford Brookes University on **Wednesday 17th June.**

The fair will offer students the chance to speak to an array of exhibitors including Russell Group, red brick and modern universities. There will also be a number of national and local apprenticeships representing the main key sectors.



**Introducing the Bright Stars Scholarship**

An exclusive university scholarship for future optometry students, offering £10,000 towards university costs. Register your interest and after you've applied for an Optometry course at your chosen university, we'll invite you to join us for The Bright Room. Following the event, we hope to match you with a local practice where you can work part-time and begin to learn more about Optometry. Then, when you start university, you'll receive £2500 each year, over the 4 years of your optometry course. When you finish university, you'll be a fully qualified Optometrist, ready to see where a career at Specsavers could take you. [Find out more HERE](#)

# unifrog [Unifrog Virtual Work Experience Week](#)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Each day will be hosted by a different employer, offering you the chance to develop a wide range of employability skills, and have an introduction to careers in diverse fields:



**STEM**  
LEARNING

**STEM Learning's research placements** are engaging, real-life workplace experiences. They take place during the summer holidays after Year 12 and consist of one to three weeks on placement, along with pre- and post-activities including independent study. Placements take place in a variety of locations including offices, museums, research centres, laboratories or fieldwork settings. Students can take part in a

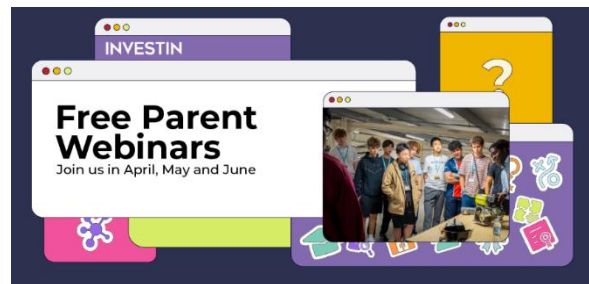
placement at no cost.

Read the [guide for student applicants](#) here.



Learn more about InvestIN's career programmes [here](#).

InvestIN are launching a new series of free parent webinars this month, designed to give parents practical advice and expert insights to support their children. [VIEW SESSIONS](#)



**YOUNG**  
**PROFESSIONALS**

Young Professionals Summer Conference in London, taking place on Saturday, 18th July 2026. Students will get to meet with 30 of the world's biggest brands, take part in workshops, skills sessions, and network with senior leaders from business, banking, finance, law, engineering, and technology. All students who attend will get a professional LinkedIn headshot as well as a digital PDF link packed with CV templates, how to start a business, top tips on applying to corporate roles, and lots of other useful content.

**Date:** Saturday 18th July

**Location:** Friends House, London, Euston (right opposite Euston Train Station)

**Time:** 2pm - 6pm

**Tickets can be purchased here:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Summer26\\_PM](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Summer26_PM)

## COMPETITIONS

### Write on Art

Write on Art is a national writing programme for young people **from 13 to 19 years of age**, devised by Art UK and the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art (PMC). Young writers are invited to write 400 - 600 words about an artwork of their choice on Art UK's website for one of three categories:

- Creative writing – an imaginative and expressive response to an artwork
- Review – a critical commentary about an artwork or installation
- Essay – a critical analysis of an artwork supported by evidence

Twelve successful applicants will be invited to attend a day-long Young Art Writers Workshop at the Royal College of Arts in October 2026. The workshop will include writing sessions, a risograph printing workshop and opportunities to connect with other young writers. Throughout the day the group will co-design and produce a zine featuring the twelve shortlisted essays. This zine will be printed for sharing with friends and family and featured on the PMC and Art UK's websites.

Deadline to submit writing: **10:00 on 21st July**.

## SUBJECT TASTER DAYS & UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

### Brookes Undergraduate Open Days

Oxford Brookes University are holding undergraduate open days on 19th and 20th June from 10:00 - 15:30 for prospective students and their families to attend subject-specific sessions and activities, meet staff and current students, attend talks on topics like finance and admissions and tour the campuses and accommodation options.

### Preparing for Oxford Physics

What Our new online course 'Preparing for Oxford Physics' is designed to help Y12 students build their problem-solving skills and looks ahead to all parts of the admissions process, including the ESAT, interviews and beyond. While the course is physics focussed, we welcome students interested in studying other related subjects at university, such as engineering. The course consists of a series of live, online webinars in June / July and September/ October along with summer assignments, videos and an additional interview focussed session in December. It's open to everyone, and is free to take part in.

**Who** Young people who are in Year 12 (or equivalent) in June 2026 and are considering applying to Oxford or other competitive universities

**When** June to December 2026

**Where** Microsoft Teams

**Links** For more information and booking details please see [HERE](#)

### English & Classics at Magdalen Programme

**What** Three-day subject-specific residential - taster sessions in English and Classics, application skills workshops, tours, student life, and more!

**When** 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Where** Magdalen College, University of Oxford

**Links** For more information and application details, please see [HERE](#) or via the Magdalen College website: [HERE](#) **Deadline** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026!

### St Hilda's Webinar Series

**What** St Hilda's is embarking on a webinar series for state school students that will look in detail at the Oxford admissions process, aimed at students at different stages in their applications.

**When**

- Thursday 18th June 2026 (16:00-16:45) - 'An overview of the Oxford admissions process (for students and teachers)'

**Where** Online Webinar Series

**Links** More information and applications, can be found [HERE](#) **Deadline** Registration closes the day before the webinar is due to take place.

# SUPER CURRICULAR



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

## [Frankenstein's Dream](#)

Simon Pummell

Using his new film *Frankenstein's Dream* as a starting point, Mansfield alumnus and BAFTA-winning filmmaker Simon Pummell explores how 19th-century visions of technology, from literature, outsider art, and forgotten inventions, illuminate contemporary fears about the merging of human identity and the technologies we create.



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<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now>



## [There Must be a Better Way: Thoughts on the Future of Family Law](#)

The Rt Hon Sir Andrew McFarlane

Monday, 15 Jun 2026 - 18:00

[Law](#)



## [The Morrigan: The Nightmare Queen](#)

Professor Ronald Hutton

Wednesday, 17 June 2026- 18:00

[Ancient Religion History](#)



### [The Death of the Roman Republic?](#)

Professor Melissa Lane

Thursday, 18 June 2026- 18:00

[Ancient History](#) [Politics](#) [Society](#)



### [Music of Sleep and Dreams](#)

Professor Milton Mermikides

Friday, 19 Jun 2026 - 18:00

[Music](#) [Science](#) [Biology](#) [Art](#)

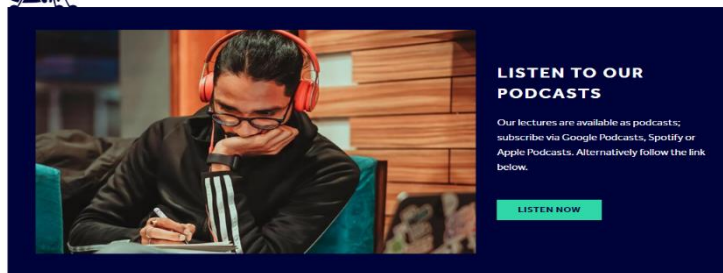


### [On the Nature of Time According to Modern Physics](#)

Professor Jim Al-Khalili CBE

Tuesday, 23 Jun 2026 - 18:00

[Physics](#)



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#### Webinars:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: business and mastering entrepreneurship in an AI world](#)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: thinking like a psychologist](#)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: explore the latest in law and legal studies](#)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: exploring the theories that shape education](#)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: from stage to studio, exploring opportunities in creative and performing arts](#)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Mini-masterclass: how engineers shape the world around us](#)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 4:30pm - [Business taster: how brands build loyal fans](#)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 5:30pm - [Politics taster: should 16 year olds be allowed to vote?](#)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 4:30pm - [Business taster: what does AI mean for the future of management?](#)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5:30pm - [Where can an English degree take you?](#)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6:30pm - [What universities really want to see in your engineering application](#)
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm - [How to win the world cup – with science!](#)

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Parents and caregivers session: what will their first few months at university be like?](#)
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Marriage glitch? The real laws behind marriages that disappear](#)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm - [Law taster: do children have legal rights?](#)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 5:30pm - [Architecture taster: can building design be a political act?](#)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm - [Neuroscience taster: how does the nervous system work?](#)



### [What Economists Really Do](#)

The University of Oxford Department of Economics' What Economists Really Do series is a free series of talks designed to inspire the study of economics by exploring some of today's most pressing issues.



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

## WORK EXPERIENCE



### 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.

## MEDICAL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITES

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.



## CAREERS

### Apprenticeships at Warner Bros. Discovery Webinar

16th June, 18:30 - 19:30

Students can join this Warner Bros. Discovery webinar for an exclusive look into what it's really like to begin your career through the WBD Apprentice Programme. Attendees will learn about WBD's Apprentice Programme and the skills you can gain in a world leading business, get a clear breakdown of the application process and tips on standing out, hear from current WBD apprentices who will share their honest experiences, challenges and career journeys so far and discover upcoming apprenticeship opportunities across the business. [Register here.](#)

### [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.

## AFTER SIXTH FORM

### OPEN DAY CALENDAR

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



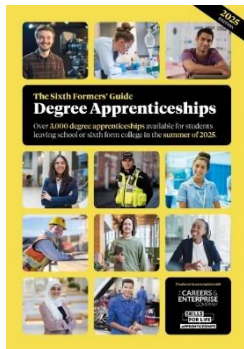
### [Outlook Expeditions](#)

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### [University league tables](#)

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



## The Degree Apprenticeship Guide

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

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**UniTasterDays**

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

**Degree Apprenticeships: Step up and stand out | Episode 52**

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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