

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

We thank you, oh Lord, for the beauty of this world, and the love that created it. May that love be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others, now and always.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 29th September 2023

News and Reminders

We are accepting applications for the 16-19 Bursary, please find attached the application forms and an information letter explaining the different funding available and the qualifying criteria. If you have any questions, require any further information or would like to discuss any mitigating circumstances not covered in the letter, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs O'Donnell or Mrs Russell.

Year 12s - Please open the email sent to you by Mrs Harris containing information about Work Experience, including the PowerPoint she presented to you all in Assembly and a digital copy of the Work Experience form. This is also available via the BGN website or Mrs Russell has paper copies in the LRC. If you have any questions about the Work Experience week please make sure to ask us as soon as possible. This really is an invaluable chance to gain access to your dream job, the realities of working life, and contacts that you could possibly call on later in your career. Make the most of it by getting your applications in early!

Year 13s - Please pick up a Privilege Pass letter from Mrs Russell in the LRC. You can nominate 5 study periods across your 2 week timetable when you feel you would be more productive working at home. Authorisation for you to do this, however, is contingent on your parent/guardian, teachers, tutor and Mrs O'Donnell's agreement that you are motivated and working at the level required to continue this unaided at home. If you have any questions or particular circumstances you would like considered, please contact Mrs Russell. Privilege passes only 'go live' once Mrs Thornton has confirmed they have been processed by the attendance office.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th October – INSET DAY – School closed to all students.

Monday 9th October – Yr13 Progress Reports

Tuesday 10th October – Yr12 and Group Photos

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Thursday 12th October – 4pm – 6pm - Apprenticeship Fayre at Lock 29, Banbury

Friday 13th October – Yr13 EPQ Presentations

Friday 13th October – Family Bingo

Tuesday 17th October – Yr12 & Yr13 Art Trip

Thursday 19th October – PFMAC Concert, Oxford

Monday 23rd Friday 27th October – HALF TERM

Meet the Russell Group Webinars

3rd - 5th October

Interested in going to a Russell Group University? Make sure you don't miss our upcoming official Meet the Russell Group webinars.

Hear directly from representatives and experts from 22 of the 24 **Russell Group Universities including Cambridge, King's College London, LSE, Bristol, and Manchester** to get answers to all of your questions about applications, student life, personal statements, and much more.

Held across 3 days, the webinars will cover topics such as an Introduction to the Russell Group & Why to Study There, Personal Statements & Applying to a Russell Group University and Student Life.

[Register For Your Place To Each Webinar Here](#)

Aspire Webinar Series 2023/24

Transform Your Future

Attend our free Aspire Webinars to learn even more about different career and higher education options!



Oxbridge Applications Demystified

26 Sept | 5:00-6:30pm

Are you considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge? Learn more from our experts about what to expect during the application process and the difference between Oxbridge and other universities.

Perfecting Your Personal Statement

3 Oct | 5:00-6:00pm

Not sure how to make a great first impression in your personal statement? Join us and learn how to best showcase your knowledge and experience, as well as common mistakes to avoid.

Choosing the Right University for You

12 Oct | 5:00-6:00pm

Are you or is someone you know applying to university this year? Come along to this webinar to hear experts and current university students discuss how to make a fully informed decision when choosing a university.

Acing the Interview: Elevate your University and Job Prospects

7 Nov | 5:00-6:30pm

If there's an interview standing between you and your dream job or university, we understand this can be scary, especially if you've never been interviewed before! In this webinar, we will put your mind at ease and help you ace that interview by sharing our top techniques for putting your best foot forward.

The Secret to Writing a Great CV

5 Mar | 5:00-6:00pm

CVs are the foundation of all job applications, but how can you make yours stand out? Come along to hear expert advice from upReach's careers advisors on how to write and structure an outstanding CV.

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Check out The Uni Guide Podcast **for an inside look at the student experience at university. In the latest episode, E19: A guide to university study at a Conservatoire** Catch this episode and all 18 others right [HERE](#).

Discover 667 exciting events listed on UniTasterDays for students, with more being added daily. Your next university adventure awaits! Check them out [HERE](#).

Explore various university subjects through the dynamic [webinar platform](#), featuring the UK's first video subject guide. From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between. You can browse the videos below, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

The Students' Guide to University is your all-in-one free brochure for essential university guidance. Packed with insights from university experts across the UK. [Download it now](#) – no registration required.

Property

Needs

You

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/property-needs-you-virtual-taster-day>

This online taster day takes place on **24th October from 10:00-15:00** and is a collaboration between twelve of the UK's largest real estate consultancies. It will give attendees an insight into careers in property, from building to selling and includes a speed meet session, practical task and Q&A.



Understanding Net Present Value

Dr Malachi McIntosh

Mon, 02 Oct 2023



Writing after Windrush

Dr Malachi McIntosh

Tue, 03 Oct 2023



Women of the Harlem Renaissance

Professor Kate Dossett

Thu, 05 Oct 2023

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

[Our NHS: A history of Britain's best-loved institution](#)

With Andrew Seaton Friday 20 October 2023, 5:30pm

Today, the National Health Service (NHS) frequently appears at the top of opinion polls as the thing that makes people 'most proud to be British'. But why did this part of the welfare state attract this acclaim?

[Pardons for Witches: why historical redress matters](#)

With Claire Mitchell KC and Zoe Venditozzi Friday 27 October, 5:30pm

On International Women's Day 2020, barrister Claire Mitchell KC and writer Zoe Venditozzi launched 'Witches of Scotland'. Pardons for Witches was a campaign for legal pardons and historic justice for the 4000 people, mostly women, who were tortured, convicted of witchcraft and executed between 1563 and 1736. Claire and Zoe discuss their campaign, the legal pardon and apology received in March 2021, and why historical redress is relevant to the treatment of women worldwide today.

TURING

SCHEME

The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad

Previously known as Erasmus, The Turing Scheme is a competitive grant funding scheme providing Participants with the chance to develop new skills, gain vital international experience and boost their employability. They can also develop a wide range of soft skills, language skills and a better understanding of other cultures. Organisations can build relationships with international peers and gain fresh ideas. For further information please visit

[Homepage - Turing Scheme \(turing-scheme.org.uk\)](https://turing-scheme.org.uk)



UNIVERSITY
of York

Student events

- [Next Step York](#) (apply autumn 2023)
This is a two year programme aimed at Year 12 students that have the potential to progress to university but have experienced barriers that prevent them from accessing higher education. You will have the opportunity to explore university options, receive specialist support with your current studies and experience what life is like at York.
Applications open on 11 September and close on 27 November.
- [YorWay to York](#) (apply autumn 2023)
This is a two-year programme that supports post-16 students who are underrepresented in higher education, to reach their university goals. Each of the four modules will include a range of activities and you will be supported by current students studying at the university. Reduced offers may be considered upon completion. **Oct 2022 to Jan 2023** | Applications open.



APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY

[The Parent Perspective Podcast Series 3 is here! Listen now](#)

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The Diversity: how employers are supporting diversity in apprenticeships

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on>

Believe me, there's loads, including...

[George The Poet](#), [Nick Frost and Simon Pegg](#), [Jada Pinkett Smith](#), [Ed Gamble](#)



Calling all local young people!

We are redeveloping our website to give it an updated look and make sure it meets the needs of young people in the future, and we want to hear from you.

You can share your thoughts online by [completing this short online survey](#), but if you'd like to play a bigger role in the redevelopment, please get in touch via email: oxme@oxfordshire.gov.uk

At times we all need a little support. The Oxfordshire Targeted Youth Support Service is here for you. Please visit oxme.info/tyss

Head to **INVESTIN** to explore experiences on offer in 15 of the world's most desirable careers.

Go to [Events for Parents | InvestIN – InvestIN Education](#) for upcoming events or to view recordings of past events including 'Succeeding In Psychology' and 'Engineer Your Future' among others.



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Tues 3 Oct: [Restore Training Course, Oct, Session 1](#)

Wed 4 Oct: [Fit for Function event, Worcester](#)

Thu 5 Oct: [Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival](#)

Fri 6 Oct: [CAFOD Family Fast Day](#)

Sat 7 Oct: [Annual Mass of Thanksgiving, Guild of St Stephen](#)

Sun 8 - Sat 14 Oct: [Human Rights in the Emerging Catholic Church, Assembly](#)

Sun 8 Oct: [Prisoners' Sunday](#)

Tue 10 Oct: [Restore Training Course October 2023 - session 2](#)

Thu 12 - Sun 15 Oct: [Cursillo Weekend - October 2023](#)

Sat 14 Oct: [Proud 2 Profess, Tamworth](#)

Tue 17 Oct: [Restore Training Course October 2023 - session 3](#)

Wed 18 Oct: [St Edith Stein: Doctor of the Church?](#)

Wed 25 Oct: [Online JustPeople Workshop](#)

Sat 28 Oct: [Annual Assembly, Birmingham J&P](#)

If you have any questions relating to anything Sixth Form, please contact:

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