

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

In God's loving presence I unwind the past day, starting from now and looking back, moment by moment. I gather in all the goodness and light, in gratitude. I attend to the shadows and what they say to me, seeking healing and courage.



## Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### News and Reminders

Well, that was quite the half term wasn't it?!

Congratulations to all of you for adjusting so well.

Year 12s, it has been so impressive to see you take that step up to Level 3 courses and show the enthusiasm, determination and dedication necessary to succeed. Keep using all the resources at your disposal to broaden and deepen your knowledge and develop your study skills.

Year 13s, you represented yourselves well in your early assessments and now know what you need to be doing to reach those higher final grades. Do make sure to use your target sheet and 9 day challenge (attached) to ensure you have a clear plan of how and when you are going to do it what it takes to achieve your best.

Year 13 EPQ students, if you have received your feedback, please be aware the deadline for final completed project submission is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The likely date for presentations is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November **tbc**.

Please do, all of you, find the time to go back through your school emails. This is one of the main ways we communicate with you and a lot of important and useful information has been sent out to you since September. Including 16-19 Bursary, UCAS and careers information, privilege passes (for the Year 13s), revision advice and resources etc.

If you think you have missed anything, please have a look on the school website, VLE or get in touch with Mrs Russell.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens to all students. Week B

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – EPQ deadline (for those who have received feedback)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – BGN Day – School Closes at 12:30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Parents' Evening

## 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.

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If you are interested in a course at the University of Chichester, you can go for a visit during the half term break.

Other universities have open days as well - have a look at <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

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.

## How do people afford to go to university?

Join UEA's webinar '*Student Insights on Money Management*' to hear directly from current university students who have successfully navigated financial challenges. They'll share valuable tips and strategies for effectively managing your money at university.

**BOOK WEBINAR**

Trinity Hall (one of the Colleges in Cambridge) is offering a FREE programme that includes a series of webinars and a residential for Year 12s with African, Caribbean, Pakistani, and/or Bangladeshi heritage. We would like to increase representation from these groups across the University, and therefore a central aim of the programme is to reassure potential applicants from these cultural backgrounds that, if they were to apply and obtain an offer, they would not feel out of place socially while studying at Cambridge.

You can find more information about the programme here, including the online registration form: <https://www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/study-with-us/youll-fit-in>

The deadline for registering is **5.00pm on 15 December 2023**.

## APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY

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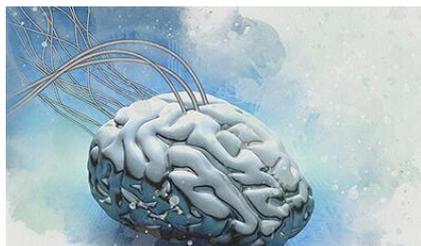
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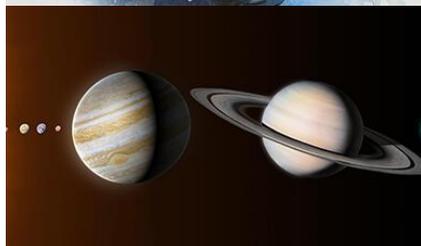
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### **Brain Computer Interfaces**

Professor Victoria Baines

Tue, 24 Oct 2023



### **The Marvels of the Solar System**

Professor Chris Lintott

Wed, 25 Oct 2023



### **Twentieth-Century Divas: Barbra Streisand**

Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh

Thu, 26 Oct 2023

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

[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.

## **Let the Light Pour In**

**Lemn Sissay Friday 3 November, 5:30pm**

Lemn Sissay is a writer, poet, playwright, memoirist, and broadcaster, and the newest Honorary Fellow of Mansfield College. He was awarded The Pen Pinter Prize in 2019. His memoir 'My Name Is Why' is a number one Sunday Times bestseller and won the Indie Book Awards non-fiction prize in 2021, and his children's book 'Don't Ask The Dragon' was released to acclaim in 2022. He will be reading from and discussing his latest book, a collection of poetry called Let the Light Pour In.

## **Solz, Berlin and Brussels: Germany's 20th century in three lives**

**Professor Kiran Klaus Patel Friday 10 November, 5:30**

This is Mansfield's annual lecture to commemorate Adam von Trott, whose studies at Mansfield informed his role in the plot against Hitler. Taking Adam von Trott and two of his close acquaintances as a starting point, Professor Patel, director of Project House Europe at Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, discusses some of the key problems in the history of 20th century Germany. How to deal with dictatorship? What difference can an individual make? How to build a better future—for Germany, but also for Europe? These questions have remained crucially important, and the lecture will discuss history's lessons for today.



**TRINITY COLLEGE**  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

**Online events especially for parents & carers interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford**

The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in November 2023. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

**Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6 - 7:15pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm**

**Session 1 For Families - a guide to university**

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated university information and guidance.

In the session, we will focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child's progression to higher education. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university. We will also touch on some aspects of the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

**Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm**

**Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process**

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process.

In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Please go to our registration form to book both or your preferred option – click [HERE](#)

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## THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Sat 21 Oct: [Christians in Health and Social Care: Ethics and Practice - session 1](#)

Sun 22 Oct: [World Mission Sunday](#)

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

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

Sat 28 Oct: [Evangelisation: the Importance of Listening and Obedience](#)

Sat 28 Oct: [Mass for Peace in the Holy Land](#)

Thu 2 Nov: [Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Sat 4 Nov: [Christians in Health and Social Care: Ethics and Practice - session 2](#)

Sat 4 Nov: [The Blessing of Graves at Oscott Cemetery](#)

Sat 4 and Sun 5 Nov: [Johnson Association Annual Collection](#)

Tue 7 Nov: [Introduction event: Year of Prayer 2024](#)

Tue 7 Nov - Tue 14 Nov: [Living with the Spirit of the Synod](#)

Wed 8 and Thu 9 Nov: [Christian Resources Exhibition](#)

Thu 9 Nov: [In Our Time - The Changing Church, from Pius to Francis](#)

Sat 11 Nov: [Kenelm Youth Trust Fire and Ice Ball 2023](#)

Fri 17 Nov: [Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Stephen Wright](#)

Sat 18 Nov: [Day of Renewal, Coventry](#)

Sat 18 Nov: [#RedWednesday Day for University Students, Harvington Hall](#)

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