

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

Loving God, anoint me for Your purpose and glory and direct my heart and mind towards You. Help me to keep my focus on growing and maturing, as I gain strength and independence. Give me confidence to do my best, knowing You have placed me here for the good of Your creation.



Key Stage 5 Bulletin: 18th March 2024

News and Reminders

With Yr12 Mocks fast approaching and the realisation that Yr13 only have a total of 25 days left in school before Study Leave, it has been impressive to see more and more of the 6th Form choosing to use all their time in school productively. There are resources to aid study and revision in the LRC but if you feel you cannot access what you need please speak to your teachers or Mrs Russell.

Attached is the calendar Mrs O'Donnell has emailed out to all Yr13s along with the advice: Before next week, make sure you speak to all the teachers of the exams you have, so that you know EXACTLY what you need to do and how you are going to do it over the Easter holiday. It is essential that you prioritise revision and exam practice over Easter.

Yr12s can use the first page of the calendar to organise the run up to their mock week and follow the same advice!

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the call for our food bank collection, please keep the donations coming in- and if you find you have a spare tin of this or packet of that but it's not on the list, it will still be gratefully received.

Another way in which we can make a positive difference is through the UN World Food Programme Freerice. This is an online quiz platform that turns correct answers into real world solutions fighting hunger worldwide. Mrs Heywood, as Mission Team Lead has signed up the whole school to this fantastic initiative, so far, together, we have fed 494 people in communities where there is food insecurity. Here's a reminder of the house log in details:

assisi@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: assisi

bakhita@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: bakhita

calcutta@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: calcutta

devereux@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: devereux

edith@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: edithstein

faustyna@bgn.oxon.sch.uk Password: faustyna

Please see information attached so you can find out more, spread the word, and even set up your own groups... 'be a food ambassador and help advocate for a more peaceful, equitable and healthy world. When we work together, we can make a difference!'

PROM 2024

The £25 deposit is now live on ParentPay.

We ask for the deposit so that we can finalise numbers and secure bookings. Only a third of the year group having signed up and paid the deposit so far anyone has any questions please speak to either a member of your PLT, Mrs Russell, Mrs O'Donnell or your tutor.

Hoodies can be purchased via: <https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shop>.

You will need to use the Username: 3594 and Password: hPSrsKCm.

You choose your own colour/colour combination and can customise your hoodie too, although this is at an additional cost. You then pay online, and the hoodies will be delivered to school. **Deadline has been extended as much as possible**, don't miss your chance to get a (comfy, cosy) memento of this vital chapter in your life!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th March – Yr12 Biology Trip to Oxford

Friday 22nd March – Leavers' Hoodie Shop Closes

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday- School closes at 12:30pm for Easter Holidays

Please see Whole School Newsletter for local Holy Week Mass times.

Monday 15th April – School reopens (Week A)

Thursday 18th April – Yr12 UCAS Higher Education Conference Winchester

Saturday 27th April – Lourdes Training Day at Bishop Walsh School, Sutton Coldfield

Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May – Yr12 Mock Week

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Leavers' Mass 6pm

Thursday 9th May – Yr13 Study Leave Begins

Saturday 25th May – Saturday 1st June – Lourdes Pilgrimage

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – School Closed for Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June – Yr12 Work Experience Week

Thursday 27th June – Yr13 Prom

Useful Links

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

[oxme.info](https://www.oxme.info)

Calling all local young people!

[health](#)

[life](#)

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Oxfordshire careers fest twilight session 2024

20 Mar 2024 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Opportunity for parents/carers & students to meet employers, universities, FE colleges and training providers from across Oxfordshire

Come along to Careers Fest on 20 March from 16:30-19:30 at the Kassam Conference & Events Centre in Oxford to meet over 70 exhibitors offering information, advice and guidance on future pathways and careers from a varied range of sectors.

You will have the opportunity to talk to a range of Oxfordshire employers, further education colleges, universities and training providers.

You can [download the Careers Fest Guide](#) to help with preparation.

Take Action: [Find out more and book your free tickets online.](#)

Discover work experience opportunities to build skills and enhance your CV and personal statement.

In-person or virtual -

work experience is a valuable super curricular resource.

Read our new blog post with some great in-person or virtual work experience suggestions...



[HSBC UK Work Experience Programme](#)



[Pinsent Mason Summer Legal Work Experience](#)



[PRIME Legal Virtual Work Experience](#)



[4Skills Work Experience](#)



[Finance Exploration: Investec Virtual Work Experience & Opportunities](#)



[EA - Product Management Work Simulation](#)



[BAE Systems Electronic Systems Work Experience](#)

QUEST Undergraduate award – open for entries

Are any of you planning to start a civil engineering degree in autumn 2024? Is the course accredited by ICE?

If so, you could become one of our next QUEST scholars. QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships ensure that students with the potential to excel in civil engineering are given the support and encouragement to do exactly that.

You could get:

- Up to £8,000 over the course of your study
- Paid work experience placements every summer
- Employment after graduation with a leading company

Deadline for entries is 12 April 2024.

Find out more here and apply.

Filter, find and apply for scholarships, grants or bursaries via

[the Funding Hub on Blackbullion.](#)

Also find useful articles including, Advice on how to fill in scholarship applications and Educational grants for students from trusts and charities.

We've got you covered:

[Students](#)

[Parents](#)



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



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Artificial Selection: How Humans have Shaped Evolution

Professor Robin May

Wed, 20 Mar 2024

[Science](#) [Biology](#) [Evolution](#)



Lead: A Toxic Legacy

Dr Ian Mudway

Mon, 25 Mar 2024

[Environment](#) [Public Health](#)



**What went wrong in Latin America?
The failures of import-substituting industrialisation**

Professor Martin Daunton

Tue, 09 Apr 2024

[Economics](#) [History](#)



Sustainable Energy in Refugee Camps

Dr Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen

Wed, 10 Apr 2024

[Sustainability](#) [Climate change](#) [Politics](#)



WE ARE AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

A leading organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits. Discover resources in the [student zone](#) and the [parent and carer zone](#).



[Listen to E27: Making the most of university - opportunities outside the course](#)
[as well as previous episodes covering topics such as How much does university really cost? / How can students select a university course or institution? / How to prepare for exams?](#)

Open day season has started!

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

[In focus this issue :](#)



Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe

On Campus Open Day

Saturday 23 March

10:00 - 16:00

We are holding our next on campus Open Day on **Saturday 23 March** for any students wanting to visit our campus in person.

[Book An Open Day >](#)

Your students will have the opportunity to:-

- Find out about more about courses
- Speak to staff and current students studying their chosen subjects
- Take a campus tour of our fantastic campus and department facilities

Please encourage your students to attend open days by registering using the link.

STEM Summer Schools – Applications Open Now!

On-campus

We are excited to let you know that we are running two residential summer schools in July this year, aimed at year 12 students.

14-17 July

The Medicine, Healthcare and Psychology Summer School will consist of talk and tours and give students a taster of studying these subjects at university.

[Medicine, Healthcare and Psychology Summer School >](#)

The Engineering Summer School gives students insight into all our engineering courses, a taste of life on a university campus, and helps students decide whether an engineering degree is likely to be for them.

[Engineering Summer School >](#)

Applications for both summer schools can be submitted via the website. There are limited places available, so please submit your application now, to secure your place!



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Tues 19 Mar: [Greenwashing webinar](#)

Thu 21 Mar: [Webinar: Introduction to Animal Rights from a Faith perspective](#)

Thu 21 Mar: [Divine Renovation and Alpha event: The Future is Now: Empowering Young People in Parish Renewal](#)

Sat 23 Mar: [Born For This: Production](#)

Fri 29 Mar: [Walk of Witness Birmingham](#)

Sun 15 Apr - Fri 19 Apr: [Pilgrimage to Knock and Co. Mayo](#)

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

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