

News From Netherbury

Updates from the 6th Form



The Sixth Form

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November 2023

Welcome to the Sixth Form Newsletter for November

It has been great to welcome Year 12 students into the Sixth Form. They have settled in well and are getting into the swing of studying with greater independence, whilst benefitting from the expertise and range of courses we can offer by operating as a joint Sixth Form.

Year 13 have already tackled their first set of mock exams and are currently focusing on planning their next steps, be it Higher Education, apprenticeships, employment or further study.

The Sixth Form Unit was refurbished over the summer and it has been much appreciated by students and staff.

The Study Room has seen the most dramatic refit and is now a really pleasant space for students to work in during their study periods, and is also a useful meeting place for outside speakers and events.

Thanks to all parents, carers and students for such positive engagement with Academic Monitoring Day. After discussing progress with tutors, students have set themselves targets to focus on.

Tutors will continue to meet their tutees on a rolling 2 week programme to enable students to reflect on their progress and any discuss any issues.

We welcomed our Community Police Officer, Alex Bishop, in to a tutor time. He came in to raise awareness of how we can positively interact with the local



OFSTED INSPECTION SEPTEMBER 2023

The Sixth Form was reviewed by OFSTED during the school's recent inspection. They Inspectors visited lessons and spoke to students and were impressed with what they saw stating:

'Pupils and students in the sixth form have good relationships with adults, built on mutual respect and trust.'

Careers fairs, guest speakers and visits to universities help pupils to understand the opportunities that are available to them.

Students in the sixth form value the individual mentoring with their tutors.

they make informed choices about their next steps into education, apprenticeships and employment.'

Rotary Young Photographer of the Year Competition

Congratulations to the Senior Rotary winners of 2023!

The theme was rebuilding, which saw a very varied and visually interesting response from the 18 students who took part.

Congratulations to the worthy winners:

1st place - Mia Wallbridge

2nd place - Erin Muir

3rd place - Krystel Turaga

Mr Haigh, Head of Photography



A Level PE and BTEC Trip to the University of Bath

Earlier in November, PE students had the opportunity to visit Bath University and their first-class sporting facilities. The aim of the day was to supplement knowledge by participating in practical laboratory sessions to test fitness and attend lectures on diet and nutrition, as well as fitness conditioning.



Halloween Cake Decorating Challenge

Sixth form students had a fun spooky cake decorating challenge for Halloween, but the best part was the eating!

Give Back Time

Sixth formers contribute to the wider school and community, to help develop their leadership skills. This month students have:

- Supported Year 7 students with Children in Need fundraising events
- Visited Year 10 assembly to provide top tips for being successful at GCSE
- Escorted Year 10 students to their Rotary interviews in the Town Hall, Beaminster
- Helped at the Joint Sixth Form Open Evening at Colfox. Particular thanks to Minnie Harding and Archie Pitt-Pladdy for speaking so eloquently to an audience of 200+
- Started plans for Rag Week (week of 11th December)
- Supported lessons and clubs.

A Level Art and Photography Trip, St Ives, Cornwall

Year 13 Art and Photography students from our Joint Sixth Form enjoyed a fantastic residential to St Ives, to visit its many galleries and add to their coursework.

They dropped in at Falmouth University for a tour of the site, along with workshops in fashion photography and drypoint etching; had the pleasure of drawing sculptures in the Barbara Hepworth Garden and Museum; a visit to the Tate with work from around the world; a cyanotype workshop on Porthmeor beach, and night time visit to a surreal pop-up DADA exhibition as part of the St Ives festival.



Careers, next steps and opportunities

Sixth Formers visited the recent Careers Fair organised by Mr Donovan and Mrs Van Niekerk in the school hall.

Students were able to speak to a host of local employers, services, colleges and universities to find out about a whole host of careers including the NHS, fire service, vets, volunteering and many more.

With the UCAS deadline fast approaching, Open Days are still available for Year 13, but also for Year 12 who should be starting to look out for these.

We welcome guest speakers in to school to talk to small groups about particular professions and industries, and will be setting up a programme of future visitors. This could be former students or parents who are willing to share their experiences of the workplace, and outline the skills and qualifications required to access various pathways.

We are currently building a list of contacts to help us plan some further sessions after Christmas, so please do get in touch if you would be willing to talk to a small group of interested students by emailing Mrs Baker at lbaker@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk



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6th Form Sculpture Workshop

Year 12 Art students enjoyed a challenging and productive day on a sculpture workshop led by Mr Hyde. Students modelled a torso out of clay inspired by Barbara Hepworth and their recent life drawing classes. The sculptures will be fired and on display in the 6th form Art exhibition in the summer.



Tate Modern Trip

Year 12 Art students also had the exciting opportunity to visit the Tate Modern gallery in London to enrich their learning and study famous artworks first hand.



Links and Information

We are regularly sent information about opportunities for students, and have included a few here, which may be of interest. More are shared with students and displayed in the Sixth Form Unit as we receive them.

The Social Mobility Foundation

Will be speaking to Year 12 during a Careers lesson on 7th December

Deadline 15th December for any eligible students to register their interest



[The Social Mobility Foundation](https://www.socialmobility.org/)

UCL Masterclasses - Applications Open

Masterclasses are a range of online, subject-specific, hour-long sessions for students in Year 12.

Sessions run weekly on Tuesday & Thursday (4-5pm) from January to April.

Click below for

[More information & applications](#)

University Open Days

[Book Open Day \(whatuni.com\)](https://www.whatuni.com/)

This is a website that has lists of some of the upcoming university Open Days

Individual university websites also have details about their Open Days and workshops

UCAS website

As well as supporting application to university this has a wealth of information about careers and apprenticeships

[UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](https://www.ucas.com/)

Career Days

The days are designed to give students an insight into possible future careers with advice on how to apply to university followed by an afternoon session of work experience to help them see what the career may be like. Students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Vet Career Day Saturday 25th November 2023

Law Career Day Saturday 2nd December 2023

Computer Science Career Day Saturday 9th December 2023

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Opportunities in Accounting

Accountancy opens the door to a wide range of opportunities, both inside and outside of finance. It is open to anyone, anywhere, from any walk of life - students don't need to excel at maths to become an accountant.



As the world's most forward-thinking accountancy body ACCA provides the opportunities and tools needed to be become a successful finance and business professional.

Go to their website to find out more:

[T Levels & ACCA articles and careers information on ACCA Careers \(accaglobal.com\)](https://www.accaglobal.com/)

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Widening Access – Medicine Workshops

To further support the next cohort of aspiring students, the next free virtual LIVE Get into Medicine UCAS conferences:

Saturday 25th November and Sunday 26th November

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors in Years 10-12

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine, covering a range of crucial topics:

Tactically choosing universities
 Personal statements
 UCAT
 Medical interview skills
 Medical Leadership Programmes
 Awards Programmes
 Extracurricular activities
 Work experience
 Building a CV
 Applying for scholarships

Both students and parents can participate in these sessions. Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGpivO>

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Sutton Trust Summer Schools are one of our most popular programmes for Year 12s so use the link below to register your interest and **be the first to know when sign ups start.**

Learn new things, make new friends,
 experience university life!
Applications will open in 2024.

Register Interest Form

Please do get in touch
 if you have any questions.

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Key Dates

YEAR 13	YEAR 12
<p>Year 13 Parents' evening – 6th December Face to Face at Colfox 4.30pm–7pm</p> <p>Internal UCAS deadline – 1st December</p> <p>Year 13 reports – 30th January 2024</p> <p>Year 13 Mock Exams II – Mon 26th February (a week after half term)</p> <p>Year 13 Progress reports – 26th March</p> <p>Exam dates and NEA deadlines will be circulated as a separate document</p>	<p>Year 12 Parents' evening – 17th January 2024</p> <p>UCAS Conference 12th March</p> <p>Year 12 Mocks – w/b 15th April (after Easter)</p> <p>Year 12 Reports – 24th May</p> <p>Maths in Context Exams – 4th & 11th June pm</p> <p>Year 12 Progress reports – 9th July</p> <p>Work Experience – 15th July (one week)</p>