

# THE SIXTH

“ THIS WEEK... ”

WEAR IT PINK!

18–22 October 2021

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** we are holding a Wear it Pink day! Swap one item of your business dress for something pink and make a donation. Donations can be made by [clicking here](#).

## Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening is on **Thursday 11th November**.

We need volunteers to help us on the evening. If you are interested, please [sign up here](#).

## Sixth Form photos

Year 12 students, plus any Year 13 student who missed this last year, will have their photograph taken on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** in N105.

Photographs are scheduled throughout the morning during SSP / study periods. Please see the list emailed to you to confirm your time.

## Year 13 UCAS

**Predicted grades** – students received their grades this week. Please read [this letter](#) to explain how these grades are calculated.

The UCAS deadline to pay and send your applications into school is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** to guarantee these can be checked carefully before being sent off.

## Year 13 Parents' Evening

Year 13 Parents' Evening will be held virtually on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please see further details [here](#).

## *The Sixth*

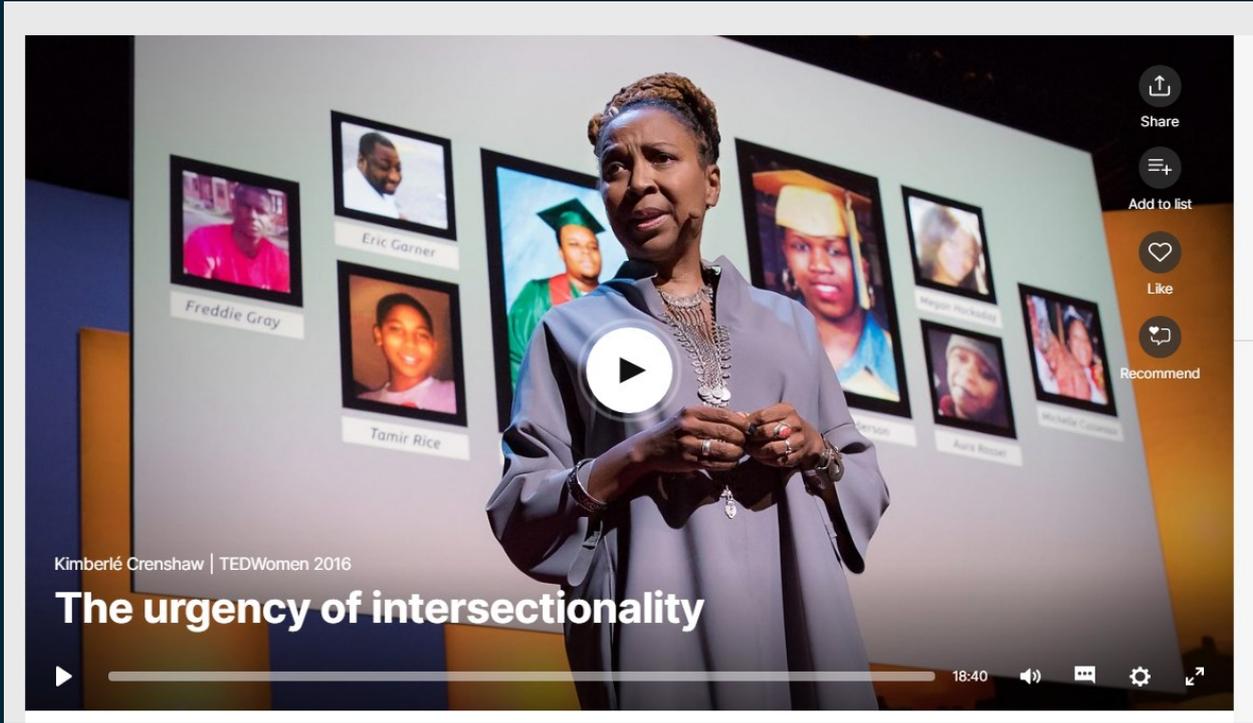
What do you think of *The Sixth*?

Have your say on your publication by [clicking this link](#).

# REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

## Inclusivity and Intersectionality



[Click here](#) for a link to the video that the Year 13s will be watching during the Life Programme on Thursday. We will be looking at themes of how to be inclusive to all.

### Balfour Beatty apprenticeship talk

On Wednesday this week we had Balfour Beatty in to deliver a talk to students interested in pursuing apprenticeships in the future. [Click here](#) to see current vacancies.

[This resource](#) also gives you some excellent FAQs.

### Why study Liberal Arts?

Manchester University also came in to discuss why students might like to apply for a Liberal Arts degree. For more information, [please click here](#).

# REVISION SUPPORT



## Upper Hex library now open

We've set up a mini library in the Upper Hex to help you with revision and wider reading. Please feel free to use all the magazines and books on offer to supplement your learning. I recommend you use one SSP every two weeks for wider reading (if not more).

**If there are items that you would like to see but are not currently on the bookshelf please let Miss Dixon know. We intend to add text books to this as they become available.**

Year 13 students please do read these on your SSPs even when you're not in the Upper Hex. Please just return these afterwards.

In the past we have had trouble with items going missing. Please return these when you are done for the benefit of other students. Let Miss Dixon know if you need to borrow something for an extended period of time (probably not an issue!).



# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



## CALENDAR

18–22 October 2021

| DAY       | YEAR 12                                    | YEAR 13  | OTHER EVENTS  |
|-----------|--|--|---|
| MONDAY    | Assembly –<br>Black History Month          | Mentoring  |   |
| TUESDAY   | Study Skills –<br>Organisation             | Assembly –<br>Black History Month                    | Sixth Form photos,<br>N105<br>(See p. 1)                            |
| WEDNESDAY | Mentoring                                  | Mentoring  | Pop-up Fashion<br>Marketplace<br>Breaktime, lower Hex<br>(see p. 6) |
| THURSDAY  | Life Programme –<br>Inclusivity (see p. 7) | Life Programme –<br>Political Ideology<br>(see p. 7) |   |
| FRIDAY    | Futures Friday                             | Futures Friday –<br>UCAS Applications                | 'Wear it Pink'  |

# ENRICHMENT

## Makaton

We will be running three Makaton courses on **17th November, 24th November** and **1st December** for 1 hour from 2.10–3.10pm. Rooming will be confirmed.

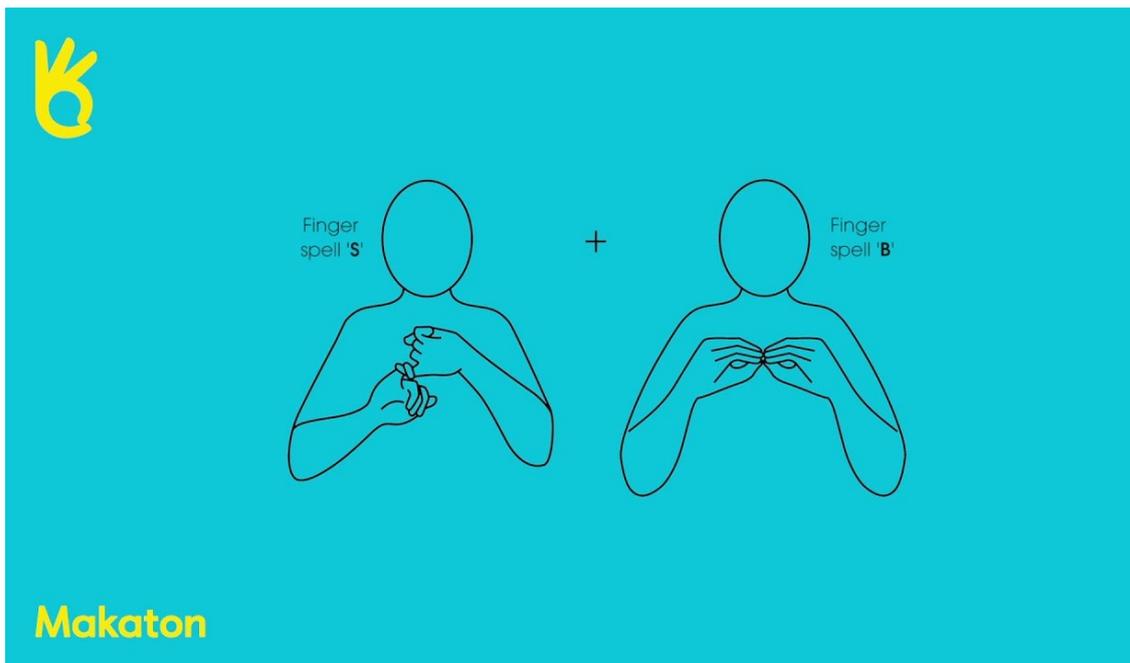
Makaton is a unique spoken and non-verbal language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication

skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall, and organisation of language and expression.

Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or



effectively, Makaton really can help. Makaton takes away that frustration and enables individuals to connect with other people and the world around them. This opens up all kinds of possibilities.

This course will suit any student interested in being an inclusive school community including those wishing to work in caring and education professions in the future.

## Yoga

Yoga will unfortunately need to be cancelled due to poor attendance. If you would like to attend and can suggest a day that suits you better please let us know.

# BTEC FASHION



# LHS POP-UP MARKETPLACE

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER IN THE MAIN HALL  
BREAKTIME & LUNCHTIME

## Life Programme this week

The timings for **Thursday 21st October** have changed due to including the Life Programme alongside regular lessons. This is the schedule for the day:

- Life Programme : 8.25–9.10
- Period 1 lesson: 9.10–10.05
- Period 2 lesson: 10.05–11.00
- Break: 11.00–11.30
- Period 3 lesson: 11.30–12.25
- Period 4 lesson: 12.25–1.20
- Lunch: 1.20–2.15
- Period 5 lesson: 2.15–3.10

### **Panel Discussion - Visiting your GP: A guide for young people with lived experience of self-harm and suicidality**

***Monday 18th October, 6.30–7.15pm***



It can be difficult to find the right words to talk about self-harm or suicidal thoughts and experiences with a medical professional. It can also be difficult to ask for help. The panel will discuss the support available to young people before, during and after a GP visit.

Attendees will also get to hear from members of the

youth advisory group involved in creating a new guide to help young people make this visit.

To book a place, please [click here](#).

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

[Lancaster University](#) – Open Day, 9–4pm

[Norwich University of the Arts](#) – Open Day

[Solent University](#) – Undergraduate Virtual Open Day

[University of Birmingham](#) – Open Day

[University of Exeter](#) – Open Day

[University of South Wales](#) – On Campus Open Day

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

[University of Gloucestershire](#) – Open Day, 10–3pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

[Plymouth College of Art](#) – Drop-in event, 3–4.30pm (online)

[University of East Anglia](#) – Biology Taster Lecture, 3.35–4.20pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

[Buckinghamshire New University](#) – Fashion Futures, 4.30–5.30pm

[Lancaster University](#) – Engineers of the future, 4–5.30pm

[New College of the Humanities](#) – Studying history at University, 4–5pm

[Solent University](#) – Get ready to start your university journey, 5–6.15pm (online)

[University of Exeter](#) – Choosing a course for University, 6–7pm

[University of Exeter](#) – Black History Month: Reimagining Statues, 5–6pm

[University of London](#) – Biology Champions at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), 5.30–6.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

[Bangor University](#) – Virtual Open Day

[Falmouth University](#) – Portfolio Advice webinar, 4–5pm

[Goldsmiths, University of London](#) – Why did Germans vote for Hitler?, 12–1pm

[Manchester Metropolitan University](#) – School of Digital Arts Roadshow

## YOUR JOURNEY TO HIGHER EDUCATION >>

### Upcoming events:

Tuesday 19 October 17:00 – 18:00 Black History Month Series: Reimagining Statues: An exploration of the responses to problematic colonial statues (Geography/History/Culture)

Tuesday 19 October 18:00 - 19:00 Choosing a Course

Thursday 21 October 17:00 – 18:00 Black History Month Series: Afropean Theology - Proud to be a Nigerian/British Woman (Theology)

Thursday 21 October 18:00 - 19:00 Hear from our students: Studying Abroad and taking an Industrial Experience year

Tuesday 26 October 17:00 – 18:00 Black History Month Series: Entrepreneurship for and by Black People (Entrepreneurship/Business)

Tuesday 26 October 18:00 - 19:00 Study skills for university

Thursday 28 October 18:00 - 19:00 Applying to a competitive university



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**RUSSELL  
GROUP**

[New College of the Humanities](#) – Studying Law at University, 4.30–5pm

[SOAS University of London](#) – Open Day

[Teeside University](#) – Get into Occupational Therapy, 3–4pm

[University of Brighton](#) – Open Day

[University of Cumbria](#) – Get into Occupational Therapy

[University of East Anglia](#) – Politics Taster Lecture, 2.15–3.15pm

[University of Glasgow](#) – Virtual Open Day

[University of Greenwich](#) – GREat Skills Independent Learning Webinar, 5–6pm

[University of Hertfordshire](#) – Media Matters Masterclass - Saving the planet through Journalism, 1–2pm

[University of Sunderland](#) – Murder in the Media



[UK University and apprenticeship virtual fair](#) – 12–6pm

Students will have the chance to interact and engage with a very wide variety of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers across the country, all from the comfort of their own laptop. With a series of live webinars throughout the event, and the chance to Live Chat with exhibitors on the day, students can gain a valuable insight into their next steps after Sixth Form.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

[Glasgow Caledonian University](#) – Open Day

[Lancaster University](#) – Understanding value and business management decisions, 5–6pm

[London Metropolitan University](#) – Preparing to study at University, 4–5.15pm

[New College of the Humanities](#) – Studying Economics at University, 4.30–5pm

[Teeside University](#) – Get into Midwifery, 3–4pm

[University of East London](#) – Why go to Uni, 4.15–5pm

[University of Exeter](#) – Hear from our students: Studying abroad and taking an industrial experience, 6–7pm

[University of Glasgow](#) – Virtual Open Day

[University of Glasgow](#) – Creative writing CPD – Creative writing in the university: Hybrid Forms, 4–5pm

[University of Hertfordshire](#) – Study Skills: academic writing and referencing, 4.30–5.15

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

[Birmingham City University](#) – VisFX Camp (2-week camp where Sixth Form students will explore how computer graphics are used in visual effects, gaining skills such as video compositing, animation and modelling)

[Teesside University](#) – Get into chiropractic, 12–1pm

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

[Birmingham City University](#) – VisFX Camp (see 22<sup>nd</sup> October)

[Royal Veterinary College](#) – Biological Sciences Pathways Open Day, 11–2pm

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October

[Autumn Medical Work Experience](#) – week-long course in London



[Birmingham City University](#) – VisFX Camp (see 22<sup>nd</sup> October)

# FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

# APPRENTICESHIPS

**20–21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

[Rate My Apprenticeship virtual event](#) – Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK:

- Meet Aldi, Deloitte, Vodafone + more
- Ask any questions you have about apprenticeships
- Get exclusive application advice
- plus win prizes!

To register, [click here](#).



★ RATEMYAPPRENTICESHIP

## VIRTUAL EVENT

Meet and hear from 15 of  
the best apprenticeship  
employers in the UK

**20th & 21st October 2021**

**REGISTER NOW**

The banner features a central illustration of a smiling woman with dark curly hair, wearing an orange sweater, with her hands raised in a gesture. The background is a teal-to-purple gradient.

**12–13<sup>th</sup> November**

[What will you do next](#) – What University? & What Career? Free Live Virtual Event.

Speak to top universities and employers in real-time, get expert advice and benefit from one-to-one support to help you kick-start your future.

Friday 12th November, 10–3pm

Saturday 13th November, 11–3pm



What CAREER LIVE ? What UNIVERSITY LIVE ?

**FREE ENTRY**

## WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT?

12 & 13 November 2021 • Virtual Event

UNIVERSITY  
APPRENTICESHIP

The banner features a group of five diverse young adults smiling. Below them are two arrows: a green arrow pointing left labeled 'UNIVERSITY' and an orange arrow pointing right labeled 'APPRENTICESHIP'. The background is blue with logos for 'What CAREER LIVE' and 'What UNIVERSITY LIVE'.

## Manufacturing and Engineering Apprenticeships

Waterside Training are offering apprenticeships as a great way to start your career with a salary, training and qualifications up to Level 3 standards as well as site based experience with professional industries and organisations.

Visit their website [www.waterside-training.co.uk](http://www.waterside-training.co.uk) to find out more.

To register your interest, contact [info@waterside-training.co.uk](mailto:info@waterside-training.co.uk)



A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO UNIVERSITY

# APPRENTICESHIPS

## ENGINEERING (4 Year)

Engineers work as part of a team to provide engineering support to multi-million pound plant operations, to maintain and repair equipment to improve efficiency and product quality along with carrying out fault finding diagnosis and problem solving.

### Electrical Engineers;

carry out emergency fault diagnosis, repair and maintain electrical equipment from electrical wiring, panel wiring, re-wire motors, circuits and PLC control systems

### Mechanical Engineers;

carry out emergency fault diagnosis and repair and maintain mechanical equipment to assist with machine breakdowns and carry out preventative maintenance



## MANUFACTURING (3 Year)

Manufacturing Technicians work as part of a team to provide both manufacturing and engineering support to multi-million pound units. They design, control, operate and troubleshoot specialized and complex processes central to business activities, to optimize the process and react to problems to maintain line efficiencies and measures. Technicians set up, operate and control the process and monitor product quality and integrity, assist with engineering maintenance work, develop continuous improvement, carry out fault finding and problem solving to consideration of environmental factors and recording procedures.



# FOR PARENTS

Recent research has once again shown that parents and guardians are the biggest influence on the choices that school leavers make. Whether your teenager already has their mind set on a particular career path, or they are open to all possibilities, you will best be able to support them if you are well informed about the options yourself.

What Next? has created a comprehensive Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships and University called Options. You can find out more and buy a copy online by [clicking here](#).



The guide is filled with advice for parents including:

- Essential information: Everything you need to know about school leaver options
- Time is money: Your financial questions answered
- 'What I wish I'd known': Insights on work and study
- Getting an interview: It's time for them to shine
- UK university listings guide and contacts
- An A-Z of the UK's top work and education opportunities

## Tell us what you think

Our Sixth Form bulletin has been running since April 2021 and we'd love to hear what you think of it.

Please could we ask you to spend 2 minutes completing [this form](#) so we can get your feedback?

Your responses will help us shape future issues and ensure that we are covering the items you and your son/daughter want to hear about.

Thank you.

**THE SIXTH THIS WEEK... ENRICHMENT!**  
13-17 September 2021

**Uniform**  
For students who choose to wear skirts, these must not be made of synthetic material or lycra. This has been raised as a concern by your form tutor this week, then you must purchase a correct skirt ASAP. Students will be sent home next week if uniform is incorrect. Please read our uniform policy which can be found in our Behaviour Policy [here](#).

**Assessments**  
The assessment weeks will run as follows this half term:  
Year 12: w/c 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 13: w/c 4<sup>th</sup> October  
A reminder that your assessment calendar can be found [here](#).

**Year 13 UCAS**  
The Personal statement session hosted by Lancaster University on Wednesday was a timely reminder that students should now have a first draft ready to show their referee.  
The presentation delivered can be found [here](#).

**Awards Evening**  
This is taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the main school hall.  
A letter has been sent to those students who will be receiving an award.

**iAG evenings - change of date!**  
We will hold an information, Advice and Guidance Evening (iAG) for all Year 12 and Year 13 parents on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The timings of these are as follows:  
• Year 12: 6:00pm  
• Year 13: 7:00pm  
This will be a virtual event, for further details please see [here](#):  
• Year 12 letter  
• Year 13 letter

# CAREERS

## Mazars Work Experience

*Monday 18th October, 5–6pm*

Mazars have 16 offices all over the UK and offer some of the very best student opportunities. This special Introduction to Mazars Evening Event will give you an insight into the firm and their excellent and varied student programmes. They will be bringing some of their senior audit and advisory professionals to guide us through an open interactive session designed to give you hands-on practical experience on what it's like to work in the profession. We will be sending out some pre materials and literature prior to this event so you can prepare in advance!

To register, please [click here](#).

## St James's Place Virtual Work Experience

*25–27th October*



INSIGHT INTO  
ST. JAMES'S PLACE  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

### EARLY CAREERS 3 DAY VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE EVENT

- AN INSIGHT INTO FINANCIAL SERVICES WITH A FTSE-100 WEALTH MANAGEMENT BUSINESS
- £ 143.8 BILLION OF CLIENT FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT
- GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY STUDENT WISHING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR
- OVERVIEW OF EARLY CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES AND ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE BUSINESS (CYBER, MARKETING, INVESTMENTS, HR, ACCOUNTS, CORPORATE REAL ESTATE)
  - PRESENTATIONS AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
  - GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS
- OPEN TO STUDENTS IN Y12 /S5, Y13 / S6, Y14



  
25TH, 26TH,  
27TH  
OCTOBER

# CAREERS

## Legal career insights for school students

*Wednesday 27th October, 9–4pm*

Hosted by Browne Jacobson and Young Professionals UK (Zoom)

This virtual event will provide students with the opportunity to learn about legal career pathways, learn invaluable skills to support their future careers in the law and make connections with some of the legal sectors highest profile individuals.

A fantastic set of speakers have been lined up to present including:

- Chris Daw QC (Barrister, BBC TV presenter)
- Damian Whitlam (Partner at Browne Jacobson)
- Nathan Miebai (Senior District Prosecutor at the Crown Prosecution Service)
- Peter Watson (CEO of Watson's Daily, the leading trainer of commercial awareness skills)
- Shaun Wallace (Barrister and TV quizzer)
- Chrissie Wolfe (CEO of Law & Broader)
- Dr Paul McConnell (Head of Employability at University of Birmingham Law School)
- Mary Bonsor (CEO – F-Lex legal)
- Sally Penni MBE (Barrister, Author and leading legal Podcast presenter)
- Lubna Shuja (Deputy President of The Law Society).

All attendees will receive an e-certificate to add to their CV to help boost future career prospects.

To register, please [click here](#).



## BIRTHDAYS

S. Cawley      L. Price  
H. Cosgrove      M. Stow  
E. Holmes      K. Tench  
E. McMonagle  
A. Nelson

