

SIXTH FORM BULLETIN

6 February 2015

Sixth Form Calendar

Tues 10 – Thurs 12 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School production – 'Oh! What A Lovely War', Main Hall. 7pm
Thursday 12 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closes to students at 3.10pm• 'Wear Red' Day
Friday 13 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day 3• Re-sit day for any students who obtained a U grade in January.• 'Drop in day' for Dr Rowe, Careers Advisor.
Monday 23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School opens for staff and students
Wednesday 25 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UCAS Xtra opens
Thursday 26 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixth form Inter-form quiz competition
Tuesday 3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMC meeting
Wednesday 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Steps at 18 Information Evening – aimed at Year 12 parents

ID badge – swiping in

Could all students ensure that when entering the school site using their ID badges that they only allow access for themselves. Each student must use their own ID badge for access. If any visitors to the site are arriving at the same time, could students please direct them to the main reception.

The 'non-uni' support programme - Wednesday 11 February

The second session of support will take place in the Learning Area at 1.30pm on Wednesday 11 February. Participating students are encouraged to email/bring a copy of their CV to Mrs Rogers by Monday at the latest to enable feedback to be provided before the next meeting. Please let Mrs Rogers know if you are unable to attend the next session.

School production: 'Oh! What a Lovely War'

Tickets are on sale in High Options at lunchtimes. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for concessions. Performance dates: Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 February.

Summer Examination Statement of Entries

All students should have received their statement of entry for the summer examinations. Please check these very carefully to ensure that you have been entered for ALL your examinations (including resits) and see Mrs Cotton in the main office if there are any omissions. Similarly, if you have been entered for any examinations in subjects you no longer study.

Year 12 Oxbridge Meeting

Year 12 students who are interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge Universities are invited to attend a conference to be held at Haydock Racecourse, Liverpool on Tuesday 17 March 2015. The conference is organised and run by the universities to enable students to gain insight into a range of issues, from what is unique about studying at these institutions to the application and selection process. Any interested student should speak to Mrs Lang before 12 February.

'Wear Red' Day – Thursday 12 February

As a fundraising event for the May Ball and to promote the forthcoming Red Nose Day on Friday 13 March, sixth form students are invited to 'wear red' for the day. Form representatives will collect £1 from each student on Thursday morning.

Mock Re-Sits – Friday 13 January

Any student who achieved a U grade in the mock examinations in January is required to re-sit the paper on Friday 13 January. Students should check the noticeboards in the Learning Area or High Options to see whether the exam will take place in the morning or afternoon. All students should register in the Learning Area at either 8.30am or 1.00pm accordingly. Letters have been issued to students to pass on to parents.

Careers Appointments – Friday 13 February

Dr Rowe, our independent careers advisor, will be in school on Friday 13 February. Students may 'drop-in' to see her or can request an appointment time by seeing their student manager in advance of the day. Any student coming into school on that day must be wearing their ID badge to access the building.

Sixth form inter-form quiz competition – Thursday 26 February

Last year saw the first sixth form inter-form quiz competition which proved to be such a hugely enjoyable event and consequently will be held again this year! This will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 26 February from 3.30pm – 5pm. All tutor groups should submit one team (but there may be space for additional teams if required) of up to 4

students. Refreshments will be available with proceeds going to the May Ball Fund. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team so brush up on your general knowledge over half term.

Looking Ahead

All Year 12 students are encouraged to be actively looking for work experience. Further details are contained in the letter dated 26 January 2015. Self-placement forms are available from Mrs Lang.

Year 12 Post 18 Choices Evening

Our Post 18 Choices Evening will take place on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 6pm in the main hall. The purpose of the evening is to outline some of the issues which need to be considered as your son / daughter makes choices regarding their post-sixth form future. This will include recent employment statistics, Higher Education options, student finance and the UCAS application process.

Please note: the information to be covered during the evening is aimed specifically at parents and will be conveyed to the students during a forthcoming PHSCE day. Students therefore need not attend, as space may be limited.

Sixth Form Pre-Owned Clothing Range

Need to make some extra cash and support the sixth form charity and May Ball fund? Why not check out your wardrobe and recycle any items you don't want/need? We will accept nearly new, good quality, laundered clothing and accessories and sell them on for you. Clothes will be available to purchase on Wednesday afternoons in the Pavilion. Please bring any items you may wish to sell to the Student Managers office on Monday mornings in time for the Wednesday sale.

Dress Code

Can all students please ensure that they adhere to the dress code even in the cold weather. A reminder that hoodies, short skirts and tight trousers cannot be worn and no visible piercing are allowed. Any student inappropriately dressed will be asked to return home to change, irrespective of distance travelled. ID badges must be clearly visible at all times.

Year 13 Registration Procedure

Year 13 students need only attend registration on the days that they have a lesson period one. Any student with a non-contact period at the start of the day can come into school for their first time-tabled lesson. **It is essential, however, that all students sign the register in the Pavilion when they arrive in school for health and safety reasons.** Failure to sign in will result in this privilege being withdrawn. However, students **must** attend registration every Friday morning, regardless of free periods.

Signing Out Procedure

A reminder that students must only use the signing out books in main reception if they have non-contact periods. Any student missing lessons due to sickness must speak to a Student Manager to get permission and sign out in the Pavilion before leaving the premises. Students are also requested not to cut across the fields, at any time of the day, to exit the school; the correct exit and entrance must be used to at all times.

Courses/Opportunities:

Nuffield Bursary

The deadline for the Nuffield Research Placement Scheme applications for 2015 has been extended to **Friday 13th February 2015.**

Engineering Apprenticeship Open Evening SETA

As part of National Apprenticeship week w/c 9 March Stockport College are having an open evening on 10 March for year 11 and sixth form pupils and parents who might be interested in finding out about engineering apprenticeships. The event takes place between 9am and 8pm. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about apprenticeship recruitment, training or support please contact Apprenticeships Recruitment Team on 0161 480 9822, email apprenticeships@setatraining.com or visit www.setatraining.com

Ski Placements

EA Ski & Snowboard Training specialise in full season job placements through ski and snowboard instructor internship program. Over the past 10 years EA has put over 2,000 young people through internationally recognised qualifications and into jobs all over the globe. Whether for a gap-year before study or a first step into the snow industry, these internships are a great link between young people and ski schools hoping to gain quality new staff.

The second recruitment stage is now open for the 2015/16 winter season. Interested students can email sstraining@educatingadventures.com for more info. We will also provide them online access to our instructor starter kit – with handy tips on becoming a ski or snowboard instructor. For general information about their internship programs around the world, check out the website www.easkiandsnowboard.com.