

### Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 22nd February 2016 (Week B)

**GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK WITH YOUR MOCKS.**

- **Monday 22nd February:** Mock Exam period begins for Year 12 and 13
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 12 and 13 Parents' Consultation Evening
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Sports Relief Day
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1st July:** Year 12 Work Experience Week

*We sent a Bulletin to your parents just before half-term. Please check they got this and if they didn't please let us know as we may have an incorrect email address.*

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**Fantastic achievement – you raised £125.00 for the  
Bone Cancer Charity.**

**Thank you to everyone involved**

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### Mock Exams

#### A few do's and don'ts

- **Please arrive for a morning exam by 8.45am and for an afternoon one by 12.45pm**
- Please ensure you adhere to exam etiquette at all times-so no talking or communicating non verbally once in the hall.

- If there is something worrying you such as outside noise during the exam please alert the invigilator by raising your hand and then explaining (very quietly) once they have come over to you.
- Try not to sniff! Take a tissue in with you if you have a cold. Sniffing is incredibly off –putting to those around you.
- Always keep an eye on the time and ensure you turn every page of the exam paper (every year someone forgets to look on the back page.....).

Good Luck!

### **Studying in school**

**The work ethic in the Common Room has been superb in this period building up to the mocks. When I was in school over the holiday I walked in to a silent Common Room with 22 of you working away.**

**Please ensure this week that when you are coming in and out of the Common Room before and after exams that you are still quiet in there as people need to be able to keep revising in silence.**

### **PLEASE NOTE in relation to lessons.....**

During mock exam week if you have exams you will not have lessons and are free to stay at home to revise or to come in and revise in the Common Room or the Library if that works better for you. If you take all non-examined subjects you are expected to go to lessons during the mock week. If you take a mixture of non -examined and examined subjects such as ICT and English and Media, then please talk to your ICT/Business teachers about your exam commitments.

### **Sports Relief**

We are aware that you are very busy revising but please start thinking about what you can do for Sports Relief. **House Captains**-please see your Heads of House to start thinking about fundraising with your House.

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## **Holidays**

In relation to holidays please remember **Year 12** that after your exams in the summer you are expected back in to school to start A2 study on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. Therefore please do not book holidays before we break up on 22nd July. This is very much a condition of you continuing on to A2 courses.

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## **Chocolate for Books!**

Do you have an old copy of the novels 'Of Mice and Men' or 'The Woman in Black' at home? Or any study guides for these novels? Some of our Year 11s are seeking second-hand copies of these books and would be grateful if you could donate your unwanted copies.

As a further incentive, hand in your copy to Miss Brock (find her in T14 or the English staff room) and she'll swap it for a bar of chocolate!

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## **Maths and English re-sits in Enrichment time**

**If you haven't gained a C grade yet you must attend the sessions. Please see Mr Clegg and Miss Walters if you have exam commitments.**

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## **Signing in and out**

**Thank You** for taking the time to sign in and out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch).

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## **Careers Advice**

Please see Mrs Booth if you would like an interview with our careers advisor. The next available appointments are on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are in Year 13 and applying for Apprenticeships we have 2 workshops this half-term to help you, but in the meantime do book a careers meeting if you have any concerns. I will be staying after school on Fridays to help with Apprenticeship applications so please see me then if you would like help with applying.

## **Jokes of the week:**

**Why is an optician like an examiner?**

## **Happy Birthday this week to:**



**Joe Welch and Thomas Hayes – 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Liam Lambert – 26<sup>th</sup> February**

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## **Joke Answer**

They both test pupils!

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## **Events and Opportunities**

- **National Apprenticeship Show on 14th and 15th March 2016.**

[info@nationalapprenticeshipshow.org](mailto:info@nationalapprenticeshipshow.org)

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- **Shine Bright Careers Event 2016**

The first Shine Bright careers event of 2016 is being held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 5:30pm – 7:30pm** where we can show all of the wonderful early careers opportunities there are at Boots!

If you are not already aware, the event is designed to showcase all of the early careers options for students following their education. Everything from being a Pharmacist, Optometrist to being on one of the many Apprenticeship Programmes across areas like Supply Chain, Science, IT and Finance. You will get to hear and see more about our StepIn2 Boots programme designed for 16-18 year olds finishing GCSE's and our Higher Apprenticeship Programme for 18+ after A-Levels.

You will also be able to find out more about what it is like to work at Boots and our award winning work experience programme – which many of your students may already be on this year! We are delighted to once again be hosting skills workshops giving the students a great

chance to brush up on those CV writing skills, Interviews and have a go at a practice assessment centre.

This event is open to Careers Advisors, Teachers, Parents and Students of all ages. We'll be sending out more information soon, including a link to our booking system so you can send out and people can start registering.

**Nottingham High School**

**Oxbridge Evening – Meet the Admissions Tutors**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**7pm – 9pm (refreshments served from 6.30pm)**

A free outreach Oxbridge Evening is to be held at Nottingham High School on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, from 7pm - 9pm.**

The evening takes the form of pre-event refreshments (from 6.30pm – 7pm) and a presentation followed by a Question and Answer session in the Founder Hall. The presentation is pitched at Year 12 students, but it would also be suitable for bright and mature Year 11 pupils. There will be Admissions Tutors on hand from Cambridge and Oxford to answer any questions or queries.

Parents and staff are also welcome to attend and parking for cars and minibuses is available in the Main School Playground on Forest Road. (A map and directions booklet is attached for your information).

If you would like to be involved in the evening, we would be very grateful if you could let us know **by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, by faxing the attached form to 0115 924 9716 or emailing Mrs Wallis at [wallis.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk](mailto:wallis.d@nottinghamhigh.co.uk). Due to restrictions on numbers, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The School is also hosting a 'Study Abroad Fair' on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>, to which all are welcome.

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**Summer School opportunity at the University of Surrey**

**14 different subjects to choose from running from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July. The deadline for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. Check out the website [www.surrey.ac.uk/ypu](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/ypu)**

## Summer School at the University of Nottingham – Year 12

### Applications are open

These free programmes are targeted at high achieving Year 12 students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to find out what university is like. The week-long residential Summer Schools take place in June and July 2016 and then participants will receive on-going support and guidance (including e-mentoring and revision classes) throughout Year 13. This will provide further insight into higher education and assist students in their decision making process.

Those who complete a Summer School and subsequently register as a full-time undergraduate student at The University of Nottingham will automatically qualify for the **Nottingham Potential Bursary**, a bursary worth £1,000 per year for each year of undergraduate study.

For further details of the programmes, including dates, the subjects on offer and entry criteria please encourage your students to visit <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottingham-potential/widening-participation/summer-schools/summer-schools.aspx>.

Students apply online and the deadlines this year for applications are **early March**; all applications will be assessed after the closing dates and priority will be given to students meeting all or most of the entry criteria. Please note, applicants' forms must be verified by a teacher and we ask participants to provide a teacher's email address in order to submit their form.

If you require any further details, please contact the Summer School team on 0115 846 6962 or at [summer-school@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:summer-school@nottingham.ac.uk)

### Thought for the week

*I'm not telling you it is going to be easy — I'm telling you it's going to be worth it" ~*

Art Williams

