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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 19th November	Year 13 Assembly SBS-
Tuesday 20th November	Year 12 Assembly
Wednesday 21st November	Open Evening- SBS 6pm-8.30pm
Thursday 22nd November	Safedrive Trip – All Year 12
Friday 23rd November	

Other Dates for your diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 21st November – DSF Open Evening, 6-8.30pm, SBS • Thursday 22nd November – Safedrive Trip – All Year 12 • Wednesday 28th November –Y13 Parents’ Evening 4.30-7.30pm –SBS • Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th December –Y13 PPE Exams • Thursday 20th December – End of term 12.30pm finish • Tuesday 8th January – Start of term 3 <p>Future Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 12th March 2019 – UCAS Exhibition – Year 12 <p>Monday 15th- Friday 19th July – Year 12 Work Experience</p>	Mrs Burke
Registration	All students are required to attend registration. Failure to attend registration without a valid reason will affect a student’s attendance and will be followed up their Head of Year.	Mr Willett

Visits	<p>The English & Biology in Action conferences have been cancelled, parent pay refunds have been processed.</p> <p>Letters for the UCAS exhibition trip on the 12th March 2019, will be given to students by the end of next week.</p>	Mrs Burke
Year 13 Parents Evening	<p>Year 13 Parents Evening is taking place on Wednesday 28th November 4.30-7.30pm at St Birinus School. Students will receive appointment cards next week to enable them to book appointments with their teachers.</p>	Mr Anderson
Year 12 Work Experience	<p>This week Year 12 students received their work experience briefing, they were given information and guidance on work experience opportunities. Hard copies of this information are available from tutors or Sherwood Office and will also be emailed home.</p> <p>Mrs Burke is available for advice and guidance to support students in finding placements.</p> <p>Details of the Vertex Pharmaceutical Work Experience scheme can be found below.</p>	Mrs Burke
Careers Notices	<p>All years</p> <p>Beginners Guide to law: www.lawcareers.net/Starting-Out/Beginners-Guide-Career-Law/Legal-Career-Paths</p> <p>Careers and Job opportunities in Passenger Transport and Travel: www.careerthatmove.co.uk</p> <p>Careers in health Infographic: https://tinyurl.com/healthcareersinfographic and link to careers in the NHS website</p> <p>Years 10-12</p> <p>National Healthcare Careers Weekend</p> <p>Hundreds of healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with your students who are interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Medicine · Veterinary Medicine · Dentistry 	

at our National Healthcare Weekends on 17th & 18th Nov in Exeter and 24th & 25th Nov in London. Further venue details are available on the website. Please note that these events are filling quickly!

It is a highly valuable opportunity for students to network with a variety of healthcare professions, learn about work experience opportunities and how to make a successful application. Registration is £25 for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each specialty.

Students can register on the Medic Mentor website (medicmentor.org) and find out more about the events here. Students from a low-income backgrounds can attend free of charge.

Years 10-13

Engineering

We would like to invite you and young people to our drop in event on Tuesday 4th December 4.30pm – 7.30pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington. OX5 1AB, to come and find out more about Engineering and the option of completing an Apprenticeship to start a career in Engineering. The Engineering Trust specialises in Engineering Apprenticeships and we recruit and deliver apprenticeships for employers.

Years 7-13

Young Marine Biologists

On Sunday 25th November, the Marine Biological Association will be holding the second Young Marine Biologists (YMB) Summit.

This 1-day event is for 12-18 year olds who are passionate about marine biology and keen to learn more about this fascinating field and gain valuable careers advice. YMB Summit 2018 is an amazing opportunity to hear from inspirational marine biologists, meet experts and course leaders, take part in interactive workshops and get to know like-minded young people. The Summit will take place from 9.00am – 4.30pm at the 65 Queen's Gate, Baden-Powell House, London, SW7 5JS, and tickets cost just £40 per person, with 20% discount for Young Marine Biologist members. Places are limited and can be booked at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ymb-summit-2018-tickets-50848645668>

This year we are supplying FREE TICKETS to students that present at the event so we strongly encourage students to apply, either give a brief talk (10 minutes) or bring a poster on a topic of your choice on the day. This is an excellent safe and friendly environment to practice key communication skills. There are a limited number of bursaries to help with the cost of your ticket if you present at the event, kindly sponsored by

George Allen, a marine biology student from the University of Plymouth. To apply or for more information, please contact us by emailing ymb@mba.ac.uk

Years 12-13

Electronic Engineering Taster Day

At Royal Holloway, University of London we are offering potential applicants the opportunity to come to our beautiful 135 acre campus for an Electronic Engineering Taster Day on Wednesday 21 November 2018. The session is ideal for students at further education level, who are thinking about taking our Electronic Engineering course when proceeding onto higher education.

The Taster Day will include:

- An introduction to the department with leading academics, support staff and student ambassadors in the Electronic Engineering department
- A chance to explore the new Electronic Engineering department building, followed by a campus tour led by student ambassadors who are currently taking Electronic Engineering
- A practical circuit building workshop, giving potential applicants an idea of how they might put course learning into practise
- An Information, Advice and Guidance talk on fees and funding

The opportunity to ask any questions potential applicants may have during a Q&A session and evaluation discussion. This will be led by our current student ambassadors, who will be able to offer an insight into the life of a Royal Holloway student.

Combining informative presentations with practical examples of the course, the day will be a fun and interactive experience for those interested in the course. From the day, visitors will reflect on their own course specific interests and learning- assets which will help potential applicants decide whether Electronic Engineering and Royal Holloway University is the right course for them.

This workshop begins with registration in the Beatrice Shilling Building on campus at 10am. The day will finish after the question and answer session at 3pm. Visitors are asked to bring a packed lunch or money to buy lunch on campus. For further info email: schools@royalholloway.ac.uk

Years 11-13

Young Journalist Programme

2nd December 2018, University College, London

The world of journalism remains one of the most thrilling career options for talented young minds. The Young Journalist Programme, spearheaded by a writer from the Financial Times, brings world-class journalists from some of the biggest names in the industry to UCL to provide you with everything you would seek to gain from an internship at a media giant.

There are three clear outcomes for the day:

You will gain live experience of life as a journalist in various disciplines, both through sessions with journalists from companies such as Channel 5 and The Financial Times; AND through undertaking some key tasks yourself including writing your own news story, planning your own investigative scoop, and dealing with the pressure of a series of live breaking news reports throughout the day. You will be transformed into a virtual newsroom for the day, thus putting you into the shoes of a journalist for the duration of the programme.

You will be coached in how to make your dream of becoming a journalist a reality – with advice including guidance on A-level and university choices, tackling personal statements; and how to excel in CVs, application forms and interviews.

You will meet with established journalists from a variety of disciplines, and be given the chance to ask them questions on a personal basis. These professionals can become vital mentors for you throughout your career.

Boost Your Applications

Further, you can reference your attendance on the Young Journalist Programme in your UCAS personal statement as an example of where you gained key skills such as working under pressure, problem-solving, teamwork, and public speaking. You can also complete the online assessment after the programme and receive a personalised certificate for passing.

After the programme, InvestIN continues to act as a platform for you to build a successful career upon. Our alumni have unlimited lifetime access to our depth of expertise; students can contact us with further questions at any time, and we make sure you are promptly given the advice you need. Your attendance on the programme is therefore just the beginning of our long-term commitment to coaching you towards achieving your career ambitions.

	<p>Programme Fee: £130.00GBP/student for the full day. Places are limited. If 2 or more places are booked students receive a 10% discount. Enter code GROUP10 at checkout to benefit from this. For further info: info@investineducation.co.uk</p>	
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University of Oxford Sixth-form prize in Medicine

IN THIS SECTION

This is an annual competition for Year 12 (Lower 6th) students who are considering applying to study medicine. The competition is open to all students currently studying at a state-funded school, college or sixth-form.

The Essay Prize aims to raise awareness of the interesting and multifaceted subject of medicine related to traumatic-injury. It is hoped that the Prize will encourage students with an interest in medicine to explore this further and to apply for a University course in this subject. In addition, the Prize aims to recognise the achievements of high-calibre students, as well as the achievements of those who teach them.

The competition carries a First Prize of a 7 day work-experience placement within the Major Trauma Centre, Oxford. In addition, up to three further essays of a high quality will be commended. For students living more than 20 miles from the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford there is also a prize of £100, which will contribute to travel expenses anticipated in the attendance of the work-experience placement. Accommodation will not be provided although some facilities are available when shadowing the 'on call' team.

THE TOPIC FOR THE 2019 COMPETITION IS AS FOLLOWS

'How is the information learned at A-level relevant to patient care following traumatic injury?'

Candidates are invited to submit an essay of between 750 and 1000 words. Essays should be submitted to the email address below by the deadline of **the end (23:59 BST) of 1 January 2019. Late submissions cannot be accepted.**

All candidates will be notified with the results of the competition in early February.

Any queries should be directed to Mrs Jackie Harris at Jackie.harris@ndorms.ox.ac.uk

HOW INFORMATION ABOUT YOU WILL BE USED

Your email address will only be used for the purposes of contacting you in regards to your submission. It will not be used for any other reason or given or sold to any other company or organization.

<https://www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/research-groups/oxford-trauma/university-of-oxford-sixth-form-prize-in-medicine>



Vertex 'Work in Science Week'

Vertex is a global biotechnology company that aims to discover, develop and commercialise innovative medicines so that people with serious diseases can lead better lives. In addition to our clinical development programmes focused on cystic fibrosis, Vertex has more than a dozen ongoing research programmes aimed at other serious and life-threatening diseases.

What is 'Work in Science Week'?

"Work in Science Week" is a 5-day course run by Vertex to provide students with an overview of the drug discovery process from biological target selection right through to running clinical trials.

The course is held at the Vertex Oxford Research site based on Milton Park near Abingdon. It is aimed at post-GCSE students studying Science subjects who are interested in pursuing a scientific career but are maybe unsure as to what opportunities are available.

The course will provide students with:

- An understanding of the drug discovery process
- An insight into career opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry
- An opportunity to work with others and strengthen a range of skills including presentation and debating skills



2019 Work in Science Week

The course will run from **8th-12th July 2019** from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (finishing with a celebration lunch on the final day). The interactive and stimulating program consists of a range of lectures, practical experiments and group-based activities.

Students are asked to participate fully in all sessions throughout the week to get the most out of the experience.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying please inform your Head of 6th Form who will provide you with an application form. There is a maximum of 20 places available.

The deadline for submitting applications is **15th February 2019**. Please return completed application forms by e-mail to VertexWinSW@vrtx.com or by post to the following address:

Work in Science Week 2019
Vertex Pharmaceuticals,
86-88 Milton Park,
Abingdon,
OX14 4RW

For further information on Vertex please check out our website: www.vrtx.com

an opportunity to talk with students and teachers

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Didcot Sixth Form

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21st November

6pm - 8.30pm

St Birinus School, Mereland Road

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12 November 2018

Invitations to our Year 12 Summer Universities Programme 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to announce that applications for our Year 12 Summer Universities Programme are now **open**! This is an exciting opportunity for your **year 12** students to stay on our stunning 136 acre campus and gain insight into what life as an undergraduate student is like at university.

Students have a choice to either attend the **Sciences residential which will run from the 25-27 June 2019**, or the **Arts and Social Sciences residential which will run from the 2-4 July 2019**, depending on their interests. What's more, this residential is completely **free to attend**!

This is a Widening Participation event, so students will need to meet our **eligibility criteria** before their place at the residential is confirmed. More details on this, along with where to **apply** can be found [via this link](#).

Please note that spaces on both programmes are limited, so please encourage your students to apply as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The School Liaison Team.