

Sixth Form Bulletin

For your information, please see below some of the things that are happening in school for our Sixth Form students ...

... next week:

Monday 28 September	•
Tuesday 29 September	• Tutorial at 8.50 am in tutor bases
Wednesday 30 September	
Thursday 1 October	• Tutorial at 8.50 am in tutor bases
Friday 2 October	•

... and for the rest of Term 1, so far:

Thursday 1 October	First meeting of Backwell Environment Group, from 4.00 to 5.00 pm on Microsoft Teams (If you would like to join the group and meeting, please contact Mrs George via email to igeorge@backwellschool.net) by Friday 25 September
Saturday 3 October to Monday 5 October	DofE Silver Award Assessed Expedition in the Black Mountains
Thursday 22 October	Year 13 Parents' Evening : details to follow
Friday 23 October	Last Day of Term 3.30 pm: Deadline for all UCAS applications (to guarantee submission by Christmas)

Notices and Reminders ...

Please check your school email account regularly.

16-19 Bursary Fund: The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit. Application forms are available from the Sixth Form office. For further information, please contact finance@backwellschool.net.

Sixth Form Houses:

Rock: 12-1 and 12-4; 13-1, 13-4 and 13-7 – Purple
Paper: 12-2, 12-5 and 12-8; 13-2; 13-5 and 13-8 – Pink
Scissors: 12-3; 12-6 and 12-9; 13-3, 13-6 and 13-9 – Orange

Access Control Cards and Lanyards: Please keep your card safe. Cards are registered to each student as an individual and are your responsibility. You should not give your card to another student or anyone else. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to Mrs Bangham in the Sixth Form office immediately, so that she can order a replacement – you will be charged £5 to cover the cost.

Microsoft Office 365: Backwell students have complete free access to the Microsoft Office 365 package. Once downloaded, it can be fully installed on a PC, Mac, tablet and phone. It gives full access to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook (PC only) and Access (PC only). Students should view the download instructions on Frog for further detail.

WiFi access issues: Please see instructions in Frog and on the Sixth Form screens. If you experience any problems, please let Mrs Bangham know.

Year 13 parking on the school site: Due to the extensive building work currently being undertaken on the school campus, students will not be able to park on site as we need to free up vital car parking spaces for members of staff. In the short term, Year 13 students only will be allowed to park in Backwell Leisure Centre car park, **as long as they have a school approved permit**. To apply for a permit, please download the application form from Frog, then print, complete and return to Mr Lewis in LB2, together with proof of your insurance. Permission to park in the Leisure Centre is given on a provisional basis only. Spaces will be allocated on an individual basis, with priority given to those living further away and with limited access to public transport. Allocated permits will be reviewed on a termly basis. All students, when parking off site, **please show consideration to Backwell residents and park sensibly**.

Year 12 Access to Bristol: An opportunity to have a taste of student life at the University of Bristol. Students attend a series of sessions on Wednesday afternoons in Terms 1 to 4. You can choose to study one of a variety of subject streams and will experience studying at the University of Bristol, working with academics and current students. Taking part shows commitment to further study, strengthening your UCAS application. For further information and how to apply, visit <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/post-16/access/>. Use Adam Moore as the school contact. Applications deadline 16 October 2020.

Targeted information: Year 12 students, if you would like to receive emailed information about careers or courses in specific areas, please sign up by visiting '6th Form Targeted Information' in the Sixth Form area on Frog.

Future Plans/Careers/UCAS:

- Please see the 'future plans' page in the Sixth Form section on Frog.
- Please also look out for the weekly Careers Bulletin, which is included in the weekly email to all parents on Fridays. It can also be found on the school website under 'Students' and on FROG under the 'Future Plans' section.

Future Plans/Careers:

- If you have a Future Plans/Careers query, please contact Mrs Ball by email (cball@backwellschool.net) to arrange an appointment.
- Alternatively, Mrs Ball is running Future Plans Drop-In Sessions on Wednesdays in LB2:
From 8.50 am to 1.20 pm in Weeks 1A and 1B
From 12.50 pm to 3.15 pm in Weeks 2A and 2B
- She will also be available on Thursdays in SF4 if you want to pop in for a quick chat or fix an appointment then.

Year 13 UCAS:

- All UCAS applications to be completed by 3.30 pm on Friday 23 October.
- If you have a Year 13 UCAS query, Mrs Hobbs is available by appointment on Mondays and Thursdays, from 1.20 pm to 3.00 pm. Please email her (ihobbs@backwellschool.net) to book an appointment.

Future Learn: FREE on line short courses. Ideal for students wishing to broaden study around a subject or research an area of interest. They only take up to a couple of hours a week, you can sign up at any time throughout the year and there are lots of courses running through the

summer. Useful when applying to university, as it could enhance your personal statement. Visit <https://www.futurelearn.com>.

Popular Virtual University Open Days coming up ...

Saturday 26 September	Gloucestershire
Saturday 26 September	Hartpury
Saturday 26 September	Plymouth
Saturday 26 September	Goldsmiths, London
Saturday 26 September	Royal Central – Speech and Drama
Friday 2 October	Glasgow
Saturday 17 October	Escape Studios (VFX, Games, Animation) at Pearson Business School

For a full list of upcoming virtual university open days, please visit <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/open-days/search>