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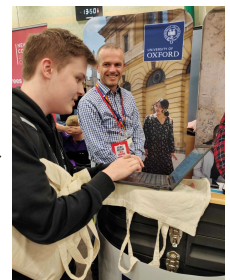
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Welcome

We have a busy time ahead of us. Year 12 will be involved in work experience, university visits and making a start on their applications. Whilst year 13 will be taking their exams and attending their leavers' mass and leavers' dinner in the coming weeks. We are busy planning a taster day to welcome our next cohort of year 12 students in July. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary as a school on Saturday 24th June and hope to see many of you there. We want to thank parents for their continued support of the college, it is much appreciated.

Year 12 UCAS Exhibition

On Wednesday 3rd May year 12 visited the UCAS Exhibition at Teesside University. They had a very informative and productive visit with lots of helpful conversations and ambitious students excited about their futures. We will be hosting a 'Next Steps' information evening for year 12 parents later in the term, please keep an eye out for details.



Year 12 Degree Taster Sessions



Teesside University are hosting a number of degree taster sessions in the coming months including a Nursing and Midwifery Conference on Wednesday 7 June from 9.30am-3.30pm, and a series of Discovery Days which are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm. Subjects include; Engineering, Animation, Business, Computer Science, Games Design and Criminology and Sociology. Please encourage your child to attend such events as it will give them a flavour of what to expect when studying at degree level. More details and booking information can be found online at [Visiting & Events | Teesside University](#)

Opportunities



Year 12 Work Experience Week

Our year 12 students have been busy securing work experience placements. Students will be on work experience from Monday 3rd July until Friday 7th July. Work experience forms a compulsory part of the year 12 programme to help students develop employability skills and experience working life. This will assist students when it comes to applying for part time employment, university and apprenticeships. Students have been asked to complete a proforma outlining their plans.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are continually encouraging students to become involved in extracurricular activities alongside their studies. These activities help students to compile excellent application forms, be it for employment, university or apprenticeships. It provides students with excellent examples of the things that they are interested in, in addition to their studies. There are many activities that they can undertake such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, virtual and in person work experience, debating society, John Paul II Award, TED Talks, online short course, to name but a few! Back in March, year 12 attended a workshop with a representative from Oxford University and we provided with lots of examples.



A reminder that Student Finance England is now open for applications for year 13 students going to university in September. All students can apply for a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. Many students will also qualify for a bursary from their chosen university. [Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/urls/student-finance-for-undergraduates-overview) The Department for Education has produced a number of useful YouTube videos that explain the process including repayments. [Understanding your student loan: a guide for English students starting an undergraduate course 2023 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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