

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a turbulent week, when further changes to restrictions have reminded us once again of the need to change and adapt our behaviour. A passing comment from one of our Y10 student's stood out amidst the various challenges: '...**but we can always be kind.**' Whilst recognising the devastating impact Covid-19 has, the statistics show that many more people daily suffer as a result of poor mental health. One comment that has gone viral highlights the figures and then concludes – wear your mask and be kind. With so many uncontrollable factors, may we focus on that which we can control, our attitude and mindset to be kind to others but, sometimes, as importantly, to ourselves.

We want to make sure that there is always honest and open dialogue between all stakeholders. If students are feeling overwhelmed, anxious or worried about school work, future plans or just in general, please know that the pastoral team are here to look after and support you. On the **8 October** Y12 students and parents are invited to meet with their tutor to discuss how they are getting on. These conversations are so valuable and help us to ensure that every student receives the very best care. A similar evening will be arranged for Y13 students to help us take stock and see if anything can be done to improve students' experience of school at this time.

We have strongly encouraged students to wear masks in the busy communal areas of the sixth form and when moving around the school site. I would now like to make a direct request that, for those able to do so, masks are worn when social distancing is not possible. We trust that students use their common sense when spaces are quiet, but at break and lunch times, unless actively eating, masks should be worn for the protection of the whole community.

I say it often, but it is truly a privilege to lead such a supportive, helpful and kind sixth form.

Miss Butler, Director of Sixth Form

Dates for your Diary

September

Mon 28—Wed 30	Year 13 Biology Fieldwork
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October

Fri 2	Inset Day—School closed to students
Thurs 8	Y12 Tutor Evening—post COVID settling in 4-7pm
Mon 12	Y13 Group Photographs
Fri 16	Y12 & Y13 Inspire Conference Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day
Week of 19	Y12 and Y13 Snapshot Reports issued
Fri 23	End of Term 1

November

Mon 2 Nov	Start of Term 2—WEEK A
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LETS CELEBRATE

Biology Field Study

Next our Biology students are off on their (COVID) delayed field studies. They will be going to Clevedon to complete a number of investigations on the beautiful coastline. They will be mapping the distribution of seaweed species, comparing the size of limpets and investigating which conditions marine amphipods prefer the most. We will also be attempting to estimate the population size of crabs at Clevedon Marine Lake using a mathematical model and good old-fashioned crab lines!



Hopefully the weather is kind and the students enjoy an enriching experience.

Mr Dorney, Head of Biology



Grade 8 Piano—Matt C

Matt C (Y13) achieved a Distinction in his Grade 8 Piano exam last week. This is such a difficult exam requiring a huge amount of effort and dedication; an achievement very few attain. Congratulations Matt; really well deserved.

The Well



A Modern Version of the 23rd Psalm

by a Japanese writer - Tokio Megashie

THE LORD is my Pace setter - I shall not rush.
He makes me stop for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness
which restore my serenity,
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is Peace.
Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day,
I will not fret,
For his Presence is here,
His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity,
By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Truly harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my LORD
And dwell in his house forever.

Matt Robinson, Chaplain

General Notices

Absences and Covid19 01225 838230

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please leave a message in the morning. You must call in every day until your child returns to school.

If the absence is related to Covid update us each day; we need to record whether student has symptoms or is isolating due to a household member having symptoms. Also tell us if the student has applied for a test, completed a test and the result of the test. If you are not sure please speak to Mrs. Nokes on 01225 838232.

Enrichment Anyone authorised to miss Enrichment must sign a form to state their intention to undertake an alternative worthwhile activity instead. Please collect the form from Mrs. Nokes

Litter Sixth formers, please do not leave litter in the Café or elsewhere. Let's respect our beautiful Sixth Form Centre.

Lanyards / Electronic entry cards

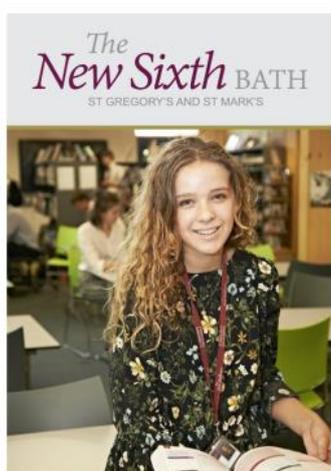
It is compulsory to wear these at all times on the school premises. Loss or irreparable damage to a lanyard incurs a fee of £2.50 .

LRC The LRC is a quiet study area. Group study can be done in the café or seating areas upstairs in the Gateway.

Sixth Form Key Contacts

Director of Sixth Form—Miss Lucy Butler
Head of Y12/Y13—Mr Ben Ackland
Sixth Form Administrator—Mrs Kate Nokes 01225 838 232
Director of Pastoral Care—Mr McDermott
Assistant Head Pastoral—Mrs Tuke
Family Support and Attendance Officer—Zsuzanna Jenkins
Pupil Support M15—Mrs Rita West and Mr Simon Brooks
School Nurse Service—Yvette Tayler (0797 6916058)
Careers Advisors—Mrs Parker and Mrs Ruck
Medical Room, First Response Officer—Mrs Katy Stevenson

Virtual Open Event



Visit our
Virtual Open Event

online at
www.st-gregorys.org.uk

Register your interest or book a place at our live, online events in the Autumn term.

The New Sixth, Bath
Combe Hay Lane, Bath, BA2 8PA

You are warmly invited to join our virtual Open Event at The New Sixth

<https://newsixthadmissions.st-gregorys.org.uk/>

The New Sixth builds on the outstanding academic traditions of Saint Gregory's and St. Mark's.

Join us for a celebration of all that The New Sixth has to offer. Register for our Q&A, meet our senior leaders and course teachers and take a tour of our facilities. Discover how we provide our students with the skills and experiences to achieve academic and spiritual growth so they may truly

Bursary Fund

16—19 Bursary Fund, FSM, Pupil Premium

In Sixth Form Free School Meals continue. There is no Pupil Premium but there is a Bursary Fund to help students to pay for Text Books, Stationery and IT, Trips, Transport, Uniform and course equipment. The fund is limited and is discretionary and means-tested for eligibility. Bursary's do **not** affect the calculation of any other benefits you may be receiving such as universal credit. If you think you might qualify, and have to buy bus fares, clothing or books, **retain your receipts**. If your application is approved by the School Governors these costs can be reimbursed.

Forms, further information and help can be obtained confidentially from Mrs. Nokes, LRC.

PROGRESSION

UCAS Deadlines



15 OCTOBER 2020 (18:00 UK time)

Deadline for the receipt at UCAS of applications for all Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Science Courses and for all courses at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

15 JANUARY 2021 (18:00 UK time)

Deadline for the majority of undergraduate courses. The reference needs to be completed before the application can be sent.

30 JUNE 2021 (18:00 UK time)

Last date for the receipt of all other applications for immediate consideration by the chosen universities and colleges. Those received after this date will automatically be entered into Clearing.



Virtual Exhibitions

September—November

Explore courses you are interested in. Speak to subject experts and admission staff. Chat to current students. Get advice on applying through UCAS. Discover apprenticeships. Get the facts on student finance.

Any questions? Contact: events@ucas.ac.uk

These online events will be dedicated to the following subject areas:

Business, law, and finance – 30 September

Biological and physical sciences – 16 October

Social sciences, humanities, and teaching – 23 - 24 October

Maths, engineering, and computing – 2 - 3 November

Creative subjects – 13 - 14 November

To book: https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition?sort_by=search_api_aggregation_1

Access to Bath & Bristol Uni's



Get On Track to Bath and stand out from the UCAS Crowd

A free 1 year curriculum enhancement programme to develop independent learning, academic research and employability skills and helps you make an informed choice about your future university course. Spend time on campus and get an introduction to university life, explore a subject you are interested in, receive an alternative offer and more. Sessions are Wednesday afternoons and dovetail perfectly with our Enrichment Programme. Register your interest now. Apply from November. Deadline: Jan 2021.

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/on-track-to-bath/>



Access to Bristol

Access to Bristol 2020/21

Experience life at the University of Bristol

provides local students with an unprecedented opportunity to experience life at the University of Bristol. Autumn Term for Y13. Spring

Term for Y12's. Students who complete benefit from the Access to Bristol Bursary and a guaranteed contextual offer/ interview. On Wednesday afternoons it dovetails perfectly with our Enrichment programme.

Deadline for applications: 16 October 2020

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/post-16/access/>

HE Access Support



Applications for the Social Mobility Foundation's free Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) are now open for 2021!

The APP supports high achieving Year 12 students from low income backgrounds across the UK to access top universities and careers. We offer support through our four pillars:

- * Mentoring by a professional via email
- * Tailored skills sessions and career workshops
- * University application support and guidance
- * Internships with top employers

Students must apply by 5pm on Friday 15th January 2021 by completing their application form.

Tel: 0207 183 1189 | Web: www.socialmobility.org.uk | Twitter: [@socialmobilityfoundation](https://twitter.com/socialmobilityfoundation)



Your Heart Hospital 2020

Wed 14th October 2020 - For patients and the public. This half day course helps understand the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease and appreciate what happens in a heart attack centre and to learn practical resuscitation skills.

To register for the course contact holly.vestaskew@nhs.net See Mr Boutland Smith for more information.

PROGRESSION

Uni League Tables

The best UK universities 2021 - league table

Find a course at one of the top universities in the country

Checkout the Guardian **University League Tables** here—Universities are ranked by all sorts of things from academics to student satisfaction, fun, cost and more.

https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2020/sep/05/the-best-uk-universities-2021-league-table?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Plus all you need to know about managing your money
Student Finance

https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/sep/18/student-finance-everything-you-need-to-know-about-managing-your-money?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Something for Parents



SUN PARENT HUB

VIRTUAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

ONLINE
3PM - 7PM
THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER
[SUN.ONLINEOPENDAYS.COM](https://sun.onlineopendays.com)

Want to support your children with their university applications?
Attend a virtual open day with SUN Parent Hub

The event is FREE, register here:

<https://sun.onlineopendays.com/>

Apprenticeships



Get employed: Apprenticeship Application Course

“Get Employed” is a course of webinars and workshops to support you through every stage of your apprenticeship application. Experienced facilitators will give tailored advice and guidance in weekly sessions.

For Current Y13's, Gap year students or school leavers applying for work or an apprenticeship starting in 2021.

To register following this link:

<https://uptree.co/uptree/o/3098094088/>

For Creatives



Escape Studios at Pearson College London

October Virtual Open Day

Saturday 17th October 10am

Discover how you can create your future with one of our undergraduate degrees in:

Animation
Game Art
Visual Effects
Motion Graphics

Support for the next generation of artists to explore their creative skill using industry-standard software and tools in fully equipped studios.

<https://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/visit-us.html>



Welcome to the

UK university &
apprenticeship
search virtual fairs

Wednesday 21 October | 12:00 - 18:00

For students in the South-West of England, West Midlands and Wales to explore their national, regional and local post-18 options.

The event will feature universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from across the UK as well as local post-18 options. The New Sixth normally attends this event at UWI Bristol as it brings together over 108 exhibitors and 25,000 students; this year it will be run virtually.

The event is completely free for students, parents and teachers and recommended for anyone in Y13, 12 or 11. Find out more and register here:

<https://ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/>