THIS WEEK... Have a Wonderful Summer!

4-8 September 2023

#### **RESULTS DAYS**

- Year 13 A' Level Results Day is on Thursday 17th August.
- GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 24th August.

#### **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

We are operating a staggered start in September, which means that students will return as follows:

Year 12: Wednesday 6th Sept.

Year 13: Thursday 7th Sept.

Our calendar for 23–24 which includes key dates and notice of the assessment window can be <u>found here</u>.

#### A' LEVEL RESULTS DAY

Students can collect their results from 8am in the Lower Hexagon. For further details please read the letter sent to parents <u>here</u> and the IAG slides (<u>here</u>) to ensure you are prepared for this. Year 12 students collecting BTEC grades can do so between 9–10am.

<u>Click here</u> to read a letter to all students from Ofqual and UCAS.

#### GCSE RESULTS DAY

Students collecting their GCSE re-sit results can collect these from the Sports Hall between 10–11am.

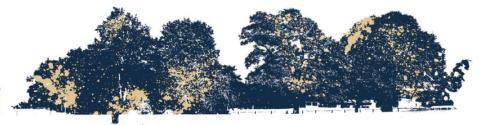
#### Y12 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Whilst it is important for you to all have a long and relaxing break over the summer, staying in some kind of routine with your studies is key, so you can hit the ground running in September. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> to read the information shared at the recent IAG evening. See pages 9–11 for activities to complete over summer.

#### ENRICHMENT FAIR

The enrichment fair will be held during the week commencing **18th September** where Year 12 and 13 can sign up for clubs and societies that interest them. These activities count towards their Gold/ Silver/Bronze Future Leaders awards.

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### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



## CALENDAR 4–8 September 2023

DAY	YEAR 12		YEAR 13		OTHER EVENTS	
MONDAY		INSET DAY				
TUESDAY		INSET DAY				
WEDNESDAY	Year 12 begin Sixth Form		Study day at home		School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm	
THURSDAY	Mentoring		Year 13 return to Sixth Form			
FRIDAY	Mentoring		Mentoring			



#### Last week fun





#### **TEFL course**



TEFL students passed the course with flying colours. The facilitators gave hugely positive feedback about the attitude and skill of the group, expressing what a fantastic sense of fun they had about them, and how much effort they put into creating great lessons.

Well done Year 12 TEFL students!

The next TEFL course will run in July 2024.





### **Celebration Assembly**

We were delighted to be able to spend time on Founders' Day recognising the achievements of all our students this year.



Students were awarded Form Tutor Awards, Future Leaders Awards, and subject and attendance awards; all of which clearly demonstrated what a fantastic year they have had. Year 12 should all be very proud of their efforts this year. We look forward to them all returning in September.

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A. Armitage	T. Chu	S. Gyepi-Garbrah	N. Priest
W. Andrews	C. Clifford	E. Hacker	O. Proctor
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M. Beattie	K. Coultert	K. Hylton	R. Segal
R. Beattie	L. Devaney	A. Kinsey	J. Sheldon
J. Beetham	E. Doherty-McCarroll	Z. Konca	M. Stanley
C. Benson	M. Edwardson	K. Martin	C. Storey
J. Bone	D. Gallagher	E. Neal	A. Taylor
L. Broughton	L. Gallagher	E. Newhouse	T. Ward
S. Cashin	E. Godber	C. Pemberton	S. Whitehurst
B. Cawley	B. Gomm	E. Pitt	E. Yates
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# PREVIOUS NOTICES

## DONT FORGET -----

#### **Provisional Exam timetable**

The provisional exam timetable for summer 2024 can be <u>found here</u> – please note this is provisional and may be subject to change. Please do NOT book holidays around these dates just yet.

#### Key dates for October 2023 admissions tests

If you need to take an admissions test in October, make sure you are aware of the key dates for BMAT, ENGAA, NSAA, TMUA and TSA Oxford.

- 1st September 2023 Registration opens
- **15th September 2023** Deadline to apply for modified papers (e.g. enlarged print)
- **29th September 2023**, 6pm Registration closes for all tests
- 18th October 2023 Test date

Please note that there is no late registration period after 29th September. All tests will be paper-based this year. For more information on individual tests, please visit the <u>web page for that test</u>.

#### Trip to Parliament

Letters have been sent out to those students wishing to attend the Year 13 Parliament trip on **Wednesday 13th September**.

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Assessment Calendar, which includes key dates for 2023–2024.





## FUTURES Opportunities

#### Interested in a career in politics?

A fantastic opportunity has come up! This August, Andy Carter (your Warrington South MP) will be running a week of work experience that is suitable for students between the ages of 16 and 18.

The work experience will take place the week commencing **Monday 14th August**. The week is designed to introduce students to politics and will include a day trip to Parliament for a tour. The rest of the week will be based in Andy Carter's constituency office in Stockton Heath.

Applications for the work experience can be submitted by emailing Andy Carter a CV on <u>andy.carter.mp@parliament.uk</u> before **Sunday 23rd July**.

If you would like support in putting your application together please speak to a member of the Sixth Form team. This must be a formal CV and covering email.

Good luck!



## FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



#### **Economics Essay Competition 2023**

#### Closing date: Tuesday 15th August

Every year Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism (CSEP) hosts its Essay Competition to encourage Sixth Form students to go beyond their curriculum and explore important questions society faces today.

In the essays, students need to be open to a broad range of perspectives whilst developing a clear line of argument. Please include a bibliography with references to your sources. Essays should be between 1500–2000 words in length (excluding any citations). The questions to answer are:

1. Discuss, with reference to two countries, to what extent, and under what circumstances, global trade and foreign investment and lending have been important to developing countries' economic catchup since 1970?

2. Calls for price controls (whether upwards through minimum wages, or downwards through rent and energy price controls) have become politically prominent. At the same time, they are conventionally perceived to distort markets. In what forms, and to what extent, are price controls an effective policy tool?

3. 'Populism is primarily the product of economic marginalisation'. Discuss.

4. Amidst mounting debt, weak domestic demand and deglobalisation, has the Chinese economic model outlived its usefulness?

5. 'The neoliberal age is over'. Discuss with reference to the resurgence of state intervention.

To submit your essays, <u>click here</u>.

The 1st prize winner will receive a cash prize of £50. The runners-up will each receive a cash prize of £15. All winners will receive certificates of commendation for their work and be featured in CSEP's website. Prize winners will be contacted individually by **1st October 2023**.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We recommend that over the summer you should:

- 1. Ensure all your revision notes for the Year 12 content is up to date, including mind maps, cue cards etc.
- 2. Complete as many past papers as possible.
- 3. Take the time to consider your options post-18. You should return in September with the following:
- Final draft of your Personal Statement completed in Unifrog.
- A shortlist of your chosen universities (if you are applying). Whilst this may not be as precise as your final five choices, you should have a shortlist of between 5–8, ready to be confirmed by October half-term (the school's internal UCAS deadline).
- A shortlist of which Apprenticeships you may consider applying for.
- 4. Use Unifrog to search the following topics:

#### **Know-How Library**

Know-how library Guides favourited

#### Using the Know-how Library (1 minute)

Every application process is very different, whether you're applying to study Sport Science at LJMU or Medicine at Oxford. Take some time to explore the Know-How Library which contains hundreds of useful resources and guides to demystify every application process. This includes applying for Degree Apprenticeships and international study. There is a lot of guidance on writing personal statements, CVs, interviews and admission processes.



#### **Personal Statements**

How to use the personal statement tool (11 minutes)

This is your opportunity to sell yourself to your chosen university. Take a look at the Subjects Library and you will find an annotated personal statement for every subject profile. Furthermore, the Unifrog personal statement tool is character counted and spellchecked with lots of advice and guidance. Use your activities log to draw inspiration and highlight why you want to study your chosen subject, your suitability for that course and what else you can contribute to that university.

#### CVs

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This is your first chance to make a good impression with any prospective employer. Presentation is key. For this reason alone it should be carefully thought out, designed and written so that it makes an immediate positive impact on key decision makers. Using Unifrog's CV builder, create a CV.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

#### **Careers & Subjects Library**

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<u>Using careers library</u> (2 minutes) and <u>Using the subjects library</u> (4 minutes)

Why do you want to study your chosen subject area? Are you still undecided? Take a look at the Careers Library which is home to over 1000 career profiles. How do you see your degree translating into future career opportunities? Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, you can also look at various career profiles and key Labour Market Intelligence. Secondly, if you're still undecided on what you want to study at university, use the Subjects Library to see how your current A' Levels can translate into university study. This is a good opportunity to see all the different degrees you might be interested in pursuing. Shortlist at least three career profiles and subject areas.

#### MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course)



#### <u>Researching MOOCs</u> (4 minutes)

MOOCs give you a taste for what it's like to study a university module. They vary in length, some are several weeks others are 1 week and require different amounts of independent study. You should register on a MOOC you can manage alongside your academic studies. These are fantastic as they evidence independent study, give you something tangible to discuss at interview stage, deepen your understanding of your chosen subject area and show an interest for the subject area. Top tip: speak to your A' Level teachers regarding the most appropriate MOOCs (e.g. if you're interested in Pharmacy, go speak to the Science Department or if you're interested in History, go and speak to your History teacher). MOOCs are also fantastic to include on your CV, both universities and employers love them!

#### Student Webinars/Virtual Open Days



#### Registering on a webinar (1 minute)

University is a unique and fantastic experience. To make the most out of your university experience, it's vitally important you research the course and university in depth. There are over 160 universities in the UK alone and over 35,000 undergraduate degrees. Using the Unifrog Webinar tool, take a look at the UK University Series where there are over 40 top UK Universities speaking about what it's like to study in that region and at their institution. Furthermore, take a look at the Subject Discovery Webinars, these will give you a taste/feel for what it's like to study that subject at university and ultimately decide whether or not that subject is a good fit. In addition to the UK University series and Subject Discovery Webinars, there are also a whole host of Skills & Enterprise Webinars where you can hear from a range of top employers including Facebook, PWC and Dell.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

#### Wider Reading: Read, Watch & Listen



Finding wider reading materials (2 minutes)

Wider reading will show admissions tutors that you are genuinely passionate and informed about your chosen subject, and that you're therefore likely to succeed at university. Wider reading could be the deciding factor if you have interviews. Wider reading can include journals, articles, textbooks, documentaries, podcasts, ted talks and much more. <u>Take a</u> look at the Read, Watch & Listen tool on Unifrog which is a library full of wider reading materials, make sure you have a diverse list of wider reading materials e.g. podcasts, journals and documentaries. It is expected you favourite at least 3 wider reading materials.

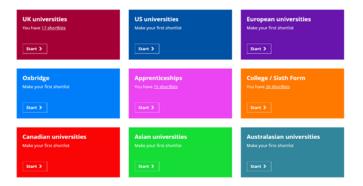
#### **Virtual WEX**



#### How to find virtual WEX (4 minutes)

Virtual work experience, also referred to as online, remote or digital, provides you with the opportunity to gain experience in the workplace, develop your skills, boost employability and explore new industries and job roles. Take a look at the Special Opportunities on Unifrog which has over 200 Virtual WEX opportunities.

#### **Post-18 Opportunities Search**



#### UK university search (8 minutes)

It's time to start thinking about what you want to do post Sixth Form. Do you want to study an undergraduate degree in the UK? You might want to consider pursuing a degree level apprenticeship or school leaver programme. Perhaps you're interested in an English-taught degree in Europe, the Middle East or Asia. You may be interested in studying in the United States or Canada. Likewise you may be considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge.

Using the Unifrog opportunities search tool, complete at least two shortlists. University is an investment in your future, be sure to research the course and it's structure; every degree is different whether you're studying Law at the University of Liverpool or Law at UCL – the courses will differ in terms of structure, content, compulsory and elective modules and the assessment criteria.

## WELLBEING

### Self-care summer Top tips for students

#### **Prioritise rest**

1. Replenish yourself Pick a mix of things that make you feel relaxed and recharged.

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- 2. Make a wellbeing action plan Plan what you are going to do to look after your wellbeing during the summer, and try your hardest to stick to it.
- 3. Do things that make you feel like 'you' Engaging in our passions and making time for loved ones can energise us and help prevent burnout.

#### **Reviewing boundaries**

- Set time during the holidays when you will work. If you have work to do, like coursework, set a time when you will work and when you won't
- 2. Remove apps from your phone Remove apps from your your phone that drain your time and energy. You can always reinstall them when you need them. Take time for yourself and the world around you.

#### Build healthy habits for the academic year

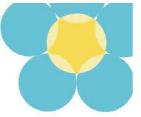
- 1. What are your wellbeing non-negotiables? Consider what they are and make a note of them. These actions should keep you balanced and help you feel good.
- 2. Start your day well Find something that you can easily do each morning that helps you get in the right mindset for the rest of your day.
- **3.** Do a weekly wellbeing check-up Ask yourself how you're feeling mentally and physically. We're all human and our emotions are valid.











### FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

### APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS



Apprenticeships



- Please <u>click here</u> to see this week's list of current apprenticeships in the Warrington area.
   For further details and to apply for any of these vacancies go to the National Apprenticeship Website.
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2022 Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers.
- Further opportunities in Cheshire and Warrington can be viewed <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.
- Don't forget to use <u>Unifrog</u> to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!

### unifrog



Our <u>careers website</u> includes a <u>calendar of events</u>, <u>labour market</u> <u>information</u> and a link to <u>Unifrog</u>.



In Cheshire and Warrington, the industry sectors that are growing include life science, digital & technology, logistics & distribution, energy, zero carbon and clean growth. Find out more <u>here</u>.

Key sectors with significant levels of employment are: chemicals, manufacturing & engineering, finance & business services, and health & social care.



<u>Click here</u> to read our recent article in the school newsletter on **Careers Education at** Lymm High School.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Careers in Creative Industries
   'Net Sixth Form Video careers in creative industries' from Michael Senior is
   available at <u>https://vimeo.com/829092649</u>
- Industry Insights Free online information about various careers
- **PwC Virtual Insight Programme** 24–26th July 2023
- **Civil Aviation Authority work experience** Monday 24th July to Friday 4th August

For details of all these events, <u>click here</u>.

### **APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY**



#### To view the latest online University events, click here.

These are listed in chronological order and include Open Days (in-person and virtual), online chats and webinars. Students can browse these events and engage with higher education from the comfort of their mobile, tablet or computer.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Summer picks for economists
- University of Liverpool Open Days Saturday 23rd Sept & 14th October
- Homerton College Subject Sessions
   July 2023

These will involve an introduction to Cambridge University, followed by a taster session and a Q&A with current students studying the subject. For further information, <u>click here</u>. • RADA Summer Drama School 24–28th July and 31st July–4th August 2023, 9.30–6pm

For details of these events and more, <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to access our dedicated UCAS webpage, and click the button '*What's on this month'*.

#### Mentoring

<u>Click here</u> for a useful link for University information.