

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... in the first week of Term 5 (Week 1):

Monday 20 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Term 5 • Film Club at lunchtime in LB2 • Sixth Form Committee at lunchtime in SF4
Tuesday 21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7 • 3.10 pm deadline to vote for Year 13 Leavers Awards
Wednesday 22 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Trial Exams • Year 13 A Level Art and Photography Exam • Charity Committee at break time in SF4 • Environment Committee at lunchtime in Q2 • Maths Club at lunchtime in MA9 • Pride Club at lunchtime in H1
Thursday 23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Trial Exams • Year 13 Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH • Year 13 A Level Art and Photography Exam • Year 13 A Level Textiles Exam • Chemistry Club at lunchtime in SC13 • Christian Union at lunchtime in M3 • The Croak at lunchtime in SF4
Friday 24 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Trial Exams • Year 13 A Level Art and Photography Exam • Chess Club at lunchtime in MA8

... and for the start of Term 5:

Monday 27 April to Wednesday 29 April	Year 13 A Level Textiles Exam
Wednesday 29 April to Wednesday 6 May	A Level and AS Level MFL Speaking Exams
Thursday 30 April	Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form) Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH : Final of Sixth Form University Challenge between 12-3 and 13-1
Friday 1 May	Midday today – deadline to buy ticket and choose menu for Year 13 Leavers' Ball! EPQ Lecture period 6 in SFT
Monday 4 May	Early Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May to Friday 22 May	AS Exams
Monday 11 May to Wednesday 24 June	A Level Exams
Thursday 14 May	Year 13 Leavers Day
Friday 15 May	Year 13 Full Study Leave begins
Friday 22 May	Last day of Term 5

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

School emails: Please check your school emails every day.

Year 12 Trial Exams from Wednesday 22 April to Friday 24 April: Year 12 students will have study leave during their Trial Exams and will therefore not have to attend tutor time or lessons. Students are welcome to study on site and for Health and Safety reasons they should sign in using the folder in the Sixth Form foyer.

Year 13 Leavers:

- **Leavers Awards:** Please vote via the link in your Frog assignment **by 3.10 pm on Tuesday 21 April**. Winners will be revealed in the Leavers Assembly on Thursday 14 May.
- **Leavers Ball Friday 3 July: We hope you are able to go to the Ball! Please pay for your ticket and choose your menu by midday on Friday 1 May**
 1. Please pay for your ticket via ParentPay
 2. Choose your menu via [Year 13 Leavers' Ball on Friday 3 July 2026 at Ashton Gate Stadium – Fill in form](#)
 3. Add your name to the table plans on the SFCR noticeboard.
 4. Tickets will be available to collect from Tuesday 16 June on completion of clearance

Driving to school/Parking:

IMPORTANT: If you drive to school and don't have a permit, you must park off site. Please do so sensibly and give consideration to Backwell residents. Do not park in narrow roads, such as Russett Close and Mulberry Close, as this blocks access for emergency vehicles

- Students may only park a car or motorcycle in school with a valid permit.
- Parking space is extremely limited and permits are only issued to Year 13 students.
- Application forms are available from the Sixth Form office. All applications are reviewed on an individual basis, with priority given to those living furthest away.
- Do not bring your car onto the school site without a valid permit.

FUTURE PLANS:

Careers Bulletin: Please see the 'Future Plans and Application Support' page on Frog for the latest Careers Bulletin, resources, events, support and the school's careers platform, Unifrog. If you have any queries regarding future plans, please contact Ms Farr at jfarr@backwellschool.net.

Future Learn: FREE online 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. Useful when applying to university to enhance your personal statement. Visit <https://www.futurelearn.com>

University Open Days: Where possible, please attend open days on Saturdays/at weekends, rather than on a school day. You are allowed a maximum of five days' absence to attend open days throughout Years 12 and 13. You must submit a planned absence form in advance of any open day you wish to attend (not the day before or after the event!) to allow time for approval/permission by teachers and the Sixth Form Team.

Please see below a selection of virtual and physical university events and open days coming up – find them all at <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Saturday 18 April	London Met Southampton Solent	Suffolk West London Worcester
Monday 20 April	LSE Manchester	Plymouth Royal Veterinary College
Tuesday 21 April	LSE	Royal Veterinary College
Wednesday 22 April	Plymouth	
Saturday 25 April	Bedfordshire Buckingham Hertfordshire Huddersfield Kent Kingston	London Met Nottingham Trent Plymouth Portsmouth Sheffield Hallam
Tuesday 5 May	Brighton	
Saturday 9 May	Leeds Arts Nottingham Trent	Roehampton
Wednesday 3 June	Cranfield Keele	Plymouth
Saturday 6 June	Anglia Ruskin Bath Spa Brighton	Southampton UWE
Saturday 13 June	Brighton Bristol	Harper Adams Leeds
Saturday 20 June	Chichester Derby Huddersfield Lancashire	Plymouth Reading Sheffield Westminster
Saturday 27 June	Birmingham Brighton Cardiff Chichester Derby Hertfordshire Keele	Lancaster Manchester Nottingham Trent Plymouth Southampton Suffolk
Wednesday 1 July	Brighton	Oxford
Thursday 2 July	Harper Adams	
Saturday 4 July	Arts University Bournemouth Aston East Anglia Leicester Manchester	Middlesex Portsmouth Sheffield Winchester Wolverhampton
Thursday 9 July	Cambridge	LSE
Friday 10 July		

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

Check the Wellbeing page on Frog for updates, tips and links to online support. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, please talk to someone:

- At home – talk to friends or family, use wellbeing online resources (Kooth, YoungMinds, etc).
- At school – see/email Mrs Hobbs who can arrange a time to talk or signpost students to various support networks. You can also talk to/email your Tutor, Head of Year or Teachers.
- Anonymous and confidential support – there are many support agencies who make time to talk:
<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/#youngminds-crisis-messenger>
<https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support>
<https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>
www.kooth.com
<https://www.bdp.org.uk>
<https://www.childline.org.uk>
<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk>

For more tips on talking to others and looking after your own mental health, go to the Wellbeing page on Frog, which is regularly updated by Mrs Hobbs.

- *“Practise self-care”* [What Is Self-Care? | Self-Care And Mental Health | YoungMinds](#)
- [Student Health Guide](#) for lots of helpful advice
- **Sexual Health Advice:** Talk to a trusted adult, the School Nurse or your GP or visit:
<https://www.brook.org.uk>
<https://yunosexualhealth.co.uk>