

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... for the last week of term 5 (Week 1):

Monday 18 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Form committee in SF4 at lunch • Film Club at lunchtime in LB2 • Peer Educator meeting – Lunchtime in SF3
Tuesday 19 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7 • Male voice choir MU3
Wednesday 20 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Peer Educators with Y7 tutor groups • Charity Committee at breaktime in SF4 • Maths Club at lunchtime in MA9 • Pride Club at lunchtime in H1 • Musicals choir MU2
Thursday 21 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry Club at lunchtime in SC13 • Christian Union at lunchtime in M3
Friday 22 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 5 • Year 12 Peer Educators with Y7 tutor groups • Chess Club at lunchtime in MA8 • Creative Writing Club at lunchtime in LB1

... and for Term 6 so far:

Monday 1 June	First day of Term 6 A Level exams continue Peer Educator meeting at lunchtime in SF3
Thursday 4 June	No year 12 assembly – go to tutor bases
Monday 8 June to Friday 12 June	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip
Tuesday 16 June	Summer Concert at 7.00 pm in DTH
Thursday 18 June	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16 June	Year 13 Leavers' Ball tickets available to collect from now on completion of clearance
Thursday 25 June	Deadline for Year 13 to return borrowed items and books including parking permit, if applicable (or after last exam) Deadline to complete online Year 13 Leavers Clearance Form (or after last exam)
Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June	Year 12 Future Plans Week (full details to follow)
Wednesday 24 June	Contingency Day for Public Examinations
Monday 29 June	EPQ final hand in

Friday 3 July	Deadline to hand in Employability Award folders Year 13 Leavers' Ball at Ashton Gate
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term
Thursday 13 August	A Level and AS Level Results Day

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

School Emails: Please check your school emails every day.

UCAS – Student Finance: Apply as soon as possible and by the end of May to guarantee funding is in place for the start of the Autumn Term 2026.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball Friday 3 July:

Thank you to those students who have purchased their tickets for the leavers' ball.

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.

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>

FUTURE PLANS

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/>

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		

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.

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