

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... next week (Week 1):

Monday 29 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal lessons resume • Peer Educator drop ins at lunchtime in LB1 Quiet Zone • Sixth Form Committee at lunchtime in SF4 • Film Club at lunchtime in LB2 • EPQ final hand in
Tuesday 30 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7
Wednesday 1 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Committee at breaktime in SF4 • Environment Committee at lunchtime in Q2 • Maths Club at lunchtime in MA9 • Pride Club at lunchtime in H1
Thursday 2 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH • Year 12 Art and Textiles Trial Exams • Chemistry Club at lunchtime in SC13 • Christian Union at lunchtime in M3 • The Croak at lunchtime in SF4
Friday 3 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Form Transition Day for September 2026 intake • Year 12 Art and Textiles Trial Exams • Chess Club at lunchtime in MA8 • Year 13 Leavers' Ball at Ashton Gate Stadium

... and for the rest of Term 6:

Monday 6 July	Year 12 Photography Trial Exam
Tuesday 7 July	Year 12 Photography Trial Exam
Wednesday 8 July	<p>School Sports Day for Years 7 to 10 – PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS FOR YEAR 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.45 am to 9.05 am Tutor Time (as normal) • 9.05 am to 9.55 am Period 1 (as normal) • 9.55 am to 10.45 am Period 2 (as normal) • 10.45 am to 11.10 am Break (as normal) • 11.10 am to 12.00 pm Period 3 • 12.00 pm: All Year 12 students must register in tutor bases before you leave for home study, although you are welcome to stay for lunch until 12.25 pm (the Sixth Form Canteen will remain open until then)
Friday 10 July	Sixth Form Paarlauf at lunchtime on the field – sign up your teams of 4 or 7 on the noticeboard to run/jog around the track as many times as possible in a relay for 20 minutes (less running for teams of 7)
Monday 13 July to Wednesday 15 July	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons
Thursday 16 July	Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious Sports Award Evening at 7.00 pm in DTH
Saturday 18 July	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award route planning day in school
Tuesday 21 July	Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious
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.

Year 12 Future Plans Week: As we were unable to deliver the full programme for Future Plans Week due to the school closure on Wednesday and Thursday, we are looking at how we will deliver aspects of the programme going forward. For now:

- Please ensure you collect a physical copy of the UCAS Guide from your tutor next week. The digital version of this is available to download on the Future Plans page on Frog.
- Please use the worksheet you began this week to get started on your UCAS application and research post-18 options. Even if you aren't planning to go to university, you are asked to complete the personal details section – in our experience, students often change their minds at the last minute!
- Start your Personal Statement, in Unifrog. Help and guidance is available via Future Plans and Applications on Frog – Post-18 Options. See Miss Haywood's email for tips on how to make your Personal Statement stand out.
- Please complete the [Year 12 Intended Future Plans 2026 form](#) to help the Sixth Form Team know what further support you might need and how urgently. This will also help us to write your personal reference.
- If you had work experience on Friday of Future Plans Week, we hope it went well. A reminder that you should try to secure at least three days of work experience before the end of this term. Please remember to log your placement on Unifrog and complete a planned absence form.

Parking Permits:

- Year 12 students can apply for a Parking Permit on passing their driving test. Please collect a form from the Sixth Form office. All applications are reviewed on an individual basis, with priority given to those living furthest away.
- Students may only bring a car or motorcycle onto the school site with a valid permit.
- 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

Lessons when teachers are absent/subject study: Please ensure you take a register to the Sixth Form office if no one has come to register you after 30 minutes. You should be remaining in the room to complete the work/study except in Science rooms – a lot of you are getting unauthorised absences as you are not in the room when the register is taken!

Home Study: Most Year 12 students are now allowed extended Home Study privileges on a Monday and Friday, periods 1 and 2 (when you don't have lessons). Please let your tutor know if you intend to take Home Study – if you have lessons periods 1 and 2 on these days, you are still expected to attend tutor time.

Warm weather: Please remember to dress appropriately for a school/work environment.

- No clothing that is too revealing, such as crop tops, low tops, shorts that reveal the majority of the thigh, etc.
- No 'beachwear', such as surf shorts or flip-flops.
- Don't forget to apply suncream and keep hydrated.

Your tutor and/or the Sixth Form Team have the final say on what is appropriate. You may be asked to go home and change if you do not dress reasonably.

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.

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 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		

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>

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>

SPORT

Calling all Rugby players: Nailsea & Backwell RFC Colts will be rebranded Ravens Academy next season. They are currently looking for 16-17 year-old players to join the team and are holding a taster session at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2 July.

The poster features a dark background with white and yellow text. On the left, a person is shown from the chest up wearing a blue rugby jersey with 'oneills', 'BEARS', and 'KAELO DESTINATIONS' logos. On the right, there is a group photo of rugby players in blue kits huddled together. At the top right is the Ravens Academy crest, which includes a raven's head, a red and white shield, and a yellow banner with 'RAVENS ACADEMY' and 'N&B RFC' below it.

**RAVENS ACADEMY
TASTER SESSION
WITH GUEST COACH**

**THURSDAY
JULY 2nd
7pm
@N&BRFC**

**ALL 17/18yr OLD
PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR
2026/27 SEASON
INVITED**