

Hampton Sixth Form Year 12 Newsletter

1st June 2020

We hope you are all keeping well and following the Government's advice. Remember to wash your hands regularly and stay 2m away from others.

Please check your school emails daily, as your teachers and 6th Form team will be communicating with you via email.

What is happening on 15th June?

We are not completely sure yet. Mr Gilligan wrote to parents the week before half term and we are expecting a further update early next week. He will write to your parents directly to let them know what form the 'face to face contact' will take.

Please be aware that working from home (with some face-to-face contact) is going to be the new normal until at least September. There may be further shutdowns over the winter and next year, until a vaccine is found. We therefore need you to complete work set by your teachers. Please keep communication with us and ask for help.

Why aren't all of my teachers teaching Zoom lessons?

There are many difficulties with this. As a staff, we do not all have laptops. PCs were fitted in the classrooms in school, replacing laptops, as they are more reliable. Those of us that do still have a laptop don't have working mics or cameras on them. We are currently working a shift pattern where we are in school for two days out of a fortnight. The rest of time we are working from home and trying to juggle this with our childcare needs. So hopefully you can see that it isn't practical for everyone to be able to do regular online lessons. However, we understand the need for some face-to-face contact and it is something that SLT are discussing this week.

Students of the week

Well done to the following students who are working hard from home and have been nominated by their subject teachers:

A Shepherd – Literature & Business
P Gill – Drama & Literature
B Gothard – PE & Business
W Riotto – PE & Psychology
J McQuillan – PE & criminology
E Ochube – PE
C Bellamy-West – Music & Drama & Criminology

L Page – Drama
J Murphy – Drama & Music
I Anderson – Drama & Criminology
A Sabharwal – Chemistry
E Segida – Maths & Biology
P Woloch – Psychology
E Gedeminskaite – Psychology & Media & Criminology
J Orakposim – Psychology
S Satt – Psychology
A Mackosso – Business
J Sampson – Business & Lit/Lang
L Branston – Lit/Lang
E Stainsby – Lit/Lang
J Meadows – Business & Economics
M Muskan – Finance
Sydney Lyons - Biology
G Kinshott – Criminology
S Birch – Criminology
H Gidney – Criminology
M Sergeant – Criminology
D Vetrea – BTEC IT

Tracking

We have been tracking the work you have been doing at home and are pleased to see many of you, after the shock of the shutdown had passed, are now working much harder to complete your work. Please keep submitting your work to your teachers. Please email us if you need anything and if you haven't had a reply within a week, please let me (Mrs Weston) know and I will chase up your queries.

Lockdown Legends

We have 21 'Lockdown Legends' – students that have been handing in all of their work to all of their teachers and putting an extra special effort in. We are really proud of them and certificates and prizes will be posted out next week. Well done to:

Imogen Anderson
Antoinette Ardern
Sian Bishop
Lucy Branston
Kyle Chillingsworth
Sanjana Dukkhipati
Ema Gedeminskaite
Phoebe Gill
Bradley Gothard
Nati Mante Mendes
James McQuillan
Ruby Rawlins
Aisha Sabharwal
Jack Sampson
Sophia Satt
Emily Segida
Szymon Seliga
Mica Sergeant
Ellie Stainsby
Adam Winterburn
Ptryk Woloch

Beyond Post 16

We are now going to focus on your university applications. These are completed on an electronic application called UCAS and take many days, weeks, months to prepare for and complete.

I am going to set you weekly tasks to complete to prepare for your application, the first one is a jargon quiz at the end of this newsletter.

The UCAS journey

- 1 ▪ Potential applicant researches and finds a course
- 2 ▪ Registers online with UCAS Apply
- 3 ▪ Completes form and processes payment
- 4 ▪ Academic reference added by school / college
- 5 ▪ School / college sends form electronically to UCAS
- 6 ▪ UCAS processes form and forwards to chosen HEIs
- 7 ▪ HEs submit decisions (offer or unsuccessful)
- 8 ▪ Applicant views decisions on Track
- 9 ▪ Applicant replies to offers on Track (Firm / Insurance)
- 10 ▪ HEs confirm places when results are released

Key features of admissions scheme

- Maximum of 5 choices
- Can apply to 5 different unis or 5 courses at the same uni
- Some choice restrictions:
 - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry – max 4 choices
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration
- 'Invisibility' – one university cannot see which others you have applied to

Russell Group

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
Durham University
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool

London School of Economics & Political Science
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University College London
University of Warwick
University of York

Please make sure you have logged into the Beyond Post 16 Google Classroom page, which has all of the information you need to learn about your next steps.
Code: **j2sfwya**

Taster Days

UniTasterDays Tuesdays – UniTasterDays are running webinars every Tuesday with multiple universities covering various topics within each webinar – all of the webinars can be found in <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

Open Days

<https://www.opendays.com/> has a calendar of all of the open days at UK universities that normally take place from June – Oct. Universities are all offering virtual open days. Have a look at the link and when your universities are having open days.

Future Learn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects> has some great courses that you can study at home. **In preparation for your university applications, we will be asking you to study at least two of these over the summer term, as they will enhance your personal statement.** Choose courses that are relevant to what you would like to study at university. Make sure you take a note of their title and which university is offering them so you can reference them. They are free and you do not need to pay for the certificate at the end. It is the learning in the course that you will use to help you with your statement.

Help

Please contact myself or any of the 6th Form team if you need anything from a well-being or mental health point of view. If you have any general queries, we will try our best to answer them.

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Mind

Mind provide advice and support to anyone experiencing a mental health problem.
0300 123 3393 (information)

www.mind.org.uk

Samaritans

Talk to us anytime you like, in your own way and off the record – about whatever's getting to you.
08457 90 90 90 (talk anytime)

www.samaritans.org

Get Connected

Get Connected is the UK's free, confidential helpline service for young people under 25 who need help, but don't know where to turn.
0808 808 4994 (counselling)

www.getconnected.org.uk

Childline

0800 1111 (information, counselling)

www.childline.org.uk

Mindful

Are you feeling down, depressed or worried? Is your mind full of negative thoughts or questions? Do you want to talk about your mental health? If so, MindFull is the place for you!
(telephone counselling)

www.mindfull.org

Young Minds

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.
(Parent helpline)

www.youngminds.org.uk

And for anxiety – why not try any of the above or also

Anxiety Care UK

07552 877 219

www.anxietycare.org

AnxietyUK

08444 775 774

www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Nopanic

0800 138 8889

www.nopanic.org.uk

HIGHER EDUCATION – How much do you know?

1. How long does it take to complete a full-time degree?
2. What type of degree or qualification do the following abbreviations represent?
 - a. B.Sc
 - b. B.A
 - c. LLB
 - d. HND
 - e. H.E
 - f. FD
 - g. B.Eng.
 - h. B.Pharm,
 - i. B.A(QTS)
 - j. B.Mus
 - k. BDS
 - l. B.Sc(Econ),
 - m. MComp
3. What do the following terms mean?
 - a. university prospectus,
 - b. H. E
 - c. UCAS Tariff
 - d. undergraduate
 - e. graduate
 - f. Open Day
 - g. Campus
 - h. Sandwich degree
4. What is the difference between an academic and a vocational degree?
 - i. Foundation degree
 - j. Joint degree
 - k. Art Foundation course
 - l. Gap year
5. What subjects can you study as Sandwich degrees?
6. Are there any particular degree courses that will expect you to have undertaken relevant work experience prior to application?
7. The following are some of the admissions tests being used by universities to assess suitability for certain courses. What is:
 - a. UKCAT
 - b. LNAT
 - c. BMAT
8. What is the main role of Student Finance England?