



## Headteacher's Welcome



Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to say that we are now back in the swing of things following a very successful start to term. Last night was a busy night as we held both our Year 7 Meet the Tutor and Year 11 Parents' Information Evening. We understand that a few of you were unable to access the Year 11 event so we will be sending out the recording soon. Attendance at both events was fantastic and we thank those who were able to join us for their engagement in their daughter's learning and for the very kind comments we have received.

### Parent Survey

We will be sending out a survey for parents to complete in the next few days. This survey will ask questions about your child's experience here at Carshalton High School for Girls and I would ask that all parents offer us feedback to help support the good work we have started or to highlight something that we may have missed. Student voice is incredibly powerful here and we would love to hear more from our parents too.

### Secondary Transfer Evening / Year 7 Tours

We have been inviting potential Year 7 students and their parents/carers into school for tours during the school day, in addition to our recent Secondary Transfer Evening. These have been incredibly popular and they have given everyone an insight into the day-to-day life here at Carshalton High School for Girls. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and many of the parents/carers have commented on the positive culture in the School, the relationships between staff and students and between the students themselves. We are obviously very proud of what we have achieved (we see it every day!) but it is great to hear feedback from other sources, and it is testament to the positive start the girls have made this term.

I also want to say a huge thanks to the very large number of students who helped out on Secondary Transfer Evening. You really add that extra dimension to our event and it was fantastic to see so many members of #teamchsg talking so confidently to parents about their experiences. Well done!



### Tutor Reads / Literacy Curriculum

Our Tutor Reads programme happens every morning and it is a lovely initiative whereby students are read to by their tutor. We want our students to foster a love for reading and develop a wider cultural knowledge of the world and we use a variety of texts to fulfil that. Literacy is one of our 5 core curriculums and we have developed a more rounded approach to reading aloud happening in each subject, not just English. We would strongly ask that you encourage your daughter to read, particularly to help develop her vocabulary and language skills, which will be essential to her success. They are never too old to be read out aloud to and we would expect students to be reading for at least 20 minutes a day.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

I'm delighted to say that we have introduced the D of E Award Scheme to our co-curricular programme. Students from Year 9 onwards can participate in their Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. We have had a fantastic response from our students and look forward to many more students taking part in the future. Who will be the first student at Carshalton High School for Girls to get a Gold Award?

### World Sports Day (Staff v Students)

We celebrated World Sports Day on Wednesday 28th September by holding a Staff v Students Bench Ball competition. Despite the overwhelming number of students participating, the staff pipped them to the post with a 3-2 victory! Students can take respite in knowing that there were some aching and very sore staff members on Thursday.

### Upcoming Events

Below are the events that will be taking place in the next two weeks:

**Black History Month:** October is Black History Month and we will be running a number of events to celebrate this. Full details of talks, seminars, competitions and other events can be found inside this newsletter. I look forward to keeping you updated on each of the events and activities throughout the month.

**Year 7 Culture and Values Day** - Friday 7th October

**World Mental Health Day** - Monday 10th October

**Year 10 Careers Day** - Friday 14th October

**Year 11 Mock Exam Booklets to Parents / Carers** - Friday 14th October

**Year 11 Revision Guides to Students** - Friday 14th October

**2023 Year 7 Intake Sports Scholarships Assessments** - Saturday 15th October

Have a great weekend

Mr M M J Devenney



# YEAR 7

Head of Year: **Miss R Golightly**  
Assistant Head of Year: **Miss M Martino**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Mrs B Watkins**



## Co-curricular clubs

Students have had a very exciting and enthusiastic start to the school year, with one main focus being this term's co-curricular clubs. In our Fresher's Fayre on 16th September, all students were given a chance to sign up for their clubs, however, students are still allowed to join these clubs at a later stage.

Clubs will run after school from 3-4pm or at lunchtime and so far, we have had a great turn out from our Year 7s!

Please note that if a club is not running for any reason, students will be given notice. This may be on the day of, so students are encouraged to contact parents to inform them. If students don't have a phone to call home after school, they should make their way to Main Reception to call home and wait for parents to collect.

## Attendance

Our attendance is currently at 93%, and we'd love to see that number increase. As an incentive for our students to improve this rate, we are currently holding a competition between form groups. The tutor group with the best attendance at the end of each Week 2, will receive a 'Skip the Queue' pass for the canteen.

Best of luck to all tutor groups!

## School photos

On Monday, students had their school photos taken. The organisers of the day mentioned that Year 7 were very well behaved and conducted themselves perfectly during their session. Well done Team 7!

## Meet the Tutor Evening

Thursday night was our Meet the Tutor evening, where parents had the opportunity to meet with their daughter's tutor. If you were unable to attend this evening and would like an update from your daughter's tutor, please make contact so that you can be updated on how they've settled in so far. Contact details for all members of staff can be found on the school website.

## Everyday queries

Please note that the first contact for daily queries (detentions, lateness, attendance etc.), is the form tutor. All other enquiries or concerns should come to either Miss Golightly, Miss Martino or Mrs Watkins.



# YEAR 7

## Golden Tickets and House Achievement Points

### Top 5 Golden tickets (to date)

1. Sophia I (R2)
2. Kayla R (B2)
3. Isabelle G (B2)
4. Shanum S (R1)
5. Gabriela P (R1)

### Top 10 Achievement Points (to date)

1. Elsie K (B3)
2. Francesca Mai L (R1)
3. Ruby W (G1)
4. Sabiha B (B3)
5. Brooke H (G1)
6. Shanum S (R1)
7. Mercedes C (G1)
8. Natasha P (B1)
9. Lyla K (B3)
10. Sarah H (R1)



*Some of our Y7 students making hearts in Origami Club with Mr Sambrook.*





# YEAR 8

Head of Year: **Mr J Stockwell**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Mrs Warren**

It's been an action-packed two weeks for all of us, with the additional bank holiday, the Year 8 options evening and the INSET day last Friday. The highlight has to be the Secondary Transfer Evening, which is always an enjoyable night, where teachers and students have the joys of meeting prospective new students who are eager to join our school. Our Year 8 ambassadors and helpers were an asset to the school, helping in various departments and stepping in to help families with their questions and movement around the school. It was a real privilege to watch our students come into their own with confidence oozing out of them. They have all been rewarded Golden Tickets and will also be celebrated in our assemblies.

On the note of rewards, this half-term has seen over 10,000 achievement points and Golden Tickets handed out to the students across the school. Year 8 are doing particularly well, outshining the other year groups with over 2,300 points. A special mention has to go to Leah B, Amber D and Ruby S who have excelled this last week. Well done and congratulations!

The new homework system is now in full swing with

the majority of students doing really well. There are a few who do need additional support so please look out for a letter in your emails over the next few days with further information on homework club. Those who need additional support will be able to access this in school, after registration until 4pm.

Finally, this week we have been selecting our student leadership roles. This is an opportunity for our students to lead from the front in the improvement and management of our school system, supporting both staff and students on some of the big decisions.

We hope that all students have the aspiration to achieve and succeed in these roles and look forward to announcing them to you shortly.

As always, thank you for your continued support with Year 8. We are an excellent team and can expect great things from our students

All the best  
Jim Stockwell and the Year 8 team

## Messages from 8B1

"Carshalton High School for Girls is a fun school, the teachers are focused and ready for questions and any situations. The school has been going through some changes and renovations which has been a struggle to get around, but we have been pushing through and working together to get around. We are looking forward to learning in our new classrooms."

"Coming back to another year in this amazing school has been eventful and quite entertaining, like helping out in the Secondary Transfer Evening and people coming to visit and talk to us. There will be more to come as it is only the start of the year. The things we can look forward to are the co-curricular activities starting up again and trips to galleries and museums."

"Coming back to CHSG has been great! I've been able to finally see my friends, my tutor and my teachers, and some new teachers too! Entering year 8, I've been learning about many new topics that I hadn't learnt in year 7, but thanks to the amazing teachers I've adjusted really quickly. Getting back into routine again after six weeks is hard, but knowing that there are House events, like the Macmillan Coffee Morning and bake sales coming up, I can get up and get to school right on time."



# YEAR 9

Head of Year: **Mrs L Oladokun**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Miss H Garrard**

Hope this newsletter meets you well.

Year 9 have settled in well to the routines of school and have conducted themselves excellently well around school. This evening many Year 9s joined students in other Years to challenge staff to a game of bench ball. Despite not haven trained beforehand, students pushed staff to the limits. Unfortunately (but fortunately for us staff) they lost 3-2 to staff. A massive well done to all the girls that participated.

In tutor time the last couple of weeks Year 9 have been reminded of our school values to:

- Be your Best
- Be Involved
- Be Together
- Be ambitious
- Be Aware



Students shared their thoughts about how we could promote our school values more so this can be a part of their day to day experience.

As a school we have a leadership curriculum for students which gives them a fantastic opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Last week tutor groups chose their representatives for the student council leadership. Each form chose two students to be their student voice. These students will gather the views of their tutor group on various issues throughout the Year and put this forward at the student council meetings.

Year 9 also have the opportunity this Year to be School Ambassadors. As ambassadors they have an exciting prospect to show off the school to prospective parents and students and share how they feel about being here at CHSG.

Every student at CHSG belongs to one of our four houses – Red, Blue, Green and Yellow. The house system encourages opportunities for greater student voice and sustain the culture of kindness and excellence here at CHSG. Below are house events coming up this term that gives opportunities for students to earn achievement points for their houses.

- MacMillan Coffee morning – 30 September
- Black History Month Competition – October
- Anti-bullying Poster – November
- Christmas Hamper – December
- Geography Christmas Bauble Design - December

As part of this Year’s programme to mark Black History Month at CHSG, the History Department has organised a special opportunity for students in Years 9, 10 and 11 to attend an exclusive livestream talk with Alex Scott MBE. Alex will speak to them about overcoming obstacles, achieving their goals, mental health and resilience.

As always if you have any queries or concern, your child’s tutor is the first point of contact, Mrs Garrard our pastoral support officer, or myself.

Mrs Oladokun

### Golden tickets Leaderboard

Hajetha Y (9Y1)	6GT
Lillie-May H (9B2)	5GT
Georgie J (9Y1)	5GT
Roqayah J (9G3)	5GT

### House Achievement Points Top Earners

Hajetha Y (9Y1)	27 Points
Lillie-May H (9B2)	26 Points
Jamika J (9B1)	23 Points
Chloe W (9G1)	23 Points
Kamira H (9G3)	22 Points





# YEAR 10

Head of Year: **Miss Williams**  
Assistant Head of Year: **Mrs A Bignall**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Mrs W Newman**

## Tutor Reads Programme

The Tutor Reads Programme has started in earnest across the Year Group. Please take a look at the selection of amazing works especially chosen by Ms Bhatt, our Head of English for our Year 10 students. Please do continue to encourage your daughter to read as much and as widely as possible for pleasure.

Thank you for your continued support of our literacy programme.



## Year 10 Personal Development Programme

Just like the Tutor Reads, the Year 10 Personal Development Programme (PDP) has started to take root in the afternoons.

This term, the girls have started to work on effective learning and how to be great learners. Later on, they will explore how to be part of creating a safe and caring environment for all, how to improve themselves and build self-confidence and how set goals to help them make the most of their time here at CHSG.

The girls are also undertaking one Careers session every two weeks. Students will explore the world

of work vs. school, learn how to access information about careers, understand what relevant skills and minimum qualifications are needed for various jobs and a host of other career-related topics!

The Year 10 Careers Morning will be held this half-term on Friday, 14th October where students will receive an introduction to the work experience process. You will receive further details from Mrs Phelps-Gardiner (our Careers Manager) next week.

## Celebrations

We celebrated the European Day of Languages this week with an assembly to highlight all of the different languages we have in our community. We have over 90% of the year group being able to speak another language! We are very proud to have such diversity amongst our students and we look forward to celebrating this further all throughout the year.

We also had a go at a quiz together as a year group and found out some interesting facts about languages in the world. For example, did you know that the most languages spoken by one person is 59! And that the most spoken language is Russian? It was fantastic to see all of the students getting involved and showing lots of interest.





# YEAR 10

## A Special Thank You...

A special thank you goes to all of our wonderful ambassadors and volunteers who supported the school with our Secondary Transfer Evening last week. You all did a fabulous job of speaking with members of the public about our school and what we do here.

We have had such positive feedback about everyone who took part to make the night a huge success. Please join me on congratulating them on all of their efforts.

As a reward for their contribution, they each got a baked treat from Mrs Bignall and a 'Skip the Queue' pass to say a big thank you! More opportunities shall come as the year progresses. Watch this space!



## HAPS Leader board

382
400
421
371

## Top 3 Golden Ticket Winners last week



- Helena H** – 7 GT's
- Imogen B** – 6 GT's
- Millie G** – 5 GT's

These students will enjoy a Skip the Queue pass as a reward for showing excellence next week. Well done!

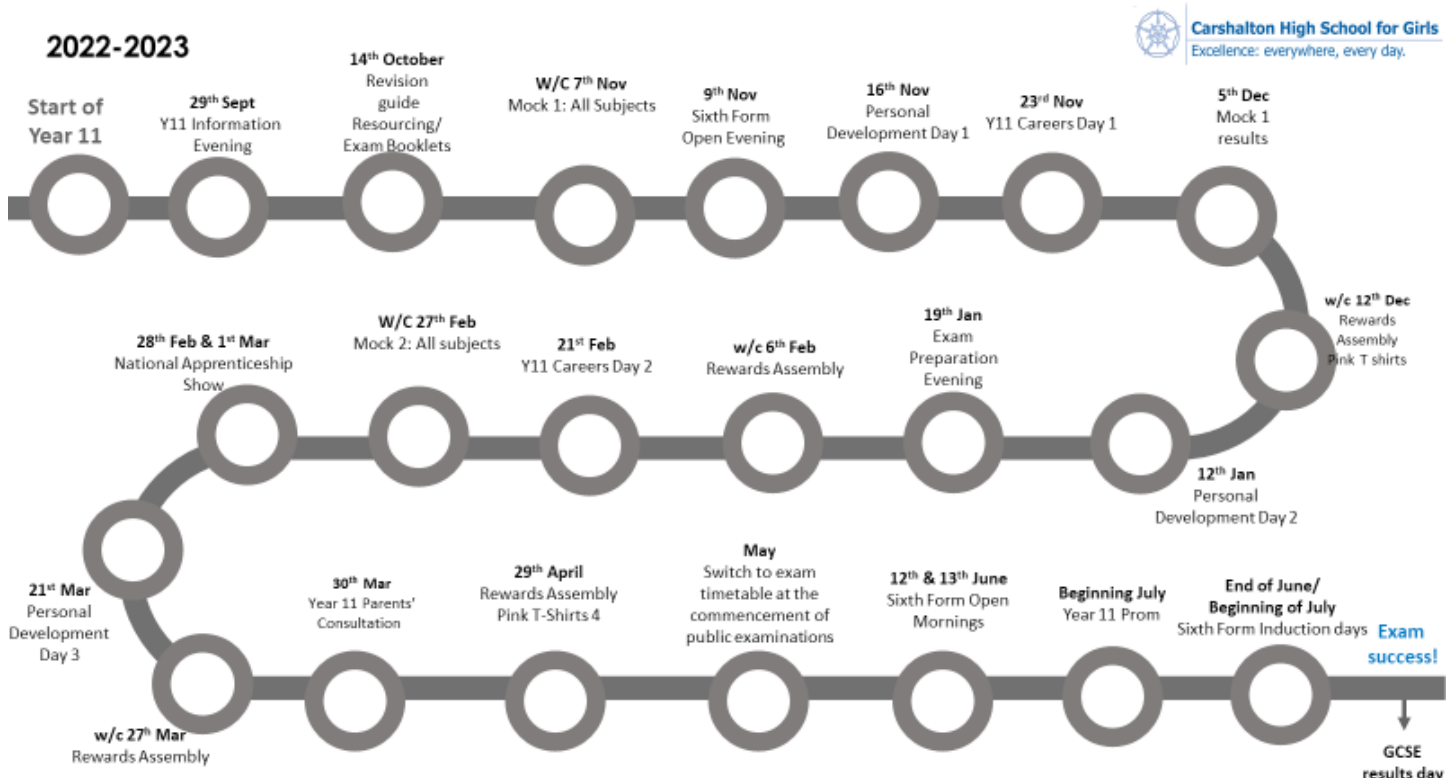




# YEAR 11

Head of Year: **Mrs N Devaney**  
Assistant Head of Year: **Ms D Johnson**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Mrs A Baker**

Please see below a copy of the Year 11 Road map highlighting key events for the Year Group as discussed in the Year 11 Parents Information Evening recorded webinar.



Please also see below a link to last evening's Year 11 Parents Information Evening.

## [Year 11 Parents Information Evening Video](#)

Presentations prepared by the Heads of English, Maths and Science providing detailed information about their curriculum and plans for Year 11 will be communicated home today also.

Year 11 have certainly hit the ground running this year! With the slightly earlier start of 8.30 a.m. to facilitate Maths and English sessions, Year 11 have not been phased and can be seen putting in their very best efforts as the countdown towards their final GCSE exams begins!

And whilst studying hard for their GCSEs, we are continuing to cater for their Personal, Social, Citizenship and health Education needs this year by following the PD programme specifically set up for them in the afternoons. The Year 11 PD curriculum this year will explore themes of: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in the Wider World. Among other topics, we are currently looking at Target Setting and Wellbeing. We will also continue to have whole days dedicated to personal development throughout the year.



# YEAR 11



And it seems the summer of 2021 was spent preparing for upcoming exams in between well-deserved breaks...!

“While everyone else had gone travelling, I spent most of my summer revising. Well of course I travelled to places too, but with Year 11 coming up, it means GCSEs!

I want to enjoy this year to the fullest as it is our final one, despite exams.”

*Naveena P.*

“This summer, I worked voluntarily at my aunt’s café. This helped me improve my communication with people since I helped serve customers. I also did some Science revision to prepare for my PPEs in November. This year, I look forward to opening my GCSE results on results day and getting the grades I have been working towards!”

*Semiha D.*

“During the summer, I visited many places, but I mainly focused on revising core subjects so that I would be prepared for Year 11 and continue to make progress. My hopes for this year are to work hard and remain focused to achieve my goals of getting the top grades for all of my subjects.”

*Zarsha A.*

“Over my summer, I mainly studied with my friend. We helped each other in areas where we were both struggling and that made studying more enjoyable for us. Also, I went to Dubai for a week, which was an excellent experience. I am looking forward to getting my leavers’ shirt written on and hopefully going to prom at the end of the year. I hope to enjoy my final year with my friends!”

*Elita D.*





# Sixth Form

Director of Sixth Form: **Mrs B Norman**  
Head of Year 13: **Miss L Bevan**  
Head of Year 12: **Miss T Ishola**  
Pastoral Support Officer: **Mrs H Connolly**

Dear Year 12 and Year 13,

As September finishes we are well into the autumn term now. It is great to see the positive start you have made to the demands of Year 12 and 13 and the work ethic is commendable. We would also, again, like to say how pleased we are with attendance and punctuality and your positive response to the Sixth Form dress code.

## Pastoral Support

Miss Connolly supports all students in the Sixth Form with well-being concerns and is our pastoral support administrator. Please contact her if you have any concerns or with any matters regarding attendance. [hconnolly@carshaltongirls.org.uk](mailto:hconnolly@carshaltongirls.org.uk)

## Dress Code

The students all look really smart on their return to school. All details regarding our dress code can be found on the website.

## Year 13

Our main tutor time focus for Year 13 is on Next steps after CHSG. This is to ensure that Year 13 can re-set and feel motivated for the day ahead.

## Y13 Mock Interviews – Heads up!

All Year 13 students will be given a Mock interview either on Thursday 16th or 24th November.

This will take place in the Careers Centre (more details to follow)

In preparation for their interviews, every Year 13 student will need to hand in a CV & attach their Personal Statements to their tutor by Friday 14th October

## Year 12

The focus for Year 12 has been settling into Sixth Form and getting organised for their respective subjects of study. Within tutor time students have focused on: goal setting, stress and grounding techniques, importance of food in correlation to how the brain work and study tips that help lead to success. We have also celebrated International Day of Peace, European Day of Languages and Rosh Hashanah.

Year 12 have shown excellent focus in lessons, willingness to volunteer for roles of responsibility; and appreciation of our diverse community.

Keep up the good work and you will reap the rewards.

Miss Bevan and Miss Ishola.



# Sixth Form



## Year 12 Work Experience - Marium

For Yr12 work experience week I was delighted to be accepted for a 1 week work experience in a specialist criminal law firm. Working on a high-end murder case, I found myself travelling to a Crown Court in Kent (daily) to observe each stage of this

trial unfold. Initially, I began my work experience with (what most would consider mundane) reading through the opening note. For me, this was the beginning of an intriguing, insightful and truly invaluable exposure to my journey into the world of Law. Acting upon my mentor's instruction, this was followed by several more hours of my own time, reading and familiarising myself with many, many other evidence bundles, which I analysed to maximise my understanding of the case before attending the trial.

Arriving at court on my first day, I attended a meeting regarding my solicitor's client (the defendant), where we drafted documents with our barrister regarding blood stains and patterns (collected by forensics), which were found to be present at the scene. After witnessing a few hours of heated court room trial exchanges with the opposing party, I had the opportunity to go to lunch with a few QCs, barristers and solicitors. Obviously, this was an amazing experience to be able to have informal discussions with a range of personalities and varied specialisms about their day to day lives and legal career paths etc. I was initially stunned by the idea that both defendants (now pleading guilty to murder), were sitting in the witness box beside me in court...I was within breathing space of the murderers! Needless to say, this felt incredibly surreal at the time.

During the course of this difficult trial, we faced many disruptions between the two defendants; often trying to distract the jury when evidence of them was presented. A key example of this was when they both decided to start 'screaming' in the court room - mid-trial - simply to slow the process down and to try and hide some vital evidence. Initially, this audacious behaviour in the courtroom confused me but after debriefing with the legal team, I came to understand that they were trying to stop the courtroom from hearing the evidence about them being identified with blood stains.

Surprisingly, I was very lucky to attend in-person interviews with our defendant on two separate occasions. Travelling to the prison where the defendant (our client) was held at the time of remand, I was given permission to be present in the interview room along with an officer and solicitor.

Interestingly, it was amazing to see each step of this trial unfold right in front of my eyes!! I felt so involved as the solicitor was always asking for my observation, input, and view regarding the trial on that day e.g. How was the opposing defendant reacting when she acted having a panic attack to leave during vital evidence? The solicitors and barristers later explained that they were keen to get my view and opinion as it was more likely to be closer to the jury's perspective.

Remarkably, I was requested by my solicitor, to extend my work experience by another week, as she had noticed that 'after just a few days into week 1', I 'was extremely observant at catching little details that the official legal team had missed'. My solicitor stated: 'Marium has got herself involved in all meetings and discussions she was invited into, with no fear of confidently giving her opinions. My team and I were extremely delighted to have Marium work so closely with us and will be delighted to have her back any time!'

Amazingly, the second week, took me back to the Crown Court for an unexpected emergency where our firm's attention was required for a kidnapping trial that had been brought forward. Unfortunately, I am unable to give any details about what my week consisted of as this trial is currently still proceeding. However, it provided me with a fantastic opportunity to experience another high-end case in a different sector, which further strengthened my passion and desire to pursue a career in Law.

Luckily, my experiences, the fabulously supportive legal team, my inspirational mentor and a series of invaluable opportunities have left me hungry for more. Following this work experience, I have continued to research, network and attend more work experience positions to broaden my insight, skill set and exposure to the world of Law, with even more determination to achieve higher at the end of Year 13.





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## **RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** **Grace, Ellie and Thando in Year 13**



During the summer holidays we were sponsored to complete a RYLA program to improve on our leadership. As the week approached we were all excited to see what things we would get up to.



From the moment we walked in we were immersed amongst many new faces. As individuals we were placed into separate cabins and groups where we were encouraged to do team tasks. Although it took a bit of time to get to know everyone, we eventually formed long lasting bonds with them over the week.

Not only did these activities push us out of our comfort zones, it encouraged us to interact with team members. It's fair to say it was a tiring but enjoyable week!



During the week, we carried out a number of team building activities including: raft building, rock climbing, high ropes, a 10 mile walk and many more.

Alongside the activities we did, we had to prepare a gala dinner and presentation to the Rotarians and our parents. We allocated different roles within the group such as: entertainment, servers and a welcome team. The leadership skills we obtained during this time will be useful for our future. We are all very grateful for the opportunity given to us by our sponsoring Rotarians. We would also like to give a big thank you to all the SOLD staff members for the amazing week.





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## UCAS News

### Y13 UCAS students

Students should now be finalising their applications and meeting up with their UCAS referee in preparation to send their applications.

Once they have done the above, students need to make an appointment to see Miss Bevan in order to send their applications off.

Hot Tip – make sure you have selected 5 realistic course choices with some being a plan B option if things do not go to plan this summer.

### Useful websites

- [Find and Compare the Best University & Degree Courses – The Uni Guide](#)
- [Compare the Best University Degrees Courses UK | Whatuni](#)
- [UCAS Tariff Points - Calculate Your Entry Requirements](#)
- [Post-Ucas deadline: five things to do next - The Uni Guide](#)

**UCAS students** - look at the following link to help prepare for university: [Starting University - Student Minds](#)

Good Websites for Post 18 decisions

### Graduate jobs, scheme and internships

[Milkround | Graduate Jobs, Schemes & Internships](#)

### Apprenticeships

<https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

### Aspiring Medics

[Free Advice & Guidance Articles for Students Applying to Medical School \(educationprojects.co.uk\)](#)

[Medical Projects - YouTube](#)

### Law Competition

A new competition has been launched for students called Two Laws, One Lie. The Two Laws, One Lie competition is giving away FIVE x £1,000 Apple vouchers.

This prize draw will close on 2 October 2022.

For more information and to enter visit: [The University of Law | Two Laws, One Lie \(unioflaw-twolawsonelie.com\)](#)



# Support for Parents & Carers (talkofftherecord.org) to sign up for a Parent Workshop



## Support for Parents & Carers

Free workshops for parents and carers

Support from Off the Record is primarily for young people; however, from time to time we offer support to parents or carers in the form of groups or workshops. The work we do with young people is completely separate and confidential.

We are currently running group sessions to help parents and carers become better informed and offer appropriate support to young people who are struggling with self-harm and struggling with getting to school.

Sessions are a non-judgemental and supportive space to help us look at coping strategies and ways to support yourself and your young person.

Workshop dates:

- **Support for Parents/Carers of Young People who Struggle to get to School** ([click here to sign up](#))  
28th September, 10-11.35am
- **Self Harm Support for Parents/Carers** ([click here to sign up](#))  
4th & 11th October, 6.30-8.05pm  
30th November & 7th December, 6.30-8.05pm

### 28th Sep, 10am

This is a session for Parents or Carers to help you become better informed and offer appropriate support to young people struggling with getting to school.



[Sign up now](#)

### 4th & 11th Oct, 6.30pm

This is a 2-Part Workshop for Parents or Carers to help you become better informed about and offer appropriate support to young people struggling with self-harm.



[Sign up now](#)



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