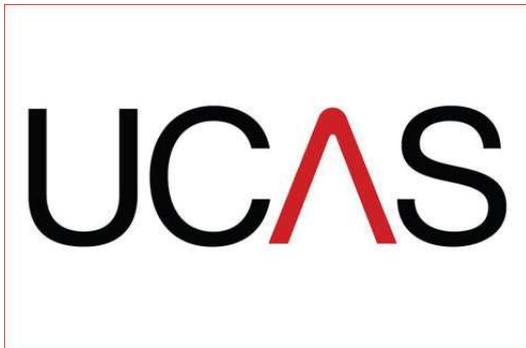


# SIXTH FORM

## Year 13



May we remind parents and students Sponne School's deadline for ALL UCAS applications is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 3.30 pm. The reason for the deadline is to ensure students are in the best position to receive offers. We are extremely successful with our UCAS procedure and would remind students that this deadline was to benefit them. Please can any student who did not make the October deadline see Miss Austin urgently.

### **BMAT/PAT EXAM**

Year 13s applying for Medicine/Veterinary/Dentist/Physics – Oxbridge courses. Please see Mrs Orrin for details.

### **University Mock Interviews**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November we have Northampton University coming in to give students mock interviews. They will be asking students about their personal statements, wider reading, their passion for the subject and about their future plans. They will give students immediate feedback on their interview performance and body language. This will be a very worthwhile day for students who may be interviewed by the university as part of the interview process. Students must complete the Signup sheets in Sixth Form by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Connexions Interviews**

We are currently arranging careers advice and guidance for Year 13 students not wishing to go on into Higher Education. Any student who requires a Connexions interview should make the 6<sup>th</sup> form team aware.

Useful email addresses for jobs and apprenticeships [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)  
[www.jobs4you2.org.uk](http://www.jobs4you2.org.uk) and [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

Pilot Careers Live  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
Sofitel Hotel, T5 London Heathrow  
10am – 4.30 pm



Pilot Careers Live is Europe's largest independent flight training careers exhibition, aimed at anyone interested in the rewarding career as an airline pilot. New for 2016, they are thrilled to also be

welcoming **NATS** (National Air Traffic Service) and Eurocontrol, who will be on hand to present details on a challenging and rewarding career in Air Traffic Control.

**Pilot careers Live** is guaranteed to inform, inspire and advise anyone interested in an exciting career in the skies. It will cover all there is to know on what it takes to become an airline pilot by bringing together leading pilot training companies, universities, airlines and pilot career experts in one venue. All visitors will get answers to the following:

What airlines look for when recruiting new pilots

What are the training costs?

The pilot selection process – what is involved?

Combine a university degree with pilot training – find out how

What are the career prospects?

Flying for the UK military

Apprenticeships/sponsorships – what are the options?

Financing pilot training

The day will also feature a series of headline presentations featuring: British Airways, NATS, financing your career, helicopter careers and a University panel. For full details and discounted student tickets, visit [www.pilotcareernews.com/live](http://www.pilotcareernews.com/live)

## **Year 12**

### **Workshop Conferences**

In conjunction with Nottingham University, the following conferences are being run in **December:**

Veterinary, Physiotherapy, Dentistry and Chemistry

These courses are for students who are 16 years old and over who wish to have the edge in applying to the course and university of their choice. In addition to ensuring that the right selection of course and university is made, Workshop courses prepare future professionals to be successful in an environment of increased competition for university places offering insight into the application processes and the opportunity to speak to admission tutors. Visit [www.workshop-uk.net](http://www.workshop-uk.net) to find out more.

### **Gap Medics**

If students have no experience of a clinical setting then how can they explain why they think a career in medicine is right for them? Work experience is valuable for all students, especially those that are interested in studying a medical related degree. Whether this is **Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing or Dentistry**, students will understand how competitive

these fields are. With University places becoming increasingly more difficult to secure, gaining medical work experience will really help boost their UCAS application. By going Gap Medics in October or February half term they are offering Years 11, 12 and 13 the opportunity to travel to Tanzania, meet new people, experience a new culture, gain medical work experience they will gain a minimum of 23 hours of hospital shadowing which will include working in one of the following departments: Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology or Paediatrics. Students will also attend three clinical teaching sessions throughout the week gaining deeper understanding of the various topics they will also do daily ward rounds with medical professionals. All students stay in a secure Gap Medics House. These houses are fully staffed which include the Programme Manager, In House Cook, Programme Assistants, House Keepers and Full Security Team. If you are interested please see the Sixth Form Team for a Medical School Guide or drop Gap Medics an email at: [info@gapmedics.com](mailto:info@gapmedics.com) or find out more information on their website [www.gapmedics.co.uk](http://www.gapmedics.co.uk)

## The Premed Course

Considering a career in Medicine? Come and discover the facts at our one day "PreMed" course. The next course is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December of this year; at Imperial College, London, SW7 2AZ @ a cost of £99 including all lectures and presentations, lunch and refreshments running from 9:45 am – 4:45 pm. The course is fully independent and has no affiliation to any particular Medical School.

The course contents covers topics such as:

- *Application procedures*: how to apply and how to maximise your chances of acceptance
- *Interviews*: Ex-members of university selection panels advise on interview and presentation skills
- *University curriculae*: What is taught at Medical School and how it is taught
- *Careers*: career paths available within Medicine, pay scales and postgraduate exams
- *Workshops*: Hands on experience of the practical aspects of Doctors' daily lives

Full details can be found on website: [www.premed.org.uk](http://www.premed.org.uk) or you can email: [enquiries@premed.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@premed.org.uk)

## Design your future – UCAS Event

This **free event** offers students the valuable opportunity to network with course leaders and subject-based admissions staff. There will be over 90 higher education providers in attendance, offering a range of courses in art, design, fashion, media, architecture, ceramics, jewellery making, and related creative subjects.

Visit [www.ucasevents.com/design](http://www.ucasevents.com/design) for a full list of subjects and more information.

London, Olympia: 10-11 November 2015. Find out more and book your attendance at [www.ucasevents.com/design](http://www.ucasevents.com/design)

### **On line Career Test**

Visit [Mycareerspingboard.org](http://Mycareerspingboard.org). to take a free career test. Created exclusively for students it will take no longer than 20 minutes. They will ask questions and work out which careers are a good match for your personality, skills and interests.

### **Year 12 Discontinuing/Swapping Subjects**

The deadline for Year 12 to switch subjects was Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The expectation is that students continue with all of their chosen subjects until Results Day in August 2016. Students on four subjects wishing to drop down to three can then do so on Results Day after consultation with the Sixth Form Team.



### **16-19 Bursary Fund**

**Funding for the 16-19 Bursary comes from central Government but is administered by schools and colleges.** The fund is intended to provide financial support to help 16-19 year olds continue in full-time education, where they might otherwise struggle for financial reasons.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund has three elements:

#### **Vulnerable Bursary Fund (Level 1) - Guaranteed Bursaries**

The Government has agreed that some students may be entitled to a bursary of £1,200 a year. You could receive this bursary if you are in one of the following categories:

- You are living in care or have recently left living in care
- You (not your parent/carer) are receiving income support or universal credit
- You are disabled and receiving Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments

#### **Discretionary bursary Fund (Level 2)**

Once guaranteed bursaries have been allocated, Sponne School will use the remaining funds to offer discretionary bursaries to students in most need of financial support. You will be eligible for a discretionary bursary if you are on the free school meals register or if your parent/carer is in receipt of any of the following support payments (assuming they do not receive Working Tax Credit):

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related)
- State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit **provided there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit** and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

### **Individual Hardship Payments (Level 3)**

Where it can be evidenced that a student faces identifiable financial barriers to education, but is not eligible to receive a Vulnerable Bursary (Level 1) or Discretionary Bursary (Level 2), a student may apply for an Individual Hardship Payment (Level 3) for a specific education purpose. It should be noted that funds under this scheme are limited and will only be made available after Level 1 and Level 2 bursaries are fully allocated. Individual Hardship Payments may be used for the following:

- Books/equipment/materials
- Examination re-sit fees
- UCAS application fees/travel to open days
- Educational visits/field trips which are course related
- Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks
- Sports activities (where these contribute directly to a course)

### **Terms and conditions**

Payment of the Bursary will be conditional on meeting agreed standards of attendance, behaviour and completion of work as follows:

- 95% attendance or above
- Deadlines for coursework and homework being met
- Acceptable progress towards academic targets being made, as evidenced in reports

If you do not meet these requirements, bursary payments may be discontinued.

### **Contact us**

Please contact your learning provider or the Mrs Freer, Sixth Form Administrator ([jfreer@sponne.org.uk](mailto:jfreer@sponne.org.uk)) for further details of the Bursary Fund.

### **Unexpected and acute financial hardship (mid course)**

You might be eligible for a small one off hardship grant if you find yourself in unexpected and acute financial hardship **mid way** through your course. You can apply for special consideration by writing to Head of Sixth Form ([vaustin@sponne.org.uk](mailto:vaustin@sponne.org.uk)).

For further information, read our 16-19 Bursary Scheme Guidance Notes 2015/2016.