

SIXTH FORM



Year 12 Information Evening

On Thursday 22nd September we held our information evening for year 12 parents and students in the main school hall. We covered the following topics: rules and regulations, ALPS data, Go 4 Schools software, the transition into Sixth Form and learning styles/environment. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the presentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sixth Form Dress Code

As you are aware, our Sixth Form Students are now expected to adhere to our Dress Code. We are delighted to see how smart our Sixth Formers are looking and it is having a very positive impact upon students in the younger year groups. We have attached a copy of the Dress Code below so that you are clear about what your son/daughter is expected to wear to school.

Dress Code details:

As a member of Sponne Sixth Form you are not expected to wear a school uniform. However, you are a role model to the younger years and you are expected to dress in a way that is smart and appropriate to the school environment.

Boys' Dress Code:	Girls' Dress Code:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trousers (tailored/chinos)• Black jeans (not faded or ripped)• Collared shirt/plain polo shirt• Shoes/boots• Jumper/cardigan (in winter months)• Waistcoat (optional)• Jacket (optional)• Suit (optional)• Tie(optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trousers• Black jeans (not faded or ripped)• Skirt/dress (no more than 10 cm above the knee)• Blouse/top/shirt• Jumper/cardigan (in winter months)• Shoes/boots (low to medium heel)• Jacket (optional)• Suit (optional)
General Guidelines:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No form of denim clothing is to be worn other than smart black jeans• No leather clothing apart from footwear• No shorts/skorts• No tracksuits, hoodies or T-Shirts• No beachwear or excessively loud shirts (eg Hawaiian)• No hats or sunglasses• No leggings to be worn not even with a long t-shirt or top• No baggy or casual sweatshirts	
Remember:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trousers must be high waisted enough so that underwear is not exposed	

- Tops with slogans or conspicuous logos are not permitted (eg football/rugby shirts)
- Excessively tight or revealing tops are unacceptable
- Shoestring or narrow strapped tops or dresses are unacceptable
- Bare shoulders/bra straps should not be on show
- Trainers, fabric walking boots, Ugg boots, converse boots, Dr Marten boots and flip flops are not permitted
- Outdoor jackets or fleeces should not be worn in lessons
- Hairstyles and hair colour should be in keeping with the office dress ethos. Hair should not be dyed excessively bright colours
- Excessive jewellery should not be worn
- Facial piercings should be subtle and not excessive

General Information:

The Dress Code will be monitored and sanctions will be put in place if a student persistently fails to meet the conditions of the Dress Code. In extreme cases students will be sent home to change if they are dressed inappropriately for the school environment

Appointment of Head /Deputy Head Boy & Girls

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our Head/Deputy Head Boy & Girls as follows:

YEAR 13	
Head boy	Patrick Challen
Head girl	Brina Johnson
Year 13 Prefects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Anderson • Dan Bees • Georgia Featherstone • Harriet Noy • Kellan Rakkar • Jessica Silvester-Yeo • Milly Taylor • Niamh Young
YEAR 12	
Deputy Head boy	Luis Lopes
Deputy Head girl	Eleanor Rees
Year 12 Prefects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Asplen-Taylor • Chloe Barbour • Lily Barringham • Callum Dineen

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth Dunne• Will Fraser• Emi Johnson• Erin Khaliq• Natalie Linn• Joshua North• Orlagh O'Neill• Natasha Partridge• Molly Wilks |
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6th Form Signing/In & Out Procedures

All Year 12 Students need to be in school for the first bell at 8:40am. If you have a study Period during P1 you **must** thumb in using the electronic thumb machine in Sixth Form Study Area or Student Services or if you have a Structured Study Period you must sign in with Miss Elliott in the Sixth Form Study Area.

Year 13 Students

- If your first lesson of the day is P2 or later you **must** thumb in using the electronic thumb machine in Sixth Form Study Area or Student Services when you come into school.
- If you have Study Period 5 and it has been agreed with the Sixth Form Team you may 'thumb' out after your last lesson of the day. You may do this a maximum of twice a week. However, if we see a drop in progress, then this privilege will be removed and students will be asked to be in school full time.

Remember you must thumb out (and back in) when going off site at break and lunch times.

These are important Health and Safety requirements and must be followed

6th Form absences

All Sixth Form students need to complete a "Prior Notification of Absence" to be signed by their Tutor and Head/Deputy Head of Sixth Form. These can be found in the Sixth Form Study Area and Student Services and are required for absences such as medical, driving lessons/tests, university visits. Preferably these should not be taken during lesson time.

Parents Evening

Booking of appointments will be online through the following website <https://parents-booking.co.uk/sponneschool> OR via the PEBS link on Frog.

Year 13 – Thursday 6th October (1)

Year 12 – Thursday 23rd February

Year 13 – Thursday 23rd March (2)

Volunteers for the Year 6 Open Evening

On 15th October we have our year 6 open evening. The evening relies heavily on Sixth Form Students acting as tour guides. Any student willing to volunteer to see Miss Austin/Mrs Ramsden/Mrs Freer for a consent letter and to register their names with us as Vivos will be awarded. Students will be required to be in school at approximately 6.30pm-8.30pm. We would be very grateful for your help and support.

We look forward to working with you all over the course of this year.

Moving on information

Useful websites:

Choosing the right career path

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm>

<https://www2.cxdirect.com/home.htm>

www.fasttomato.com

www.ukcoursefinder.com

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

<http://www.careersadviceforparents.org/p/free-expert-advice.html>

UCAS - A brief explanation

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate>

<http://university.which.co.uk/>

Apprenticeships

Visit the National Careers Service website
www.direct.gov.uk/NationalCareersService

For more information search 'apprenticeships' on gov.uk

Apprenticeship webinars are available, packed full of useful content ranging from how to apply through to what employers look for in a new apprentice
<http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-webinars/>

The logo for UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) features the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U' and 'S' are black, while the 'A' is red and stylized with a triangular shape above it.

School deadline for UCAS applications to be submitted is Thursday 20th October. 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 is to benefit them.

Oxbridge deadline – 15th October 2016

We offer lots of advice and guidance to our parents and students who are considering the transition to higher education. Please see the Higher Education Guide 2017 Entry for links to over a hundred useful websites.

Informed Choices Guide has been produced by the Russell Group of universities and will help students make informed decisions about their choice of Post-16 course and the implications this will have on their choice of higher education institution and course.
<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices/>

Lillingstone Trust Scholarship scheme

Students applying to university to study STEM subjects are able to apply for a £4000 scholarship. Application forms are available from the Sixth Form team.

Improve your chances of Becoming a Doctor



Saturday 28th January 2017, at University College London

Saturday 4th March 2017, at the University of Manchester

Sunday 26th March 2017, at University College London

Careers conferences for students who want to study medicine:

Practical tips on getting into university – UCAS application, personal statement, work experience, interviews etc

UKCAT and BMAT preparation – everything you need to know

Speak to medical students about their experiences

Find out what it is really like to be a doctor

Speakers include a university medical admissions tutor, doctors working in various specialities, a careers adviser and medical students

Conference cost is £89 per person including lunch (discounts available for group bookings)

For full details and to apply: www.epoc.org.uk



Improve your chances of Becoming a Lawyer

Saturday 25th March 2017, at University College London

Careers conferences for students who want to become solicitors or barristers:

Hear practical tips on getting into university

Learn more about careers in law

Find out what it is really like to be a lawyer

Speak to lawyers and law students about their experiences

Speakers include a university admissions tutor, solicitors, barristers– including specialities in criminal and commercial law, the Institute of Legal Executives a careers adviser and law students

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MEDLINK INTENSIVE – 17th – 18th December 2016 @ Nottingham University

A 2-day residential conference for year 12 and 13 students applying to medical school.

Medlink has been offering advice and support to aspiring medical students for almost three decades. If medicine is your dream, you want the best preparation you can have to achieve it. From completing your UCAS form through to preparing for a successful interview, their experts will guide you through the whole process **in just one intensive weekend**

UKCAT – hear from the people who set and mark the test, the best preparation possible

PERSONAL STATEMENTS – step by step to a winning CV

FREE PERSONAL STATEMENT ASSESSMENT – when you are ready to apply

MEDICAL SCHOOL – let them tell you what they are looking for

MMI – practice stations with feedback, advice and rules of success

INTERVIEW SKILLS – gain the confidence to ace your interview

CHEMISTRY MASTERCLASS – reach for that important A*

SOCIAL MEDIA – make it work to boost your application

MEDICAL STUDENTS – share their tips for success

FREE DELUXE STETHOSCOPE and guided auscultation practical

To book your place call: 01509 233133, phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm or book any time, day or night, on WWW.MEDLINK-UK.NET

VET-MEDLINK INTENSIVE – 17th – 18th December 2016 @ Nottingham University

Veterinary medicine is more than just a career; for most it is a vocation and a passion. Vet-Medlink has been offering advice and support to aspiring veterinary students for almost three decades. If veterinary school is your dream, you want the best preparation you can have to achieve it. From completing your UCAS form through to preparing for a successful interview, their experts will guide you through the whole process **in just one intensive weekend**

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WORK EXPERIENCE – what counts?

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UK University Search Fairs – Autumn 2016

Their autumn university fairs are the perfect way for students to choose which university is the right fit for them. These exciting and informative events will provide students with the opportunity to speak to a wide variety of universities and attend vital seminars, in order to make the right choices about their future.

The event is completely free for students, teachers and parents to attend. The next local is event is:

Birmingham – Thursday 13th October – Edgbaston

Our autumn events will include the following features:

- A free attendee bag
- UCAS Personal Statement Seminars
- Student Finance Talks
- Free academic calendar
- Essential application guide book
- Free student promotions and discounts

Parents and guardians are welcome and do not need to register. Each fair will run from 10am through to 2.30pm.

- See more at: <http://ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup#sthash.t8WNhqui.dpuf>