



Monday 3 May

Dear all,

The 2018 Royal Society science book prize was awarded to “Inventing Ourselves” by Sarah-Jayne Blakemore. I think it is a fabulous book and not only does it allow me to still learn about the brain, but it also encompasses why I find teaching so rewarding. Sixth Form is an exciting time in your brains! Rather than go on about the biology of it I was thinking about the book when wondering what I could park in front of you before a longer weekend. Inspired by her ideas, a youth theatre company called Three wrote, produced and performed a play called “Brainstorm”. Sadly, it is no longer available on iplayer. It is about offering a voice to allow young people to explain their own brain’s workings and how they then perceive the world.

At the end one character responds to their parents:

YAAMIN:

I say to you,

My brain isn’t broken.

It’s beautiful

I’m in a city I’ve never been to and I see bright lights and new ideas and fear and opportunity and a thousand million roads all lit up and flashing

I say

There are so many places to explore but you’ve forgotten that they exist because every day you walk the same way with your hands in your pockets and your eyes on the floor

I say

If my brain changed overnight

If it happened just like that

Then all I’d have seen is what you have shown me

And all I’d be is a rubbish version of you

I don’t want to be a rubbish version of you

I want to be an amazing version of me

I say

When I’m wild and out of control

It’s because I’m finding out who I am

What the world is

All the things I might be

And if I was a real wild animal

Then I’d have left by now.

But I haven’t

And I’m not going to. Yet.



I say
My brain isn't broken
It's like this for a reason
I'm becoming who I am
And I'm scared
And You're scared
Because who I am might not be who you want me to be.
Or who you are
And I don't know why, but I *don't* say
It'll all be ok.
There are so many things I don't say to you anymore.
So many things I write down but I can't say.
I want to say them
But I can't.
I pick up my plate
Put it in the kitchen
And go upstairs.

I read this out loud when I can, as fast as I can, with the energy of youth. I love it, because I believe that it is true. I am terrified watching my own daughter trying to break out from just being the child of her parents, as she tries to find the person she wants to be. I'm scared but determined to let her. At Rosebery I have the easy job of just watching, listening and nudging each of your journeys, with an assembly, a lesson, a meeting or sometimes simply a smile.

But two things I'd like you to try to think about:

Not all adults walk in the same way, heads down so offer them your respect for the journey they too have taken.

Perhaps this weekend would be a good moment to pick up your plate, put it in the kitchen but then stay for a chat and tell your families that if they are ready to listen then so are you.

Have a lovely long weekend, regardless of what is to come 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQXhFa8dRCI> Sarah-Jayne Blakemore at the RI

<https://www.companythree.co.uk/brainstorm> The Theatre Company behind the play

Mr Phillips

General Notices

Half marathon fundraising for London's Air Ambulance - Sophie Turney

In August 2021 I will be running my first half marathon to fundraise for London's Air Ambulance charity, I would really appreciate any donations to this life saving cause. London's Air Ambulance is the charity that delivers an advanced trauma team to London's most seriously injured patients. Your donation will help save more lives by keeping the helicopter in the air, the rapid response cars on the road and contribute to the cost of life saving equipment such as medical kit bags, equipment needed for open heart surgery and even blood transfusion equipment.



The link to donate to my fundraising page is:

<https://fundraising.londonsairambulance.org.uk/fundraisers/sophieturney/london-landmarks-half-marathon-2021>

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Sophie Turney

Library Notice - Message from Mrs Little

From Monday all sixth formers are permitted in the LRC. The LRC is divided into Year 12 and Year 13 areas. The Library table space is being used for the Year 11 assessments and is not available for sixth formers until the end of May. I have been asked to reserve the five computers by the corridor windows for Miss Ramsay and lower school students so please sit away from them if possible.

I also want to thank everyone who has used or is using the LRC, for their outstanding commitment to sanitising both their hands, computers and tables. You are amazing. Thank you.

Key Calendar Date Changes

Year 12 Matriculation exams, 10 to 18 June.

Year 12 Higher Education Day – Monday 21 June - all Year 12 off timetable to prepare for setting up UCAS or apprenticeship application alongside HE opportunities and personal statement writing.

Year 12 Student Futures Festival, Tuesday 22 June to Wednesday 23 June - all Year 12 off timetable.

Year 12 HE, WEX, personal exploration and application day – Thursday 24 June – Year 12 offsite.

Year 12 WEX, 12 to 16 July 12 – Year 12 offsite.

Careers and HE Resources from Mrs Keaveney

LIPA – Get Ready

Get Ready is a one day online event open to any Year 12 student considering applying to university for 2022 entry to study a performing arts course. The event starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm and includes practical skill-building workshops in your chosen area from:

- Film making
- Management
- Theatre Design
- Theatre Technology
- Music Production
- Music Performance
- Dance
- Acting

It will also offer guidance sessions on how to apply to university and what funding is available. For more information and to book visit <https://lipa.ac.uk/Pages/Events.aspx?evid=201>

South East Aspiring Nursing Associates

You are invited to attend the South East Aspiring Nursing Associates webinar on Tuesday 11 May 2021, 10.30am – 12.30 via MS Teams. This webinar is aimed at individuals who are interested in becoming a Nursing Associate. You do not need to have had experience within healthcare or to be working within a healthcare setting to attend.

During this webinar there will be guest speakers and will aim to explore:

- The role of a Nursing Associate
- How to study to become a Nursing Associate
- Entry requirements
- Apprenticeship
- UCAS/Direct entry
- Nursing Associates in practice
- Next steps to become a Nursing Associate

To register your attendance please complete this [webinar booking form](#). They aim to respond to registrations and confirm places within five to seven working days.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair

The next UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will take place on Wednesday 26 May between 12 noon and 6.00pm (students can login anytime which suits). The event for students will feature a multitude of university exhibitors and an updated range of vital webinars, including UCAS Personal Statement, Clearing, Choosing a Course, Degree Apprenticeships, Student Finance and Teacher/Parent support.

For more information and to register visit <https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com/>

HSBC

Interested in a career in Banking & Finance? How does the idea of working for Europe's largest bank sound? On 5 May 2021 from 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Young Professionals will be hosting an online webinar event with HSBC with information about their UK wide Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities.

With more than 200,000 employees and offices worldwide, HSBC is one of the world's leading international banks offering roles across all their major business areas. This includes retail, private, commercial and investment banking, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology. For more information and to register visit <https://www.research.net/r/HSBC-UK>

Wikijob

Wikijob is a website that helps students and job seekers to prepare for interviews, assessment centre or aptitude tests. They have recently published new resources that you might find useful. Do have a look at the site and some of the free aptitude tests that are on there.

<https://www.wikijob.co.uk/content/application-advice/cvs/how-write-cv>

<https://www.wikijob.co.uk/content/jobs-and-careers/jobs-by-major>

<https://www.wikijob.co.uk/>

Springpod's 'Virtual Degree Taster' Programmes

Springpod are finally launching their long awaited 'Virtual Degree Taster' Programmes, that let students experience their university course of choice before they apply. These programmes offer an interactive insight into each given course's main content, as well as vital university lifestyle tips and employability advice. They are completely free, entirely remote and can be completed at times that suit you.

Students will receive a certificate upon completion which is perfect for CVs, personal statements and future interviews - this really helps them demonstrate initiative in spite of the limitations of the past year.

These taster programmes include course specific activities and reflection tasks as well as involving live webinars with notable academics and interactive quizzes in the future. Enrolment will begin on 1 June 2021 and The Degree Taster Programmes available are as follows:

[Psychology](#)

[Law](#)

[Journalism](#)

[English](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Business](#)

Register your interest now and give yourselves the best chance of securing a place by joining the waiting list:

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-degree-tasters>

National Virtual Vet Taster Event

Interested in becoming a vet? Not sure what the next steps are or which university to apply to? Come and explore some of the UK's vet schools at their first ever National Virtual Vet Taster event, being held on Wednesday 12 May between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. You'll have the opportunity to hear live talks from staff and students from seven of the UK's vet schools. You will also hear from the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and the British Veterinary Ethnicity & Diversity Society (BVEDS) on where a veterinary degree can take you.

Following the talks, you can join a live Q&A where you'll have the unique opportunity to chat to Student Ambassadors from the participating vet schools, all in one place! If you're curious about what university life is really like for current students, this is your chance to ask them all about topics such as student life, courses, societies, work experience and why they chose to be a vet.

Seven of the UK's vet schools are attending - Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Nottingham, the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and Surrey. The event is FREE to attend and is aimed at Year 12 students from UK state schools, but you must fulfil certain Widening Participation eligibility criteria to sign up.

Click [here](#) to apply today, applications close on **Tuesday 4 May**.

<https://www.vetrecordjobs.com/myvetfuture/article/widening-participation-wp-vet-schools-network-national-virtual-vet-taster-event/>

Insight to Careers in Property Development

On Wednesday 12 May Young Professionals are hosting an Insight to Careers in Property Development with FTSE 100 company, Berkeley St Edward. Throughout the evening they will be taking everyone through the main components of their business: Property Development, Construction, Architecture and Interior Design.

Berkeley Group are a publicly owned FTSE 100 company listed on the London Stock Exchange. They build beautiful, successful places, blending homes, parks and public realm with great facilities to create fantastic communities. They have built more than 19,200 homes in the last five years, across London, Birmingham and the South of England and have a very strong presence across the UK.

- Wednesday 12 May 2021 from 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Talks from leaders of the property development/construction/Architecture /Interior Design
- An insight into a huge UK-based property developer, their departments and areas of work
- Get your questions answered by leading property development professionals

Application Link: <https://www.research.net/r/Berkeley-Group-Event>

Speakers for Schools Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Please find attached to this newsletter the latest pdf of opportunities being offered by Speakers for Schools. This includes the start dates and deadline dates for applications. Do check carefully as some may not be relevant to this area.

Rawlinson & Hunter Job Vacancies

Rawlinson & Hunter LLP have two positions available for Year 13 students after their exams have finished. Students will start with them on a five year contract. There is one role in their Audit Services team and the other is in their Business Services team.

The roles take the students through their AAT and ACA qualifications resulting in them becoming qualified Auditors/Accountants. These roles will be based at their office in Leatherhead. The job description is attached to this newsletter and CVs can be emailed to careers@rawlinson-hunter.com

Student Futures

This section of the newsletter highlights optional activities that you may wish to get involved in. Make sure to record any activities you do complete, as they will count towards your Student Futures diploma.

Last week's information:

Applications are open for the London School of Economics' Year 12 Politics Conference and Management Masterclass. These online events will give you a taster of university-level teaching and an insight into what it's like to study at LSE. Visit the following links for more information on the two events and instructions for how to book.

Politics Conference:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/widening-participation/Sixth-form-college/politics-conference-year-12>

Management Masterclass:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/widening-participation/Sixth-form-college/management-masterclass>