



Rosebery School Sixth Form

Monday 7 June

Dear all,

“Do we get a speech?”

“No, not today”

Yesterday was a day for Year 13 to leave to ‘rest’ with class and grace. Year 12 now take on the mantle of the states-people of the school. The mature and wise students who influence the culture of the school more than they know. Then Year 11 leave, some for just a short few months, only to return as part of our team.

It is always a tumultuous time of year, logistically and emotionally.

Logistically; Year 12 now prepare themselves to return for what is essentially a transitioning half term. You will have your exams, which are swiftly followed with intense next steps guidance, and the opportunity to notice, and develop wider skills, through the HE day and the Student Futures Festival. You will also pull together and deliver us back into the tradition of RAG week. In all this never be shy about asking the teachers here for support, help, or just maybe to dance. If the burgeoning fame of the Geography department on TikTok is anything to go by, you’ll always find help at Rosebery.

Behind the scenes we are offering advice and guidance to Year 11 in their own transition to Sixth Form which culminates in our Transition Day on 6 July. In these endeavours we’ll be welcoming Mrs Boundy and Miss Nejad onto the Sixth Form team so that when we land back in September, we are ready to continue to develop and change.

All this, off the back of a mind-bending period in Human history.

Emotionally; the school saw its two examination year groups leave, and no one really had anything left in the tank. That, in my opinion, is how it should be. But I won’t lie it makes for a bruising moment. You give something your all, as Year 13 and 11 have, and you can be forgiven for thinking that everything has finished. You float a bit lost, insecure and exhausted.

But this will pass.

So, what is next? Who knows, choose well and give it everything.

Whatever any one of us decided to do I hope you do it with all of your might. With all of your Self. If you cannot give yourself to it then perhaps you should rethink the choice or refine the plan?

I sometimes wonder why we reserve Dylan Thomas for funerals. If perhaps you were to choose to live as suggested from an early age there will be no regrets or fears that time was running short.

“Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.”

Dylan Thomas - Do Not go Gentle into that good night – 1951

Rest well people. Year 12 let’s make this half term to come mean something, and matter. Year 11 we’ll see you in July. Year 13 there may have been no speeches yesterday, but that was because my heart was breaking. But on 24 June there won’t be a “Blah Blah” button loud enough in all the world to drown the noise of your triumphant farewell.

Mr Phillips



General Notices

Year 13

Pay for your yearbook and the leavers celebration!

There'll be info in the post about June but get planning those outfits (evening & morning mayhem).

Don't forget you are all invited on the morning of Thursday 24 June – fancy dress, breakfast roll and juice provided, followed by celebrations.

Year 12

Matriculation exams

Just a reminder again that these assessments are diagnostic in aim. We want to help coach and train you about how to go through the procedures of exams. They are also helpful to see what you have learnt so far. We will use these to help your learning so please do not make them into something they are not. You have had this information in assemblies from me before, so I won't bang on about it.

RAG week

This will come around quickly, especially given the activities you have going on. Please do offer your support to the central team. The success of the week usually hinges on the willingness for the Sixth Form to come together and support each other.

Use of the Sixth Form area

After half term you will be able to come upstairs to work and this should be your main area for that. The computers up here will be augmented by the LRC and Chrome books. During matriculation you are welcome to come into school to work but you MUST sign in and out using the app. Given the fire alarm Thursday I'm sure you understand how important this is.

There will be some maintenance work going on downstairs that could impact on sixth form, but I will keep you updated about that in due course.

It will be lovely having you up and around our offices more, so please do always feel able to come and say hello and ask for help about whatever.

Careers and HE Resources from Mrs Keaveney

Swansea University Virtual Summer School

Swansea university will be holding their first ever virtual summer school from 12 to 15 July 2021. The Virtual Summer School will give you an opportunity to:

- Stand out and strengthen your personal statement and UCAS application
- Explore subjects and topics you are most interested in
- Enhance your knowledge and skills in wide range of subject areas
- Gain experience by attending workshops led by world-leading academics
- Gain insight from current students and recent applicants
- Experience what university life is like
- Help you develop transferable skills that will be crucial in your future career

For more information and to book visit:

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/study/summer-school/>

Bucher Municipal

Bucher Municipal operates an award-winning Apprenticeship Scheme at its manufacturing facility in Dorking, encouraging individuals to take up careers in engineering as an alternative to university. The scheme aims to grow a successful candidate's enthusiasm for building machines and highlight engineering as an exciting and dynamic profession.

Each year they take on a new group of Apprentices and this year they are looking to recruit six more in the disciplines of Mechanical Engineering, welding and sheet metal fabrication.

They are keen to recruit local young people in a supportive and friendly environment. You will attend college on a day release basis working alongside skilled engineers. Many apprentices have continued to study for a degree or master's apprenticeship with them.

For more information visit their website:

<https://www.buchermunicipal.com/gb/en/career/apprenticeships>

The closing date for applications is Friday 18 June 2021. For further information on how to apply for the apprenticeships please contact the HR Department on 01306 874510 or 01306 874503 or email your CV to **RECRUITMENT@JOHNSTONSWEEPERS.COM**

Burberry

British luxury fashion house Burberry have just launched a brand-new online platform called Burberry Engage, a place for young people to connect with Burberry. Burberry Engage aims to help young people in Key Stages 4 to 5 to develop new skills and broaden their career horizons through the following:

Employability skills development – bite sized learning modules, mapped to **Skills Builder** and packed with videos and insights from Burberry industry experts, sharing their experience of building employability skills in the workplace. These modules support young people to develop the following skills:



Digital mentoring – Burberry mentors from a wide range of business areas are available to answer student’s questions about their job role, career journey and more.

Burberry’s Online Creative Challenge – This opportunity is open to Key Stage 4 and 5 students, who will have the chance to win a trip to Burberry’s London or Leeds HQ – to meet their employees! Individuals can submit their creative ideas to a sustainability focused design challenge for their age group – sharing their vision of fashion in the future with Burberry! 60 competition finalists will visit Burberry HQ in Autumn 2021. The competition closes on **Thursday 24 June 2021**.

For more information and to apply visit:
<https://burberry.connectr.co.uk/engage/>

Champneys Beauty College

Champneys Beauty College is holding a special ‘Have a Go’ taster event on 29 June 2021 at 4.00pm. Year 11 to 13 pupils interested in college options following their GCSEs or A Levels will have the opportunity to find out about the college and learn some practical techniques.

They offer both part and full-time study. Their 18 month part-time course meets the requirement for young people to stay in full-time education until the age of 18, making it perfect for school leavers after Year 11, whilst their 10 month fast track is ideally suited for post A-Level as an alternative to university, leading directly into a professional career.

For more information and how to book visit:
<https://www.champneyscollege.com/application-process/application-process-tring/open-days/>

Young Professionals Work Experience

The Young Professionals have decided to put on a specific virtual work experience for those students who are still looking to get a bit of experience, meet a variety of global employers and learn some new skills over the summer.

This free Virtual Work Experience is back, running across 7, 8 and 9 June. They have PwC, Sky, HSBC, GSK, RAF and many others joining them during the three days.

They will be running skills-based sessions (looking at CV's, Interviews, Assessment Centres, LinkedIn/ Networking etc) along with employer insight/workshop sessions. There will be two individual based projects students will be set to work on in their own time which, will form part of their Virtual Work Experience interactive tasks.

Key Details:

- 7, 8 and 9 June, 9am - 3pm each day
- An opportunity to take part in skills-based workshops as well as interaction with multiple global employers
- Two project-based activities to be completed whilst on program
- To explore lots of different employment sectors as well as gaining a better understanding on the job market, world of work and the key skills employers look for
- Certificate and reference on completion

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Virtual-WEX>

UCAT Workshop

The next free webinar for aspiring medical students is taking place on Wednesday 2 June 2021.

In this webinar, they will be covering the best practice for the Situational Judgement section of the UCAT. A lot of students fear this section as it's usually referred to as the 'common sense' section, and it's difficult to understand how to prepare for it.

They will go through some best practice and solve a couple of sample questions live during the webinar.

Topic: UCAT Workshop: Situational Judgement

Date: Wednesday 2 June 2021

Time: 7.00pm (London time)

Registration Link: <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ucat-workshop-situational-judgement/>

Admission: Free

If you cannot make this time, the webinar will be available to watch on-demand on their YouTube channel the following day:

<https://www.youtube.com/medicalprojectsofficial>

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.

Please can all students complete the Google form as per Miss Stanwix's instructions. You will find the Student Futures brochure attached.