

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 15th June 2026



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PT Time

Monday

Key Messages

1:1 Student Meetings with PT

**Monday
Launchpad**

Year 12 (Atrium) : Inclusivity

1:1 Student Meetings with PT

Tuesday

Week Ahead and Notices

1:1 Student Meetings with PT

Wednesday

1:1 Student Meetings with PT

Thursday

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**Friday
Extended PT**

Inset Day

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This Week

Friday 19th June	Inset Day - Please note we do have A Level Exams taking place on this day
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Upcoming

Mon 22nd June to Mon 29th June	Year 12 Internal Exams
Wednesday 24th June	A Level Exam contingency day - all year 13 students should be available up to and including this date
Monday 29th June	HGSF Offer Holders Morning - please sign up to support this event via the link below. https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/11LQ4z6MrS
Tues 30th June to Sat 4th July	Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 8th July	P5 - Y12 End of Term Inflatables Session
Thursday 9th July	Last day of Lessons for Year 12
Friday 10th July	Last Day of Summer Term

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Student Notices:

Life After Laurus, Plans After A Level: All year 12 students will receive an email asking them to complete their Life After Laurus, Plans After A Level form by 9am on Monday 15 June. This information is integral to assisting us to write your UCAS references. [Life After Laurus - Data Collection](#)

Offer Holders Induction Morning: If you would like to volunteer to help at our Offer Holders Induction Morning on Monday 29th June, 9:30 to 12:30, please sign up [HERE](#)

University Open Days: You are encouraged to attend University Open Days, up to a maximum of three on week days in any half term during school time. (Most universities now have Open Days at the weekend). You must complete an Absence Request Form; have it approved by parents/carers and either Mrs Lambert or Mrs Roberts, and submit it to Sixth Form Reception at least three days before the visit takes place. (If an alternative Open Day is available at the weekend, permission to miss a day of lessons will not be given). Failure to submit this form will result in the absence being unauthorised.

EPQ: Presentations will take place during the afternoon of Monday 29th June, students involved have been advised.

Silent Study Centre: Silence Must Be Maintained in the Study Centre

Student Parking: If you need to leave part way through the day, either for an appointment or after an exam, **please do not park in East Car Park.**

The 16-19 Bursary: The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help students facing financial hardship to continue in full time education after Year 11. We would encourage all students to read the information [here](#), or to see Mrs Gill for further advice. The bursary is discretionary and you do not always need to meet the criteria outlined.

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Opportunities for students across the University - July and August

African and Caribbean Society Annual Access Conference

What : A conference designed to help prospective state-school students in Year 12 of African and Caribbean heritage engage with the Oxford application process and make competitive applications to top universities in the UK.

Who: State school students in Year 12 of African and Caribbean heritage.

Where: Brasenose and Magdalen College, Oxford

When : 11th July 2026

[Sign up here](#)

St Hugh's Connect - How to... Prepare for admissions tests and interviews

What: An online hour long session led by student ambassadors giving an overview of how Oxford admissions tests work, and the interview process.

Who: State school students in Year 12

Where: Online

When: 17th July 2026

[Sign up here](#)

Open Day Session for Care Experienced and Estranged Students

What : An hour in-person session for care experienced and estranged students to learn about welfare, academic and financial support available at the university, and hear from current students. It is part of the Open Day activities offered by Magdalen College.

Who: Care experienced and estranged students

Where: Magdalen College Auditorium, Longwall Street

When: Thursday 2nd July, 16:00 - 17:00

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English Study Day - Mansfield and English Faculty

What : An exciting opportunity to find out more about studying English at Oxford University, including an overnight stay in a college, a taster lecture, a Q &A with current students, and a session on the Oxford admissions process. The whole visit is free of charge.

Who: Y12 (or equivalent) UK state school students thinking about applying for English at Oxford University.

Where: In person in Oxford

When: Monday 13 July 2026 (afternoon arrival) to Tuesday 14 July 2026 (afternoon departure)

[Sign up here](#)

Oxford Maths Admission Test Livestream

What: In 2026 the Oxford Mathematics department is running a weekly livestream with maths problems and problem-solving strategies, with a focus on the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) and mathematics interviews. The sessions are free and available for everyone, and are recorded so that you can watch them later even if you can't join us live. No registration needed.

Who: Aimed at students who are about to apply for Mathematics at university

Where: Online

When: Live on Thursdays 17:00–19:00, weekly from 11 June 2026, and also recorded.

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English and Classics at Magdalen Residential

What: A three day residential programme, including academic taster sessions, tours of Magdalen and Oxford, admissions workshops, and more. Participants will also get to meet current undergraduate students and tutors in English and Classics.

Who: Students at UK state schools who are interested in applying to one or more of English, Classics or a related subject at university.

Where: Magdalen College

When: 4-6th August 2026

[Sign up here](#)

Physics and Engineering at Magdalen Residential

What: A three day residential programme, including academic taster sessions, tours of Magdalen and Oxford, admissions workshops, and more. Participants will also get to meet current undergraduate students and tutors in Physics and Engineering.

Who: Students at UK state schools who are interested in applying to Physics or Engineering.

Where: Magdalen College

When: 18th - 20th August 2026

[Sign up here](#)

Registration for admissions tests is now open!

[Test information](#)

Oxford admissions timeline

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TMUA Workshop

Saturday 12 - Sunday 13 September 2026

Applications close 8am Friday 26 June

This new residential programme focuses on the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) assessment, which applicants to Computer Science, Economics, and Mathematics courses at Cambridge and several other universities are required to sit.

Over two days, participants will attend Q&A sessions, workshops, and taster lectures delivered by Cambridge academics and guest speakers. Meals and accommodation will be provided by St John's College.

Applications are now open to students in Year 12 who are on track to meet or exceed the entry requirements for the Cambridge course they are considering applying to (Computer Science, Economics, or Mathematics). You can find more details and eligibility criteria on the [TMUA Workshop page](#).

Medicine Taster Day

Saturday 12 September 2026

Applications close 8am Friday 26 June

This taster day is aimed at students in Year 12 who are considering applying to Cambridge's Medical Sciences course, and are on track to meet or exceed the course's entry requirements.

During the day students will attend Q&A sessions, mock 'supervisions', and taster lectures delivered by Cambridge academics.

You can find more details and eligibility criteria on our [Medicine Taster Day page](#)

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July Open Days

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July 2026

Bookings are open for this year's [Cambridge-wide Open Days](#). On both days St John's will be offering tours, talks on competitive applications, and the opportunity to talk to Directors of Studies and subject representatives.

SJC Webinars

June, July 2026

We've got a few useful webinars coming up this month and next, including a Q&A webinar for Arts & Humanities subjects where students can ask any questions they may have about applications. We also have sessions on competitive applications and personal statements. These are all excellent chances for students to hear from St John's academics who have been involved in the admissions and decision-making process for several years. You can see the programme and register for the Zoom sessions on our [SJC Webinars page](#)

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SAVE THE DATES 16-24 OCTOBER 2026

WELLS Festival of Literature

Calling Young Poets Aged 16 to 22

Get ready for our
2026 International Young Poets' Competition.

Rap, hip-hop or Shakespeare – it's all poetry and here's a chance for you to show off your poetic skills.

Enter up to three poems for a fee of £3 per poem.

There is a top prize of **£200**,
with second and third prizes of **£150** and **£100**.
Winners receive a year's subscription to The Poetry Society.



Julia Webb
Young Poets Judge

Competitions open 1 April and close 31 July

Just head to the website for the entry requirements
and to find out more about our judge.

www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

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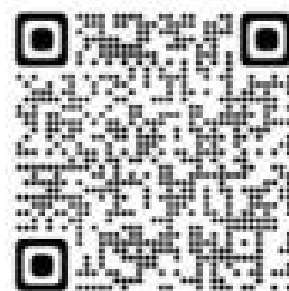
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University Open Days



10 Reasons to Attend an Open Day

- Get a feel for the campus
- Talk to the teaching staff
- View specialist facilities
- Meet current students
- See where you'll live
- Explore the local area
- Find out more about finance
- Learn about student support services
- Meet other people
- Confirm your future



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