

The Bishop's Stortford High School

Parental Bulletin



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Sad news

It is my sad duty to inform you that one of our site team, Mr Mike Franklin, passed away on Sunday. Mr Franklin had been a caretaker at TBSHS for almost twenty-three years and finally lost his battle with cancer this week. We are truly grateful for the colour he brought to the school, particularly through the flower gardens he created and tended to with such care. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

Captain's Sporting Lunch 17th June 2022

As part of our ongoing fundraising programme, we are auctioning 8 tickets at the Captain's Sporting Lunch on Friday 17th June 2022, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, to be held at [The Brewery](#), London, with four sporting legends. All proceeds going towards the provision of an All-Weather Pitch at the new school site at St James' Park.

The event includes:

- Complimentary drinks reception
- 3 course lunch
- 1/2 bottle of wine per person on the table

Guest Speakers include:

- *2003 Rugby World Cup Winners* **Martin Johnson & Mike Tindall**
- *Former Ashes Winning England Cricket Captains* **Michael Vaughan & Sir Alastair Cook**

Bids in excess of £150 per ticket are invited to Auction@tbshs.org by midday on 8th June 2022. Successful bidders will be notified by the end of the day. Full Details can be found at <https://www.mbnpromotions.co.uk/events/captains-lunch-2022/>

Thank a teacher day

Thursday 26th May (tomorrow) is National Thank A Teacher Day. Given their incredible efforts over the last few years, if there are some kind words of appreciation you or your child would like to share with a member of TBSHS staff, please click [here](#).

New school site delay

Many of you will have noticed the current lack of action on the new school site. Unfortunately, during the early stages of the construction period, unknown ground conditions relating to water were identified and are the reason for the current delay. Hertfordshire County Council are working with their technical team and the Contractor to manage the delay as efficiently as possible, and it is hoped that construction will recommence very soon.

Mr Reeve, Headteacher

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TBSHS & Standon Calling Festival

Dear Parents/Carers/Students and Friends of TBSHS,

We have linked up with local music festival 'Standon Calling' to raise money for TBSHS Funds. If you would like to purchase tickets for the festival, held locally on the 21–24th July, please use our unique link to book your tickets.

By doing so you will generate a donation to TBSHS School Funds.

TBSHS unique booking link

is: <https://go.kaboodle.co.uk/The-Bishop's-Stortford-High-School-CM233LU>

Festival website: <https://standon-calling.com/>

As always, many thanks for your support.

Kind regards
Jonathan Griffiths

Assistant Headteacher

LET'S ALL GO TO
STANDON CALLING
FESTIVAL & RAISE
MONEY FOR OUR
SCHOOL!

Standon Calling is a family festival in the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside 21-24 July.

By booking weekend tickets through our school's unique link, you will get an exclusive discount AND 10% of every order will be donated to our school's fundraising body.

The more tickets bought via our unique link, the more money raised for our school and the more fun will be had at Standon Calling!

Join us this July!

TBSHS Senior Football Sponsorship

We are looking for new sponsors for our Senior Football Team 2022–2023, who compete in the English Schools National Cup, The County Cup, and District football competition. Particular items we would like to get sponsored are a brand-new playing kit, as well as travel tops/tracksuit and warm up tops.

If any individual or company may be interested or would like to discuss in more detail, please contact Mr Sadler, Head of Football at david.sadler@tbshs.org

Many thanks for your support.

Mr D Sadler

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Debating and Public Speaking

Sponsorship

Hopefully you will have read, on the school website and in the local paper, of the school's many successes in debating and public speaking. In 2021 we were runners up out of around 200 teams in the English-Speaking Union Mace, the oldest and probably most prestigious interschool competition. Results last term confirmed our standing as one of the leading debating schools in the East of England and one of very few non-selective state establishments in the country to reach International Finals Day at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. TBSHS is the only local school that competes regularly in these national debating competitions.

Since last September no fewer than 34 students have represented the school in debating and/or public speaking contests and we are determined to maintain, and even extend, our participation in the future. However, all these competitions cost money - entry fees for the past 'season' totalled £750 and, as I am you are aware, funding for schools is desperately short. We would therefore welcome any offers of sponsorship, from parents or local businesses, to support this very worthwhile activity. If you would like to help, or just find out further details, please contact anthony.fraser@tbshs.org.

As parents seldom get the opportunity to see their sons and daughters debating (it's not quite the same as a family argument!), we are hoping to run a **Family Debating Evening** in July, probably in the last week of term. Last time we held such an event we had a Parents vs Students debate, but this time we'd like to try an inter-family debate, with each side consisting of two members of the same family, one of whom is a current student at the school. The other family member could be an elder sibling, parent or even grandparent. If you think you might like to take part, please contact anthony.fraser@tbshs.org.

Thank you, **A.D Fraser**

Sixth Form

Year 12 – Gateway Arrangements

Please note that the Year 12 Gateway examinations will take place from 10th – 17th June. To find the timetable, please visit the examinations tab under the 'Academic' heading on the website - [Year 12 Examinations](#). **Mr R Stark**

Year 12 – Work Experience

The deadline for handing completed forms to Mrs Jonas is 20th May. It is not about what students do but the fact they have something organised. This will be invaluable on CVs. Students have been emailed regarding opportunities at the Salvation Army, British Heart Foundation & the following opportunities:

- **Citizens Advice East Herts** - a very popular choice for students wishing to study subjects like law or criminology at University. Please call 07590276991 & ask for Joanna Maple for further information.
- **The 'live' business project** – details emailed out by Mrs Jonas for those interested in business/finance
- **Virtual Work Exp – Lloyds 'World of Work' 20th–21st June** 0830-1530 - cuts across all sectors. Takes place via Zoom & can be undertaken from home.
- **Work experience units offered by Uptree or Unifrog.** The Uptree offering is here: https://uptree.co/courses/?pk_campaign=careers. You have a Unifrog log-in so feel free to take a look (search for Distance Learning in the Resources Library). **Mr R H Stark**

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Year 12 – New Senior Team

Please find a link to an article on the school website introducing the new Senior Team [here](#). **Mr R H Stark**

Year 13 – Leavers Assembly

Students & staff enjoyed a special assembly to mark the end of school for Year 13 students on Friday. A link to the news item on the school website can be found [here](#). A big thank you goes to all Year 13 parents for your support over the last two years. **Mr R H Stark**

Year 13 – Leavers Dance

A reminder that this week is the last chance to pay via ParentPay for the Dinner Dance taking place on 9th July. **Mr R H Stark**

Year 13 Arrangements

Details for Year 13 students & parents, including examination procedures, expectations & book returns, can be found [here](#). **A reminder that if Year 13 students are coming in to school for an exam, they should be in standard uniform and not their leavers hoodies.** **Mr R H Stark**

Sixth Form Parking

A reminder that students driving to school & parking in Twyford Gardens & surrounding roads must park considerately & ensure they are not blocking driveways or leaving insufficient space for vehicles such as fire engines to pass. Any student wishing to drive to school must register their car details with Mr Munro and sign the school driving policy. **Mr R H Stark**

Sixth Form Sickness Policy whilst in school

If students feel unwell whilst in school, they must go to the medical room. A member of the SFMT will be informed, who will then decide on what action to take. Students **must not self-certify** and sign out at Reception, otherwise this will be treated as truancy and sanctioned accordingly. **Mr R H Stark**

New Post-18 this week:

Year 13 Apprenticeship Success: Congratulations to Dominic Rowe and Matthew Duffy who have prestigious degree apprenticeships offers from a number of companies. Read more [here](#).

Year 13 Medical Applications Success: Congratulations also to Lily Wellock (Deputy Head Girl), Ben Tang and Shalom Joseph on gaining conditional offers to study Medicine at Leeds, Birmingham and King's College London respectively.

Year 13 Post-18 Summary: Our Year 13 cohort have received a fantastic range of offers despite the increased competition for places this year. There was a 78% positive response rate to the all the different course choices submitted and over 70 students have received offers from all their choices. In addition to our 6 Oxbridge and 3 Medicine conditional places, over 30% of all offers are from Russell Group universities including the likes of Imperial, LSE, Durham and Warwick.

Year 12 Parents/Carers Post-18 Newsletters: Parents and carers might wish to register for the following:

- [UCAS Parents Newsletter](#)
- [Cambridge Parent/Carer/Supporter Newsletter](#) for prospective applicants

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Year 13 Post-18 Key Dates:

Date	Subject	Notes
20 th May Now passed	Student Finance Deadline Students starting courses Sept/Oct BUT YOU CAN STILL APPLY	More information: here . Do not need to have made choices. Do not apply if have applied for deferred entry in 2023. Applications can be made after this date but it is no longer guaranteed that it will be processed in time for start of term
9 th June 14 days left	Accepting UCAS Offers Deadline Students need to make their Firm and Insurance choices by this date or lose all their offers	Still over 40 students to do this. They have been sent a reminder to their registered UCAS email. Even if unlikely to go to Uni, it is still worth doing this as an ultimate back up plan. It is just one button press to decline a place after Results Day More information: Replying to Offers UCAS NEXT STEPS

Year 12 Post-18 Key Dates:

Date	Subject	Notes
7 th June	UCAS Apply Education UCAS process explained and registrations started	Although UCAS portal opens earlier, students must wait until this education session to start a UCAS application
13 th June	Tutor Feedback on 1st Draft PS	Students should receive feedback from their PS reviewer
13–17 th June	Gateway Exams	Study Leave
20–24 th June	Work Experience	No lessons in school
29 th June	2nd Draft PS Deadline	Students to submit 2 nd draft PS
Summer Term	Post-18 Visits/Tasters University Open Days, industry tasters and insight events	Check events in Careers Notices and Bulletins. Requests for absence to be made in advance to Mr Stark or Mr Munro. Also use summer weekends and holidays to visit the localities of universities/employers to get a feel for the environment Uni Open Days Calendar

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Year 10

Year 10 Work Experience

Nearly all students now have a private placement or a placement allocated by the school. In either case and if not done so already, it is essential that students contact their prospective employer to reconfirm and clarify details of their placement; first-day arrangements, timings, dress code etc. I am in receipt of several emails from employers who have **yet to hear from students**. Including the half-term break, **Work Experience is just two-and-a-half weeks away**. Because of late submission, some students will receive their information paperwork very late, however it is essential that all Health & Safety slips are returned, signed by both students and parents/carers. Work Experience diaries will be issued after half-term; these need to be completed by students on a daily basis and will be collected in after the work experience week. Finally, on their last day, students may like to show their appreciation to employers by way of a token gift ('Biscuit Friday' etc) – although not obligatory - I'm sure it would be very much appreciated. Many thanks. **Mr A. Ardin**

1. **Students to contact employers ASAP**
2. **Diaries will be distributed and must be completed during Work Experience**
3. **Not obligatory, but perhaps a modest thank you gift to employers on the last day of Work Experience**

Year 9

Before School Cricket Nets Cancelled – Friday 27th May

Before school cricket nets for year 9 students are cancelled on Friday 27th May 2022.

Careers, Opportunities & Competitions



*There are many more opportunities for Years 12 & 13 in the
6th Form Bulletin - issued every 2 weeks by Mrs Price.*

***Please note, students can find the careers section of the
parent bulletin in the 'Others' area of the Q Pool File***

Click [here](#) for this week's Careers News

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**TBSHS Golf Umbrella
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(You'll need one at Jobbers Wood!)