

The Bishop's Stortford High School

Parental Bulletin



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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.

Thank you
A.D.Fraser

School lunches - Daily Spend Limit

We have increased the **daily spend limit from £6.00 to £7.50** this spend limit has been in place since the payment system became live, due to the number of students coming to the office having purchased items at break and having insufficient spend limit we have had to review this. Parents who have requested either a larger figure or reduced figure we have tried to adjust sensitively to follow your wishes. Any parent/guardian who would like this reduced please email finance@tbshs.org with any requests to either reduce or increase these limits. **School lunches are now £2.95, please ensure students accounts are topped up.**

Services for Young People HCC

Please find below links to leaflets of projects running in East Herts for young people and parents.

[LGBT](#), [Friday Night Project](#), [LGBT Online](#), [East Herts Summer 2022](#)

Years 9-13 Careers in the Police – Lunchtime Stand & Afternoon Workshop

On Friday 6th May, we look forward to welcoming members of Hertfordshire Constabulary who are visiting TBSHS to promote careers in the police.

Between 1pm-2pm there'll be a careers stand set up immediately outside the Sixth form Centre, and during form time 3pm-3.30pm, students in Years 9-13 may attend the Workshop in Room 7.

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Sixth Form

Year 12 Post-18 Gateway Exams

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 Week - 20th to 24th June

Students should now have some work experience arranged. For any students struggling to find a placement, please encourage them to think outside the box, perhaps by asking at a primary school & seeking coaching opportunities. The deadline for handing completed forms to Mrs Jonas is 20th May and will come around all too quickly. Full information and associated paperwork is available on the website. **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Leavers' Arrangements

Details for Year 13 students & parents, including examination procedures, expectations & leavers' assembly, can be found [here](#). **Mr R Stark**

Sixth Form Parking

A reminder that students should be parking considerately & taking care not to block residents' driveways. It may be helpful to refer to the driving policy, which can be found [here](#). **Mr R Stark**

Year 13 Post-18:

Date	Subject	Notes
20 May	Student Finance Deadline Students starting courses Sept/Oct	More information: here
9 June	Accepting UCAS Offers Deadline Students need to make their Firm and Insurance choices by this date or lose all their offers.	More information: Replying to Offers . <u>UCAS NEXT STEPS</u>

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Year 12 Post-18:

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22 April	Business Professional Interviews Now completed.	Our visiting interviewers were very impressed by our students. Feedback from Yr12 has been requested via short online survey
25 and 27 April	Application Education To support writing Personal Statements and completing job applications	All students will now have to complete a Planning Framework and first draft statement geared to a degree or job sector
13 May	Framework/Personal Statement 1st Draft deadline	Students to submit for review by assigned Sixth Form Tutor for feedback by 13 June
7 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

Year 11

Year 11 Sixth Form Applications Update

Thank you to all those students who applied to our Sixth Form and who have accepted their conditional offers and booked places on our induction days. Further information about Induction will be sent nearer the time.

Mr R Stark

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PSA Summer Ball Returns

Saturday June 25th

Tickets now on Sale £45 each

(Low cost deposit available)

Summer Ball Ticket (tbshspsa.org)



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!)