

Thanks for taking the time to read this bulletin. As is customary, a range of notices for various year groups to consider.

### Higher Education and Gap Year Fair (L6th & U6th)

Compared to last year the forecast looks good, and we are looking forward to welcoming in a huge range of universities on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Huge thank you to Mr Percival and Mrs Scimia for pulling together what promises to be fantastic event on site. Full details on this [link](#), please make the most of this opportunity. This is targeted directly at L6th formers, but for those U6th who are having a gap year or planning a post A Level application, attendance is encouraged.

### Futures Workshops (U6th)

We are looking forward to the workshops on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, which have been planned to minimize lesson disruption and to not interfere with your preparations for mock examinations. Many thanks to most of the year group who have confirmed their selections for these activities, for those who haven't can I ask you to do so by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, to avoid your workshops been allocated at random. There's lots of choice, full details on this [link](#).

### Mock Assessment Centre Morning (L6<sup>th</sup>)

This is probably my favourite event of the year, and many thanks to the half of the year group who attended the Societies Hour briefing and workshop about this activity on Monday. The other houses are due next week, where you will be making a start / refining your CV, ready to submit to your HSM by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I'll send through some further information about the mock interviews, but you may find the following [video](#) useful in terms of preparation. The structure it suggests is highly recommended and will be relevant for many of the questions you are likely to face on the day.

### Higher & Degree Apprenticeships (All)

This week is 'National Apprenticeship Week' and serves as another reminder of the number of Higher & Degree level programmes there are now available for your consideration. Dr Kowenicki flagged to me this recent [article](#) which is an interesting development in terms of making apprenticeships slightly easier to locate and apply to from 2024. In the meantime, if you are considering this option and require some assistance, please let me know, particularly if you are in Sixth Form. I would be delighted to offer some pointers.

### Speedy Futures Talks (5<sup>th</sup>)

I probably need to come up with a better name, but a nod to March for the 5<sup>th</sup> form where across three different societies hours we are welcoming in several professionals from a diverse range of backgrounds to speak you about their careers, for c12mins, before you move to the next speaker. You will see at least 3 speakers in the space of 45minutes and I have no doubt it will help your future planning. Dates for Boarding Houses as follows:

<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March</i>	Severn Hill, Port Hill, Mary Sidney Hall, Moser's to attend
<i>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</i>	Ridgemount, Oldham's, Emma Darwin Hall, Rigg's and Ingram's to attend
<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March</i>	Grove, Radbrook, Churchill's and School House to attend

### Work Experience (5<sup>th</sup>)

Mr Boyes and I have enjoyed visiting you in Houses in recent weeks and we are looking forward to retuning from the half term break and seeing lots of your placements now detailed on Unifrog. If you are really struggling to locate something suitable, make an appointment to see Mr Boyes after the half term break, he would be delighted to help.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain