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Parkside Sixth Bulletin
10 February 2023

Next Week – Half Term

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February - school closed.

Half Term Catch Up Dy

I have emailed students who are behind on EE, TOK, CAS or IAs asking them to attend a catch up day on **Monday 13th February 9am-3pm in the Eden Centre.**

Students will be supervised to complete their work independently and quietly and should be emailing completed drafts to their teachers before they leave.

If you have not been invited, but would like to have a focused day of work at school, you are still welcome. Please email me to let me know you plan to attend.

Some notices about UCAS

If you have used all 5 choices and are not holding any offers (e.g. if you decline them all) you could use EXTRA which opens 23rd February. [Find out more.](#)

If you need to make changes to your application, you may need to contact the university directly. [What you need to know.](#)

Make sure you are checking Track to see your offers and spot any deadlines that appear! We will go through this in tutor time too.

[It's not too late to apply](#) although the universities are not duty bound to read and repl.

If you have applied for both an undergraduate and conservatoire course, you can accept offers though both schemes until you receive your confirmation decisions. [Find out more about UCAS Conservatoire applications.](#)

Year 12 Exam Week

Here is the assessment timetable for the week after half term. The majority of exams are in your lesson time, but a few needed at a different time so check your subjects carefully.

Group 6 does not have any exams. If you are not in an exam, you are expected to be in lessons as normal.

You **MUST** make sure you are in time for the start of exams – if you have frequent travel challenges, make sure to factor in an earlier leaving time!!

Trips and Events

Winter Fair

Year 12 and some Year 13 students ran a fantastic Winter Fair last week, and all Year 7-10 students went along. The two-day event raised £154.66 and had a great variety of stalls and activities for the lower school to take part in.



Oxbridge Day at Fitzwilliam College

On Thursday 9th February, Hannah Reed (Head of Year 12) took a group of Year 12 students for an Oxbridge day at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. The students took part in seminars, experienced a lecture, a student Q&A and went on a tour of the college.



Y13 Leavers Hoodies

To order use the link www.leavershoodies.com/parkside-sixth-form-2023-leavers

Please remember to check all the details before you submit payment and to add if you would rather have the hoodie delivered to your home address, otherwise they will deliver to the Eden as a bulk order.

Lanyards and Cards

You **MUST** remember to wear your lanyard around school for safeguarding reasons, and also sign in via InVentry.

We are going to add access rights to your student cards so that you can 'beep' in and out of Mud Lane during school hours to help reduce waiting time at the door. This is a privilege and can be revoked if needed. The main rules with this are:

- Immediately let us know if you lose your card so we can remotely revoke the access.
- Do not let anyone in behind you at the door (similar to at the Eden Centre as Jo or I will usually be there to sign them in).

CAS Opportunities & Notices

Year 12 - It was very unfortunate that we had so many problems with the internet last Tuesday, however I know that many of you used the time sensibly to plan how you are going to write any outstanding CAS up and also to discuss your ideas for your Main CAS Project. At this mid year point you should have as a **MINIMUM** at least 45 hours of CAS, all written up with suitable reflections.

Please make sure that you have filled out the CAS tracker to help you check what you have done so far.

[CAS LOG Y12 2022.xlsx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Year 13 - Only 5 weeks to go until the **final submission date of 17th March** (St Patrick's Day!) for your CAS portfolio. Use this half term wisely to ensure everything is written up properly, with adequate reflections which should be clearly marked as reflections. Fill in the CAS tracker which should help you check that you have everything in place, including a check that you have achieved all 7 learning outcomes. Your main CAS project should include evidence of your collaboration with others. I will be available in the week beginning 27th Feb. if any of you need help.

[CAS TRACKER Y13 2022-23.xlsx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Exams & Deadlines

Here are the deadlines for your IAs - [Calendar Cohort 2023.docx](#)



Exam schedule.pdf

2023 Exam Schedule

Also displayed in the Common Rooms

Reporting Absence

Reporting Absence email address: parkside-6th@ParksideCC.org.uk

If you are unable to attend a lesson, you or your parent/guardian need to email:

- Sixth Email - parkside-6th@ParksideCC.org.uk
- Rachel Biltcliffe - Rachel.Biltcliffe@ParksideCC.org.uk
- And your teacher(s)
- **If your teacher is absent and sets cover work, you need to go to see Jo who will mark you in the register. You will then complete the work in the Eden Centre ground floor classroom or the basement study room.**
- If your timetable is such that you have a day with only one lesson on it, and you have a long commute, please let Rachel Biltcliffe know rachel.biltcliffe@parksidecc.org.uk
In these circumstances, if that lesson would be cover, then we may be able to authorise working from home. This will need to be done on a case-by-case basis.
- If you have only one lesson that day, you must email rachel.biltcliffe@parksidecc.org.uk who will decide, in discussion with Mr Morrison, on a case-by-case basis regarding authorising these absences.
- **Medical appointments** should be made for outside of lesson times unless this is impossible. You may be asked to show evidence (e.g. appointment text) that this appointment has been made.

If you want to ask for a planned absence, such as university visits or holidays,

you will need to contact Mr Morrison – Craig.Morrison@ParksideCC.org.uk to receive formal permission. Or email Jo Jo.Cesaro@ParksideCC.org.uk to receive an **Absence Request Form**.

Y12 Apprenticeship

Y12 students looking for a career in this industry would be interested in these opportunities. Please see below the direct website links to the roles available.

Quantity Surveying Degree Apprenticeship, Waterbeach:

<https://kier.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/quantity-surveying-degree-apprenticeship-49866> Civil

Engineering Degree Apprenticeship: <https://kier.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/civil-engineering-degree-apprenticeship-49847>

BBC Young Reporter Competition

BBC Young Reporter Competition - Tell us a story you would like to report in 2023! We want 11 to 18-year-olds' original story ideas!

Submit your suggestion for a report by Friday 31 March 2023

For more details click the following links: [BBC - BBC Young Reporter Competition](#)

College of West Anglia

Apprenticeships offer the chance to develop your knowledge and skills and get paid at the same time.

As an apprentice, you will:

- Earn a salary
- Receive training from colleagues and tutors
- Develop knowledge and skills in your chosen career
- Gain nationally recognised qualifications

The College of West Anglia is one of the largest training providers in the region, and works with hundreds of employers across Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire in supporting students (aged 16+) through apprenticeships in a wide variety of work areas. Work-based learning is a great opportunity to combine practical experience and technical support.

[Apprenticeships \(cwa.ac.uk\)](https://www.cwa.ac.uk)

Careers Forum at The Leys

For Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13

We are delighted to be hosting a Careers Forum in Cambridge next month, as part of our school careers programme here at The Leys.

The event will take place on Saturday 4 March 2023 from 9.15am – 12pm in The Great Hall at The Leys, Trumpington Road, Cambridge, CB2 7AD.

Pupils will have an opportunity to meet face to face with a range of people as they contemplate what options might be available for their future study, employment, apprenticeship or gap year. The Forum

will involve up to 40 companies, organisations, charities and individuals representing industries, professions and businesses. It promises to be a fascinating morning and a very useful insight into a wide range of careers.

The event is free. All under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Small groups accompanied by a teacher are welcome. **Register to attend in advance -** <https://forms.office.com/e/nF1Wi43iMk>

Big Voice London Projects

Sixth form students interested in a legal career: BVL upcoming projects

BVL is a 10 year old charity that works to improve social mobility in the legal profession. We organise projects to give opportunities to state school students to understand the legal profession and gain experience to put on their CVs and personal statements. **Please view our short 'Who are we' video** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aT7C9v3uxM&ab_channel=BVL) for more information about our objectives as an organisation.

All of our projects are completely free of charge and open exclusively to state school students. More information about these projects is below **and on our website** (<https://www.bvl.org.uk/>).

You are invited to follow this link (https://www.dropbox.com/s/we345hxoiz3azods/BVL%20-%20Have%20you%20considered%20a%20career%20in%20law_.pptx?dl=0) to a PowerPoint presentation containing useful information for students about pursuing a career in the law. Aqeel H Noorali Essay Competition, **deadline for submissions: 31 March 2023.** Details on competition and how to enter here: <https://www.bvl.org.uk/aeel-h-noorali-essay-competition>. Students can sign up to receive occasional reminder emails about the deadline, here: <https://bvl-law.typeform.com/to/ktAlxbOp>.

Introduction to the Legal System Programme, deadline for applications: 6 April 2023. Details about the programme and how to enter, here: <https://www.bvl.org.uk/introduction-to-the-legal-system-project>.

Aqeel H Noorali Essay Competition

In partnership with Deka Chambers, BVL runs a legal essay writing competition in memory of barrister, Aqeel H Noorali. The top prize is £1,000 and a mini pupillage (ie, work experience in a barristers' chambers), and there are also cash prizes for runners up. Students must submit an 800 - 1200 word essay on the following proposition: *'The time has come for the United Kingdom to adopt a written constitution. Please make the case for or against this proposition'*.

The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2023.

Students must be 16 or older and attending a state school. More information here:

<https://www.bvl.org.uk/aeel-h-noorali-essay-competition>.

Students can sign up to receive occasional reminder emails about the competition deadline, here:

<https://bvl-law.typeform.com/to/ktAlxbOp>.

Introduction to the Legal System

The Introduction to the Legal System programme gives students a chance to look at a case which was recently heard in the Supreme Court. Participants will review the decision made by the court, before coming to their own conclusions and writing a report outlining their thoughts and giving their own judgments. The project also gives participants the opportunity to learn about the work of the Supreme Court - the highest court in England and Wales - and to engage with cutting edge legal

policy, while at the same time learning about the role of our legal system more broadly.

The programme runs from May to June 2023 on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm, via Zoom. Students must be 16 or older and attending a state school.

More information here: <https://www.bvl.org.uk/introduction-to-the-legal-system-project>

Medical Work Experience Week

We have a few spaces left on our residential medical work experience week left for February 2023.

This residential week is a part of our Aspiring Medics Programme, and if your students choose to join us for the residential week in February, they can get £350 off the price with the discount code **CHRISTMAS2022**.

[Flyer](#) or using this link: [Aspiring Medics Programme](#)

To remind your students what support they'll receive by joining our Aspiring Medics Programme:

Hands-on medical work experience:

- 1-week residential experience based in a London University
- Real medical cases including Cardiac Arrests and major Road Traffic Traumas
- 1 week with expert NHS Doctors
- VR and AR medical training simulations

Complete Application Support:

- 18 months of application guidance
- 2 x UCAT and 1x BMAT live teaching
- Personal statement review
- Medicine interview preparation course + in-person mock MMI

ARU Events

For Anglia Ruskin Event Schedules 2023

'Life Sciences' masterclasses

ARU are pleased to be offering the chance for staff and students to book onto our free, virtual 'Life Sciences' masterclasses – we have 4 which may be of interest!

The classes will be running throughout February and March and you can participate from the comfort of your own environment.

These are excellent opportunities for anyone with a passion for Life Sciences to delve into the industry and engage with experts from the field.

23rd Feb – session 3

[Forensic Anthropology: What can teeth tell us? Tickets, Thu 23 Feb 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

2nd March – session 4

[Antimicrobial Resistance \(AMR\): The "silent pandemic" Tickets, Thu 2 Mar 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Pembroke University of Cambridge

Open Days & Visiting Us - July and September 2023 Our open days are designed to show prospective students, parents, carers and teachers what we are like as a College and give you a chance to see if we might be the place for you! Bookings for July 2023 will open in May via the [University of Cambridge Open Days page](#)

University of Lincoln

Discover Lincoln at an Open Day

Choosing what you want to study and where you want to study is an exciting and important step in realising your ambitions. The best way to find out what it is really like to live and learn at Lincoln is to join us for one of our Open Days.

Visiting us in person is important and will help you to get a real feel for what it might be like to study here. Many of our students say they knew Lincoln was for them as soon as they set foot on campus.

[Open Days and Visits](#) | [Study with Us](#) | [University of Lincoln](#)

Anglian Water Opportunities

Anglian Water are delighted to be able to share with you that the first of 55 Apprenticeships are now live. [Practical Apprentices - Anglian Water Careers](#)

Benefits of being an Apprentice As well as getting a nationally recognised qualification - Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard. You'll also benefit from all of the below perks:

- 23 days annual leave rising with the length of service
- Private health & dental care
- Fully expensed accommodation close to the training centre
- Fully expensed access tools, uniform, and Personal Protective Uniform (inclusive uniform options)
- Competitive pension scheme
- Discounted phone and gym memberships

Apprenticeship Options

- Water Recycling Technician
- Water Treatment Technician
- Water Networks Technician
- Restoration Technician
- Leakage Technician

Y12 – Nuffield Research Placements 2023

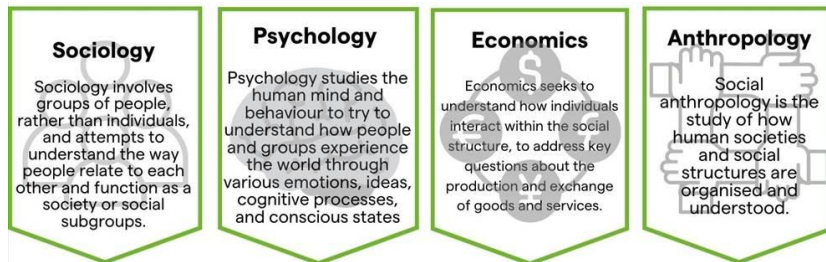
Nuffield Research Placements 2023 are still being accepted Deadline 29th March.

The scheme can offer your Year 12 students exciting, **on-site/hybrid two week*** STEM/Social Science summer placements in industry, universities, and local organisations.

Undertaking a placement will inspire and motivate students and help give them the skills and confidence they need to get a place at a top university. **Pending Government and organisation guidelines and restrictions* [Nuffield Research Placements | STEMPOINT East](#)

Please note: This scheme is aimed at students who come from low-income families, or don't have a family history of going to university. We want more students from these backgrounds to apply and can offer them financial support to do so.

Students should apply to the programme if they wish to pursue a career in a STEM related role. This also includes Social Sciences as we have a wonderful range of projects available.



Y12 - MEDSOC Resources

These might be useful for any MEDSOC meetings coming up soon.

Article 1 - [Why Reflection is Important in Your Medical School Application](#)

Article 2 - [Benefits of Volunteering in a Care Setting](#)

Interviews can be a stressful time for students, so we have created a little preparation list for them!

Article 1 - [What to take with you to your medical school interviews](#)

We have also refreshed our Aspiring Medics Programme for year 11/12s looking for some work experience and support during school breaks.

New Course - [Aspiring Medics Programme](#)

Medical Schools UK

Resources for Medicine Applicants - To help your aspiring medics keep up with all the upcoming challenges in their applications we have two helpful resources.

Report - [Statistical Overview of Applying to Medical School in the UK](#) - Ideal year 12s

Article - [All UK Medical Schools Interview Processes](#) - Ideal year 13s

Fitzwilliam College

Fitzwilliam College 2023 Essay Competition

Fitz are delighted to have announced the 2023 Essay competitions. This year we will be re-running essay competitions in Ancient World and Classics, Archaeology, History, Land Economy, and Medieval World.

We will additionally be running an Architecture design competition, and a new essay competition in Economics for state-schooled UK students only. Further particulars can be found in the link at the bottom, and the questions for each competition using the links below.

[Ancient World and Classics](#)

[Archaeology](#)

[Economics](#) (for state-school UK students only - please see link for details on eligibility)

[History](#)

[Land Economy](#)

[Medieval World](#)

[Architecture](#) – students wishing to enter the Architecture Design Competition may find this [plan of Fitzwilliam College](#) and information on the [history of Fitzwilliam's buildings](#) useful.

Pathway CTM Opportunities

Amazing apprenticeship opportunities in Leeds, which are currently open for applications. Details of the apprenticeship opportunities can be found on our [website](#), and if students require support with their applications, our student support team, led by Max, can offer support through our weekly online sessions to help students navigate the process.

[Ask Me Anything, weekly Wednesday sessions](#)



<https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/>

Your Heart Hospital

Upcoming event 'Your Heart Hospital' at Royal Papworth Hospital, **taking place on the 31st March 2023.**

If you are in **years 12-13** and interested in a career within healthcare and the NHS, come and join us to know more about the heart, lungs, and their function. Hear talks from specialists in this field and have a better understanding of the patient pathway and what they go through

during treatment and their stay at RPH. Come and learn about the wide range of jobs and careers available in 'Your Heart Hospital'.

To register for this event please follow the link below and complete the application form:

[Insight programmes | CUH Careers](#) [Insight programmes | CUH Careers](#)

Please state on the form you would like to attend the 'Your Heart Hospital' Event.

Please return the completed application to cuh.workexperience.addenbrookes@nhs.net

Gresham College

GRESHAM COLLEGE: FREE LECTURES

https://camacademicpartnership.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/Section_PKSYear12/Shared%20Documents/General/2023%20LECTURES.docx?d=wde21a6281bb04b5aa0402b14c689cc7b&csf=1&web=1&e=2xSSk5

Y12 - Work Experience

The Babraham Institute is partnering with [In2ScienceUK](#) to offer work experience placements for Year 12 students in summer 2023.

This programme is free to take part in, and In2ScienceUK provide a bursary to cover travel costs and food during the placement.

Applications will be open through the [In2ScienceUK website](#) until **Friday 31st March 2023**. More information, including eligibility criteria, is available at the above links. If students are particularly interested in a placement with the Babraham Institute, they should mention this in their application.

Y12 & 13 - St Anne's College

St Anne's College, Oxford - Opportunities / Ancient Drama Competition (Y12 & 13) – [Do you love drama?](#) [Do Greek and Roman myths inspire you?](#) Enter our competition and be in with a chance to WIN £100. For UK students aged 13-18 years, we invite you to perform a piece of drama from the ancient world.

Send a video of your performance to us by Friday 10 March 2023 and your work will be judged by experts from the [Faculty of Classics at the University of Oxford](#) and [The Archive of Performances of Greek & Roman Drama](#) (APGRD). Everything you need to know and details about how to enter can be found on the [competition page](#). There are 4 prizes of £100 and all winners and shortlisted entries will receive a certificate.

This competition is one of our outreach initiatives designed to inspire young people to find out more about classics as a subject that can be studied at university. The University of Oxford is home to the largest [Faculty of Classics](#) in the world. Our students choose from a huge range of courses and benefit from incredible tutors, libraries, and resources. Whether you want to learn languages, read literature, explore the effect of the past on the present, or learn to apply science to arts, classics at Oxford has something for everyone.

<https://clasoutreach.web.ox.ac.uk/ancientdramaprize2023>

UK University & Apprenticeship Fair

London, Leicester & Birmingham events will be returning in March.

The fairs will take place in London on **Friday 3rd March** at the **Tottenham Hotspur Stadium** [see details here](#), in Leicester on **Friday 17th March** at the **King Power Stadium** [see details here](#) and in Birmingham on **Friday 24th March** at **Edgbaston** cricket ground [see details here](#). (Please see our full March schedule of events at www.ukuniversitysearch.com)

Our Springtime events will feature a vast array of exhibiting universities from Russell Group, redbrick and modern institutions, as well apprenticeship providers and colleges. The fairs provide students with all of the guidance they need, from choosing the right University/HE course, to gaining an overview of the range of academic and career pathways they can pursue. The events are **ideal to inspire and motivate Year 12s and 11s** who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices.

The fairs are also a great opportunity for any undecided Year 13s who need help and guidance. They **completely free of charge**. A multitude of exhibitors including **Russell Group, modern institutions, and apprenticeship providers** - A range of seminars including: **UCAS personal statement, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, Life at University and Student Finance**.

- Expert advice from university and apprenticeship providers.

- All students will be provided with a free online UK University & Apprenticeship Search Options Magazine **and many other promotional items around the exhibition**. Email Jude at jude@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk for London: Max max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk for Leicester or Andreea: andreea@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk for Birmingham.

Online Support for Young People

Chat Health - In case of crisis, please contact 111 - option 1 for physical health, option 2 for mental health.

CEOP www.ceop.co.uk **Report Abuse**

[HTTPS://WWW.CEOP.POLICE.UK/SAFETY-CENTRE](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) - Helps children stay safe online. Has someone acted inappropriately towards you online or a young person you know, it may be sexual chat, being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable?

YoungMinds - [children and young people's mental health charity](#)

Childline [HTTP://WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK](http://www.childline.org.uk) - 0800 1111

A free, private and confidential service where you can be you. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, however you want to get in touch. We're here for you online, on the phone, anytime.

NHS Choices [HTTP://WWW.NHS.UK/NHSENLAND/ABOUTNHSSERVICES/MENTAL-HEALTH-SERVICES-EXPLAINED/PAGES/ACCESSING%20SERVICES.ASPX](http://www.nhs.uk/nhsenland/aboutnhservices/mental-health-services-explained/pages/accessing%20services.aspx)

Samaritans [HTTP://WWW.SAMARITANS.ORG/ABOUT-US](http://www.samaritans.org/about-us) Talk to us any time you like, your own way, and off the record – about whatever's getting to you.

line Counselling

Kooth is a website that offers free online counselling for young people in Cambridgeshire.

We are all facing difficulties with the current government restrictions, so if you as a young person are struggling emotionally this could be a good place to get some support.
<https://www.kooth.com>



Free, safe and anonymous
online support for young people

Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm
Saturday - Sunday 6pm - 10pm

HelpAtParkside

If you have any worries or concerns about a student at our school:

- Form tutor
- Head of year
- Any teacher you feel comfortable talking to.
- A member of the safeguarding team – look out for the purple lanyards
- Students can self-refer here bit.ly/HelpAtParkside

Other Diary Dates

Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 1 May
Half Term (school closed)	29 May – 2 June
INSET Days (school closed)	Thursday 6 & Friday 7 July
Last Day of Term	Thursday 20 July 2023

Social Media

For our Parkside Sixth news and events follow us on Facebook/twitter!



Facebook - Parkside Sixth Twitter - @ParksideSixth



For anything else, check our website <https://www.parksidecc.org.uk/sixth>



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