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Parkside Sixth Bulletin
March 10, 2023

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).

Attendance – final push for year 13

A quick reminder – in order to ensure you have the greatest probability of achieving in your final exams, you need to have high levels of attendance.

In order to support you with this, we are:

- Having mentor sessions
- Running meetings with David Dobson, our sixth form governor (invites have been sent out)
- Wake up calls!
- A trip to the beach with mini-golf thrown in too – for all students with 95%+ attendance for this half term!

Y13 - Study Leave

Study leave will start Monday 24th April.

If your attendance is above 95% (excluding study leave), and you wish your study leave to start at Easter, then you can email me rachel.biltcliffe@parksidecc.org.uk

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.](#)

Exams & Deadlines

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

Y13 Exams

Start 27 April 2023

Finish 19 May 2023



Exam schedule.pdf

Sixth Form Events

International Women's Day – March 8th

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th our sixth formers had a potluck lunch, and we ran focus groups where pupils could talk about equality, women's achievements and equity in schools. Pupils then created poems, posters and drawings to mark the day. Well done to all who took part in the lunch time celebration! Hannah (Head of Year 12)





Sixth Form Library

INTRODUCING: PARKSIDE LIBRARY FOR SIXTH FORMERS!

CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) Opportunities - ☉ - focussed workspace - ☉ - course resources.

The Parkside Library is the perfect place for:

- ★ focussed time to catch up on coursework
- ★ finishing homework
- ★ finding resources for any course: textbooks, DVDs, fiction/nonfiction
- ★ accessing school computers
- ★ meeting with teachers for additional support

Email Ms Cano Anna.Cano-Martinez@ParksideCC.org.uk

or drop by the library for more information - working hours are flexible and there are a variety of tasks to help with.

[Attachments - OneDrive \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

CAS Opportunities & Notices

Y12s

Please fill in the CAS log (see below). If you haven't already read the CAS booklet which I have put into all your portfolios, please do so for advice on how you should record your CAS. Checking through Year 12 portfolios I can see that some of you simply list hours. Every CAS activity should have a proper introduction explaining what you hope to

achieve and should give full details of the activity. You should also be careful to verify what you have done through the use of photos, certificates and attendance data. Year 13s have been writing their final CAS reflection and I will include some of their advice on how to manage CAS over the next few weeks.

'For year 12s starting CAS I would give the following advice: start early with your work to ensure you reach 50 hours in each section, Log your hours as you go to avoid spending hours logging everything in the last minute, likewise with reflections, and finally, the quicker you reach the target 150 hours, the more time you have left for coursework and exam revision.'

'Some advice I would strongly give to the new Year 12s is to try and find an activity they enjoy, rather than feel like they must complete just because of CAS. It will be more fun having to do an activity you enjoy rather than the one you're obligated to. Also, I would suggest organising your time as much as possible, so later you don't struggle with it. '

Useful links:

[CAS booklet 2022 NNE - Updated.docx](#)

[CAS LOG Y12 2022.xlsx](#)

Y13s

FINAL SUBMISSION DATE – Friday 17th March (St Patrick's Day!)

Please ensure that you have created a folder marked 'Final Reflection' - and look at what you need to cover in it by visiting the advice given in the former sixth form bulletins.

You must fill in the CAS tracker (link below), and ensure that all your reflections are cleared marked as reflections.

At the end of each of the activities you have written about (with strong contributory evidence for what you have done) you should not only list the outcomes which you have achieved but explain exactly HOW you feel you have achieved them. It is NOT ENOUGH TO LIST THEM without any explanation!

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

Norma - CAS Coordinator Norma.Neeson@ParksideCC.org.uk

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 sign in with Jo in the Eden Office, **OR** Anna, Parkside Library, to then complete any set work or homework in the Eden basement study room or the Pks Library, and only then we will mark you present in the registers.
- 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**.

Finance Workshop at The Leys

For your Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 pupils

We are delighted to be hosting a new '**Careers in Finance Workshop**' event next month, as part of our careers programme here at The Leys.

The event will take place on **Thursday 16 March 2023 from 16.00 – 19.00 in The Great Hall at The Leys.**

It is free and is **ideal for those interested in accountancy, taxation, business advisory/recovery or corporate finance, and learning more about these areas as a potential career choice.**

It promises to be a fascinating insight into the different roles within business advisory and finance as well as learning about the routes into these professions.

We are delighted that this event has been fully **supported by PEM**, the largest firm of accountants, tax and business advisers based in Cambridge. As well as talks and an opportunity to network, there will be a series of real case studies and issues faced in practice that pupils will have the opportunity to try out in small groups, run by a team of PEM experts and recent graduates.

The event is **open to all students in Sixth Form and Year 11 across Cambridgeshire.**

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please do ensure that your pupils register early to attend - <https://forms.office.com/e/7JQwXtCWrg>

Cambridge Festival

Interest in volunteering with the Cambridge Festival. The programme has now launched and you can view it here: [Cambridge Festival - from the University of Cambridge](#)
 You can read a role description [here](#) and watch an information video about being a volunteer with us [here](#).
 If you are interested in volunteering with us, please find our expression of interest form [here](#) – please download a copy, fill it out and send it back to me.

The events we most need cover for are:

Date & Time	Location	Type of Event
17 March, evening	Old Divinity School	launch event with sponsors and dignitaries
18 March, all day	Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology, Long Rd or West Cambridge	Families and local communities - hands-on activities and workshops
21 and 22 March, 9am - 4pm	Babbage Lecture Theatre and/or Lecture Theatre A	School talks for 8 - 14 year olds (information about these events is already available here: https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/schools-programming)
20 and 23 March, evening	Old Divinity School	Adult talks
25 and 26 March, 9am - 4pm	New Museums site - Exam Halls, Babbage Lecture Theatre, Lecture Theatre A	Hands-on activities, workshops and family talks
27 March - 31 March, evening	Babbage Lecture Theatre, Lecture Theatre A	adult talks

Young Person's Volunteering Programme

Applications for the summer cohort of the Young Person's Volunteering Programme at Cambridge University Hospitals **remain open until midnight on Sunday 19th March.**

The YPP is a great way for young people to develop transferable skills, give back to the community, and gain insight into a clinical care environment. We also run weekly 'Healthcare Information Sessions' alongside the volunteering placements, where a range of CUH professionals will give a talk about their field and answer questions.

We welcome applications from all young people aged 16-18, and students will be able to apply directly via our website from next Monday: [Young Person's Programme \(16-19\) - Our Volunteers \(cuh.org.uk\)](#)

Y13 – Apprenticeship Opportunities

We have an exciting opportunity for your Year 13 students in applying for a Level 4 or Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship in Software Development or Technology and studying a STEM subject at A-level, BTEC or equivalent.

FREE online Software Development and Technology Application Masterclass with Arm

Arm are intrinsic to the development of technology in billions of products, which touch the lives of more than 80% of the world's population.

From bankers to farmers, students to surgeons, and start-ups to leading companies, they are bringing people and devices increasingly together as they shape the connected world.

[Students can register here](#)

UK University & Apprenticeship Fair

London, Leicester & Birmingham events:

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 are 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.

Free Bike Marking in Cambridge

We're now preparing for our next event at Cambridge City Station in Station Road on 28 March.

We will be there between 4pm and 8pm to mark your bikes with [BikeRegister](#) for free.

The process takes about 10 minutes and follows the below steps:

- 1. Add your bike details to the National Police-approved database**
- 2. Mark and protect your bike with a security marking kit**
- 3. Reduce the risk of theft by warning thieves that your bike is marked and increase the chances of you being reunited with it if it happens to get stolen.**

You'll need to bring your bike and frame number with you (this can normally be found on the bottom bracket of the bike. We also ask that you register with [BikeRegister](#) before you arrive.

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 \(cwa.ac.uk\)](#)

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/we345hxoizazods/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/aqeel-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/aqeel-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>

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](#)

Anglia Ruskin – 'It's a Drama Thing'

ARU Theatre Festival Workshops - 'It's a Drama Thing'

Our ARU third year drama and musical theatre students are running a Theatre Festival and you are invited!

There are 3 different workshops that will run between the **end of March up until the end of May** and are hosted either on your school/college site, or at our Cambridge Campus.

The 3 sessions are;

Samba: Dance improvisation and body positivity workshop with live music

approx. 2 hours long session

Suitable for up to 20 pupils

Secondary school year group or mixed year groups

Possible dates: 25th March - 12th May

Performing History: Adapting Text and Devising from Historical Sources

Approx. 2 hours long session

Suitable for up to 20 pupils

Year 11 students, College students

Suitable for Drama/Eng Lit/History students

Possible dates: 25th March - 12th May

Behind the Scenes: Stage Management and Technical Theatre Backstage tour and Workshop

Approx. 2 hour session

Suitable for up to 30 pupils

Year 9 students and above, College students

Possible dates: 25th March - 12th May

Medicine Camp

We have a few spaces left on our **Medicine Camp during the April half term.**

Course date: 2nd April - 8th April 2023

Course type: 6 days residential

Location: London (UK)

Ages: 15+

Included:

- 28 hours medical work experience
- Taught by experienced NHS Doctors
- Hands-on medical work experience
- Expert medical school application seminars
- Mock medical school interviews
- Entrance examination sessions (UCAT & BMAT)
- Accommodation and food included

Information <https://educationprojects.co.uk/courses/uk-medical-work-experience-course/>

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](#)

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](#)

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.



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

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

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.

University of Sheffield

At the University of Sheffield, throughout Spring and Summer there are a number of opportunities for your students to experience what it is like to study different subjects at university. All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university.

We will be running future sessions throughout **Spring/Summer 2023**, register via

[please register your interest](#) or keep an eye on our [webpage](#) for updates.

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](#)

Online 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

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.

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

Last Day of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
Term Starts	Monday 17 April 2023
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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