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Wishing all a lovely Easter Holiday

Diary Dates

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

Exams & Deadlines

Just a few weeks to go – keep it up year 13!

We have Easter revision open on Tuesday and Wednesday and I have invited specific students who I expect to see. Any students I have not invited are still welcome!

The school is changing Internet Service Provider on Monday, so the Eden Centre will still be open if you wish to have a quiet space to work, but there will be no wifi so come prepared.

Y13 Exams

Start 27 April 2023

Finish 19 May 2023



Exam schedule.pdf

Study Plans

If you wish to have support writing a study plan for the final few weeks before exams, please arrange a meeting with me (rachel.biltcliffe@parksidecc.org.uk) on Monday or Tuesday when you're in for Easter revision.

Offers and Results – Year 13

Reminder about deadlines:

- If you receive your last decision on or before 18 May 2023, your reply date is **8 June 2023** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before 12 July 2023, your reply date is 17 July 2023 (including Extra choices).

If you have not yet completed the [form](#) giving me permission to share your results directly with UCAS and any international universities please do so now. The deadline for submitting this is **10th June 2023** to ensure that the results are released to the universities on results day. Requests made after this may lead to a delay in sharing your results with the university. <https://forms.office.com/e/UfEfKGHNEc>

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.](#)

CAS Opportunities & Notices

Y12

A reminder that I will be checking on the first day of the summer term that a minimum of 60 hours of CAS is fully written up (see CAS booklet for advice on this), with supporting evidence. You also need to fill out the CAS log (see below) and put down your ideas for your main CAS project (which needs to be both long terms. around a term in length, and collaborative (you need to work with others), in your main CAS project folder.

Any students who are not up to date by the first day will be booked into supervised study lessons to give them the opportunity to catch up.

Some more advice from Year 13 students -

'To future IB students, my advice is to embrace every opportunity you are given, challenge yourself, and always strive to learn something new. I would encourage future IB students to seek out service opportunities or any other activities that align with their passions and interests, as these experiences can be some of the most meaningful and rewarding aspects of the program'.

ReMake and ReSource art workshop at the Fitzwilliam Museum – Saturday 29th April 2023 – 2-4p.m. Cost £5 -

Create contemporary textiles with artist Lucyna Mazur taking inspiration from the embroidered pieces featured in the display Mediterranean Embroideries. No previous sewing experience is necessary, and you are welcome to bring along your own fabrics (excluding denim).

This of course could count towards CAS creative and might inspire you to take up embroidery and needlework!

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

[CAS LOG Y12 2022.xlsx](#)

Y13s - [CAS TRACKER Y13 2022-23.xlsx](#)

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

Rome University

LuiSS University of Rome!

A first Virtual Open Day. TOMORROW - Saturday, **April 1st, at 11.00 a.m. CEST (GMT+2).**

Click on the link for more information [this registration link](#)

(Barnard Castle) – Manufacturing Technician Apprentice

GSK still have a Level 4 apprenticeship role open for students to apply for which closes on 10th April. Pathway CTM will be on hand to offer support with the application process and help students with interview preparation.

(Barnard Castle) – Manufacturing Technician Apprentice

As a manufacturing apprentice at GSK Ware, you will develop practical skills that will enable you to become a key member of their team – producing life-saving treatments for their patients. You will also attend college where you will work towards nationally recognised qualifications (including BTEC and HNC).

Deadline to apply 10th April

Apply here: <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/manufacturing-technician-apprentice-gsk/>

[Support with your Application](#)

For application support, students can book in a free 1-1 support call with our student team: <https://calendly.com/student-mentoring-with-max/student-mentoring?month=2023-03>

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.

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 Summer Camp

Exciting news about our 2023 Medicine Summer Camp.

This Summer we will be using our brand new multi-million pound simulation centre. Students will be gaining their work experience with some of the world's most advanced medical technology, patient simulators, medical actors, VR and AR equipment. And this summer students will experience 25% more medical cases than ever before! We expect our Summer places to fill up quickly.

Course: Aspiring Medics Programme (Summer 2023)

Dates: 16th July, 23rd July or 30th July

Spaces: 24

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

And as a partner school and a thank you for supporting us this year, we have a 15% off for your students with the code: **PARTNERSCHOOL15**

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/>

Workshops at the Leys

FOR ALL YEAR 11, YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13 PUPILS,

We are delighted to be hosting a '**Legal Skills Workshop**' event in April, as part of our careers programme at The Leys. The event will take place on **Thursday 20 April 2023 in The Great Hall at school.** Registration is from 4pm with the event welcome at 4.30pm. The event will finish at 7pm.

Ideal for those who may be interested in a career in the law and who would like to learn more about becoming a solicitor or barrister as a potential career choice.

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 using this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/K0tXNpNrgW>

We are delighted that this event has been fully supported by Tees, a Legal 500 top tier firm with offices across the region including in Cambridge. It promises to provide a fascinating insight into the legal system, career paths into law and a day in the life of both a solicitor and a barrister. As well as talks and an opportunity to network, there will be a series of real legal dilemmas and issues faced in practice that pupils will have the opportunity to try out in small groups, run by a team of lawyers from Tees and recent law graduates.

Also - FOR ALL YEAR 11, YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13 PUPILS across Cambridgeshire

A '**Medical Ethics Workshop**' event in April, as part of our careers programme at The Leys.

The event will take place on **Thursday 27 April 2023 in The Great Hall at school.** Registration is from 4pm with the event welcome at 4.30pm. The event will finish at 7pm.

It is free and **ideal for those with an interest in studying Medicine and those studying Ethics as part of Religious Studies & Theology.**

We are delighted that this event will be supported by Cambridge University Surgical Society (CUSS) with our guest speaker to be Dr Zoe Fritz, Consultant Physician and Wellcome Fellow in Society and Ethics, University of Cambridge. As well as an opening talk and an opportunity to network, there will be a series of real medical ethical dilemmas and issues faced in practice that pupils will have the opportunity to try out in small groups.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please do ensure that your pupils register early to attend using this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/FWUTK4jQji>

Russell Group Webinars

Free Meet the Russell Group Webinars taking place on April 25th, 26th & 27th.

Each webinar will run either during an afternoon (12:00 - 13:30 pm) or evening session (18:00 - 19:30 pm) and cover topics such as Personal Statements & Applying to a RG University, Researching University Options and Student life, as well as a special session for International Students. **This is an incredible opportunity for students considering applying for Cambridge, Oxford, LSE, Bristol or any of the 24 Russell Group Universities.**

Students, teachers, and parents can sign up for each webinar via the registration link below. Please click [here](#) for further information.

London event again on **23rd June** and **29th September** at **Tottenham Stadium**.

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.

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>.

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>

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 \(cwa.ac.uk\)](http://cwa.ac.uk)

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

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:

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](#)

University of Lincoln Open Days

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 Apprentices

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

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 update.

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/NHSENGLAND/ABOUTNHSSERVICES/MENTAL-HEALTH-SERVICES-EXPLAINED/PAGES/ACCESSING%20SERVICES.ASPX](http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/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

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>

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 register with one of the following staff:**

- Jo – Eden Office / Fern - Pks Reception Desk / or with Anna – Pks Library

Then complete any set work or homework in the Eden basement study room or Parkside Library, and only then we will mark you present in the register.

- 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.

Absence request forms are situated in the trays outside the Eden Office.
Or email Jo.Cesaro@ParksideCC.org.uk to receive a copy.