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A message from our head girl Rahma Zaid

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well and glad to be back at school again! I know the struggle that it takes to get back to a 'normal' routine again- not being able to sleep through form and the return to our full lessons and shorter breaks, but it's good to be able to have human interaction again. With so much uncertainty and unknown, I can only encourage you to remember your end goal and what you're working towards even if at the moment it seems difficult or 'far' away, find what motivates you and keep working hard because you may not see the benefit of it now but at the end, you will be grateful for your achievements and hard work. My advice for Year 12 would be to research your future options and get involved in as MANY extracurricular activities as you can (even if it's online), they are your key to standing out from the crowd who will all have the same grades as you as well as finding what truly interests you!. For the Year 13s, I would like to say that we are nearly there and I admire everyone's resilience to getting through this hectic year, keep working hard because the grades will be worth it!

If anyone would like any advice on A-levels, revision, extra-curricular, or just any suggestions to do with the sixth form please feel free to approach me or email me- rahma.zaid@walthamstow-academy.org.

Notices

In School Extra Curricular Opportunities

After half term – watch this space for more opportunities that will be coming your way.

~~Wednesday Film Club 3.15-4.15 on teams~~

~~Wednesday Cookery Club 3.14-4.13 on teams~~

~~Thursday Debate club 3.15-4.15 on teams~~

Sutton Trust

We look forward to hearing from those of you who have been offered a place to attend their summer school. Please inform your tutor and Ms O'Brien when you have been sent a confirmation email / letter telling you that you have been successful and that you will take your place.

Also, for those of you who may be interested the Sutton Trust have an amazing US program. More information to follow on this in next week's assembly.

US Program [US 2021](#)

Realising opportunities update

Congratulations and Well-done to the 25 of you who have succeeded in their application. We look forward to hearing from you and see how the program develops you. Please watch out for any emails / letters sent (check your junk box) as the sessions at UCL are compulsory. You must attend all of them to complete the course.



Mr Gill

Rafael Deus, Diana Emiliova, Honor Byrn, Victoria Brown

For keeping the faith and sticking with things.

Miss Campbell's EP class for their resilience in light of all the changes they have endured since beginning their EP journey! *You're nearly there!!*

Mr Evans

I'd like to give a mention to **Luisa** who has already completed year 1 Economics on Uplearn. *Her work ethic is phenomenal and is rightly reflected in the grades that she earns.*

Ms Ray

Asma D Yr13 for her incredible improvement in Biology, *she is extremely determined and dedicated to improve her predicted grade. She has shown a huge amount of ambition, asking for regular feedback independently from lesson and working on her exam technique during her free time to best prepare her for in class assessments.*

Miss Ray's tutor group / Bio classes for their *tolerance with remote tutor and having to shout all their answers without moaning when the mic isn't working properly.*

Mr BB Special mention to **lamah** for going above and beyond the call and revisiting her previous PPE submissions to see where improvements could be made.

Ms Obrien year 13 psychology class for being such a *resilient and driven* bunch of A level students. Especially proud of their continued efforts to succeed by working hard in preparation for their upcoming assessments.

Virtual Work Experience / Webinar / Masterclass Reminder Year 12: It is a requirement of your study programme to complete at least one Virtual Work Experience programme attended a master class (or two), join a webinar, complete a MOOC or attended a summer school this academic year and to sign up/have a confirmed place by May. Many students are successfully gaining places and Ms Obrien will support your applications. Use websites like Speakers for schools (s4snextgen.org) and the links in the bulletin to find reputable placements, as well as checking the previous Sixth Form Bulletins and Powerpoints from year 12 assemblies. These are placed onto GC. Paid or part-time work does not count.
Thank you, MS Obrien

Girton College March Events

Study Skills Meta-Cognition and Learning to Learn – 25th March 2021

Join Girton College, Cambridge in a live webinar session. This session will introduce students to the idea of metacognition, and challenge you to think about what learning styles and techniques are best for your individual learning experience. This event is intended to support students of all backgrounds in their A-level studies and transition to Higher Education.



Sign-up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145246747933>

Humanities Writing Competition

This annual competition is an opportunity for students to research and write beyond the curriculum, using one or more of the Lawrence Room museum objects, as their focus. Essays or creative responses (such as dramatic monologues or short stories) are equally welcome. They are looking for the ability to connect different areas of knowledge, to think about details and to communicate clearly.

Open to: Students in Year 12 who have an interest in the Humanities.

Prizes: Up to £200 cash and £200-worth of books from Cambridge University Press, the latter to be shared between the winning entrant/s and their school/s. The prize fund may be divided between winning entrants.

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Thursday 1st April 2021

Important Further Information here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11s3SmVw4XTE6r8s2zO53hHkn2R7aSmdc/view>

Note : You must register for the free events at least a day or two before the event takes place



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**Study Skills: Meta-Cognition
and Learning to Learn**

by Chloe Richardson [Follow](#)

Free

[Register](#)



Free Opportunities for Students

Easter Holiday Events

BT Virtual Work Experience Day – **6th April** 10:00 to 15:00

Females into STEM Insight Day – **8th April** 10:00 to 15:00

NHS Virtual Taster Day, Mental Health Focus – **15th April** 10:00 to 15:00

Further information here:

https://netsixthform.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8dedc07ce580600fe618f38c3&id=f7e81a0ba2&e=50d592cb_c2



Oxford Scholastic Academy

As Easter approaches and students start to think about how to make the most of their time in the current circumstances, we are thrilled to let you know that there are a few places left on their [online](#) Easter courses and virtual [internships](#). In particular, the Virtual Medicine [Internship](#) is now open for bookings and due to exceptionally high demand we recommend students sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Spotlight Talks

Some amazing talks are lined up from **the NHS, Fire Service, Science Council, GSK, Royal Navy, British Esports Association, Apprentices for Fire and Security** and more.

Spotlight Talks will take place on **and Thursday 25th March 2021.**

Register now: <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careersadvice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence/>



Virtual Outreach Opportunities with Oriel College and the University of Oxford

Virtual Outreach Opportunities with Oriel College and the University of Oxford Oriel's Outreach output will remain virtual until further notice. It is hoped that some in-person activities and visits will be possible by late spring/summer. Find out more Virtual Outreach programme.



Oxbridge Classics Open Day (virtual event) – 29th March 2021

The 2021 virtual Oxbridge Classics Open Day is a chance to find out more about applying to study Classics (and its joint degrees) at Oxford and Cambridge, with course presentations, taster lectures, and opportunities to ask questions to current students and academics.

Virtual BAME Humanities Study Day (University College) – 8th April 2021

Get the chance to explore what it is like to apply for and study a humanities degree at Oxford University. This virtual study day is for Year 12 students from UK State Schools who have Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME) Heritage. The event will take place live via Microsoft Teams on the **8th April from 10:00 to 14:30**. [Book here.](#)

Events are regularly added to the Oxford Outreach Calendar, which can be found [here](#)

St James's Place Wealth Management

Virtual Work Experience - Easter Holiday

Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April (9:00 to 16:00 each day)

Great opportunity for those interested in a career in the financial sector (cyber, technology, HR, marketing, investments & more)

Presentation on SJP's heritage

A day in the life of an SJP partner

Variety of presentations and interactive sessions to learn more about the industry

Opportunity to ask questions

FREE event (limited places, first come first serve)

Application Link: <https://www.research.net/r/SJP-Virtual-WEX>



Upcoming Virtual Events

21st April 2021 – 16:00 to 17:00 - Virtual True Crime

An in-depth look into an interesting but grizzly subject. A look at real crimes and their legal and criminological effect on the world. We venture to different times with Jack the Ripper, Charles Ponzi, Gypsy Rose Blanchard and more. Book here

22nd April 2021 – 16:00 to 17:30 - Criminal Investigation Day

It is over 25 years since the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a case that contributed to major changes within policing, the law and society as a whole. Investigate what happened, uncover the facts and follow the campaign to get justice with the University of Law. This day is aimed at students from year 10 through to year 13. If you are considering Law, Policing or Criminology this event is an ideal way to find out more about what careers are available in these areas. Book here



Apprenticeships

Below is a selection of the **current apprenticeship vacancies**. The first set **require you to apply now for a September start**. The second set have start dates which are too early for you but illustrate the range of areas you can apply to work in. The apprenticeship website changes regularly so you need to check it every week to make sure you don't miss an opportunity on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience in the UK

This is a flexible **virtual work experience programme** that you can tailor around you, by selecting from a choice of dates. It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join thousands of other students who are exploring healthcare careers with the help of our LIVE simulated high fidelity work experience programme! For more information follow the link below.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Lively, Engaging, Tailor Made Digital Shakespeare Sessions for A-Level Students

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust expert educators can help support classroom learning through our 'Set-Text Digital Sessions' & 'Catch-Up with Shakespeare' Conferences. Easy to build into your A Level class schedule whether learning in your classroom or remotely, our Shakespeare experts come to you DIGITALLY with lively, information packed videos and follow up LIVE lecturer engagements building student knowledge and confidence. Our engaging illustrated video talks bring to life and analyse your set-text, covering contexts, interpretations, and critical reception. The LIVE engagement sessions give students immediate access to our expert Shakespearians who will



target specific interests and queries and explore the text in finer detail. Find out more:
<https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/education/schools/a-level/>

ONLINE RESOURCES

A List of websites and apps that are helpful for managing mental health

*** Calm**

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to as well as 'sleep stories' and some guided meditations.

*** Cove**

Create music to capture your mood and express how you feel with the Cove app. Instead of words, create music to reflect emotions like joy, sadness, calm and anger. You can store your music in a personal journal, or send them to someone and let the music do the talking: www.nhs.uk/apps-library/cove/

*** Headspace**

A mindfulness app that has more of a 'podcast feel' to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.

*** NHS Every Mind Matters**

This website offers a range of mental health advice as well as an interactive quiz that is designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional/mental wellbeing:
www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

*** Stem4**

A charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers as well as encouraging them to build resilience and manage difficult emotions via online resources:
www.stem4.org.uk



Kooth

Kooth's latest campaign that centres on talking about mental health as seen in this video

<https://www.kooth.com/campaign-video>



National Career Guidance Shows 2021

Virtually on **28th April**

We're excited to announce that registration for the virtual 2021 series of National Career Guidance Shows is now open.

You're invited to register your

[National Career Guidance Shows 2021](#) free place

Enrichment BOTH YEARS

The organisation that runs **Year in Industry** also runs a scheme for all Sixth Form students called Insight into University. The course allows **students to experience STEM** (science, technology, engineering and maths) studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It will provide access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers, and current students. **Applications for summer 2021** are now open

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

University/College BOTH YEARS:

- **UniTaster Videos**: an online hub of almost 100 university guidance videos.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

- **Online Events Hub**: an online search platform listing hundreds of online university events, from online subject tasters to virtual masterclasses. The events are offered by universities from all over the UK – although we would recommend to not worry too much about which university is presenting and focus more on the subject you would like to know more about, as it will be a **great way to find about more about specific subjects**.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx>

Super Curricular Activities

Strong applicants to competitive universities tend to have explored their chosen subject through wider reading outside the classroom, as well as doing very well in their GCSEs and A-levels. Super curricular activities build on and enhance what students are currently studying.

Here are a few suggestions for some of the activities you can complete if you so wish.

Explore – The home of big questions [here](#)

Free online courses – Ivy League [here](#)

Learn a new skill - **MOOCS** [MOOCS](#)

Very short introductions – **Oxford online** [here](#)

Coursera- Build skills and complete online courses [Coursea](#)