

# Sixth Form Bulletin

January

## Lower Sixth

### Key dates this half-term:

Jan 22-24	Year 12 A Level Trial Exams
Jan 28	Work Shadowing Day

### Finding out about apprenticeships:

**Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal** will host an online careers fair with apprenticeship providers from across a range of career sectors on the evening of **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This is targeted at parents to help give a clear sense of the kinds of apprenticeship opportunities out there, and parents can register for this evening event [here](#).

Students can get a good idea of the kinds of apprenticeships that are available within Hertfordshire by browsing the opportunities advertised on the [Hopinto website](#).

### Work Shadowing day:

On **January 28<sup>th</sup>** all Lower Sixth students are asked to complete a day's relevant work shadowing related to their possible future plans. The notes we will ask them to keep from their experiences on the day will help when they come to making applications to university and apprenticeships later this year.

Although the work shadowing would ideally be an in-person experience, a range of virtual work experience opportunities which last around 4-7 hours can be found at the 3 links below.

[Virtual Work Experience Search](#)

[UEA - Resource Centre](#)

[Explore all Free Job Simulations - Forage](#)

### Lower Sixth Trial Exams:

The Year 12 trial exams in January will give our A Level students their first opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and exam technique across everything they have learned so far in their courses.

For the sake of their exam confidence it is important that they give themselves every opportunity to perform well in these exams by preparing thoroughly. Advice about effective revision techniques, editable revision timetables and past exam papers for each subject are available in the students' area of the college network (**Read Only > Sixth Form > Revision**). A guide for parents with ideas to support students in their revision is available on the college website [here](#).

### Finding out about universities:

Over the next two terms, many students will be wanting to find out more about their options at university after Sixth Form. Hopefully, through work done in their regular Careers lessons, students feel confident in using the tools available through their Unifrog account to do detailed research to compare different degree courses.

There is no substitute, though, for getting out and visiting some universities as the best way to identify what it is you are looking for in a higher education provider. Universities run open days and subject taster events throughout the year, and these tend to peak between April and September. Two useful sites to find details of open days and subject taster events are [opendays.com](#) and [unitasterdays.com](#). Most events need to be booked in advance, and if they are not at the weekend and require students to miss time from college please remember to let us know in advance.

### Independent careers advice:

Just a reminder of our independent careers advice service. Students just need to let us know whenever they would like a one-to-one meeting with the independent advisor.