

Sixth Form Bulletin

January

Upper Sixth

Key dates coming up:

Jan 28	Living Independently Day
Feb 10-14	Year 13 Trial Exams
Feb 25	Student Finance Info Evening

Upper Sixth Trial Exams:

A Level students will sit a final set of trial exams in February to prepare them for the summer. 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](#).

Feb 25: Student Finance information evening

Student Finance applications for courses at university beginning in 2025 can be made from March this year.

On **Tuesday February 25th** at **6:00** we will hold an information evening for Upper Sixth parents at which the **University of Hertfordshire** will explain the process for applications for student loans for all universities.

Jan 28: "Living Independently" Day

In their last PSHCRE Day of their time at college we will be working with our Year 13 students to help them prepare for living more independently for the first time. This will include practical sessions on:

- Living within a budget
- Cooking simple and healthy meals
- Basic first aid
- Staying safe
- Basic car maintenance

We are pleased to be joined for the day by **Herts Young Homeless**, who will help our students to better understand some of the challenges of more independent living.

University applications:

Many students have now received most or all of their offers from universities. Once all offers have been confirmed on UCAS students will be able to accept one offer as their "**Firm choice**" and another as an "**Insurance choice**" which provides them with a safety net. It is important that students choose universities they are 100% sure they would be happy to attend, as they will be entering into a form of contract with those two universities by accepting their offers. Sometimes students find it helpful to visit universities again for "**Offer-holder days**" before making their final decisions. Once they have confirmed their Firm and Insurance choices, students will then be able to arrange their accommodation options at the university that is their Firm choice.

Apprenticeship applications:

Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal will host an online information evening for parents with apprenticeship providers from a range of career sectors on **January 29th**. Parents can register for this evening event [here](#).

The links below can take students to the application page for a number of national-scale apprenticeship providers whose applications are now open:

[GSK](#) [Amazon](#) [Computacenter](#) [Mace](#) [Mercedes](#) [MBDA](#) [Grant Thornton](#)