

'Arnewood Sixth Newsletter'



Welcome to the November edition -

I continue to be delighted with the positive start the students have made during this very different academic year. It is important that students continue this diligent approach as we enter the winter months. Later this term, Wednesday 9th December, we will be asking the sixth form students to work from home for the day this is to allow a year 11 taster day to take place. The students will be set work on firefly for the subjects they would have had that day. They will also be directed to the sixth form section of Firefly to look at higher education and apprenticeship opportunities.

<https://arnewood.fireflycloud.net/sixth-form>

Arnewood Sixth - Thinking outwardly –

'The Big Weigh In'

We are looking forward to the 'The Big Weigh In' next Thursday 26th November here in Sixth Form. It's great to see students wanting to support the local community Food bank at this time. Please do encourage your son / daughter to bring a tin or two over the next week to tutor time. Tutor groups will have the chance to compete for the heaviest load and the most items brought in.

A massive thank you in advance for this.



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Important dates: -

Year 13/14 subject consultation afternoon – Tuesday 8th December 3.30 – 6.30 pm

Sixth Form working from home – Wednesday 9th December

Sixth Form Photography Mock Examinations – Monday 7th – Tuesday 8th December

Sixth Form Art Mock Examinations – Monday 14th – Tuesday 15th December

Sixth Form Mock Examinations – Monday 11th January – Wednesday 20th January

– These examinations are an important indicator of your son/daughters' progress. The exams will be past exam papers that mimic the real summer examinations.

January Actual Examinations: -

Cambridge Technical in IT – Monday 11th January – Year 12
Monday 18th January – Year 13

BTEC CGI – Monday 7th & 8th – Year 13

BTEC Health & Social Care – Friday 8th January – Year 12
Monday 11th January – Year 13

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UCAS

University Support:

Southampton University have put together a series of virtual events, specifically designed to support students on their journey to University. We're offering a mixture of webinars, which are a more traditional talk format, with an opportunity for questions at the end, and live Q&A sessions, where staff and current students will answer the students' questions throughout.

Q&A: Accommodation – where do students live at University? 19th November 2020 16.00-17.00

Not all students live in a Halls of Residence... some students commute, some live in private rented accommodation. Join this live Q&A session to ask questions to staff from our Residences team at the University of Southampton and ask our Student Ambassadors about their experiences of student accommodation.

[Book your place here](#)

Webinar: Writing a persuasive Personal Statement 26th November 2020 18.00-19.00

Join Paul Drinkwater, one of our Schools Liaison Officers as he talks about how to write a persuasive Personal Statement. Paul will discuss the role of the statement in the Admissions process and advise on how to structure the statement. He will also offer some guidance on ways to enhance your subject understanding and offer some tips on writing it as well. There will also be an opportunity to ask him questions.

[Book your place here](#)

Q&A: Opportunities at University 3rd December 2020 16.00-17.00

Deciding which University is right for you is not only about choosing the course. You will want to consider other opportunities available to you; can you study abroad? Have a year in industry? Undertake an internship? This live Q&A is an opportunity to speak to students who have used these opportunities to enhance their time at University.

[Book your place here](#)

Webinar: Student Finance and Tuition Fees 10th December 2020 18.00–19.00

Join Bradley Crack, one of our Widening Participation practitioners, as he walks you through every step of applying for student finance. Bradley will take you from the pre-applicant stage introducing tuition & maintenance loans through to institutional scholarships/bursaries, as well as exploring the range of accommodation available at Southampton. Most importantly, dispel some of the myths of student finance.

[Book your place here](#)

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Solent University would like to invite your year 12 and 13 parents/carers and child to our [Get Ready For Uni](#) virtual event on Thursday 3 December 2020, 6.30pm – 7.45pm.

Solent recognises that parents and carers can offer invaluable support to their children thinking of applying to university. The concept of university, the benefits of Higher Education study and its application process may be unfamiliar to some parents and carers. This is especially true for those who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

During the 75-minute session we will provide participants with the following information:

- An overview of the benefits of going to university
- How parents and carers can support their child in their application to university
- Information about the financial support available to students.
- A Q&A session with panellists including our Deputy Head of Student Experience, a local student and a parent/carer.

If you are interested then please [sign up here](#)

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Give your students the life-changing opportunity to work alongside top professionals in 6 STEM-related industries in London next summer. Some Internship highlights are set out later in this email.

We would particularly urge students interested in [The Young Doctor Summer Internship](#) to register now as we are seeing a huge demand for the in-hospital work experience we provide. [The Young Engineer Summer Internship](#), which includes an experiential visit to the Airbus ExoMars facility, is also proving to be extremely popular.

Students can register before 31st December and use the code INTERN15 to receive 15% off.

Register now (Ages 15-18)

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Thinking of Applying to Medicine or Dentistry then please look at these webinars

Apply4medicine webinar - <https://www.apply4uni.co.uk/events/1>

Apply4dentistry webinar - <https://www.apply4uni.co.uk/events/2>

These webinars will cover

- Vital knowledge of how to fill in your UCAS personal statement.
- Top tips on Interview techniques in particular Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI's).
- Expert knowledge on sitting your admissions tests (BMAT and UCAT.)
- Essential advice on gaining work experience.
- The common mistakes to avoid when applying for medicine / dentistry.

Apply4pharmacy - <https://www.apply4uni.co.uk/events/4>

- Detailed insight into the application process for Pharmacy.
- Essential advice for drafting a compelling personal statement.
- Top tips on the Interview process.
- Information on work experience.
- What admissions tutors look for in a Pharmacy applicant.

<https://www.apply4uni.co.uk/>



Apprenticeships

Live Q&A – Supporting students considering an apprenticeship

Thursday 19 November at 16:00

Join us this Thursday at 16:00 as we talk to The Department of Education and Capgemini about all things apprenticeships.

As more students are considering an apprenticeship as a viable option we'll be taking your questions about apprenticeships live.

Whether it's how they work, how to find them, or simply, 'why study an apprenticeship?' our panel of experts will share their insight to help you support your students.

[Register now](#)

Apprenticeships and careers with the Armed Forces webinar

Suitable for: Students, Parents and Carers, Teachers, Careers Advisers



Amazing Apprenticeships will be hosting an exclusive webinar with the Armed Force to explore the apprenticeship opportunities available within the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Join us on 25th November at 3:30pm to find out more!

Book your free place now by clicking the button below:

[**BOOK YOUR PLACE**](#)

Careers Advisers, Careers Leaders, Parents and Carers, Teachers and students are invited to join this exclusive webinar.

All three services we recently listed in the **top 10 of the Top 100**

Apprenticeship Employers (British Army secured #1, Royal Navy secured #3 and Royal Air Force #10) which is a phenomenal achievement.

Hosted by Amazing Apprenticeships, we will speak with leads from each of the service areas to understand more about the **vacancies and opportunities** that they have and how you can access them.

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PwC have launched a Virtual Classroom for November which will focus on diversity and inclusion.

The virtual sessions will focus on racial equality, social mobility and gender equality. Students will have the chance to listen to inspirational speakers, engage with a range of PwC staff through the interactive live sessions, whilst having the flexibility to watch and listen to recorded content at a time that best suits them each week. Student will also learn more about the career opportunities available at PwC. The event schedule is below:

Thursday 19 November - The importance of racial equality

Thursday 26 November - The importance of social mobility

Thursday 3 December - The importance of gender equality

Thursday 3 December - The importance of diversity and inclusion - parent and teacher session

You will need to pre-register for each session in advance and the link for each session will be sent once registration is complete. All live sessions will start at 4.30pm and will last for approximately 50 minutes.

PwC hope lots of students can take part in these events so please spread the word.

<http://pwctrk.co.uk/tp/rj6.bWd7m-J-K>

Here's the link to pre-register if you need to cut and paste this message

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Useful links to support your Health & Wellbeing

Young minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

Mental Health - A range of downloadable guides focused on improving mental health - [Access website](#)

Meditation and sleep: <https://www.headspace.com/>

Physical activities: Stair Climb Challenge... [Click here](#)

Joe Wicks: <https://www.youtube.com/user>

Thanks!

Mr. Colman