

'Arnewood Sixth Newsletter'

Welcome to the sixth edition

With the sixth form set to open its doors again next Monday; it's important to remember this face-to-face contact is supplementary to all the work you are putting in at home, thus furthering your progress in your A Levels and BTEC Qualifications. Also, as a part of our home learning, the sixth form are going to be trialling over the next few weeks some virtual live learning. More information on this will come out in next week's newsletter.

Year 12 – Week 7 of the summer term. Please read the attached letter carefully about when your subject is due to return from next week **Monday 15th June**.

AS Internal Exams:

We expect Year 12 to have an AS Internal Grade test early in the autumn term, so it's best to keep up with work and to revise Year 12 content so it's all noted, no gaps and your flash cards etc prepared ready. You are currently starting your actual UCAS application, so things are going to fly by. Here's some videos on how



successful students prepared for their exams. I've also added extra videos about applying to Oxford and Cambridge and Medicine and the rising to the challenge of Year 13.

[WATCH](#)

(password: netsixth12)

Work Experience:

Work experience that was due to be on week commencing Monday July 13th – has been cancelled in light of the current situation. However, companies are offering online tutored internships as a form of work experience one such company is Opwall read more [here](#). Summer internship work experience opportunity read more [here](#).



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Year 12 transition to Year 13:

New updates every week: The Vimeo Channel – Check it out...

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7013790> and enter the Password: **netsixth12**

Video added this week: - Having a goal that drives you

New for this half term: - Applying for Medicine
Applying to Oxford and Cambridge
Extended Project Qualification

PLUS *(to help students prepare for any internal exams beginning in September)*
Using technology for learning; Using mobile phones for learning
Revision to improve recall; Revision to improve understanding
Revision: application and practise

University support:

If you haven't started the UCAS registration process for September 2021 then don't delay. Use the PDF's that are attached to the UCAS support emails to get ahead. All of these tasks will need to be well under way by September.
Week 1-4 have been emailed to you again today!
Week 5-7 will follow shortly

Aston University - Law webinar – [Click here](#)
Brunel University Get you ready programme – [Click here](#)
Chichester University – Virtual resources – [Click here](#)
Exeter University Scholars programme – [Click here](#)
Plymouth University - online presentations – [Click here](#)
Portsmouth University – Getting started series – [Click here](#)
Salford University – Your Questions answered – [Click here](#)
Solent university - resources – [Click here](#)
Southampton University - virtual tour – [Click here](#)
University of Surrey - masterclasses – [Click here](#)
Want a career as a Health Care Professional – [Click here](#)
Winchester University – meet and greet tour – [Click here](#)

Degree level apprenticeships – [Click here](#)

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UK University Search Virtual Fair

Wednesday 17 June
12:00 – 18:00

Missing out on **Open Days**, or looking to explore all your **Clearing** and Adjustment options?



Our Virtual Fair is designed to help you explore all your options from the safety of home. You'll be able to chat directly with **over 80 different universities and colleges**, ask questions, download prospectuses, and find out lots of information. We'll be joined by universities including Cambridge, Liverpool, Manchester Met, and Newcastle (to name just a few!). You can also view **10 live webinars** throughout the day on topics such as Choosing a University, Securing a Place through Clearing, and Writing your Personal Statement.

Speakers for Schools- Virtual Talks programme.

Thursday 11th June, 2.00 pm:

Penguin Talks in Collaboration with SFS presents – **Maya Jama & Dom & Ink**. This talk will take place on the Penguin YouTube page via the link.

British television and radio presenter, Maya Jama, joins freelance illustrator and author of Free to Be Me, DOM&INK, to discuss what confidence means to them, the barriers to developing confidence and how we can build our own confidence.

No logins are required and all attendees can stream the talks without downloading Microsoft Teams.

Links should be opened in a browser that is not Internet Explorer. Students can view by clicking [WATCH TALK LIVE HERE](#) and then clicking 'Watch on web instead' and sign in anonymously. **Maya Jama & Dom & Ink** will appear at the set time of 14.00.

HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS

- Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [VTALK Schedule here](#)

VTALK LIBRARY & MORE

- Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library [here](#)
- Please see our [Schools Guide here](#).



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Year 13 – Leavers arrangement pack were emailed out last week – This included a student evaluation of Sixth Form; further contacts details form; A letter RE: Exams results day. Please can you return this information by email as soon as possible to Charly – c.salt@arnewood.hants.sch.uk

Some good news, listening to some Vice Chancellors at Brunel and Loughborough this week on the radio, there was certainly a sense that students would have a social experience but without huge gatherings such as nightclubs etc however, meeting up and socialising with others seemed something they were arranging. The experience will vary by university, of course. If you are anxious about the 'uni experience' not being quite the same, well you are probably right. However, you have to consider what you will do if you deferred your entry to 2021 (if they allow you to, that is) - there are likely to be very few opportunities to have a meaningful gap year. Don't forget to respond to your offers by the deadline next Thursday **18th June**.

Here's an article about what some universities are doing about starting (freshers' week and term one arrangements. The source is a magazine aimed at university and pre-university students which has got sponsorship from a university (that will be obvious) but the information will be of interest. [READ](#)

If you are still finding it difficult to decide between your Firm and Insurance choice universities you may also like to take part in this Virtual University Fair below.

Click on the link to register beforehand: <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

There are some great new resource that came live last week, 408 university textbooks to download for FREE during the closure - [Click here](#)

Don't forget the **Vimeo channel** and work through the videos about budgeting, freshers' week, arriving on your first day and the new video on Results Day (where students talk about their insurance choices).

There are also videos on revision-recall, revision-understanding, revision-application. These will help you get the study skills you'll need for university exams.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7004113> and enter the password **netsixth13**

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UCAS

It is now time to accept your University place. Most of you will have the option to Firm - your first choice (CF) and Insure - your backup choice (CI) in case you do not meet the requirements of your first choice.

UCAS deadline to accept offers is now - **18th June 2020**

Note: this is an extended **external deadline set by UCAS**. Failure to meet this deadline will mean you will lose all your offered university places.

To accept your offers, you will need to log into **UCAS Track** and follow the steps. Please watch the video on the link below for more information before making your final choices.

Some considerations when deciding on your Firm and Insurance choices:

- Re-familiarise yourself with the course description and modules on offer – the course content needs to match up with what you're looking for in a course. Make comparisons to help you decide
- Revisit your original research - Where do they score on league tables? What are their employability scores like? What is their student satisfaction like? etc
- Calculate your commute - plan and cost your journey if living at home or away and see how long it takes. Also if living away what are the travel costs for visiting home if someone can't collect you or friends/family want to visit you?
- Research other living costs? Do they have halls? etc
- Consider and compare facilities, societies and clubs
- Connect and talk with real students on UniBuddy to answer any of your queries <https://unibuddy.com/>

Remember - Your insurance choice should act as a back-up option if you don't get the grades you were expecting and miss out on your firm choice. It doesn't make any sense picking an insurance choice with higher or the same entry requirements as your firm choice.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

UCAS update on Government support to students and universities.

For your reference, [here's a copy of what we will be emailing them.](#)

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Clearing Plus - Introducing Clearing Plus

The personalised way for students to find their place in Clearing.

For the first time, from 6 July, students in Clearing will be able to see a list of courses they've been matched to in Track. Using their application, what universities have told us they're looking for, and what previous applicants have gone on to study based on their grades and choices.

Students are in control, so if they find a course they want to be considered for, they can send an expression of interest which means the university or college can then reach out to discuss things further.

Our search tool will still be available, with over 30,000 course options.

To find out how it works, join us for a live demo and Q&A on Wednesday 17 June, at 16:00.

[Count me in >](#)

University Accommodation

Here's a quiz, one each week coming up, this weeks on accommodation at University - catered V's self-catered. Take your time with it. Watch the videos. Submit your answers to get a score but each answer includes lots of information.

[Quiz 1: Uni finance - overview](#)

[Quiz 2: Loans](#)

[Quiz 3: Accommodation at university \(rent\)](#)

[Quiz 4: Accommodation \(catered vs self-catered\) **NEW**](#)

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Post 18 Careers Opportunities/ Information

Apprenticeships



Amazon are still recruiting for their apprenticeship programme and as a company that has done extremely well in lockdown they have a lot to offer. There are 3 degree apprenticeship streams in the UK:

1. Mechatronics, HNC in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
2. Automation Engineering, Bachelors Degree in Controls and Automation Engineering
3. FC IT, BSc in Digital and Technology Solutions Professional, specializing in Network Engineering

Academic Requirements:

- Mechatronics: 3 GCSEs (English, Math & a STEM Subject) at C or above
- Automation: 2 A-levels (Math & a STEM subject for AE) at C or above OR a full 180 credits extended BTEC in engineering with further math OR a HNC/HND in engineering
- IT: 2 A levels (grade A to C) Math & IT/Computer Science
- OR Any Level 3 in IT or better (BTEC, extended BTEC, HNC, HND, etc.)
- OR 1 A level (grade A to C) in either Math, Physics, Statistics, Finance, Accounting or a heavy math subject + a level 2 in IT or the CompTia+ certification or software development/coding qualifications or professional experience in IT (anything showing they started acting on their passion for IT)
- OR 1 A level in IT (grade A to C) + GCSE grade A or B in math or AS level grade A to C in math or anything showing they have a very high level in math

Full job descriptions for each program and more information about Amazon's Apprenticeship program are available at https://www.amazon.jobs/en-gb/landing_pages/apprentices

Apprenticeships are still being advertised and applications are still happening. Utilise this time to research and apply for some amazing apprenticeships. If you need further assistance with an application please email your tutors.

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Time to celebrate

- **Josh Horgan** is getting another shout out this week for his excellent work in Business Studies this time, keep up the good work Josh!
- Having acted on the advice given in last week's newsletter **Hannah Gorry** has been given a summer internship in investment banking! Great news...
- **Michael White** for meeting deadlines and is producing good quality work. Good work Michael!
- **Amy Waters, Sandra Caruso, Ruby Watts** and **Sarah Dew** producing some very high-quality work in Law. Well done!
- Mr. Kinnison for Government & Politics has been rewarding outstanding work through emailed certificates – Well done to **Justin Benoit-Means, Alex Brown, Sam Fulton, Matilda Gleave, Freya Higgins, Ruby Watts, Michael White** and **Sandra Caruso**.

A bit of fun

21 The Queen of Hearts has lost her tarts! She is sure that those knaves who have not eaten the tarts will tell her the truth and the guilty knaves will tell lies. When questioned, the five knaves declare:

Knave 1: 'One of us ate them'

Knave 2: 'Two of us ate them'

Knave 3: 'Three of us ate them'

Knave 4: 'Four of us ate them'

Knave 5: 'Five of us ate them'

How many of the knaves were honest?

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Answers from last weeks quiz (3/6/20)

4 | John says that Justin is a liar.

Justin says that Tom is a liar.

Tom says that Justin and John are liars.

Who is telling the truth?

CLARIFICATION: For the purposes of this puzzle, all persons involved either always tell the truth, or always lie.

Alex Bellos, puzzle blogger at the Guardian and a

Answer: Justin was telling the truth.

36 In how many ways can the letters of the word **EXETER** be arranged?
For example, REETEX is one such arrangement.

Dr Gihan Marasingha, Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Exeter

6 There are 120 arrangements. In constructing an arrangement of this six-letter word, we need only be concerned with the placement of the letters X, T and R. There are six possible choices for the position of X. For each choice of X, there are five remaining choices for the position of T, leaving four choices for the position of R. The total number of choices is thus $6 \times 5 \times 4 = 120$.



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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/>

Relax - mindfulness and meditation app : <https://www.calm.com/signup-flow>

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

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

Musical activities : [Song sheets for those with instruments](#)

[Activities for those without instruments](#)

That's it for this week. Watch out for our next newsletter on Wednesday 17th June.

Stay Safe – Mr. Colman