

## Student Bulletin: 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

<b>CAD One- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Hopefully, you enjoyed the CAD on homelessness. Why not further embed your learning by doing some post-session Independent Learning via the links within the PSHCE section of the Sixth Form website.
<b>Sixth Form Assembly</b>	A reminder that there will be an assembly for Years 12 & 13 in the Study Area on Friday, starting promptly at 08:50am.
<b>Registration</b>	All students must ensure that they are on time for morning registration please. Late arrival is marked and affects the Sixth Form attendance figures.
<b>Dress Code</b>	As discussed in the assembly before half term, I would be grateful if students could adhere to the smart dress code. In particular, no hoodies or leggings. Facial piercings are not allowed.
<b>EMA</b>	EMA paperwork should have all been handed into Zoe by now- this includes your entitlement to payment, plus your passport. Any outstanding applications must be with her by mid-week.
<b>16-19 Bursary Fund</b>	As outlined at our last assembly, the policy is still awaiting approval by Governors and I will update you all shortly. There is now an information post on the Sixth Form area of the website. If any students are suffering severe financial difficulties in this interim period, please see myself as we have a temporary contingency fund to cover this.
<b>Girls Football Team</b>	Any females in Year 12 or 13 who want to join the football team (managed by Mr Bilton!) should see Catriona. Those skilled in the art of goal hanging are especially encouraged. First training session after school on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>Subject Skills Review</b>	All students in Year 12 & 13 have now completed their Subject Skills Reviews. Please ensure that you maintain the good standards that passing these entailed. The process is designed to keep you organised and on track.
<b>Careers Fair</b>	A Hotcourses Global Student Fair is taking place in London on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November. As well as UK exhibitors, there will be exhibitors from the USA, Canada, Australasia and other European countries. If you are interested or want further information, check their website <a href="http://www.hotcourses.com/fair">www.hotcourses.com/fair</a> .
<b>Sixth Form Voice</b>	The Student Management Committee will be up and running immediately after half term; in addition, Harshad has arranged for a Suggestions Box and slips to be placed in the Study Area. Please feel encouraged to make suggestions, and also provide criticism where appropriate. I want to make sure you have a voice, and I am happy to be told something is not working.
<b>The Study Area</b>	It is exactly that. A private study area. Please play your part in helping to keep it quiet and clean. Any student working in the library also needs to ensure they are quiet and engaged in constructive activity.

## Year 12

<b>Surviving your Workload Booklets</b>	If you have not done so, please take a copy of this booklet which is in the box in the Study Area. They contain useful tips on dealing with homework, coursework, and revision.
<b>Independent Study Logs</b>	You all need to be maintaining these – remember you need one for each subject, and it should be signed on a weekly basis by your teacher. Make sure your teacher is doing this – if not, please let me know. Record all your independent work- aim for 4 hours per week, per subject.
<b>Extended Project Qualification</b>	We will have a full briefing on this within the next week.
<b>Head Start Courses</b>	Headstart courses are residential courses for Yr12 students which give them a taste of studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths at university. A fee is charged but there are bursaries available if you think the cost may be restrictive. If you would like further information, have a look at <a href="http://www.headstartcourses.org.uk">www.headstartcourses.org.uk</a> . They can be very beneficial in helping you to decide if a course is right for you and providing you with a taste of university study. Attendance on these courses looks very good on your UCAS application! If you require time off school to attend, permission would be given.
<b>Other Preparation Courses</b>	<p>Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor. Saturday 11 February 2012, 10.00am-4.30pm, at University College London.</p> <p>Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer. Saturday 18 February 2012, 10:00am-4:30pm, at University College London.</p> <p>For full details, including costs and the application form, please visit this website: <a href="http://www.epoc.org.uk/careers_conferencing.htm">www.epoc.org.uk/careers_conferencing.htm</a></p>

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## Year 13

<b>Personal Statements</b>	You should now have all completed a good final version. Ensure that you have shown it to both your form tutor and your subject teacher where relevant. Anyone having difficulties, consult the advice, examples and writing framework on the P-drive under the UCAS 2011-12 Pathways folder. Look at UCAS TV for further help. Once you have done all of this, come to me for advice.
<b>UCAS Applications</b>	Please ensure by the end of this coming week that you have completed the education and employment sections.
<b>Employment option of the month</b>	The School Leaver programme at Ernst & Young is a combination of training and work experience. This is a five-year 'straight to work' programme for students who want to study towards a professional qualification without going to university. They pay a full salary for five years and fund your qualifications, so there are no student debts to worry about. Find out more and apply at <a href="http://www.ey.com/uk/careers">www.ey.com/uk/careers</a> .