

Gordano School

Welcome!

Thank you for
coming!

**WHO'S
WHO
2022**





**MRS RAMSAY - Co-Director
of Sixth Form
Academic Mentor KS5
HEAD OF YEAR 13**

**MRS FAIRS - Assistant Head
Director of Key Stage 5
Safeguarding Lead**



**MR HEYSHAM
Co-Director of Sixth Form
HEAD OF YEAR 12**





Ms P HOLWELL
OFFICE MANAGER
6TH FORM OFFICE



MS BROOKS
ATTENDANCE OFFICER
6th Form Office

Mrs L GARDINER
CAREERS



Our Safeguarding Team (JMF)

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Mr J Mailey
Strategic Safeguarding Lead

SAFEGUARDING ALL STUDENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL STAFF, STUDENTS AND VISITORS



Safeguarding our students in the building

All visitors to the school must sign in at main reception, where they will be issued with the appropriate 'Visitor's lanyard' (see below) and key safeguarding information. Please report to reception if you have misplaced the lanyard given to you on arrival. This is to protect you and our students.

If you believe a person is on site and not authorised to be so, please ask them to report to main reception or contact a member of SLT immediately. School staff and Sixth Form students should wear their lanyard and photo ID at all times.

General Safeguarding of Students

If you feel vulnerable at any time you must tell a member of staff. This could be anyone you feel comfortable talking to. You should tell someone about any risk of harm from an adult whether that is at school, at home, on a school trip or on a work placement or in the community. All of our staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection.

Are you wearing the correct lanyard?



Our specialist Safeguarding team are:



Ms J Fairs
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms N Tester
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs N Curme
Child Protection Officer



Ms C Dolling
Child Protection Officer



Mr C Hance
Child Protection Officer



Mrs K Mooney
Child Protection Officer



Mrs R Lewis
Child Protection Officer



Mrs C Thomas
Child Protection Officer



Mrs E Robinson
Child Protection Officer



Mrs G Whaley
Child Protection Officer



Mrs S Howe
Child Protection Officer

Dream big • Do your best • Give back

Results!



- Not the easiest pathway through GCSEs.
- Journalists not exactly helping in the run up to results day!
- As a school, we were immensely pleased and proud of Year 11.

What do we offer at Gordano Sixth Form?

Full time Study on Level 3 Qualifications.

- A levels – usually 6 hours of exams in Year 13.
- BTECs / CTECs – Vocational courses with coursework and examined elements.
- A mixture of BTECs and A levels.
- Re-take of Maths / English GCSE.

We are a comprehensive Sixth Form.

When are students in school?



- Timings for Year 12 are the same as Year 11.
- 0840 to 1520
- *Apart from break time and lunchtime when students are permitted to leave site.*
- Some Home Study time is granted toward the end of this academic year.

Expectations, dress code

- Role Models for the school.
- Lanyards.
- Signing in and out.
- Appropriate clothing for a school environment .



The Role of the Tutor



- First point of contact.
- Work with Mrs Brooks to monitor attendance.
- Help with day to day issues / organisation.
- Lead tutor time activities including the Friday lesson.
- Writes the UCAS reference

Tutor Time outline



- Tutor time routine and key days: YEAR 12 MUST ATTEND ALL TUTOR TIMES

Monday = Alternating Head's broadcast or Sixth Form assembly

Tuesday = Tutor time activity.

Wednesday = Alternating year assembly.

Thursday = One-to-one meetings with tutor.

Friday = Tutor time lesson

Friday Tutor Time - what issues might we cover?

Politics

Money Matters

Inter-tutor group
competitions
(sometimes silly)

LGBTQ+

Alcohol / drugs
awareness

Gender

Key national /
international
events

Whole Sixth Form
events / charity
events

And much more!

Enrichment → “Electives”

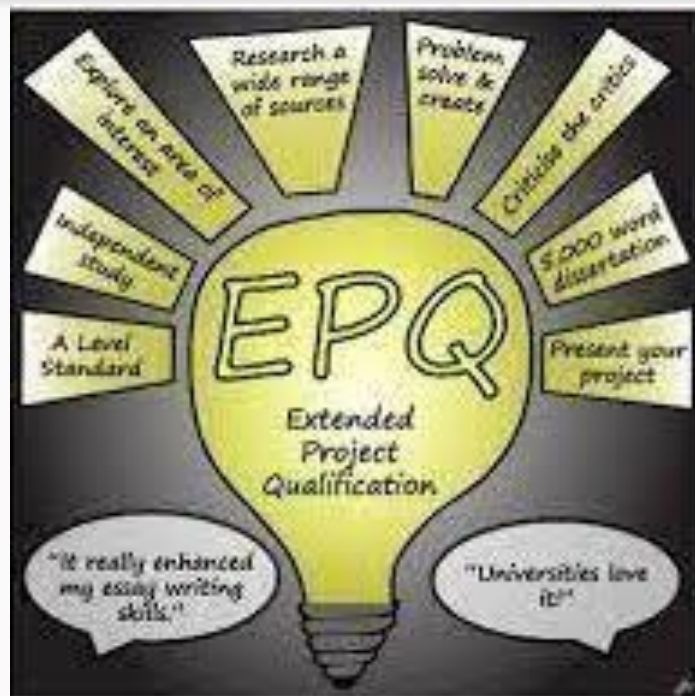
These start Wednesday Sept 21st September.

A wide range of activities available.

Book Club
Careers
Dance
Debate Society
Drama
Duke of Edinburgh
Eco Club

Learning Hub Mentor
Lower School Subjects
Mental Health Advocates
Music
Primary Schools
School Council
SEMH & Wellbeing
Work Experience
Yoga

In addition to 3 main subject choices.



Study time



- There are 48 periods in the school week.
- 50 minutes each.
- Most Key Stage 5 lessons are double lessons.
- Subjects have 2 teachers.
- All* students are full time (3 A-Levels or equivalent)
- Remaining sessions are with Study Plus or allocated as Free.
- Supervisors currently being added to Study Plus.
- It is normal that subject changes happen this week. We aim for all changes to be completed as soon as possible.

Many students love apps to help...

FOREST

Stay focused in a pleasant way



Whenever you want to focus on your work, plant a tree.



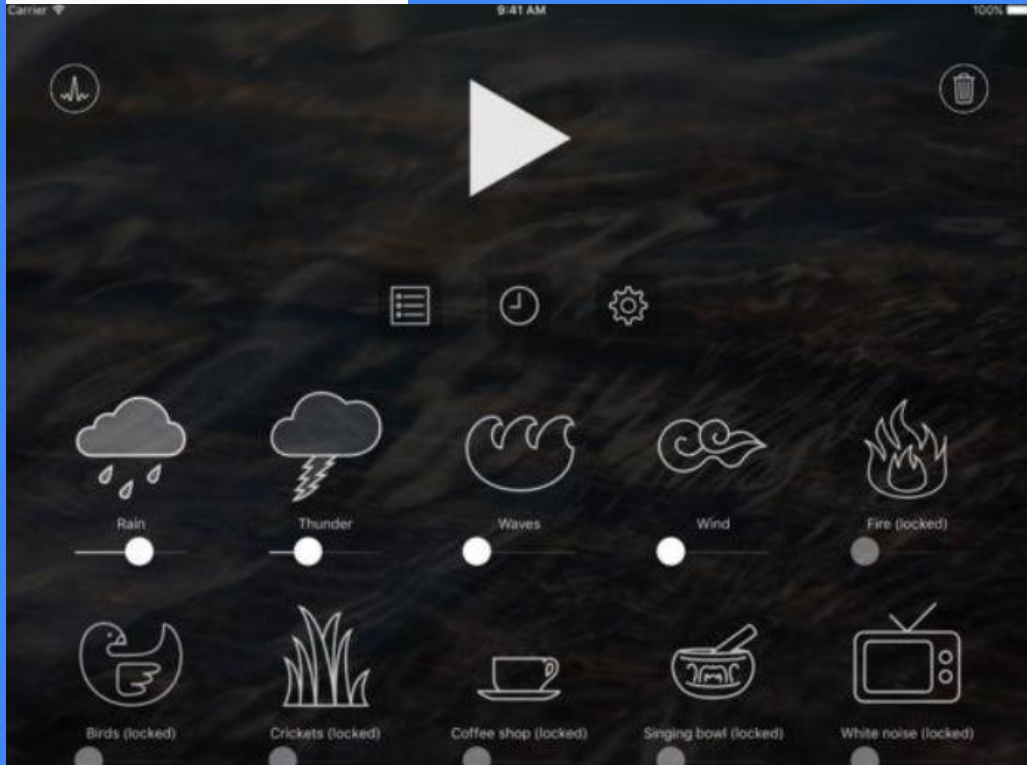
In the following time, it will grow when you are working.



The tree will be killed if you open websites on Blacklist.

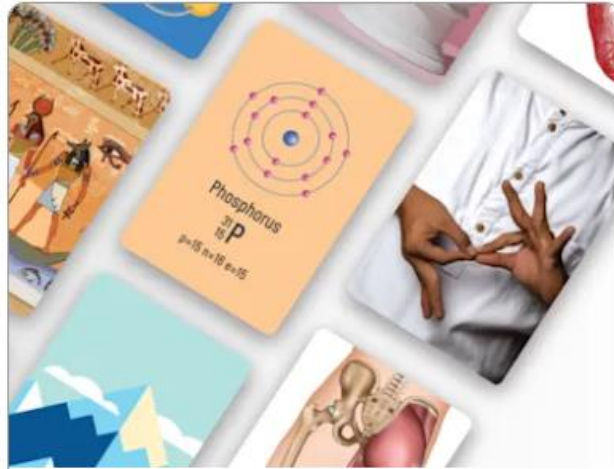
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SOFT MURMUR



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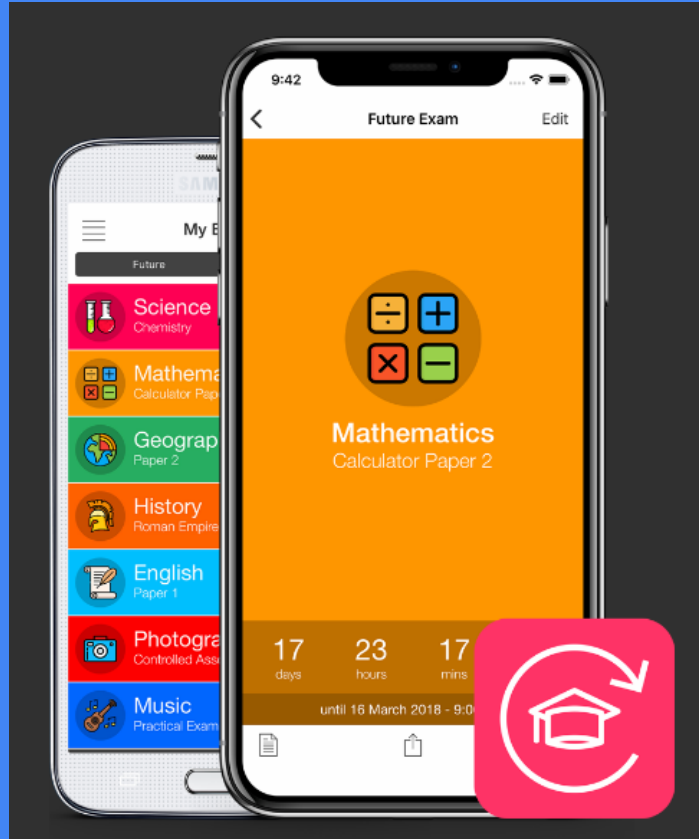


**Over 500 million
flashcards**

Search from over 500 million flashcards to
find the deck you need. Not seeing it? Create
your own.

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EXAM COUNTDOWN



NB: Pippa Ramsay can work with students who might need help and guidance with organisation, planning or structure both in their writing but also their wider Sixth Form life



How to succeed



- Time management
 - Deadlines
 - Keeping on top of Firefly (removing completed tasks)
 - Stay on top of the inbox (not always easy!)
- Independence and Responsibility
 - Being proactive.
- *Roughly* 2 hrs per work hwk.
- Effective use of free periods / study plus time.
- Equipment.
- Read ahead, Read around, Revise on the go.

Attendance

- As mentioned, Kim Brooks is the attendance officer for Sixth Form.
- Student / parent please call the absence line on the morning (and on each morning) of absence.
- Poor attendance correlates very strongly with poor grades.
- No holidays during term time.
- Uni open days are allowed (of course!)
- Driving Test but not driving lessons.

The Sixth Form Journey



Not always
direct and
straight to the
top...

*FRESH
Start*

Types of Pastoral Support at Gordano Sixth Form

Sometimes, students might need someone to talk to...

What support is available?

Tutor

Head of Year

Ms Fairs - Assistant Head i/c safeguarding

The school counsellors

The school Chaplain

Academic support:
(organisation, time keeping, essay writing and more!) - Mrs Ramsay.

How can parents help?

- Show an interest your son / daughter's work and topics.
- Ask them to explain what & how they are doing
- Help provide the right environment for studying at home.
- Revision guides – yes please
- Discuss future career / university goals
- Finally, you know your child best! Communicate with the school

And the *nice to haves?*

Ask them to explain
what they are
studying.

Phone use.

Careers Support

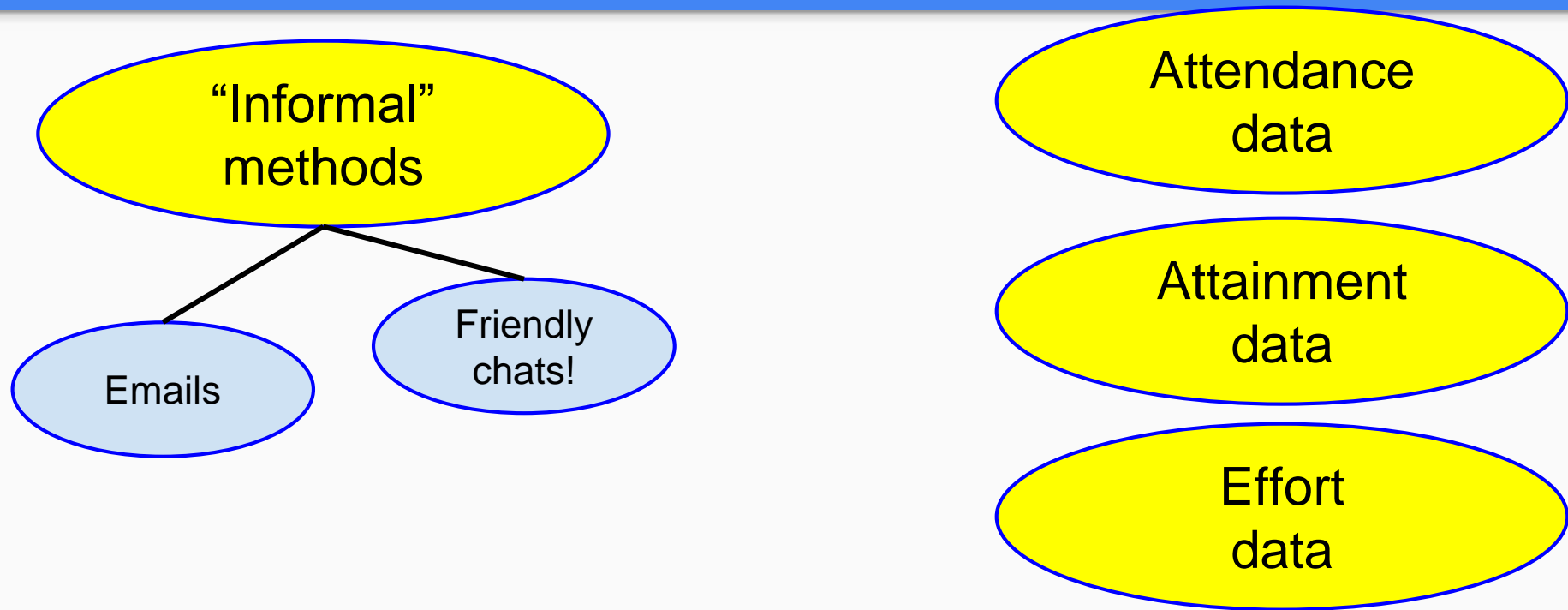


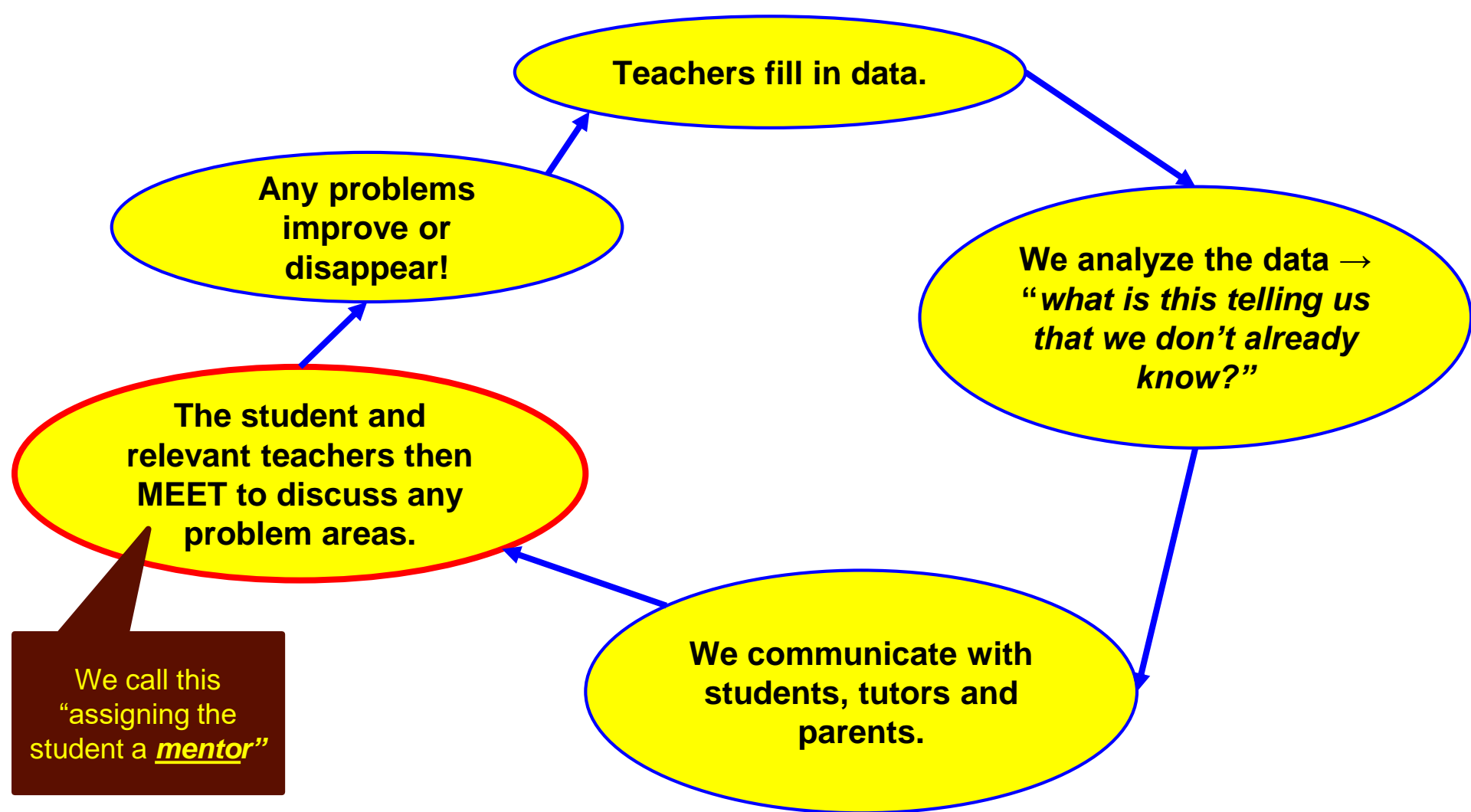
Year 12 have careers lessons from Jan to Dec

In other words from term 3 of year 12 to the end of term 2 of year 13.

Academic Monitoring and Support

- The golden rule is excellent and effective communication.





The Sixth Form Support Card

- If a student is SR2 or SR3 following a report, they might need some extra help and support.
- It therefore might be necessary to place them on a “Support Card”.
- We agree some **targets** for some or all of the students’ subjects.
- Student gives the Support Card to teachers each lesson for two weeks so that they provide a comment.
- Any problems are resolved!

It's a bit early, but UCAS

- “University Colleges and Admissions System”
- April 2023 - you can browse courses
- First week of September 2023, a year from now → Undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
- Mid October 2023 → entry deadline for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry.
- Jan 2024 - Final Deadline to apply for 2024 University entry.

Early entry courses: Oxford and Cambridge (Oxbridge) Medicine/dentistry/vetmed



- More involved application process
- Different teaching style at Oxford and Cambridge
- Different medical schools approach teaching in a range of styles
- Very competitive
- There is a range of support offered
 - HE+ scheme
 - Oxford trip and work with Brasenose College in summer term of year 12 and Sept/Oct of Year 13
 - Early entry application meetings
 - Practice interviews/MMIs
 - Entry tests taken in school*
 - Online interviews in school (tech needed)

Bursary

- The government grants some students who are in financial need a bursary.
- This needs to be applied for (forms are available from the Sixth Form office)
- Further details are available on request

On a slightly less serious note



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RAG Week - the final week of this term.

Bake Off

Silly Sports Day

Treasure Hunts / Quizzes

Christmas Shenanigans

... to name but a few!

Thank you.

Questions?

