



Christ the King College

# SIXTH FORM NEWS

November 2024

There are many things in the calendar between now and the Winter holidays. Lots of careers related activities to get involved with, many of these are 'opt in' so please be sure to let your Form Tutor know if you'd like to join any of the talks listed below.

Supporting Sixth Form students with their future and destinations planning is central to what we do in Sixth Form. Year 12 have had some unique and engaging experiences in enrichment sessions this term and many year 13 students are working toward completing their university applications. Good luck to all of those who have been invited to interviews so far.

The statistical evidence has recently been published which links 'unconditional' university offers to suppressed A level outcomes. We've known anecdotally for many years that these can be damaging for student motivation, now it has been statistically proven. We encourage students to treat unconditional offers cautiously. Please discuss these with us as necessary.

Mrs. Conway-Hughes

## Dates for your Diaries:

- ⇒ **3rd Dec**, Psychology Lecture for Year 12 & 13 Psychology students, Higher Education talk for Year 12 students, Careers in Healthcare session for KS4 & 5
- ⇒ **5th Dec**, Careers Fair period 4 & 5
- ⇒ **10th Dec**, GKN Apprenticeships Talk for KS4 & 5
- ⇒ **12th Dec**, Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
- ⇒ **17th Dec**, Celebration Assembly for Sixth Form
- ⇒ **20th Dec**, Last day of term—13:10 finish

## Reflection

God of Mercy and  
Compassion, Your  
presence and  
faithfulness in times of  
loss console me. I  
come seeking Your  
warmth and comfort.  
Help me not to pull  
away when others  
offer compassion and  
the gift of gentle  
support.

## In this edition

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## Our Student Leaders

### Head Students

Evangeline Wells

Faith Wagstaff

### Deputy Head Student

Guillianne Ponferrada

(Youth Council)

### Student Council

Olivia Valvona

### Head of EARA/ Pastoral

Jasmine Latif

### Transitions Team

Sam Willis

### Events & Fundraising Team

Kato Paul

Abigail Gilliam

### World Future Alliance

Caleb Palmer

# HIGHLY COMMENDED

## News

Well done to **Sophia McKenna and Mia George** who have been marketing personalised Christmas decorations as part of a Product Design course—they've received a significant number of orders already!

Well done to the seven students who attended mock interviews for their early applications at Ryde School. The feedback was excellent—they presented themselves really well. Good luck in the real things everyone!

Carol McFarlane from the Island VI Form praised: **Tom Townsend, Oliver Robinson and Elliot Paynter-Jones**. A man sustained a head injury in town recently and all of these boys responded calmly and compassionately. Carol was especially impressed by Tom who (a lifeguard in his free time) apparently totally took charge of the situation, dealt with the ambulance service, administered first aid (with a kit he had in his own car) and generally managed the scene in front of him. Great work guys.

Good luck to our Court Competition Team this weekend: **William Clark, Lewis Edgerton, Boris Hare, Jessica Henderson, Lilly-Jane Hopkins, Andy Luo, Joshua Magura, Ben Mauri, Emily Monks, George Parkman, Emily Ovník, Joseph Quinn, Evie Rayner, Dylan Walker, Eric Williams and Charlie Wood** will be performing in Court with hopes of winning some prizes.



# Notices

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Our new SIXTH FORM social  
media page

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**NEW  
SIXTH FORM  
INSTAGRAM  
PAGE**





# Young Enterprise



The year 12 Young Enterprise team Spin-Itch met with their business advisor Guy Wells at AJ Wells today to manufacture the first prototype of their eco friendly fidget spinner. They were engaged in discussions on how to maximise durability and user experience whilst minimising the impact on the environment.

Using a unique spinning cog design and made from metal and wood offcuts, the fidget spinner is designed to help anyone with ADHD calm the noise in their heads and maintain focus in meetings and classrooms. Information on how and where to purchase this unique item is coming soon! #shoplocal #youngenterprise #sustainable #fidgetofocus

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# In2 Science

## Interested in our programmes?



### In2STEM

The In2STEM programme (formerly In2science summer programme) is open to year 12 students, the programme features in-person STEM placements, workshops, skills sessions, panel discussions and public engagement competitions.

[Find out more](#) →



### In2research

In2research is a year-long programme that runs alongside your studies or work. It provides unique experiences that will help you access postgraduate research degrees and careers.

[Find out more](#) →



### In2careers

In2careers is a place for opportunities. Immerse yourself in dynamic employability workshops, expert guidance, events, mentoring, and bespoke resources, crafting the path to your future STEM success.

[Find out more](#) →

Our three dynamic programmes are your gateway to a future filled with innovation, discovery, and endless opportunities. Explore our programmes below to find the perfect path for your STEM journey.



# Are you applying for Medicine soon?

Want to build your **Portfolio?**

Then, volunteer with In2MedSchool today!

## How can you help?

- Organise a **bake sale** at your school/university/work
- Organise a **sponsored walk/run/cycle**
- Organise an event like **bingo, a disco, a talent show or a quiz**
- Organise a **raffle**


## How will we support you?

- Our In2MedSchool fundraising pack which contains information, advice and further direction
- **Posters and social media designs** to help advertise your fundraising
- Help **advertise** you fundraising on our **social media channels** and via our **newsletters**



**Prestigious certificate for your portfolio!**


**Buff up your personal statement!**



**Connect with other medschool applicants!**

If you would like to fundraise for In2MedSchool please email [sponsorship@in2medschool.com](mailto:sponsorship@in2medschool.com) so that we can support you, help you advertise your event and give you a fundraising certificate. More information on fundraising for us can be found in our Fundraising Pack

## About us



In2MedSchool is a **registered charity** supporting underprivileged UK students applying to **Medicine and related fields**. Run by medical students and junior doctors, we offer **free 1:1 mentoring** for 16-18-year-olds from **widening participation backgrounds**.



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### How to Access your Locker:

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- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reissued by visiting [www.locker.rentals](http://www.locker.rentals) and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.

**FREE**



# **WAMSOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Saturday 30th November – Highfield Campus**

## **Our conference is back!**

Join us for a full day of talks and workshops featuring current students and guest speakers



This event is designed for prospective medical students from any and all backgrounds!

The Widening Access to Medicine Society (WAMSoc) at the University of Southampton is a student led initiative which aims to equalise the platform for potential medical students. WAMSoc hosts an annual conference led by medical students and doctors. Speakers give advice and support for aspiring future medical students. It is a really good experience to gain tips for getting into medical school and life as a medic, as well as a chance to meet supportive medics and potentially gain mentors for the medical application process. There will be a Q+A session, talks from medical students and doctors, and interactive workshops.

Year 12 and 13 students have really enjoyed this day in the past. It is a great way to gain confidence and knowledge in the medical school application process, as well as potentially making future contacts and mentors.

Please distribute to Year 12 and 13 students who are thinking of applying to any medical schools.

Event Timing: Saturday, 30th November

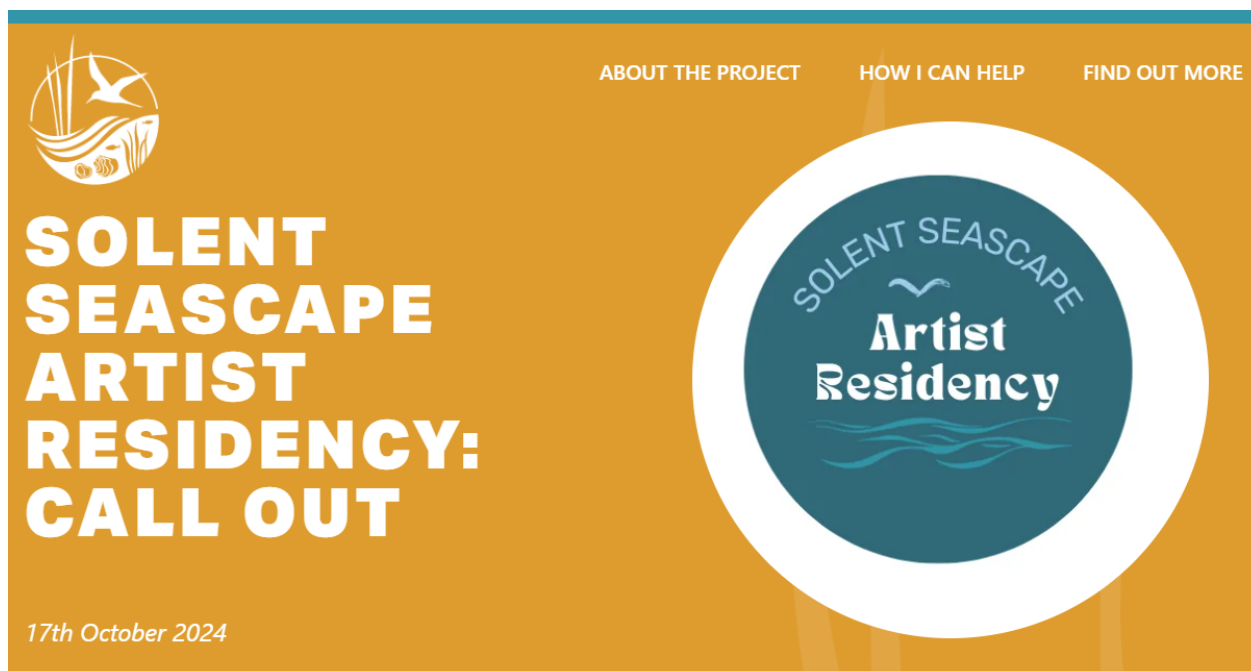
Event Address: Highfield Campus at the University of Southampton

Contact us via email: [wamsocsoton@gmail.com](mailto:wamsocsoton@gmail.com)

Here is the link for attending students to sign-up: [Sign-up form](#)



# The Solent Seascape Project



Open call for artists to apply for a residency engaging with seascape-scale nature restoration, in collaboration with local communities for the Solent Seascape Project

**Deadline for applications: 11 December 11.59pm GMT**

Who are we?

The Solent Seascape Project (SSP) is a collaborative, long-term nature restoration initiative in the Solent strait – a diverse coastal system stretching from the tip of the Needles out to Selsey and Pagham Harbour. It is the first project of its kind in the UK to initiate seascape scale recovery. In partnership with ten organisations, we are actively restoring and reconnecting four key coastal habitats – seagrass meadows, saltmarshes, seabird nesting sites and native oyster reefs – to create a thriving, functioning seascape for all. These habitats are home to incredible local marine wildlife, including thresher sharks, seahorses and tens of thousands of migrating birds.

Community engagement is key to the project. Whether this is through encouraging and inspiring interest in the Solent's seascape, volunteering opportunities, or co-designing a Seascape Recovery Plan, it is important for local communities to be involved.

You can find out more about our work here: <https://solentseascape.com/project/>

# Future Works



## Future Works

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### Recent Events

**Future Works - Discover Creative Careers**  
16+

Strings Bar & Venue  
Newport  
Thu 15 Feb 2024, 7:00PM

PAST EVENT

**Future Works**  
16+

Strings Bar & Venue  
Newport  
Thu 4 Apr 2024, 7:00PM

PAST EVENT

**Future Works: Discover Creative Careers**  
16+

Strings Bar & Venue Isle of Wight  
Newport  
Thu 7 Nov 2024, 7:00PM

PAST EVENT

A free event for 16-30 year olds on the Isle of Wight, giving young creatives the chance to connect & be inspired by industry professionals as they discuss different topics around starting your creative career, with a focus on events, festivals, & performance.

After a panel discussion with three guests:

- ⇒ **Actor and writer, Joe Bone.**
- ⇒ **Creative Projects Assistant & Circus Performer, Kai Davies.**
- ⇒ **Creative Director of Wonderfell Theatre Company, Vicky Wells.**

You'll have plenty of time to meet new people, make connections, & start collaborating.

# Apprenticeships

## **PART I - What, actually, is an apprenticeship?**

Explore the world of apprenticeships, what they are and how to nab one. Plus, get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the daily lives of apprentices.

Thursday 28th November 2024  
5:00 - 7:00pm

[VIEW SESSION](#)

## **PART II - How to land your dream job**

Find out what employers *really* want and how to wow them in applications. Plus, gain tips for a successful career - taking you from student to apprentice to manager.

Thursday 30th January 2025  
5:00 - 7:00pm

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# Oxford University



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## INSPIRE YEAR'S 12 & 13 PROGRAMME

“Inspire Year 12 & 13 provides a unique set of tools to aid you on your path to higher education.”



*Welcome*

Inspire Years 12 & 13 is a free, online, interactive programme that offers academic challenges alongside opportunities to visit the University of Oxford.

### WHAT IS THE INSPIRE 12 & 13 PROGRAMME?

The programme is a two-year course specially curated for students in their final years of study before higher education. The programme is divided into Years 12 and 13, and provides a unique set of tools to aid you on your path to higher education.



OLIVER HEDGES  
YEAR 12 & 13 INSPIRE  
PROGRAMME LEAD



### THE PROGRAMME COMBINES:

- Online academic taster and skills sessions
- Opportunities to attend subject-focused study days at St John's College
- Virtual and residential summer schools
- Inspire research project
- And much more!



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programme





# Understanding UCAS & Applying to University

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Parent & Student Webinar - Follow-Up Resource & Recording

## Key takeaways for students:

### 1. Immerse yourself in your subject of choice

Make sure you are certain about your course choices. [Use the UCAS Hub](#) to explore your options, and use this time to do your wider reading and exploration!

### 2. Familiarise yourself with UCAS

Make sure you know how the UCAS system actually works. Do some research into the application process for your year of entry (bearing in mind the [latest changes to personal statements](#)!)

### 3. Apply early

Make sure you know the [deadlines for UCAS and admissions tests](#). Ensure you are prepared well in advance and try to get your applications in early!

### 4. Find ways to stand out

Think about how you can make your application more impressive. Take a look at recommended reading lists for your chosen courses and make sure to demonstrate your interest in your course in your [personal statement](#) through examples.

## Recommended resources:

We've compiled a list of essential resources to help prepare you for your next steps in in your career journey!

### Follow the links to our blog series:

- ["Choosing a University: The Ultimate Guide"](#)
- ["Your Guide to Acing Your Exams"](#)
- ["Your Guide to Degree Apprenticeships"](#)
- ["Is Oxbridge Right for me?" - Oxbridge Applications](#)

**Plus check out our partner organisations at [Dukes Plus](#) for further application support!**

Not sure which career is right for you? [Take our Career Quiz here!](#)



## Top tips from our experts:



"Look for a course you love, and **find what makes learning fun for you!** Focus on course breakdowns and look for specific modules that take your interest."



"Try where possible to **go to open days**. Don't just rely on league tables and online research. Visit the university as each campus feels different!



"Talk to your friends and family about your course choice. This will help you **feel more confident explaining your passion for your subject**, which would will need to do for your personal statement!"

"If you're applying to multiple different courses with the same personal statement, try to **identify skills and experiences in your application that fit all the courses you're applying for!** ([Click here for handy resource](#))"

Missed the event?  
Catch up here:



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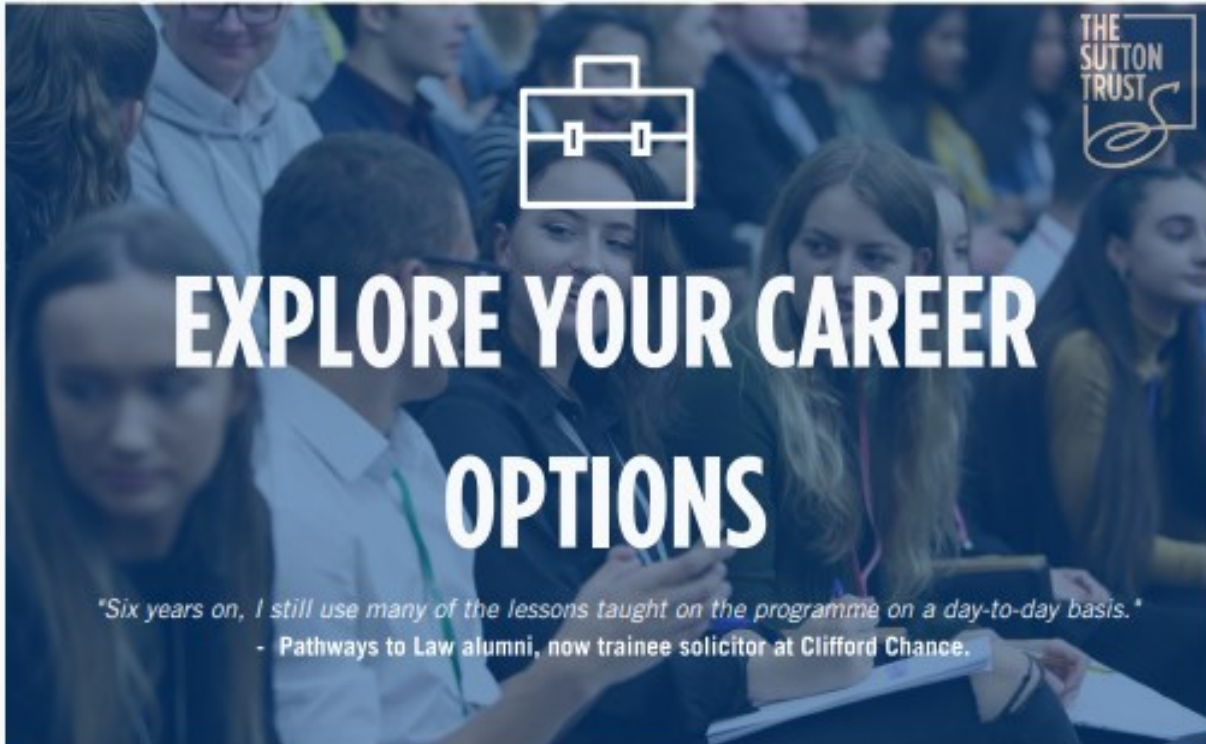
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# Pathways to Careers



## EXPLORE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

*"Six years on, I still use many of the lessons taught on the programme on a day-to-day basis."*  
- Pathways to Law alumni, now trainee solicitor at Clifford Chance.



On our two year programme, you will have the opportunity to:

Attend a national conference

Apply for work experience

Access our alumni network

Get an undergraduate mentor

Access expert application and admissions support

Access employability webinars and workshops

Experience academic and apprenticeship taster sessions

Network with leading professionals in the sector

Applications close October to December. For more details, follow the QR code.



We partner with a large range of organisations, including but not limited to:



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# Access Apprenticeships



## What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a post-16 option where you can work and study at the same time. You will be hired by an employer and get paid a salary while you learn.

On our year-long programme, you will have the opportunity to:

Get tailored application support and a personal mentor

Take part in a work experience placement

Network with peers and leading professionals

Visit organisations who run apprenticeship programmes

Attend apprenticeship insight and skill sessions

Applications close in March. For more details, follow the QR code.



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# Expert Support



## You will have the opportunity to:

Experience university life while staying on campus

Get expert support with your university applications

Gain access to a personal statement building tool

Get an undergraduate mentor to support you while you study

Choose from over 40 different university taster courses

Meet with like-minded peers from across the country

Experience university application, interview, and exam skill sessions

Take part in a range of social activities with your peers

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We partner with 13 different universities around the country.

