



NOTICEBOARD

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY—INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY MEDICINE, 2 DAY RESIDENTIAL COURSE. This popular course will be held this year on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 March. If you are a Year 12 student interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University and would like to attend, please come and see the Sixth Form team in the office for more details. You will have the opportunity to visit the pre-clinical and clinical departments which will give you a taste of the course and meet with staff and current students. Places are limited to 150 and are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. The 2012 course fee is £150 for the all inclusive two day course. **Deadline for booking is Tuesday 31 January.**

SIXTH FORM EASTER WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO MEDICINE— Gap Medics have an exciting 2-week programme

running over the Easter holidays for students who are interested in studying Medicine. Aimed at Years 12 and 13, this programme is designed to combine learning about life as a doctor, with an unforgettable travel experience to Tanzania in East Africa. For more information, students can visit their website at www.gapmedics.co.uk.

EPOC CAREERS CONFERENCES—For those students considering becoming doctors or lawyers the following conferences are being held which you might like to attend. **Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor:** Saturday 11 February, UCL, Saturday 3 March, University of Manchester, Saturday 24 March, UCL. **Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer:** Saturday 18 February, UCL. All run from 10am—4.30pm. For full details, including costs and the application form, please go to www.epoc.org.uk.

UEA Discover Days—These days are aimed at Year 12 students predicted to achieve A*-B at A Level or equivalent. They will offer proactive students the opportunity to experience university study, take part in academic taster sessions and meet Higher Education Advisors. The following events are taking place:

Monday 20 Feb—Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy

Wednesday 22 Feb—Pharmacy

Monday 19 Mar—Business

Thursday 29 Mar—Modern Languages

Tuesday 17 Apr—Computing

Tuesday 17 Apr—Education

Thursday 19 April—Philosophy

All sessions are free of charge. Further information and booking details can be found on UEA's website and if you would like to book, please email giftedandtalented@uea.ac.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following students will be celebrating their birthdays over the next couple of weeks:

Craig Gardiner

Francesca Kirkland

Gemma Poll (18)

Daniel Johnson (18)

Charlotte Van Rhee (18)

Megan Holm

Charlotte Utting (18)

Natasha King (18)

Daniel Preston

William Hammond

Sam Valentine

CAREERS

For those students wishing to find employment following completion of their A Levels, there are two sessions happening during COOL time.

These are; **Thursday 2 February:** Trish Breen from Grass Roots UK who will be launching their apprenticeship Scheme. **Thursday 8 March:** Judi Williamson, our Connexions Advisor will be leading a session on Employability Skills and the National Apprenticeship Scheme.

Students should see Sue Atherton in Connexions should they require any more information or for one-to-one sessions.

SUPER STUDENTS

Many congratulations go to Owen Williams and Ian Doughty for receiving offers from Cambridge.

We would also like to congratulate Fraser Streatfield who created an outstanding website to exhibit his portfolio to support his applications to study architecture.

The schools fabulous House Captains are all busy working with our Head Boy/Head Girl team to put together a House event to support Charity Week. An awful lot of time and effort goes into the organisation so from us, and the Heads of Houses, a big thank you and we hope your events are a huge success.

Finally, a thank you to all the Sixth Form students who are busy selling balloons for the balloon race on Friday 10 February.

DIARY

Mon 23 Jan—closing date for DENS donations.

Fri 3 Feb—AS and A2 Module exams finish.

Mon 6 Feb—Head Boy/Girl, House Captain and Peer Mentor applications process begins.

Mon 6 Feb—Fri 10 Feb—Charity Week

Thur 8 Mar—AS and A2 January Module results.

Thur 22 Mar—Year 12 Higher Education and Finance Evening (Students and Parents)

UNIVERSITY

UCAS APPLICATIONS—We have now sent off 126 UCAS applications to date. The application deadline for UCAS is midnight on Sunday 15 January 2012. Universities send decisions at different times; if they have received your application by 15 January, you will hear from your choices by 10 May. If they receive your application after 15 January you should hear back by 19 July 2012.

INVITATION FOR INTERVIEWS, AUDITIONS, ADDITIONAL ESSAYS/TESTS—If you have received an invitation to any of the above, this is an important reminder to reply as quickly as possible. A university is able to send invitations to applicants online through TRACK. You should reply using TRACK and you will have the opportunity to accept, decline, or request an alternative time or date. If you need to change the date you should log into your application in TRACK and go to the Choices page to request an alternative date. You need to liaise directly with the university for a new date or time.

STUDENT FINANCE—Just a reminder that students should now be completing their student finance applications online at www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk

OPPORTUNITIES

NUFFIELD BURSARY

SCHEME—This scheme offers Year 12 students the opportunity to carry out a research project during the summer holidays. You will take part in a range of science, technology, engineering or mathematics projects in universities or research institutes. You will receive £80 per week for completing the course and it would be a beneficial addition to any future UCAS application. For more information please visit www.setpointherths.org.uk and follow the link to Nuffield Bursaries.

COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER EXAMS— 68 teaching days (Year 12)

82 teaching days (Year 13)

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