



SIXTH FORM

TRANSITION BULLETIN

EDITION: 1

Dear Year 11,

On behalf of the Sixth Form team and all the teaching staff at Barking Abbey I would like to thank you sincerely for applying to us earlier this year for a Year 12 place and we genuinely hope you can join us in September to commence what will be a very demanding but incredibly rewarding final part of your secondary education. In the last few years, we have invested significantly in our Sixth Form provision and we are confident that the support, guidance, opportunities and expertise we can offer you will enable you to realise fully your ambitions and career goals.

The school is very conscious that this unprecedented pandemic we are in has brought with it added uncertainty and anxiety as your GCSE exams were cancelled. Rest assured we will endeavour to accommodate your curriculum selections as best we can particularly as your estimated results emerge on Thursday, August 20th.

With 23 weeks between school closures setting in, in mid-March due to the coronavirus and a Year 12 start in early September- it is imperative you don't waste this invaluable 5-and-a-half-month period. Without the current lockdown, you would be now this week, pushing your mental faculties to the maximum, stretching your cerebral reserves as you juggle multiple GCSE exams on a daily basis. Instead the self-isolation that has become the new normal can easily allow you to settle into a complacent state of inertia.

It is imperative to 'hit the ground running' in September that you raise yourself from this 'intellectual slump' and ready yourself for what is regarded as the biggest 'Step up' you will face in terms of transition between school years at any point in your education history. To enable you to bridge this gap between GCSE and GCE/BTEC , each week for the remaining school calendar year I will upload onto our website and dispatch by email a compact Transition Bulletin to offer you some pointers, highlight some opportunities and recommend some resources that would enable you to arrive in early September refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

Please do not hesitate over the next 14 weeks to email me on : moloneya@barkingabbeysschool.co.uk should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small regarding this key transition to Key Stage 5.

Thanking you

Mr. Anthony Moloney
Head of Sixth Form

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE TO KEEP YOUR BRAIN ACTIVE

London Underground Stations Emoji Pictionary Quiz

How Many of the 13 Tube station names can you unravel from these clues? (Answers next week)

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2 - 😇

3 - 🔪 🔥

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6 - 🖥️ 🔍

7 - 🐘 🏰

8 - 💰

9 - 🙌 🐷

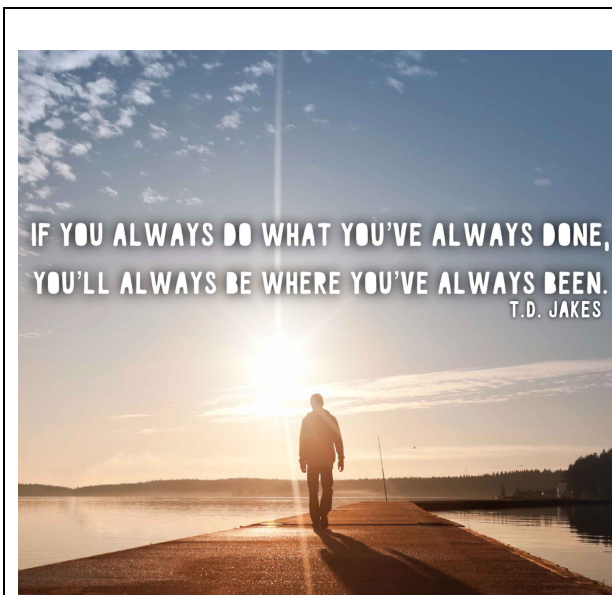
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Remember.... Words to the Wise: Make the most of these next 14 weeks

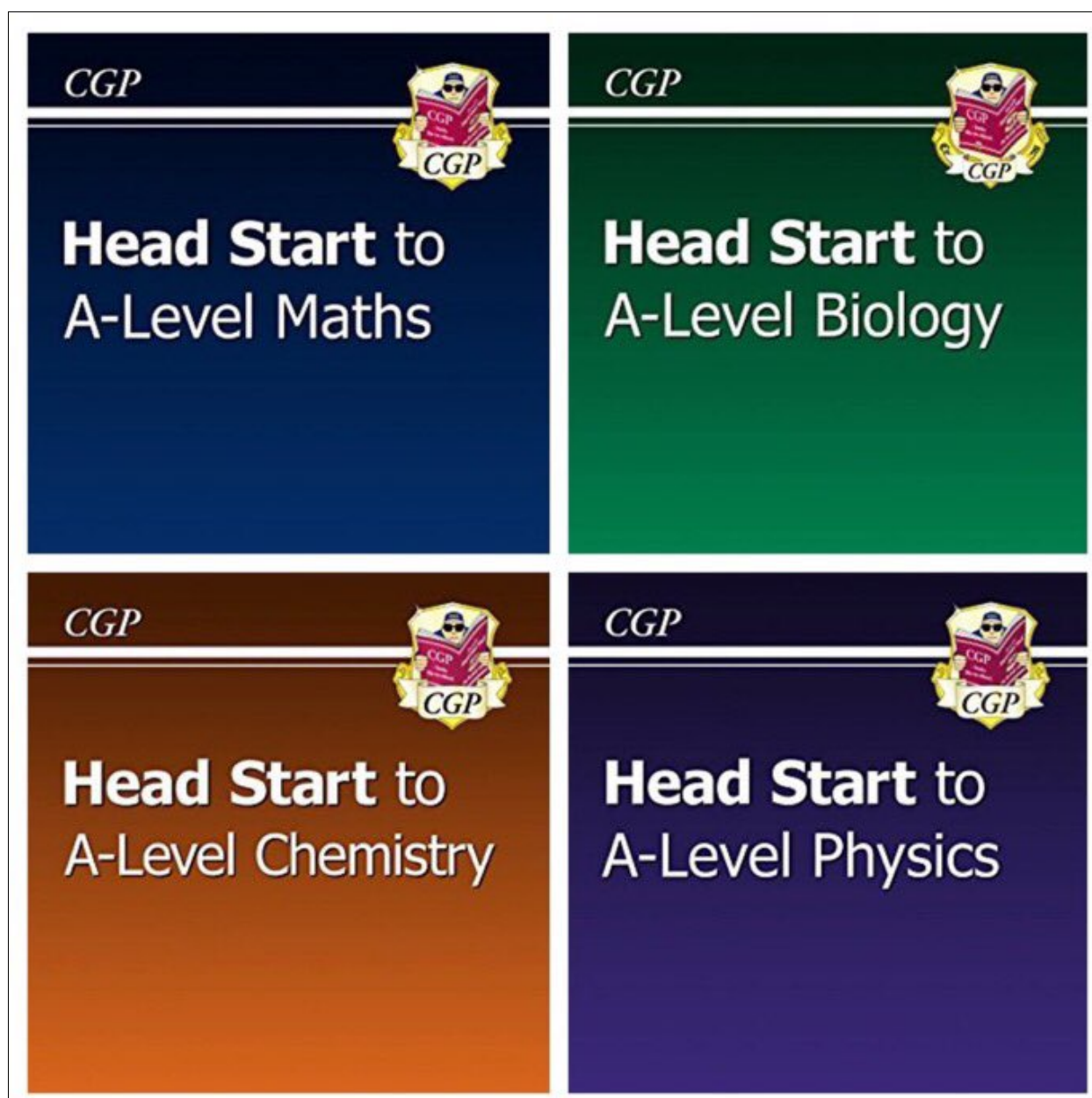


PREPARING FOR KEY STAGE 5 OPTION CHOICES :3 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Are you hoping to study a STEM A Level?

If you are hoping to study the following subjects at A Level.

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics., getting a Head start is really important. CGP have produced these 4 guides which you can watch on Kindle or order via [Amazon](#):



2. Success at School Subject Guides

The Success at School Website (www.successatschool.org.uk) has allowed you to access for free a wide range of electronic subject guides available for you to explore the skills



Just click on the subject to view the guide: You will have to enter your email address to view

- [Art and design](#)
- [Biology](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Computer science](#)
- [Design and technology](#)
- [Drama](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [English](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [History](#)
- [Languages](#)
- [Maths](#)
- [Music](#)
- [PE](#)
- [Physics](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Sociology](#)

3. GCSE POD's PREPARATION FOR A LEVEL SERIES

GCSE POD have produced some preparation for A Level guides in a number of key subjects that can all be accessed here: <https://www.gcsepod.com/free-resources/getting-ready-for-ks5>

GETTING READY SKILL WISE FOR SIXTH FORM

1.NET SIXTH FORM RESOURCES

We are a member of Net Sixth Form who are a highly reputable and well established organisation who support students in Years 12 and 13.

It would be really beneficial for you to invest some time on these weekly tasks to fully prepare you for Sixth Form. If you log in using the link and password below, you can view weekly tips on key areas you will need to develop across your areas of study

Year 11 Vimeo channel link is <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7013773>

Year 11 student password is **netsixth11**

2.CULTURAL CAPITAL

What is cultural capital?

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that young adults need to prepare them for their future success. Cultural capital enables you to develop an awe and wonder of the world beyond your studies. This can be derived from all the super-curricular activities you do including the books you read, the podcasts you listen to and the museums and exhibitions you visit. While you have time at home think about trying a new cultural pursuit online. If we #Stayathome, the entertainment and learning can stream into our home instead. Lots of online services have enabled free access- Can we urge you to take advantage of this unexpected opportunity.

Discover a new City or Culture

Explore the world's greatest landmarks, culture and arts with Google Arts and Culture

[Explore](#)

Explore London

All our best Museums and Galleries from home

[National Portrait Gallery: Home](#)

[Tate Britain](#)

[Imperial War Museum](#)

[Natural History Museum](#)

Virtual Stadium Tours

Can't get to the San Siro? Have a virtual tour from the comfort of your sofa!

[Football Stadiums 360 - Virtual Tours of the World's Best Stadiums](#)

Or maybe have a glimpse into the life of a professional footballer

[A Day In The Life Of Russell Martin](#)

Virtual Museum and Gallery Tours

Here are 12 of the world's greatest museums and galleries

<https://www.southernliving.com/syndication/museums-with-virtual-tours>

Read/listen to Classic Books

Free on Audible including some

classics: [Free Audiobooks for Kids |](#)

[Audible.com](#)

There are over 1000 free audiobooks here too:

[1,000 Free Audio Books: Download Great Books for Free](#)

Watch a Play

National Theatre Live will screen a NT Play every Thursday at 7pm. They will be available to screen for the following 7 days.

[National Theatre](#)

The Royal Shakespeare Company also has some free full-length broadcasts too. [Online Performances](#)

Andrew Lloyd Webber broadcasts one of his musicals every Friday at

7pm. [The Shows Must Go On!](#)

Go to Space

How about a virtual trip into space with

NASA? [NASA Live](#)

Engage in some critical thinking!

The Economist Foundation has some super resources on topics such as extreme weather, veganism, numeracy and politics if you fancy stretching your brain!

[Resources](#)

Trip to the Zoo!

Maybe we can all learn about social distancing from the pandas at Edinburgh

zoo! [Welcome to RZSS Edinburgh Zoo | A great Family Day Out](#)

Or Chester zoo? [Virtual Zoo](#)

Or Longleat? [Longleat](#)

Go to University

Try a Short University Courses from around the world

[1,500 Free Online Courses from Top Universities](#)

National Trust Virtual Tours

Bring beautiful garden scenes and sweeping outdoor views to your own home

[Virtual tours of National Trust places](#)

Ted Talks - Stir your curiosity!

Ted Talks are amazing! Expand your learning and curiosity of thousands of topics, delivered by experts, business leaders and celebrities.

[TED Talks Browse the library of TED talks and speakers](#)

Considering University? Here are a few suggestions:

Go on a Virtual Tour of Universities
[Click here](#)



Webinars/Opportunities at Warwick University



Barking Abbey Sixth Form is very proud of the really close association it has forged over 20 years with the University of Warwick sending 10 students there annually.: Here are two opportunities just released for Year 11/12 students:

- Every weekday in May, there is a video and live chat with a current student at 1pm via the [Warwick At One](#) page. Each student has made a short video on a particular topic - some relating to their course, some to broader topics.
- Warwick Digital Open Day - This will take place over more than just one day in June! If you are interested students are invited to [register their interest](#) now to ensure they receive the relevant information about what is happening and when.

General Webinars on University and Apprenticeships



UK University webinars are incredibly popular so be sure to register ASAP! They also live-stream all of their webinars onto their YouTube channel, [you can subscribe here](#) (turn on their notifications so you never miss a session).

UK Universities next two webinars on successive Wednesdays:

<div data-bbox="245 293 683 725"><p>May</p><p>20</p></div> <div data-bbox="357 757 576 792"><p>Apprenticeships</p></div> <div data-bbox="293 842 564 1021"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explaining Levels• Work + Study• Career Options• How to Apply</div> <div data-bbox="245 1115 683 1223"><p>Register</p></div>	<div data-bbox="868 293 1305 725"><p>May</p><p>27</p></div> <div data-bbox="979 757 1198 792"><p>Life at University</p></div> <div data-bbox="916 842 1203 1021"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation• Study + Social Life• Budgeting• Extra-Curriculars</div> <div data-bbox="868 1115 1305 1223"><p>Register</p></div>
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Degree Apprenticeship Online Live Event, May 21st, 2020, 10-12am

On May 21st, Access Higher Education, a London based University organisation will be hosting our first event on You Tube Live for students seeking to pursue a Degree Apprenticeship in Higher Education. They'll be joined by Pearson College, London and Ask Apprenticeships for an interactive virtual webinar which will help debunk the myths around this new and exciting route into Higher Education. Throughout the event, students will have the chance to learn more about how to contact employers, the application process, interview techniques, and hear directly from a degree apprentice. To sign up Please [click here](#).

Get Inspired by hearing from the Experts on a range of Careers and Current Affair issues



UPCOMING VIRTUAL TALKS

Speakers for Schools is an organisation that brings leading experts and academics to the attention of state school children, they are excited to present their weekly VTalks schedule below! **To view anonymously, click on the Vtalk link in the schedule below and select: (Watch on the web instead > Join anonymously).**

Tips on participating in the VTalk

To access the talks, links should be opened in a browser that is not Internet Explorer and students should join the live event anonymously, there is no need to create a login.

Further guidance on how to access talks can be [found here](#)

Questions for speakers can be submitted via the below channels:

- Q+A Function during the talk which will be made live for students to submit questions
- Twitter: #SFSvtalk @speakers4schools
- Instagram: @speakers4schools

Any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact the organisers on: inspiration@speakersforschools.org

MONDAY, 18th – FRIDAY, 22nd MAY 2020 VTALKS SCHEDULE



ALEIDA RIOS

Group Head of Engineering, BP

- **DATE:** Monday 18th May, 10am **AGE GROUP:** KS 4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

Why choose Engineering as a career? John, a graduate who works at BP, interviews BP's Group Head of Engineering, Aleida Rios on how she got into Engineering and how students can build a career they enjoy.



HOW TO TALK TO STRANGERS - IN COLLABORATION WITH PENGUIN TALKS

Malcolm Gladwell, Author, *How to Talk to Strangers* and Emma Dabiri, Academic and Author, *Don't Touch my Hair*

- **DATE:** Monday 18th May, 2pm. **AGE GROUP:** KS4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

Author of five international bestsellers, Malcolm Gladwell, joins academic and author of *Don't Touch My Hair*, Emma Dabiri, to discuss the consequences of miscommunication, how to interview others and the art of storytelling. This event will take place on Penguin Platform YouTube page, be sure to submit your questions in advance at inspiration@speakersforschools.org



ROBERT PESTON

Political Editor, ITV

- **DATE:** Tuesday 19th May, 10am **AGE GROUP:** KS 4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**



KATHRINA MANNION

Director of Environmental Policy, BP

DATE: Tuesday 19th May, 2pm.
AGE GROUP: KS3, 4 & 5

- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

Kathrina will discuss her career and current role in Environment and Policy. She will also discuss her motivations and career progressions. Kathrina used to be a Senior Advisor for the government so has a really interesting career story.



DR. MARIA FARAONE

Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects

- **DATE:** Wednesday 20th May, 10am. **AGE GROUP:** KS4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

What does an Architect do? Dr Maria Faraone will explore with students more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career.



DAVID DEIN MBE

Former Chairman of Arsenal and the Football Association

- **DATE:** Wednesday 20th May, 2pm – 3:15pm
- **AGE GROUP:** KS4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

David's presentation is aimed at 15-18yr olds and features the phenomenal success of the Premier League since its inception. David will also impart inspirational messages about how to be successful.



PETER MATHER

Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP

- **DATE:** Thursday 21st May, 2pm. **AGE GROUP:** KS4 & 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. By 2040, another 2 billion people are expected to be in the world, while energy demand is projected to rise by around a third, equivalent to adding another new China and EU's worth of energy demand on top of what's required today. How can we tackle this dual challenge?



TOM DORE

Head of Education, British E-Sports Association

- **DATE:** Friday 22nd May, 10am. **AGE GROUP:** KS3 – 5
- **WATCH LIVE TALK HERE**

Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, Tom's session will aim to demystify the esports sector and let students know about the opportunities that exist.

Next Week: The Focus in Bulletin 2 will be on Virtual Talks and Work Experience.