

SIXTH FORM TRANSITION BULLETIN

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Dear Year 11,

With a half term break fast approaching, it is often difficult in these unusual times to distinguish a 'school week' from a 'holiday week'. What is not difficult to distinguish though is the qualities and character you continue to show as young adults during this pandemic . The only comparable moment in recent history to the first half of 2020 is the year 1918. 1918 is synonymous with the ending of the Great War but another war begun as the 1914-1918 conflict concluded: a battle against another super virus, the Spanish Flu. Between 50 and 100 million people are thought to have died, representing as much as 5 percent of the world's population. Half a billion people were infected. Whilst the mortality and infection data from 102 years ago fortunately hasn't been replicated these last 3 months, the loss, grief and suffering is felt as much. In addition, as young adults who have spent 6 years at primary and 5 years at secondary school building up to these - your first public exams this month and next, the sudden shock announcement on 18th March that GCSEs were cancelled can leaving this gaping void in your academic life. But you are a very special group, you will go down in history for showing an immense amount of grit and RESILIENCE. The Oxford English dictionary defines resilience as: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; exhibiting an inner toughnessyou have shown that inner steel, strength and conviction in abundance during all this uncertainty which will equip you well for a tough two years ahead academically.

The other key skill you will need in Years 12 and 13 is time management and as indicated last week, getting familiar with the content, skills, wider reading is more important than ever with this lockdown offering in one respect a relief from exams but simultaneously such an opportunity. In this edition I have outlined three additional areas you can explore with a half term holiday – career websites to look beyond this September, virtual talks to inspire/engage you and work experience (mainly virtual) to give you a sense of employment opportunities. Please seize these opportunities in these unprecedented times

Please do not hesitate over the next 13 weeks to email me on :

moloneya@barkingabbeyschool.co.uk should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small regarding this key transition to Key Stage 5.

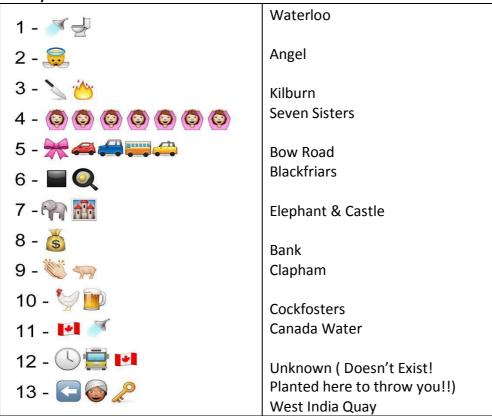
Thanking you

Mr. Anthony Moloney Head of Sixth Form

LAST WEEK's PUZZLE ANSWERS

London Underground Stations Emoji Pictionary Quiz

How Many of the 13 Tube station names did you unravel from these clues? (Answers below)



This week we are going to stay in London but move above ground to famous landmarks



<u>University Opportunities this week</u> (Please click on the title to be directed to the weblink)

Queen Mary University's Outreach Hub	QMUL have just constructed a digital content		
	hub! Here you can find a number of resources		
	and information about forthcoming virtual		
	events which QMUL hope will support you in		
	your journey to higher education in 2022.		
University of East London Virtual Hub	UEL's Live Webinar Q&A Series consists of a		
	programme of engaging online events for you		
	to have the opportunity to hear and interact		
	with their staff and current students as they		
	deliver talks and presentations on UEL		
University College London Envision	Envision @UCL is a 3-hour online event for		
	young people of Black African & Caribbean		
	heritage in years 10-13 and who are		
	interested in learning more about university		
	and future career options.		
University of London Tasters	University of London Taster Courses are short		
	courses at participating universities in and		
	around London. They are designed for school		
	students, usually in Year 11/12, to get an		
	insight into studying a particular subject or		
	subject area at university. Most of these until		
	September 2020 will be held virtually online.		
Unitaster Days Programme	This is a directory of a wide range of		
	university events geared to school groups and		
	individual students with an extensive search		
	facility		



Below you will find a wide range of general Career Websites that we would urge you to explore not only for your Post 16 but also your Post 18 Career Plans

On moving to Sixth Form, immediately we start to process of constructing a Career Road Map where we consider where you hope to be in July 2022 and September 2025. These links should help you consider all the available options to your career goals and ambitions.

University Information

- <u>UCAS</u> Central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education
- HEAP HEAP online is a good starting point to research university degree courses
- Unistats Official website for comparing UK higher education course data
- <u>University Compare</u> Compare the best ranked degree courses in the subject of your choice
- What Uni? Compare aspects of degree courses
- <u>The Student Room</u> Large online community of students where you can discuss universities, health, relationships, lifestyles and more
- <u>bestcourse4me.com</u> Explore the links to subjects you are studying to potential careers that may lead from them
- The Complete University Guide A guide to UK universities
- <u>Higher Education Careers Service Unit</u> Detailed research about higher education and graduate careers
- Which? University An independent website to explore universities and higher education courses: It is now known as the Uni guide and is the 2nd best resource to use other than the UCAS website
- <u>UK University Search</u> Information about open days
- <u>Careers Gateway</u> Links to information about careers and higher education
- Bright Knowledge Guide to careers, education and student life

Apprenticeships General information about apprenticeships.

- Find an Apprenticeship Government site providing information and advice
- <u>Paid to Learn</u> A website for apprenticeships and careers advice for young people aged 16 -18 years old
- Not Going to University Information for alternatives to university
- Career Map Apprenticeship vacancies
- Huffposts Students Videos about apprenticeships
- Rathbone Voluntary organisation with apprenticeship and workplace skills programmes
- <u>Vision Apprenticeship</u> A website to help to find an apprenticeship
- QA Apprenticeships A company which offers business and IT related apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship Stories Real people who have got apprenticeships their experiences
- The Apprenticeship Guide Guide to apprenticeships, including higher apprenticeships
- The Apprenticeship Eye Information and the latest news about apprenticeships
- <u>UCAS Alternatives to Higher Education</u> Information about alternatives to higher education from UCAS
- Apprenticeship App A free app to download to browse apprenticeship opportunities
- All About School Leavers Information, CV and cover letter tips in applying for apprenticeships
- <u>Success at School: How to Find an Apprenticeship</u> Different ways in which to get an apprenticeship
- Babington Group A company which helps find an apprenticeship in a range of sectors
- GetMyFirstJob A site for you to find apprenticeships and traineeships

Overseas Study

If you are interested in studying abroad, the following websites provide information:

- The Guardian: Studying Abroad Article about the best places to study abroad
- <u>Erasmus +</u> A project which provides students in higher education a change to study abroad
- <u>A Star Future</u> Information about higher education opportunities to British young people who may want to study abroad
- <u>Study in Holland</u> Information about studying in Holland
- <u>European University Central Application Support Service (EUNICAS)</u> Main gateway into applying for higher education courses abroad
- <u>Fulbright Commission</u> Commission to promote and facilitate educational exchange opportunities between the UK and USA
- The Student World Information about studying in a wide variety of countries
- <u>Student Ladder: US Universities</u> Information about studying and applying for a US University

Expanding your horizons and subject knowledge by watching talks and lectures online is a superb way ohttp://www.lse.ac.uk/Events/Search-Eventsf getting ready for Sixth Form. All these are free & will extend and enrich you!

VIRTUAL TALKS & LECTURES	
The Royal Society (Leading Science Talks by experts)	https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/
The Royal Institution (Wide range of Science based talks)	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheRoyalInstitution
Imperial College Public Events	https://www.youtube.com/user/imperialcollegevideo
LSE Public Events (Humanities lectures)	http://www.lse.ac.uk/Events/Search-Events
LSE Player	http://www.lse.ac.uk/lse-player
Gresham College	https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch/
How To Academy	https://www.howtoacademy.com/videos/
Intelligence Squared (For Current	https://www.intelligencesquared.com/watch-and-
Talks there is now a £4.99	listen/
monthly subscription)	

Half Term Free Lectures: Top Quality Experts and Academics in Conversation

Date	Location and link	Details		
Monday, 25 th May	How to Academy	Has China Won?		
3-4pm		The former President of the UN Security Council joins How To Academy live from Singapore to reveal why the global pandemic marks the true beginning of the Asian century.		
Tuesday, 26 th May 6.30pm-7.30pm	How to Academy	The Home Working Revolution & the Future of Business Stanford Professor Nicholas Bloom is the world's leading authority on the effects of home-working on productivity and happiness. He explores how the pandemic could change our working lives for the better.		
Tuesday 26 th May	Gresham College	The Cashless Society		
6pm-7pm		Money may well make the world go round but cash is surely an encumbrance we can do without. What does a cashless society look like? What is the technology behind the digital economy and the new forms of currency and money?		
Wednesday 27 th May 6.30-7.30pm	How To Academy	How to Act with Power Join Stanford Business Professor Deborah Gruenfeld for an eye-opening look at how to cultivate and harness power in any role and on any stage.		
Thursday 28 th May 1pm-2pm	Gresham College	Hippocrates and Ancient Greek Medicine The birth of rational medicine contributed to the scientific revolution which occurred amongst eastern Greek communities in the 7th-to-5th centuries BCE.		
Thursday, 28 th May 6.30-7.30pm	How to Academy	How to Survive a Pandemic – Lessons from the Military's Chief Survival Instructor John Hudson is a man who knows what it takes to survive. He joins us to share his insights and help us come out of the current crisis stronger and wiser.		



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 @speakrs4schools
- Instagram: @speakers4schools

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

MONDAY,25th - FRIDAY, 29th MAY 2020 VTALKS SCHEDULE



BARONESS MARY GOUDIE. (Life Peer & Campaigner)

- DATE: Tuesday 26th May, 10am AGE GROUP: KS4-5
- WATCH LIVE TALK HERE

Baroness Mary Goudie is will be joining us to talk about her career and passion for tackling social injustices. Mary is happy to answer questions from students and looks forward to an interesting discussion!



DR WANDA WYPORSKA (Executive Director, The Equality Trust)

• **DATE:** Wednesday 27th May, 10am

• AGE GROUP: KS4-5

WATCH LIVE TALK HERE

Dr Wyporska will tell students her experience of being a young carer and how she got started in her career journey. Wanda will also discuss the topic of inequality in the UK.



NICK BOYLE

Group Chief Executive Officer, Lightsource BP

• **DATE:** Friday 29th May, 10am

• **AGE GROUP:** KS3-5 / S1-6

WATCH LIVE TALK HERE

Nick is the CEO of Lightsource BP, an innovative solar company, and will be joining us to discuss his own career and motivations and provide insights into low carbon businesses and technologies.

UPCOMING VTALKS

MONDAY 1st JUNE

- 10am Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chair, MasterCard
- 2pm Kev O'Sullivan, Creative Director, Fleishman Hillard Fishburn

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

• 2pm – Philippe Sands, Lawyer, Matrix Chambers & Professor of International Law

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

- 10am Gisela Abbam, Chair, British Science Association
- 2pm Dan Connolly, Sports Marketing Executive, Consul Sports Club

FRIDAY 5th JUNE

John Vary, Futurologist, John Lewis Partnership

 $\underline{\textbf{Work Experience}}$: Many of these opportunities are virtual at present but will transform into real hands on vocational opportunities when a new normal settles in , in the Autumn Term

Barclays Life Skills Virtual Work Experience	A wide range of videos and activities to help students build up their employability and money management skills. It is anticipated that from September placements at actual branches will be back up running. Please register on this website.
Law Prime Commitment	PRIME is an alliance of law firms across the UK, committed to improving access to the legal profession through work experience.
<u>Uptree</u>	A professional network connecting young people and employers. Please sign up using the link.
S4S NextGen	A platform for young state school students to access work experience across a wide number of industries and businesses. Please register using the link
Observe GP	Observe GP is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider care team
Brighton & Sussex Virtual Medicine Work Experience	This course provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face.
White & Case Virtual Law Experience	A new virtual programme allows students to gain first-hand insight into life as a White & Case lawyer and experience the realities of crossborder law.

Current S4SNext Gen Opportunities. Please register here to view Opportunities: S4S NextGen

for Y11 within Cisco`s Tech/Business Departments	Curious about a career in technology? Looking for work experience that's fun, exciting and where you can get stuck in?	
Dates: 6 th -10 th July	VIEW OPPORTUNITY	



VWEX: Boundless Theatre Placement

Dates: 29th June-3rd July

boundles

They've recently launched a new fiction podcast, Radio Elusia by Nina Segal and they want to share it with as many young adults as possible. They have an opportunity for some tech and social media savvy placement students to work across their digital strategy. They will support you to devise and deliver original ways of broadening their reach amongst teenagers.

VIEW OPPORTUNITY

VWEX with a social enterprise set-up to empower young people to engage with politics

I have a voice is a social enterprise that has been set-up to empower young people to engage with politics by enhancing their knowledge of the political system. I have a voice is a new start-up and so you'll gain insight into how you could set-up a social enterprise yourself.

VIEW OPPORTUNITY

One week work experience at a VFX/Animation company Autumn 2020

26th-30th October

Industrial Light and Magic

We are one of the leading Visual Effects (VFX) companies in the world, serving the motion picture commercial production and attraction industries. Industrial Light and Magic was founded by George Lucas in 1975 to create the special effects for his space epic Star Wars.

Work experience at ILM London

VIEW OPPORTUNITY

Jacobs Virtual Work Experience Programme - Design of a Coronavirus Vaccine Research Centre

Their virtual work experience programme will take students through the design of a Coronavirus vaccine research facility. They will introduce students to the wide range of people within the STEM fields that

Available throughout these dates 3rd June -30th July

come together to make this project a reality from architects and engineers through to project managers and scientists

VIEW OPPORTUNITY

Uptree have a number of Work Experience and Career Insight opportunities . After signing up here : $\underline{\text{Uptree}}$ you will be alerted to these opportunities and many more that are available to 16 year olds

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Engineering & Business	MBDA	Non-Clinical Role	es 🔼	VHS
Date: Thu 11 Jun (10am-12pm) Req's: Year 11, 12 & 13 Location: Webinar		Date: Tue 23 Jun Req's: Year 12 & Location: Webina		
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WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

80% of our sixth formers avail of at least one work or research based placement in a London based company or institutions. Many of these are household names or are global internationally recognised brands.



<u>Twenty Twenty a TV Production Company are looking for Volunteers who will be filmed in a 'Work Experience Placements of a lifetime opportunity'</u>

They are looking for teenagers aged **16-18 years old** who are up for a challenge and feel that they could benefit from the work experience trip of a lifetime! They are really keen to hear from anyone interested! You can see what students got up to in the first series on BBC IPlayer here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06zhf9j/the-nine-to-five-with-stacey-dooley. A Flyer with contact details can be found on the next page

