



Sixth Form Bulletin w/c 25th Jan 2021

Dear all,

Despite school being closed to most students, we have a very busy week in the Sixth Form. On Wednesday we will join the rest of the school in marking Holocaust Remembrance Day in a Teams assembly. Mr Baldrey has written about the day below and we would really like all students to use this as an opportunity to reflect on the lessons from history, how we act towards others and how we can use our voice in a positive way so that people with no voice are heard. Please also make sure you join the assembly during tutor time.

Also, on Wednesday, Mrs Havill has arranged a *Moving on Day* to help students to think about life after St John's. As well as the opportunity to visit two virtual careers fairs, all Y12 and 13 students are invited to a live talk on 'Your future after University' via TEAMS from Oxford Brookes University at 11.20am on Wednesday 27th January. All students are encouraged to join this event and it can therefore replace your normal timetabled lesson on that day. Look out for your Teams invitation.

On Thursday, Mr Harrison and Miss Ayling will be hosting a live HIT session during Y12 tutorial. Make sure you are ready and look out for some guest appearances during the session!

Finally, if you have not had a chance to complete the questionnaires forwarded by Mrs Joyce and Mr Harrison please do as soon as you can as

they close today. This is your chance to tell us what is working and what is not with your remote education. The links have been sent to your school email.

Kind regards,
Mrs Haig and the Sixth Form team

Remember you can also follow what we are getting up to on our Twitter feed @Stjohns6thform.



Timetable over lockdown:

Students should be following their normal timetable during lockdown with the following exceptions:

- Private study. Students should be completing a minimum of one hour per subject per week at a convenient time.
- PE for Y12: We will be suggesting things for you to do!
- Tutor time: Twice a week only (for most a Monday and Thursday) but see your individual teams invite.
- Assembly: Every other week via Teams invite
- Y13 Social Studies and Y12 Wellbeing continue as normal
- Y12 EPQ – moving to individual mentors w/c 18th Jan so times of sessions may change.

Support available throughout lockdown and beyond:

- School – tutors / teachers / school nurse
- Online support such as [YoungMinds - children and young people's mental health charity](#)
- Gilly Beer – school counsellor – 6th Form - Thursday and Friday.

Holocaust Memorial Day – 27th January from Mr Baldrey

Holocaust Memorial Day marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz by the Soviet Red Army in 1945. The Nazis

had pursued a policy of discrimination against many groups within Germany from 1933, and by 1942 they had decided to kill people who they did not approve of. During the Second World War six death camps were established in occupied Poland to murder these people. Hitler had always targeted Jewish people, and indeed around 6 million were killed as a result of Hitler's policies, around half of these in the Death Camps. However, Jewish people were not the only people to face this policy, there were also gay people, the disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses and Romany people. We will probably never know the exact number of those murdered by the Nazis. We may think of the Holocaust as history, but pause a moment. Many people alive today are the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of those who survived this terrible series of events. For these families the Holocaust is a shocking part of their family history.

Follow the link below to watch a short film made by Wolf Blitzer, a leading news presenter for CNN in the USA on his family and the Holocaust:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MaialdjK8>

Supra-curricular activities: suggestions for aspiring medics

Students in Y12 looking to apply to Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell group universities are recommended to undertake supra-curricular activities and lockdown is an excellent time to start! These are activities that aim to enhance academic understanding. This week our suggestions are for aspiring medics:

For all medics read books

- This is Going to Hurt
- Bad Science
- Being Mortal
- When Breath Becomes Air
- Do No Harm
- The Man Who Mistook His Wife for A Hat
- Fragile Lives
- Trust Me I'm a Junior Doctor
- <https://www.themedicportal.com/blog/lockdown-wider-reading-for->

aspiring-medics/

For those applying to traditional courses read science, magazines and books

- New scientist
- Scientific American
- https://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/images/files/reading_list_potential_medics.pdf

Eton X

During the last lockdown, Eton kindly made some courses available free to state schools. This lockdown they have again made one course per year group available to students at St John's.

- Year 12 – Entrepreneurship.
- Year 13 – CV writing.

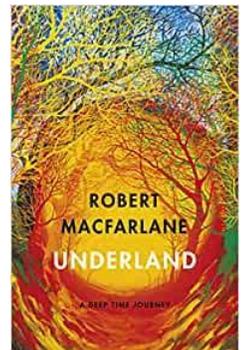
Instructions and access code will be sent to students via email later today.

Book of the week: *This week chosen by Miss Singleton* Underland by Robert Macfarlane

I have been waiting a long time for Robert Macfarlane's book Underland to make it into paperback. He is an astonishingly good writer, and the patron saint of the genre that has come to be known as New Nature Writing.

He blends beautiful descriptions with history, culture and memoirs of his travels and adventures – along with a dollop of environmental awareness. It is hard for anyone to write about Nature without it seeming like an elegy – a mourning song for what is being destroyed.

I am happy to report that 'Underland' was worth the wait - it is a terrific book from start to finish. Framed as a mythic voyage into the Underworld - beginning with an introductory Descending and finishing with a Surfacing - it takes us through sections of 'Seeing', 'Hiding' and 'Haunting.' Within these sections Macfarlane goes on a variety of underground travels, from the prehistoric burials of the Mendips to Dark Matter laboratories, from the subterranean realm of Paris to the war-torn hollows in the Slovenian highlands, from the glaciers and meltwaters of Greenland, to the underland of the Norwegian sea bed explored for oil.



Sometimes exultant, sometimes claustrophobic, Macfarlane takes us with him on these voyages into the depths. He's a great travel companion - observant, thoughtful, modest. He writes beautifully (though you have not to mind his favourite descriptive technique of 'of-ing' everything - eg 'growl of roads. Whirr of a low-flying bumble-bee'. The account of the debate on how to find a symbol to communicate the dangers of buried nuclear waste to living beings thousands of years into the future was both fascinating and terrifying.

Reviewers describe this book as hopeful, but it doesn't seem that way to me. Too much war and destruction of the natural world... still it is a book to read slowly and carefully, and one I will read again, before too long.

Music Suggestion *from Mr Rogan*

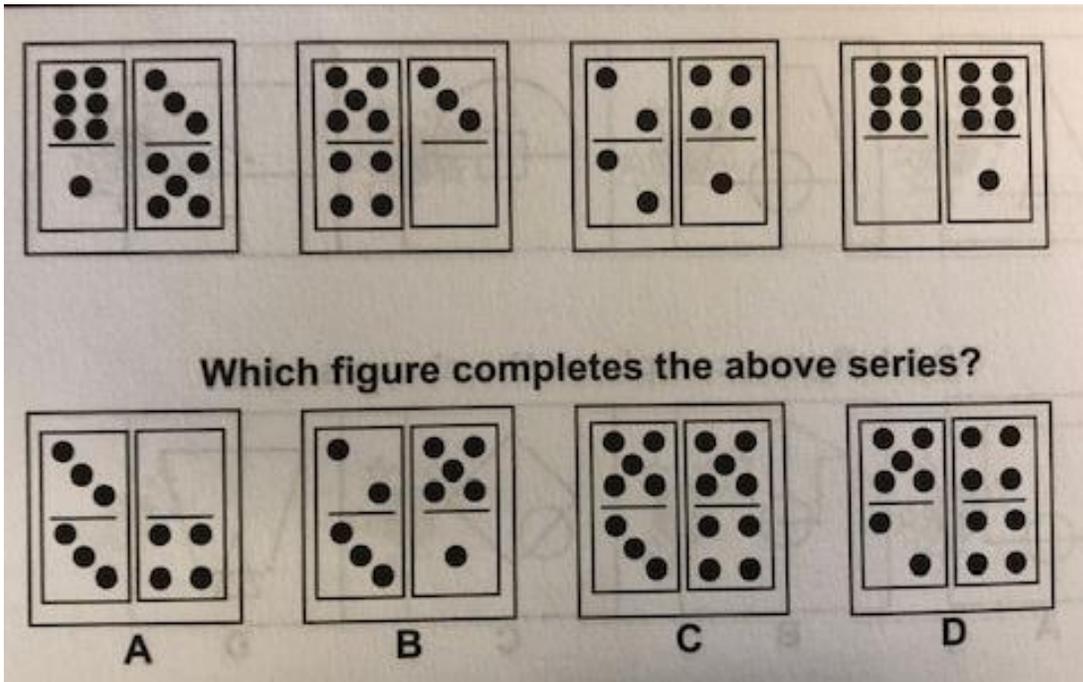
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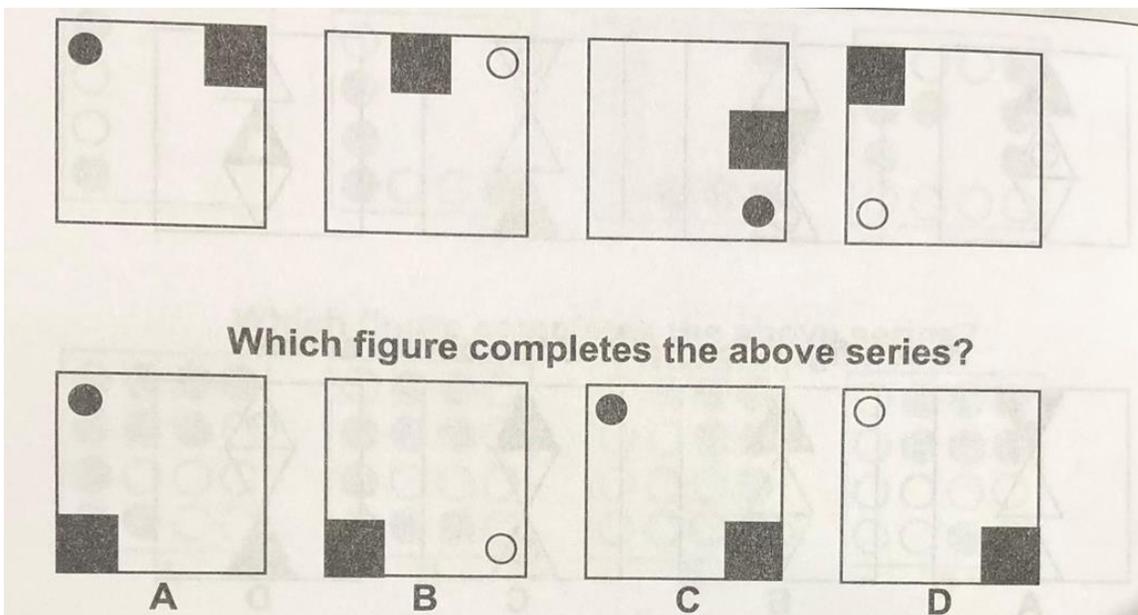
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Quiz time: Abstract reasoning puzzle



Last week's puzzle and answer:



Answer: C

The circle moves clockwise from one corner to the next. This excludes Frame B. It also alternates between black and white; the next one therefore has to be black, which excludes Frame B again and Frame D.

To identify the place of the black square, you must look at every other frame. Between Frame 1 and Frame 3, the black square has moved clockwise by half the length of a side. Between Frame 2 and Frame 4, the black square has moved anti-clockwise by half the length of a side. Therefore, in

the following frame, the black square should be in the bottom right corner, i.e. half a length further clockwise compared to Frame 3. This is the case in Frames C and D. But since Frame D has already been excluded, then Frame C is the answer.

Ted Talks: *This week's recommendation from Mrs Haig-Williams*

Holocaust survivor Werner Reich recounts his harrowing adolescence as a prisoner transported between concentration camps -- and shares how a small, kind act can inspire a lifetime of compassion. "If you ever know somebody who needs help, if you know somebody who is scared, be kind to them," he says. "If you do it at the right time, it will enter their heart, and it will be with them wherever they go, forever."

https://www.ted.com/talks/werner_reich_how_the_magic_of_kindness_helped_me_survive_the_holocaust?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

Keeping fit and healthy: *from Mr Turnbull*

10,000 steps - I sent this out as a daily challenge at the start of the last lockdown in March and have kept it going myself since that date. It's incredibly simple, just use your phone (or some other device) to record your steps and do at least 10,000 every day. If you're in the habit of getting out for a walk or run every day then it's easily achieved but this challenge just makes sure that you don't have days where you are totally inactive.

Careers Update from Mrs Havill

St John's Moving On Fair details on Wednesday 27th January has been sent to school emails.

University

Meet the Russell Group: Wednesday 10th February, 12:00 to 19:00 - This online and interactive experience will allow you to explore all 24 Russell Group universities and chat directly to their representatives and ambassadors. Find out more [here](#).

University of Law - Virtual Corporate Social Responsibility Workshop, 26th January 2021 - 13.00-14.00 A dive into the world of Business by focusing on the environmental and social responsibilities that companies have. We look at this concept from the business side and use case studies to discuss and debate businesses that have been successful and those less so. This workshop is perfect to develop your students' commercial awareness in the Business sector.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your place

They are also future talks <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/> – see below

- **True Crime: Infamous Criminals Tues 9 Feb, 14:00 - 15:00**

Analysing true crime case studies, including the Gypsy Rose case, Bridgewater 4, Ponzi and Jack the Ripper.

- **The 7 Deadly Sins of Social Media Thurs 11 Feb, 16:00 - 17:00**

Focusing on how real life legal cases have risen from the ever growing world of social media.

Applying for Business Personal Statement Workshop Tuesday, 26 Jan, 14:00 - 15:00

Applying to study Business at University can be a daunting process, so we will provide top tips on how to improve opening and closing statements, including academic language and how to add value to their draft statements to give them the best chance of receiving an offer. [Book now](#)

University of Plymouth – February Sessions <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/study/outreach/live-online-talks> on zoom - *Choosing a course and benefits of university* - [Monday 8 February - 4pm](#), *Applying through UCAS and personal statements* - [Tuesday 9 February - 4pm](#), *Student finance and budgeting* [Wednesday 10 February - 4pm](#) and *Student life* - [Thursday 11 February - 4pm](#)

University of Winchester Next Steps Masterclasses - Once you have submitted your UCAS applications and are waiting for offers to come back you can start thinking about the next steps to get ready for university. Sessions run from **16 - 25 February, starting at 5:30pm** and can be accessed by any applicant, they don't have to be planning to study with us. Within each 1-hour live session we will be discussing confirming offers & decision making, funding study and choosing accommodation. All delivered by Admissions, Students & Money and Housing, they will be able to answer any questions and there will be personal live chat for those with questions they do not want to ask publicly. There will be focused sessions for those who may have additional support needs (which will include DSA applications), International students, or mature learners, details available via the [booking information](#).

Bank of England Free online event for 16-18 year olds: Introduction to Economics - Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 5.00-6.30pm, have partnered with the [University of Warwick](#) and Discover Economics to deliver this interactive event. Students can:

- learn more about economics as a subject
- experience an interactive taster lecture delivered by the Warwick https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/events/2021/2/introduction_to_economics

Students that attend the above event will be eligible to attend the [Warwick Economics Summit](#) for free on 5-7 February 2021, please use code WESBOE1618.

UWE, Bristol 'Explore Your Futures' student webinars includes:-

Explore the skills you need to succeed

Wednesday 27 January, 16:30-17:15

Being able to recognise your skills and talk confidently about them will enable you to successfully apply to jobs, apprenticeships and university courses. This webinar will offer useful advice to help you to do this effectively, whilst also highlighting activities and opportunities to develop your own skill set. [Register >](#)

Explore your options at 18

Wednesday 3 February, 16:30-17:15

This webinar will give you an up-to-date overview of the all the different post-18 options available, including higher education, apprenticeships, employment and gap years. We will answer the common questions many students have and give you the facts to help you decide on your chosen pathway. [Register >](#)

Explore how to find work experience during a pandemic

Wednesday 10 February, 16:30-17:15

Although work experience has become harder to find since the coronavirus pandemic, there are definitely still opportunities available. This webinar will highlight a range of different ideas that you can explore to help you gain that all-important insight into the world of work. [Register >](#)

Explore where university could take you

Wednesday 17 February, 16:30-17:15

This webinar will explain how studying in higher education can increase your employment prospects and offer many benefits personally. We will also look at the

common concerns expressed by students when weighing up this option; helping you make a decision that's right for you. [Register >](#)

University of Plymouth Geography A-level topic of 'Changing Places'. Drawing on urban and rural case studies, it examines how places are rebranded to enable economic and social development. The session will be running on the 10th of February at 1pm and last an hour with time for Q&A so do encourage your students to come with any questions, whether related to the topic or Geography at HE. The sign up link is

https://plymouthuniversity.secure.force.com/pmtx/evt_Conf_Detail?id=a136700000WZetZ

Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week is 8th to 12th February and a number of employers are starting to advertise now or starting for this week. Please check employer details as well as vacancy websites for updates. Universities are also supporting this week e.g.

New parent newsletter is available

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/01/Parent-Pack-Jan-2021.pdf>

University of Winchester Degree Apprenticeship Masterclasses - During National Apprenticeship Week #NAW2021 from **9-11 February** we are pleased to offer online masterclasses designed to support students' degree apprenticeship research. Our virtual sessions are divided by the different programmes offered at Winchester and across the week we will be hosting a masterclass about each of our pathways below. To book to attend the virtual sessions students should visit [Masterclasses](#).

Sessions taking place:

Tuesday 9 February - [Social Work](#) (5:30pm) & [Nursing - Learning Disability](#) (6:30pm)

Wednesday 10 February - [Digital & Technology Solutions](#) (6:00pm) & [Data Science](#) (7:00pm)

Thursday 11 February - [Business Management & Leadership \(CMDA\)](#) (3:00pm) & [Senior Leaders Master's Degree Apprenticeship](#) (4:00pm)

Rolls-Royce What are Non-Destructive and Materials Laboratories Degree Apprenticeships?

Current apprentices will explain what they get up to and you'll have the opportunity to ask them any question you want on the live chat. Register

<https://meetandengage.com/rollsroycecareers#>

Tue, 26 Jan 13:00 - 14:00

Vacancies:

- **Amey Consulting, KPMG, McDonald's, RSM, Pernod Ricard, Marsh & McLennan, CGI, PwC, Mace Group, Accenture** – currently being advertised on RateMyApprenticeship

- **BDO**, UK's largest Accountancy and Business Advisory firms providing Audit, Advisory, Tax and Business Services & Outsourcing services to clients across a huge range of sectors in the UK and internationally – to find out more about their apprenticeship programme details use link below

Explore more

- **Haysmacintyre** - Trainee Chartered Accountant School Leaver Programme, closes 1st February https://earlycareers.haysmacintyre.com/school-leavers?dm_i=30Z1,14690,7YRMRA,4ART4,1
- Associate Project Manager level 4: **National Trust** / Heelis, closes 24th January <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-566432>
- **BT** Apprenticeships – ranging from level 2 to 6 including Software Development, Sales, Electronics, Data Analysis, Network Design [Click here to apply to BT](#)
- **Vodafone** Apprenticeships, Level 4 -6 , closes 19th February [View all roles](#)
- **Accenture - Technology Degree Apprenticeships** Deadline for applications: **26th February 2021** (Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh) and **30th April 2021** (London and Warwick). [Apply Now](#)
- **Aon** – range of investment apprenticeships **closing date 29th January** . To [apply for these roles](#) and to find out more, please click on the button below.

Apply Now

Are you registered with <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> See their vacancies list here <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Choices/Apprenticeships/DegreeApprenticeship.aspx>

DHL advertising for 2021 Degree Apprenticeship Programme:

FIND OUT MORE

Insight to **CGI** Webinar: Application Link: <https://www.research.net/r/CGI-Event>

- Monday 25th January, 4pm - 5pm
- CGI are a \$12billion technology and consulting firm
- Opportunities in Technology and Business (Apprenticeships & Graduate Programs)
- Insight session to CGI, workshops and senior leader keynote
- Q&A panel and fast track opportunities
- Ideal for students interested in Technology or Business and want their degree to be paid for
- 16 - 18 year olds (Y12, Y13 & Y14)

Marks & Spencer's Management Apprenticeship Program : Application Link :

<https://ad.doubleclick.net/ddm/clk/484660330;291464781;>

- Level 4 Retail Management Apprenticeship
- Managing £multi-million budgets, Opportunities all across the UK (wherever your closest M&S store is)
- £18,400 - £21,000 starting salary, open to all Y13 and Y14 students, September 2021 start
- When you apply, select Young Professionals in the where did you hear about us section to get extra support in the process!

Discover Solicitor Apprenticeships, Weds 10 Feb, 16:00 - 17:00

University of Law will outline the Solicitor Apprenticeship to you understand more about the different routes to becoming a solicitor. You can find out more useful resources on our [website](#) and can book the Discover Solicitor Apprenticeship session [here](#).

Virtual Work Experience

Speakersforschools New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting – see below. **For a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply](#).**

Royal Air Force Careers Insight Day - Access All Areas

- Eligibility: 15+
- 3 Dates still available:
 - [2nd March](#) (Deadline 1st Feb)
 - [3rd March](#) (Deadline 2nd Feb)
 - [4th March](#) (Deadline 3rd Feb)
- Time: 10:00 – 15:00

[ST EMpowered Working in the Water Industry](#)

- Dates: 15th February 2021.

- Eligibility: 16 – 19 year old students keen to find out more about a career in management.
- Application Deadline: 25th January 2021

[Insights into Infrastructure and the Built Environment](#)

- Dates: 15th – 19th February 2021.
- Eligibility: 15– 19 year olds students interested in environmental sustainability, diversity and inclusion.
- Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

[Virtual Work Experience with a leading Construction/Engineering/Infrastructure/Design Company](#)

- Dates: 15th -19th February 2021.
- Eligibility: 14– 19 year olds students interested in Smart Motorways sector & technology
- Application Deadline: 29th January 2021

[Wates: Insight Into the Construction Industry – International Women’s Day](#)

- Date: 8th March 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 female students.
- Application Deadline: 8th February 2021

[The NDEC Women in Cyber Virtual Work Experience Day](#)

- Date: 8th March 2021.
- Time: 10-14:00
- Eligibility: 14-19 female students interested in cyber & security.
- Application Deadline: 17th February 2021

[Royal Air Force International Women`s Day Webinar - Meet our Ambassadors - 10am-1pm](#)

- Date: 8th March
- Time: 10am-1pm
- Eligibility: 15– 19 year olds students interested in hearing some inspiring stories from some of our RAF Female Ambassadors

- Application Deadline: 8th February 2021

[Magazine & Website Article Writing - Add to Your Creative Portfolio - 1 Week Virtual Work Experience](#)

- Dates: 8th – 12th March 2021.
- Eligibility: Creative 15 – 19 year olds interested in marketing research, data collection and analysis. – Particularly from the East of England
- Application Deadline: 18th February 2021

[Green Skills in the Construction and Engineering Industry](#)

- Dates: 6th -9th April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in the 'green' plans for the construction and engineering industry.
- Application Deadline: 7^h March 2021

[VWEX: Construct your Career with Kier](#)

- Dates: 1st – 5th March 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in design, finance, Health & Safety, Sustainability, Planning or Community Engagement
- Application Deadline: 17^h February 2021

[East West Railway Company - Building a New Railway](#)

- Dates: 6th -9th April 2021.
- Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds interested in Technology, Engineering, Planning, Business Studies, Design and/or Customer Services
- Application Deadline: 28^h February 2021

Live Broadcasts WEEK STARTING MONDAY 25TH JANUARY - Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready, You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#), visit [Broadcast Schedule here](#)

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Mon 25th January 2-3pm LINK TO JOIN	Jason Spencer, Business Development Director, ITV for KS4-5/ S4-6	Join us here to hear Jason Spencer, Business Development Director at ITV share his perspective on how the world of media and marketing is changing and the impact of digital transformation. Jason has led the growth in revenue of ITV's commercial teams across the UK outside London and will be sharing career advice for those considering careers in TV and digital sectors.
Tues 26th January 10-11am LINK TO JOIN	Brandie Deignan, Chief Executive Officer, Pier Health Group & Former Managing Director, Marco Pierre White Restaurants for KS4-5/ S4-6	Join us to hear Brandie Deignan, Chief Executive Officer at Pier Health Group and Former Managing Director at Marco Pierre White Restaurants discuss the importance of empowerment and what is it like to change your career path. A must watch for young aspiring leaders!
Wed 27th January 2-3pm LINK TO JOIN	Col Russell Lewis, Head of Youth Engagement, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for KS3-5/ S1-6	Join us to watch a broadcast with Lieutenant Colonel Lewis from The Royal Military Sandhurst. Lieutenant Colonel Lewis left regular service in 2013 and now delivers strategy, leadership and team building training. He will discuss how values and standards benefit great teamwork and leadership. He will also reflect on how young people can build their confidence and resilience.
Thurs 28th January 2-3pm LINK TO JOIN	Toby Jones, Actor for KS4-5/ S4-6	Tune in to hear from Actor, Toby Jones. Toby has starred in films such as the Hunger Games, Harry Potter and Snow White and the Huntsman. Toby will be sharing his insights into his career and discussing the importance of the creative industries. There will be an opportunity for students to submit their own questions.

Y12 and Y13s. School closed? Not sure what to do? - Why not study a free, short online course on a subject you might want to study in the future?

If you are in Year 13 and planning on going on to university this year or are in Year 12 and wondering what you are going to do after your A Levels - studying a free, online course will have lots of benefits [More information here.](#)

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course> - **The Skills Toolkit - Free courses to help you learn new skills or change jobs. Including general skills that apply to all sectors and more specialised skills.** Learn about: practical maths, computer essentials, personal growth and wellbeing, professional development, business and finance, digital design and marketing, computer science, coding. **Course providers include The Open University, Google, Amazon and FutureLearn.**

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Five things to be grateful for during this difficult time

Inspired by Mrs Parry's work with Yr9 in the first lockdown we will ask one member of staff each week to share 5 things they are grateful for. This week's come from Mr Lacey:

1. My ukulele (This week I have been mostly playing "Count on me" by Bruno Mars)
2. Zoom darts matches (Go Cobras!!)
3. Pass the Pigs (Had a great win with a "Leaning jowler" the other day)
4. Box sets (Breaking bad, Better Call Saul, Lost, Bate's Motel. Brilliant, brilliant, brilliant, brilliant)
5. My family! (I guess I have to say this! (Seriously, I think they're watching me)



Keep talking to us, and to each other, stay safe and stay positive. I am looking forwards to seeing you all in person soon.

Take care

Mr Lacey

Stay safe!
Best wishes from the Sixth Form team.