

Sixth Form Bulletin

For Parents and Carers



City of Norwich School Sixth Form
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Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Sixth Form,

I feel I've only just blinked and already 6 weeks have passed. I cannot believe there are only 9 school days left this half term.

(Students aren't in school on Friday!)

We have encouraged students to take a moment to reflect and look back on what they have achieved so far. For some of them new friendships and new subjects, for others stronger progress or an understanding of what they need to do next to achieve their goals.

This week we welcomed Ms Tejada-Jimenez (Ms TJ) to our team. Ms TJ will be pastoral manager for Yr13 and will spend the next few weeks getting to know as many students as she can. If you would like an appointment for your child, do pop by the office or email for an appointment.

This week, Yr13 received their End of Semester results and it was great to see so many of you at the progress evening. The conversations on this evening were honest, challenging as well as supportive to help guide students through the last 8 months of A-levels before exams.

Next week we welcome the UCL Roadshow, visiting us to support our YR13's with Personal Statements and provide our YR12's with an insight into Uni life and the application process.

Ms Nichols

The School Day

Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6
8:35am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00am	11:20am	12:20pm	1:20pm	2:05pm	3:05-4:05pm

Key Dates for the Year

Date			Event
Oct	15 th	Th	University College London Road Show - Yr12 and 13 - AUDITORIUM
Oct	17 th	F	Staff Development Day – students not in school
Oct	24 th	F	Break up for Half Term
Nov	6 th	Th	Year 12 Open Eve 5:30-8pm – prefects and volunteers needed please
Dec	1 st	M	Year 12 Mid-Semester Exams - NO READING WEEK Sixth form Organisation Week
Dec	2 nd	Tu	Yr13 Revision and Pathways Evening
Dec	4 th	Th	Yr13 Pantomime
Dec	5 th	F	Staff Development Day – students not in school
Dec	19 th	F	Break up for Christmas, no P5 or 6 lessons for Sixth Form

Go4Schools – Attendance, Homework, timetables

All students should download the Go4Schools app onto their phones. All homework, timetables and attendance information can be found on here.



Absence

We need parent confirmation if a student is absent through illness. This is done by calling the Sixth Form Absence Line on 01603 274072 before 9am or by emailing c.king@cns-school.org (YR12) or S.Tejadajimenez@cns-school.org (YR13)

It is the student's responsibility to email teachers to ask for work.

If your child knows of an absence beforehand (uni visit, Drs etc), they must notify their teachers in advance and ideally collect the work before, and Ms. King/ Ms Tejada-Jimenez to inform her of their absence. This will not be backdated and would therefore result in an unauthorised absence.

Year 13 Law and Politics students

Year 13 Law and Politics students will be attending a Q & A session with a Justice of the Supreme Court during period 1 on Wednesday 15th October in room 2.

Please ensure you arrive promptly and contact your teachers for work if you would be missing another lesson.

Mrs Sedgwick

Bikes



Dear 6th form,

A bike was stolen from the 6th form bike compound on 6th Oct, where someone was able to access the area from off the road where the gate had been left open. Please make sure you close the gate behind you, pull it so it locks, and make sure bikes (frames and detachable wheels) are locked securely.

We have noticed that there are several bikes in the same area that are not being locked at all. Please use locks!!

Thank you,
Ms Nichols

Morning Programme 2025-26

Students are expected in school at 8:35am each day for the morning programme as shown below. For all other days, students are only expected in when their own lessons begin.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Yr12 Week 1	Tutor briefing	Form time			Tutor briefing Form time
Yr12 Week 2	Tutorials (invite)	Form time Routines			Assembly
Yr13 Week 1	Tutor briefing		Form time - Routines	Form time - Pathways	Tutor briefing
Yr13 Week 2	Tutorials (invite)		Form time	Assembly	

Tutors will invite students to Monday morning tutorials via email. This is a chance to meet their tutor in smaller groups.

Lanyards

STUDENTS MUST WEAR LANYARDS AT ALL TIMES IN SCHOOL (EXCEPTIONS ARE IN PE, DT AND SCIENCE PRACTICALS)

If students have lost their lanyards, they should go to Mrs Blake in the Elkins Study Centre to get a replacement. Dark blue temporary lanyards can be borrowed for the day. Students will be charged £5 to replace them. If students forget lanyards, they should go their year office for a temporary replacement.

Year 13 Pathways Timeline

Deadline for Oxbridge Admissions Tests Entry	15th Oct 2025
Conservatoire Applications Due	2nd Oct 2025
UCAS Early Entry Deadline (Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science)	15th Oct 2025
Oxbridge Admissions Tests - (Last Year Wednesday 18th October)	21st-27th Oct 2025
Internal deadline for full applications to be submitted on UCAS	21st November
Oxbridge Interviews	Dec 2025
(18:00 UK time) Equal consideration date for applications for most undergraduate courses	14th Jan 2026

Student Voice

Suggestion Box

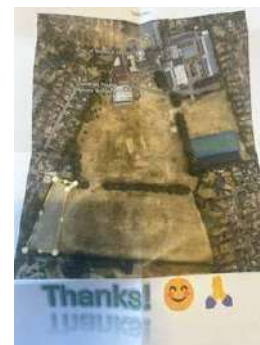
There is a suggestion / feedback box in the study centre and on the Sixth Form Teams page – we always welcome ideas to make Sixth Form better for our students.



SUGGESTION :

- Please can the Elkin toilets be fixed as well as the girls toilets lock is broken inside one of the toilets. – **Yes, the site team are looking at these.**
- Could we please have a 6th Form kettle? – **No sorry, no space and H&S risks**
- Please could we maybe have a sixth Form (or just whole school) allotment/garden to grow things such as potatoes and tomatoes? This could be in the unused area, that is already fenced, at the bottom of the field as shown – **please come and talk to us about this, see Mrs TJ.**
- Please can we have a mirror in the 6th form toilets, thank you! 😊 – **yes you can!**
- 6th form radio station or podcast - **(no please) = no answer** (but if anyone would like to help set this up, do see Mr Etheridge and Ms Macklin-B)
- More plants and air diffusers in Elkins please (+ candles, but fake if fire is a risk) – **Liking the consideration for H&S, yes to plants, not to diffusers and candles.**

RESPONSE :



Sixth Form Small Field

The small field will now be a sixth form only area at lunchtimes. The PE department will happily lend out any equipment you might like to borrow.

The Boys Rugby team will train on Thursday lunchtimes.

The Girls Rugby team will train on XXX lunchtimes – Mae and Tosia, let us know!

Please look after the place, watch each others cars and enjoy it!

Driver and passenger warning Y13s!

Please be mindful of main school students when driving on to school site. Especially if you are entering during break or lunch (ideally, we want you to avoid these times). Please be respectful of lessons, you are role models, and I don't really want to see you hanging out of your windows like a labrador puppy or blasting out music like you are the sound engineer at Glastonbury. Be safe at all times and respect those both in and outside of your vehicle. If we catch you or hear reports from any staff or students of unsafe behaviours, we will revoke your parking privileges.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to Miss King and the volunteers who raised £90.25 for Macmillan last Friday! Well done to all involved and many thanks for the delicious donations.

[Macmillan Cancer Support | The UK's leading cancer care charity](#)



Lost Property:

Lost Property should be taken to Mrs Blake or your year office. The lost item will be placed on the lost property shelf on the large bookshelves outside Mrs Blake's office in the study centre (valuable items will be kept in offices.)

Please go to the grey shelf to claim your lost item.

1 x hairbrush.

1 x key on green keyring

X1 pair of white wired headphones – in Ms. C's office

Tupperware box

Black drinks bottle

BREAKFAST CLUB

CNS breakfast Club runs from 8- 8.30 every day in the old 6th Form Common room (next to the canteen).



We provide free breakfast for CNS students and we need more volunteers to keep the club running. This is a great volunteering opportunity, especially for Gold DofE, and looks great on your UCAS application! If you are interested, please come along!



Mrs B's Brain Teaser

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Wise words of advice.

Student Opportunities

History of Totalitarianism's essay writing competition

[2025-26 The Holodomor - Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism](#)

The Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism's essay writing competition this year is on the subject of Holodomor.

"In the case of the Holodomor, this was the first genocide that was methodically planned out and perpetrated by depriving the very people who were producers of food of their nourishment (for survival). What is especially horrific is that the withholding of food was used as a weapon of genocide and that it was done in a region of the world known as the 'breadbasket of Europe'." – **Prof. Andrea Graziosi, University of Naples.**

First prize: £1,500, Second prize: £700, Third prize: £500!

The deadline for entries is 25th January 2026.

Careers in Law – Virtual Work Experience

Remember – we approve up to five days of work experience for you across the year.

If you're an aspiring solicitor/ barrister/legal professional, there's one event that you absolutely cannot miss this year—the **Browne Jacobson Law Virtual Work Experience on Tuesday, 28th October, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

Why is this THE *must-attend* law careers event of the year?

It's simple: your career prospects will increase with attendance. This event is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible lineup of exclusive speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures in the UK. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an in-house legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers everything you need to secure the career of your dreams.

In addition, you will be the first to hear about the brand-new Barrister Apprenticeship programme. Browne Jacobson will be one of the first UK law firms to offer this route, and they will launch their applications at the event!

Star-Studded Line-Up:

We're thrilled to announce our keynote speaker, Ellie Reeves (Rachel Reeves' younger sister, the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer), a British barrister and politician who has served as Solicitor General for England and Wales since September 2025. Eleanor was also the chair of the Labour Party and has held many other high-profile positions within the political and legal landscape.

Other Speaker Line-up

- **Jonathan Tardif**, Head of Commercial Disputes at Browne Jacobson – an unparalleled opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's best litigators (and how to 'win' when on a huge case)
- **Barbara Mills KC**, Chair of The Bar Council and Deputy High Court Judge – hear from one of the leading barristers in the UK who specialises in high conflict cases featuring allegations of severe abuse
- **Mark Evans**, the brand new President of the Law Society of England & Wales, and widely recognised as one of the most influential legal figures in UK law
- **Nirmal Shant KC HHJ**, a Specialist in criminal and fraud cases, has worked with some of the most dangerous criminals in the UK. One of the most influential South Asian women in law and an incredibly successful High Court Judge
- **Dr Sally Penni MBE**, Criminal and Employment Law specialist, published author, and diversity advocate for women in the legal profession
- **Caroline Green (Senior Partner, Browne Jacobson)** A rare opportunity to hear from the leader of a UK Top 50 law firm and commercial solicitor who has advised the likes of Louis Vuitton, and many other leading luxury brands for almost 40 years.

Plus, you'll gain insights from a panel of SQE trainees on how to successfully tackle the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, hear from an ex-Google's DeepMind lawyer on how to navigate a legal career as a neurodivergent individual, and build a personal brand that will help you stand out.

What Makes This Event Different?

No other event offers such a live, comprehensive, real-world look into EVERY area of the legal profession, led by top-tier professionals.

From in-house legal advice to barristers' insights and a special personal branding session, you'll gain practical knowledge, understand what legal employers are looking for, and most importantly, it'll help you create an application which stands out in some of the UK's most competitive recruitment processes.

Why Attend?

This event is your direct access to the brightest minds and most successful people in law and a chance to gain actionable advice on navigating your legal career. Whether you're aiming for a law firm, chambers, or an in-house role, the Browne Jacobson FAIRE Virtual Insight Event is designed to help you get there faster, smarter, and with confidence.

Can you really afford to miss this? Reserve your spot today and make this the career-defining moment of your journey into law!

Register now to secure your spot:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrowneJacobson-VWEX-2025>

Feel free to share this one-of-a-kind event with any fellow aspiring lawyers who could also benefit from this incredible opportunity!

All students who complete the work experience will also get a certificate of completion that can be used on LinkedIn profiles, CV's, or any job applications in the future.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

Legal pathways Q&A

After receiving many requests from Y13 students, Beth Bridges our Careers advisor has offered to run a Q&A session for those considering a pathway in Law. Based on questions raised by attendees Beth can then run more tailored, small group sessions to follow after the half term. This first session will be held on Monday 20th October during Monday morning tutor time to enable both Y12 and Y13 students to attend.

Careers Appointments

If you would like to meet with our Careers Advisor, please email Mrs Pentney at n.pentney@cns-school.org or click the link on the Teams Page.

Work Experience – Compulsory for all Sixth Form Students

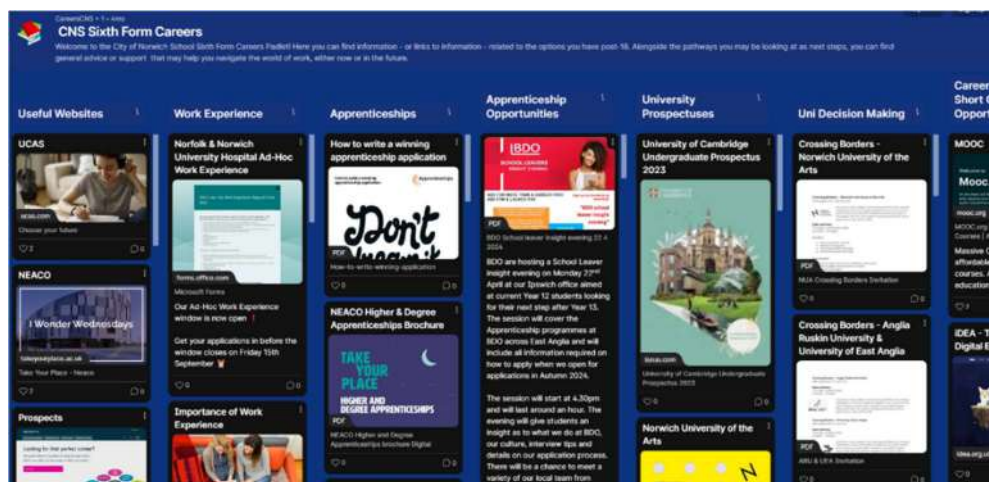
Over the course of your Sixth Form time, you are expected to take place in at least one meaningful work experience placement. This needs logging onto Unifrog with evidence of your placement under the placement tool.

In this section of the bulletin, you will constantly see many opportunities advertised. We implore you to try them out, seek experiences and be a yes person!

We authorise 5 days of absence linked to work experience. Please see Ms Pentney for more information.

The CNS Sixth Form Careers Padlet

[CNS Sixth Form Careers](#)



Career Days

CareerDays.co.uk runs live, 1-day online Career Days across a wide range of subjects (Medicine, Law, Veterinary, Engineering, Psychology, Business, Architecture, Computer Science, Performing Arts, Midwifery and more). All with the aim of helping students decide what career paths they may be interested in.

Mornings focus on what the career is really like and how to apply to university; afternoons provide work-experience activities plus a live Q&A, and students receive a personalised certificate afterwards. All sessions are delivered online and are recorded for on-demand viewing.

Autumn 2025 dates: [CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk)

October

- Sat 4 Oct – Midwifery
- Sat 11 Oct – Law
- Sat 18 Oct – Medicine
- Sun 19 Oct – Dentistry
- Sun 26 Oct – Performing Arts

November

- Sat 1 Nov – Psychology
- Sat 8 Nov – Architecture
- Sat 15 Nov – Vet
- Sat 29 Nov – Engineering

December

- Sat 6 Dec – Computer Science
- Sat 13 Dec – Business

Times: Sessions typically run **11:00–16:00 (UK)**; a few subjects vary slightly—please see the event page for details

Info & booking: www.careerdays.co.uk

E: info@careerdays.co.uk

W: www.careerdays.co.uk

Applications are now open for Year 12 students to experience LSE Springboard 2025

[Explore LSE](#)

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) invites students to join our Springboard Programme – a free, 10-month experience delivered in a hybrid format that gives them a real taste of university life.

“This programme has opened my eyes to what university life is truly like and has inspired me to strive for excellence and apply to top universities.” - 2025 Springboard Participant.

Why Springboard?

By taking part in the Springboard programme, students will:

- **Experience university life first-hand** through three immersive visits to LSE, including a final celebratory event with their fellow participants
- **Engage in academic enrichment** with a specially designed online course led by LSE PhD tutors (in partnership with The Brilliant Club)
- **Strengthen their future university applications** with tailored personal statement support and webinars on all things ‘university’, from student finance to wellbeing
- **Build their confidence and community** as they connect with like-minded students from across the UK

What’s more, participants who successfully complete the Springboard programme and later apply to LSE will be considered for a contextual offer!

In our most recent survey, 98% of respondents rated Springboard as good or excellent.

Key details

- The programme begins in January 2026 with applications closing at **11:59pm on Sunday 9th November 2025**
- It is free for your students to participate, as activities and travel are fully funded by LSE
- The programme is specifically designed to reach students who live **outside of London and the South East of England**. To check your students’ eligibility and details on how they can apply, please check out our [admissions page](#).

[Apply today](#)

If you have any questions about the programme or the application process, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with us at ard.springboard@lse.ac.uk - we’re always happy to help.
The London School of Economics.



Invitation – Calling All Students!

We are delighted to invite you to our Marsh Norwich Careers Day.

Please register by 1st November!



When: Friday 14th November 2025.

Where: Willow House, Peachman Way,
Broadland Business Park, Norwich NR7 0WF.

Come along for a chat and discover the exciting career options at Marsh. We will be providing information on our **Apprenticeship and Graduates Schemes** (both 18 years+) as well as other ways of joining Marsh. There will also be opportunities to speak with recent Apprentices.



We will also be running tours of our smart-office, including our **Marsh Café**, plenty of **social and collaboration areas** and our **on-site gym**!

We will be opening the building at various times throughout the day. Please register your interest by letting us know which timeslot you would like to attend below.

Need to park? No problem! Just let us know in your reply

For Students:

If you'd like to attend our 9.30am to 11.30am slot, please message us [here](#).

If you'd like to attend our 11.30am to 1.30pm slot, please message us [here](#).

If you'd like to attend our 1.30pm to 3.30pm slot, please message us [here](#).

We kindly ask that you register no later than 1st November 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to Marsh.



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across the UK

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Tuesday 14th October 2025

Virtual university fair, 14 Oct

Inspire students at every stage of their application journey at our virtual university fair on **Tuesday 14 October**.

- **Meet 32 top UK universities** including Durham University, University of Aberdeen, and University of Exeter
- **Get advice on researching and applying to university** at live sessions led by university representatives

The fair is **free for all students** and ideal for Y10-13 / S4-6, making it easy for you to get students across year groups to connect with a diverse range of universities.

> **Share the [sign up link](#) with your students** (14 Oct, 4 - 6.30pm)

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Ever wondered how digital detectives catch criminals or how experts recover hidden data?

With SYTECH you'll step into the shoes of a digital forensic investigator, explore career paths, learn about real tools and techniques, and even tackle a live case challenge.

2-day Placement

Date: 4th - 5th Dec 9.00am - 1.00pm

Age: 14-19

Apply by: 7th November 2025

[Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

Meet experts from health and social care professions to learn about career and pathway options.

**Book
Here!**



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NORWICH
18 NOVEMBER 2025
5:30PM - 7:30PM**

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Degree Apprenticeships WEBINAR

When: Wednesday 22nd October 2025, 7-8pm

**17 or over and thinking about
your next career step?**

Our Apprenticeship Programme is a great way
of getting a degree paid for by the employer,
earning a living wage while doing it, and
securing a full time job after 5 years.

To learn more about a rewarding career where you can
leave a legacy and make a real difference, join our
webinar hosted by Social Value Manager Helen Clements.

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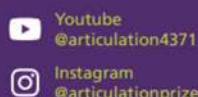
treacle@waterliliesswim.co.uk



Articulation Prize

For any YR12 Student interested: email H.Howarth@cns-school.org

Why take part in the Articulation Prize?



What is Articulation?

- A national public speaking competition, with visual culture at its centre.
- An opportunity to talk about issues that are important to you, using the arts as a vehicle to do so.
- A platform for young people to speak, promote appreciation of, and discuss visual culture.
- You do not need to be studying Art and / or other creative subjects, or Art History, to take part or have had any previous experience in public speaking. This is a valuable opportunity to gain the skill of public speaking, which is beneficial to further education / career progression.



Benefits of taking part in Articulation

- Develops public speaking, independent research and presentation skills
- Development of visual analysis and critical thinking
- Increases confidence
- Supports academic accreditation and UCAS applications
- Interview skills
- Prepares you for employability and using transferable skills
- Introduction to the discipline of Art History

- Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize Grand Final winners
- Join the Alumni Network and gain paid, professional development opportunities at the National Gallery and other partner organisations
- Opportunity to prepare a talk on whatever captivates you and present it to a live audience in fantastic venues across the country

In the Future Skills report (Kingston University 2023), communication was ranked second only to problem solving in the top 10 skills business leaders said they valued most.

Quotes from Alumni

I've gained so much confidence over the whole process in who I am and how I express things personal to my experience.

Zach

The Articulation competition proved immensely useful preparation for the kind of work I would end up doing at university, as well as inspiration to take up a career working in the arts.

Annabel

Articulation shaped the way I look at the world... It was an extremely rewarding experience that sparked a new love of art of all kinds in me.

Temí

It opened up a world for me that I never thought I could be a part of... I feel now that I owe so much to the Articulation team; new friendships, new outlooks on life, and most importantly for them giving me a voice.

Oliver

The Articulation Prize was a catalyst for my subsequent studies in Art History. While at university, the opportunity to work on Discovery Days was invaluable experience. I learnt so much about facilitating conversation and encouraging close-looking and confident delivery. The opportunity to assist on these Discovery Days with no prior experience (and a lot to learn!) was a rare and valuable opportunity.

Beatrice

Articulation

Think art is just about looking?
Think again.

What's Articulation?

Students deliver a 10-minute presentation on a work of art, architecture, or an artefact of their choice – live, in front of an audience and a panel of adjudicators.

Where

Regional heats take place across the UK
Grand Final: National Gallery, London

Here's how it works

1. Pick a painting, photo, building – whatever you love
2. Write & deliver a 10-minute talk
3. Finalists present at the National Gallery, London!
4. Speakers chosen to represent their school become part of the Alumni Network

Your journey doesn't end with the Prize

The Alumni Network & Other Benefits

- Paid work experience
- Gallery tours, workshops, and internships
- Mentorship from curators, speakers, and educators
- A growing network of young people shaping the future of art

Alumni Include

Alayo Akinkugbe	(@ablackhistoryof art)
Verity Babbs	(@veritybabbsart)
Oliver Garland	(@ollyhousehunter)
Harrison Goldman	(@harrison.goldman)

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