

# S6C UPDATE

A weekly update for parents, students and stakeholders

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## Principals Message

Another busy week at S6C. Year 13 students received their mock results on Wednesday and had time with Tutors to reflect on their performance. Overall, we are delighted with the students performance so far but there is still work to do to get ready for the final exams in the summer. I'd like to thank all of our parents and carers for their support so far. Not long to go...

The S6C men's football team had a good win against Commonweal School in Swindon earlier this week. 2-1 was the final score in a very close game. The result means that we are now in the semi-final of the U 18 Wiltshire Schools Cup.

We had another visit from Year 10 Wyvern/St Eds students on Wednesday. They were debating euthanasia this week. All the students competed really well. It was good to see the year 10's holding their own against our year 12 and 13 students. Their debating skills are improving significantly.

## Coronavirus Advice from the Department for Education



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for Education

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

### Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your son/daughter catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your son/daughter should not continue to attend College as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

## 12th February 2020 - Year 13 Mid Year Review Day



A confirmation letter is attached regarding arrangements for the Year 13 Mid Year Review day. Please remember that this day is compulsory for year 13 students and will cover important aspects of their preparations for exams.

Year 12 students will be on a Self Study Day with work set by their subject teachers.

## National Apprenticeship Week



We have flooded the Careers channel on our online Student Team with opportunities and tips for Apprenticeships at all levels. We have also promoted the DSTL apprenticeships event being held all day on Sat at Wiltshire College. Do ask your students for access and have a browse. All Year 13 students seeking an apprenticeship/employment route, or anyone uncertain of their pathway, has been offered a 1:1 half hour appointment with our external careers advisor this week. All students can access Polly's resources and tips at [pollywiggins.com](http://pollywiggins.com) and can also access information via their tutors or Pastoral Lead.

### A Short Introduction to Apprenticeships:

[targetcareers.co.uk](http://targetcareers.co.uk); [amazingapprenticeships.com](http://amazingapprenticeships.com); and [UCAS apprenticeships](http://UCAS apprenticeships) are all excellent sources of information.

Apprenticeships allow students to gain qualifications, in a workplace setting, through a structured programme of study and skill building, whilst earning a small income. There are different entry levels and students should think carefully about the level that is right for them. Intermediate apprenticeships can be accessed gives you a GCSE level qualification - these are generally not intended for students who have completed a college programme as they would usually be aiming for entry at a higher level.

Advanced Apprenticeships can be accessed either with or without A levels/vocational Level 3 qualifications - but having these at the best grade possible will give students a distinct advantage in their applications. Apprenticeships at this level are the gateway into careers in so many different fields. Students should have study and/or experience that shows that they have a genuine interest and aptitude in the work involved - this could include work experience but also engagement in clubs or practical projects. Students may find some posts that come up before they complete their course - we always remind them that having the qualifications is likely to give them more flexibility in their future career choices.

Apprenticeships can also be done at Higher and Degree Level, giving them qualifications anywhere between Level 4 (first year degree) to 7 (post graduate). These apprenticeships are run in conjunction between universities and employers and are highly competitive. Students will need good grades, and very strong applications, again with an emphasis on proving their academic and practical interest and aptitude in the work. These posts tend to become available on the same cycle as university places and often involve moving away from home to take up a post. ASK apprenticeships will shortly be visiting college to speak to Year 12 and 13 students about their options and there will be information to bring home to parents.