



Important Message for all students

Attendance

Before Christmas, we identified a sizable group of students with 100% attendance. In every case, this excellent achievement was matched by strong academic performance. Research evidence demonstrates nationally, that there is a clear correlation between attendance in lessons and student success. Those of you with very good attendance are therefore to be congratulated on two counts. Well done.

Students with poor attendance should note the following points:

- *Poor attendance is linked with poor achievement and/or failure.*
- *You enrolled at college to achieve academic success. Those people who have poor attendance are damaging their own chances of this success.*
- *This is one reason why attendance is part of the disciplinary system.*
- *Persistent and unexplained poor attendance will lead to an escalation up the discipline system, and to eventual exclusion. Students who miss CoPE lessons and get behind with CoPE will be refused Study Leave in May and June until their work is complete.*
- *Your learner agreement with college requires you to attend all lessons, including Tutor Group and CoPE.*

You are in most cases in control of your own attendance. Deciding not to go to a class is a decision which will affect your chances of success. If you're tempted to skip a class, think about the damage this is doing. It may limit your possibilities, and it can lead into bad habits. Missing one class, feeling guilty, so missing the next, is a common pattern for some students.

Attendance is not optional.

It's part of your contract with college.

It's part of your duty to yourself, your ability and your aspirations.

**The Final Study
Day is on
Wednesday
25 January 2012**

***This means that provided
your work is up to date
(and this includes CoPE)
you can work at home.***



Careers and Higher Education Update

Year 13

Apprenticeship Vacancies

R&D Apprentices – Leeds

5 year full time scheme + a starting salary of £14,992 per annum.

You will research and develop some of the world's leading deodorant brands such as Lynx, Sure, Impulse and Dove. Use your scientific or technical curiosity to improve how products work and appeal to customers. Interact and work with people from all over the world.

You complete a Foundation Degree during your first 3 years, and then in Years 4 and 5 you complete a BEng or BSc depending on whether your chosen core function is Packaging Development (Mechanical Engineering), Process Development (Chemical Engineering) or Formulation Development (Chemistry).

You must have at least 2 Science 'A' Levels at Grade B (or equivalent) in Chemistry, Physics and/or Maths preferred. You should have a scientific/technical passion, ability and potential and strong numerate literacy, with clear written and verbal communication skills.

To apply log onto www.unilever.co.uk/careers then click onto "experienced professionals" and then "vacancies in the uk", **closing date is Friday 27 January.**

BP Maritime Trainee Officer

Are you looking for a career that's varied and dynamic? A career that is mentally stimulating as well as physically demanding? Do you like the idea of facing new challenges and managing a team of professionals every day? Do you fancy operating modern sophisticated technical equipment? If your answers are yes, then consider launching yourself on a BP sponsored trainee officer. **We are aiming for 17/18 year olds who have finished or are about to finish their 'A' levels.** There is a

tremendous need for capable and enthusiastic young people to training for the Merchant Navy.

The role of a Deck Officer is a wide ranging and demanding role which includes the safe navigation of the ship at sea, the safe, efficient loading and discharge of the ship's cargo in port, handling most of the ship's legal and commercial business and overseeing crew activities such as maintenance work, cargo operations, mooring and anchoring.

The role of an Engineering Officer is hot and a hive of activity, the engine room is the heart of the ship. The engineer officer's skills are the life blood and your responsibilities will include the ships main engines, marine diesel electric or steam turbines, running and maintaining all mechanical equipment, including the operation of pumps and fuel systems, electrical generating and distribution equipment, refrigeration, air conditioning plants, lifts and cranes.

Good general standard of fitness is vital - and you'll need to pass both company and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) medicals. For practical reasons it may not possible to accept people who are colour blind - but you will normally be accepted if you wear glasses or contact lenses.

For further information log onto www.bp.com/trainingofficers

Mock Interviews

If students are asked to attend an interview at a university, we strongly recommend they have a mock interview in College. Students need to come and see one of the careers team so we can arrange this. Please ask students **not** to sign up on our timetable if they need a mock interview.

Job Vacancies

Students need to keep checking the Student Vacancy 2012 section on the Careers website. Any new vacancies we find out about will be advertised there.



Year 12

Sixth Form conferences at Nottingham University

There are conferences in March/ April (during the Easter holidays) at **Nottingham University** for students interested in studying **Medicine, Vet Medicine, Psychology, Law, Physics, Journalism at university**. Closing date for applications is **1 February**. Further information from one of the Careers Team or the following website: www.workshop-uk.net

Please note that attending such events is **optional** and there are **fees attached**. For more information, please see one of the Careers Team.

Summer schools at Oxford University (UNIQ).

Applications for places at Oxford University's summer schools are now being taken. The **closing date** for applications is **Thursday 23 February**. **Applicants** can choose from 28 subject strands and **need to have achieved** at least **6 A*s at GCSE**. Application is through an online system on www.ox.ac.uk/uniq. More information is also available via this link

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

In 2012, an expanded summer school programme covering a range of subjects is on offer and will provide a fantastic opportunity to more than 1000 students. Places are available at the following universities: **Durham, Imperial College, UCL, Bristol, Cambridge, Nottingham and St Andrews**.

The Sutton Trust summer schools are open to students (home UK only) currently studying in Year 12 or equivalent at maintained schools or colleges in the UK. **Priority** will be given to students who meet all or most of the following criteria:

- will be the first generation in their family to attend university
- have achieved at least 5 A/A*s at GCSE
- come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education
- are taking relevant subjects in relation to the subject stream they are applying for
- attend schools or colleges with a low overall A level (or equivalent) point score
- are under the age of 18 at the time of the summer school

Applications for the 2012 summer school programme opened on 10 January 2012 and will close on 9 March 2012. **Apply online via Sutton Trust website**. **To find out which courses are available**, students need to look on the websites of the universities involved. Links via the **Sutton Trust website**.

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NEW COLLEGE student exec presents

PROM
CLASS OF
10/12

date: Saturday 2nd June
venue: Royal Armouries, Leeds, 10 11t
time: 6pm-1:30am
cost: £30.00

Information

- Sit down meal and complimentary drink on arrival (included)
- evening wear essential
- professional photos will be taken on the night

tickets only available at the payment office (a block)

DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Enrichment Sport

Renaming the College Buildings

Rather than continue with A Block, B Block etc we are thinking of allocating a name to each of the buildings on the college site.

We are inviting suggestions of a theme to enable us to name all the buildings. You can submit your ideas using a template which can be collected from, and then should be returned to, Student Reception on the ground floor of A Block.

The best idea for naming the building will be award a prize of an iPod Touch. (If you want to submit a group entry we will award Amazon vouchers to the same value to share between members of the group.)

Please submit your entries to Student Reception by Friday 10 February on the appropriate form.

Good Luck!!



Please Note:

All nurses are now present within the new Health Point at the end of G Block car park. If you need any support, advice or guidance, can you please attend there.



It currently doesn't have a sign, and looks like a portacabin, but we are in there and can fully support all needs.

All day Monday - C-card, contraception, screening, pregnancy testing, information, advice or guidance.

Nurse – Monday – 12 – 2pm - C-card, contraception, screening, pregnancy testing, information, advice or guidance.

Nurse – Friday - 12-2 pm - C-card, contraception, screening, pregnancy testing, information, advice or guidance.

SOS Team – various times and dates across the week, please see timetable on internal door.

Sports Results Wednesday 18 January

Ladies Football

NEW College 3 Selby 3

Exams played havoc with team selection this week. Players were drafted in at the last minute and didn't let the College down. Goals from Rachel Pritchard, debutant Leah Bygrave and Lucy Rowley with the equalizer.

College were 3-0 down at half time and a stern halftime team talk by Jenks did the business. A big thank you to Lauren Rycroft, Alice Delaney, Leah Bygrave and Natalie Lindsey for helping out.

Netball

NEW College 60 Calderdale 4

This was a very tough match for our team, fighting till the end we managed to scrape a win. After the first quarter the score was NEW College 21 Calderdale 4. The opposition's goalkeeper tried very hard to keep the ball away from the net but she wasn't a match for our elusive shooters: Emma, Paige and Liz. Kate Meer won players' player of the match while Grace Thomas won opposition's player. Well done girls, top of the league and unbeaten so far!!!

