



# ***SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN***

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## UNIVERSITY WEBINARS



Running as part of **Black History Month**, on October 10th, Dr Nicholas Grant, Associate Professor at University of East Anglia, will explore **South Africa: Women and The Anti-Apartheid Movement**, examining how a multi-racial alliance of women challenged the race, gender and class inequalities that were integral to the apartheid system.

- **October 10 @ 11:10 - 11:55** History: South Africa - Women & The Anti-Apartheid Movement - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

Please note, we also have spaces on these great History events with Goldsmiths:

- **September 28 @ 11:15 - 12:00** History: The Cold War Then And Now - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]
- **October 3 @ 12:45 - 13:45** History: Radicalism During The English Revolution, 1641-1660 - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]

In this session, Dr Laura Hyman, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences at University of Portsmouth, presents **Happiness and Emotional Wellbeing – Are They Actually Achievable in Today's Society?**

Exploring different ways in which we can understand happiness and emotional wellbeing more critically, Laura will interactively look at how a range of sociological theories can be used to understand our feelings about ourselves and the world we live in.

- **October 10 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Sociology/Psychology: Happiness & Emotional Wellbeing in Today's Society - University of Portsmouth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

This will be an enlightening route into the topic for Sociology and Psychology students, who can either join us in groups or individually. All will be very welcome indeed.

Please also note, we have spaces on this excellent session with Goldsmiths and UEA:

- **October 2 @ 11:00 - 12:00** insight4me Psychology: Psychopathology with UEA & Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]

Benjamin Archer is a trained professional actor who has worked on both stage and screen and is now also Lecturer in the Department of Art and Music at Solent University.

In this workshop, Benjamin focuses on the later work of Stanislavski's much misinterpreted 'system' as outlined in the original Russian publication *An Actor's Work on Oneself*. The workshop gives students the opportunity to practise techniques to discover how work in accordance with the text rather than on the text is an effective way of developing characterisation and scene work from the earliest stages of rehearsal. We will explore a scene from Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters*.

- **October 9 @ 14:15 - 15:15** Drama: Stanislavski & An Actor's Work On Oneself – Solent University (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

In this Political Ideologies session on 5th October, Dr Maria Serban from the School of Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communication Studies at UEA will run an interactive talk for students on **The Many Critics of Liberalism**.

Maria will try to answer why we read so often today that liberalism is in crisis, failing or already dead. Maria notes that 'political societies based on liberal principles have been more successful, on almost any measure, than regimes that are more authoritarian, communitarian or sectarian.'

So why the criticism?

The session will develop thinking, skills and approaches to support students in their Politics studies and future aspirations.

- **October 5 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Politics: The Many Critics of Liberalism with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

Dr Thomas Karshan from the University of East Anglia argues that, before the twentieth century, the distinction between creative writing and literary criticism was not so clear as it seems to us.

In his workshop on 3rd October, students will learn about and practice games of imitation, parody, and re-writing, demonstrating how these historic methods have formed the literature we study, and how students can use them in their own creation and criticism.

- **October 3 @ 10:30 - 11:30** English: The Relationship Between Creative & Critical Writing - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

Following the very positive responses to our previous Maths Headliner tutorials, we are really pleased to be able to offer our first Maths Headliner this term which looks at **Mathematical Problem Solving**.

The Headliner format includes a 20 minute video provided in advance to set the scene and expectations for the live tutorial which will take place with the excellent Dr Robert Whittaker on 28th September.

In the Headliner video, Robert considers what mathematical problem solving is before looking at some techniques that can be used. Robert then applies these techniques to some example problems before introducing the 'homework' problems. These will be discussed and collaboratively solved during the live session on 28th September.

The Headliner video and the link to sign up to the live tutorial can be found using the link below:

- **September 28 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Mathematics: Mathematical Problem Solving - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

I know I have recently emailed you all but I wanted to let you know that the sign-up form for STEM SMART 2024 is now open - [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9sgXjDAdnMXc66G](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9sgXjDAdnMXc66G)

This is the flagship University of Cambridge access programme for students thinking of applying for a STEM degree, and **provides 17 months of free problem solving supervisions** plus a residential in Cambridge for those who have been the most engaged with the programme. This is also **not solely aimed** at students thinking of Oxbridge, but is for any student thinking of applying to a competitive university (Queens', Edinburgh, Imperial, Warwick, Bath etc) for a STEM degree.

Please note that this year the programme has been expanded and it now covers the following A-level subjects:

Maths

Further Maths

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Computer Science (new this year)

To be eligible students must be taking at least maths + one of the other listed subjects above. For more info on eligibility criteria - <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/stem-smart>

**STEMFest 2023: Darwin's Voyage** The annual STEMFest event! will be held from **2nd - 13th October**.

The [Ocean Conservation Trust](#) are inviting school groups to either take part virtually or in-person, in a variety of STEM based activities amongst the Aquarium exhibits, all of which are inspired by the work of the amazing Darwin 200 expedition. You can expect ecological surveys, scientific drawing, and opportunities to evolve your very own sea creature! Groups joining us in person will finish their day with an interactive show, which will leave pupils inspired to explore local habitats and take action to protect them. Discover more [here](#).

**Essay competitions – Ecology and Economics** The University of Exeter, want to hear your ideas about Ecology or Economics. A-Level, IB, BTEC and GCSE students in any subject are invited to send a response to one of the questions. There will be two prizes, one for the best essay (1,000 words), and one for the best video entry (6-7 minutes). **The deadline for entries is 20th October.** Read more [here](#).

**Student Programmes at Russell Group Universities** A collection of events and intensive programmes delivered by some **York, Imperial and Nottingham** universities, devised to support students in making their higher education applications. Read more [here](#).

### **Swansea University's Current News Webinar Series is returning for Autumn!**

Students can join the subject-specific taster sessions on Mondays-Thursdays from 25th September- 5th October at 6pm-7pm.

We hope your students will be able to join Swansea for a brand-new range of webinars, helping both Year 12 and Year 13 with course choice and preparing for university learning. Students can now [register for these sessions](#) and are also able to catch up on [previous series recordings online](#). Topics include Psychology, Engineering, Modern Languages and Medicine.

#### **This is a great opportunity for students to:**

- Find out what university lectures are like
- Explore their subject of interest
- Discover the latest research at Swansea
- Ask questions about the course

## **JOBS**

### **SMITHYS FISH AND CHIP SHOP PLYMSTOCK**

Are looking for a couple of year 12s in need of a part-time job.

2 shifts a week from 4:15-9 PM.

If anyone wants more information, please email: [NewittE17@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:NewittE17@plymstockschool.org.uk) or [CoxS17@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:CoxS17@plymstockschool.org.uk)



## Apprenticeships



**RETAIL, CONSTRUCTION, ARMED FORCES, BUSINESS, DIGITAL, HEALTH AND SPORT APPRENTICESHIPS**

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships/health-and-science/pl9%209az/40>

## WORK RELATED OPPORTUNITIES



For aspiring medical students in years 10-12 this free virtual medical conference will be held on:

**Sunday 17th September 10am - 3pm**

**Sunday 24th September 10am - 3pm**

**Saturday 30th September 10am - 3pm**

Students will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further, a great addition to an application. Participation in the conference will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application. The Get into Medicine Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. Dr Dion and Dr Siva will cover everything:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building & Personal Statements
- Interview Schools
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience



- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Accessing Scholarships

[Registration link](#)

If you have students with inquisitive minds and an interest in pursuing careers as solicitors, barristers, or judges, our virtual "Get Into Law" conference is the ideal opportunity for students Yr10/S4/NI11 - Yr13/S6/NI14 to learn about the legal profession.

With insights from Judge Emma and a comprehensive agenda, students will gain valuable knowledge about the legal industry.

Explore the world of law with a Judge and learn about: - Realistic insights into law as a career - Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream! - Application Timeline - CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law - UCAS form – key components to be aware of - Personal statement - Academic Referencing - Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance.

The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university.

By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, your students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications. Join us on Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm - £15 Entry: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/> \*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

## IN-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### South West Mock Law Trial

When: Saturday 2nd December

Where: University of Plymouth

Time: TBC but normally 9am-4pm

This has been a competition we have been involved with a number of times but due to the pandemic haven't competed for a couple of years so it will be great to be able to compete in person again this year.

The mock law trial sees us putting a team together made up of Prosecution and Defence Barristers, Court Clerk, Court Usher, Witnesses and Jurors. It is a real team effort to prepare.

We have two cases to prepare and will argue both on the day.

This opportunity is for anyone. If you are interested in law brilliant but, if you are also interested in developing a range of skills such as public speaking, thinking on your feet, teamwork, communication this is also for you.

**If you are interested in participating or would like more information please come to a meeting Thursday registration in the Sixth Form Centre – Lower Computer Room.**

