There were some lovely moments last week that I wish to share with you.

First we welcomed back Joe McKinney from the University of Dundee to speak to our Year 12 students about degrees in Scotland. The students are well aware that I enjoyed my time studying at the University of Edinburgh and really valued the freedom in terms of delaying course specialisation that going to a Scottish university gave me. Joe also shared some of the financial incentive available at the various universities. A huge thanks to Joe and we hope to welcome him back next year.

We also hosted our Year 13 Leavers BBQ. It was a lovely affair—filled with music, food and celebration. We wish all of Year 13 a wonderful, well deserved rest.

This week our Year 12s are engaging with super curricular learning. They will feedback on what they did with their tutors. I hope that you utilise this opportunity to develop your thinking around what you hope to do post KS5.

And finally, we are delighted that one of our governors, Lord Browne of Ladyton has generously offered our students with an opportunity to attend a conference at the Houses of Parliament related to Biosecurity. The deadline to apply for this opportunity is Wednesday 3rd July, please see further details below.

With best wishes, Ms Alibhai, Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form

Want to take part in this fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and hear about the county’s biosecurity options?

Write a short application (max. 200 words) detailing why you would like to attend and why you believe biosecurity is currently so important.

Submit your application to Dr Mounsey by the end of the day on Wednesday 3rd July.
Making applications to competitive universities –
invitation to a talk at Trinity Catholic High School
3 July 2019, 18.00–19.00

We have received an invitation for our year 12 students and their parents to attend a talk at Trinity Catholic High School Sydney Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 0TB. See below for details:

Mr Mike Nicholson is Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions at the University of Bath and a member of the Governing Body of UCAS. He is the UK Chair of the Higher Education Liaison Officers’ Association (HELOA), a member of the UCAS Council, and serves on the OCR Qualifications Committee.

He was previously Director of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Oxford.

On Wednesday 3 July 2019 Mike will be speaking to our able, gifted and talented students and their parents about making an application to competitive universities (including Oxford or Cambridge). The sessions will start at 6.00 and last for about an hour.

**Please let Ms Joy know by Monday 24th June if you would like to attend** so that she can inform the school about expected numbers.
Undergraduate Open Day
Health and Life Sciences
6 July 2019,
10:00 to 16:30

Join us at our undergraduate open day for Health and Life Sciences undergraduate degrees. Ranked top ten in the UK*, we are home to over 18,000 undergraduates studying an extensive range of courses across our faculties.

Represented at this open day are the:

• Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial Sciences.
• Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine.
• Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Palliative Care.
• Institute of Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience.

Open days are an important stage in the decision-making process and visiting a King’s event will allow you to:

• Meet academics, current students and departmental staff from your subject areas of interest.
• Attend subject talks to discover more about studying for a degree at King’s.
• Take a student-led campus tour and ask questions about life at King’s.
• Visit our digital accommodation hub and view an off-site hall of residence.
• Meet our student services representatives from admissions, funding, student support and many more to cover your needs.

You are welcome to come by yourself or bring one guest on the day. If you’d like to bring a guest with you, select two tickets when you book.

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With more than 22 exhibits exploring the very latest advances in science, and access to hundreds of scientists, the Summer Science Exhibition offers a unique opportunity to explore the science shaping our future with the people making it happen.
University taster days and sessions

City, University of London’s taster days and sessions are for current lower sixth, year 12 students. Our university taster courses will provide you with a unique insight into what degree-level study is like before applying to City.

Our subject taster days and sessions are in the style of mock lectures, practical workshops and group work sessions designed to introduce students to a variety of academic disciplines.

Taster days and sessions will allow you to:

- Experience first-hand our excellent and diverse teaching methods offered by our Schools
- Meet our highly experienced academic staff
- Meet our current students and find out about their experiences in your subject of interest
- Explore our state of the art facilities on campus in the heart of London.

Booking for 2019-entry events is now open and you can register for an event via the links below.

**Friday 12th July 2019**

**School of Health Sciences**

- Optometry (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]

**Cass Business School**

- Accounting and Finance (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Actuarial Science (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- BSc Investment and Financial Risk Management; BSc Banking and International Finance (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Business Management (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]

**School of Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering**

- Biomedical and Electrical & Electronic Engineering (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Civil Engineering (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Computing (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Engineering (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Mathematics (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]
- Mechanical Engineering & Aeronautics (10:00 - 13:00) - [Register for this taster session]

**Other ways to visit us**

If you would like to visit the university beforehand, we run regular [Campus tours] on Tuesdays at 11:00 and Thursdays at 14:00.
Civil Engineering - CU8887

Find out how City’s 100 years of experience in delivering courses in Civil Engineering will enable you to embark on an exciting career within the industry by joining our graduates who already hold successful and prominent positions around the world.

You will take a tour around our newly refurbished and extensive laboratory facilities finding out how they are used to support your learning, our research and industry to gain better understanding of problems such as construction of new train and escalator tunnels and how deep excavations interact with the surrounding buildings of London and elsewhere.

You will also get involved in fun activities such as designing, building and testing a model bridge before getting feedback from a Civil Engineer about how it failed and what could be done to improve your design.

Subject area: Engineering
Course date: 12 July 2019
Course duration: Half day (10am - 1pm)

Course requirements: This taster course is open to year 12 students or anyone who is thinking of starting their undergraduate studies in September 2020. Students must currently be studying mathematics (and preferably physics) at AS/A level or equivalent. When applying to this taster course you will be asked to submit in no more than 150 words why you are interested in studying this subject. You will be selected for this event based on your answer. You will be informed within 10 working days of the outcome of your application.

Cost: Free

Computer Science - CU8892

This event introduces you to academic study at degree level. You will have a lecture introducing you to artificial intelligence, which will be of degree level, yet accessible. You will also hear about careers in the Computing industry.

A Computer Science degree provides a systematic knowledge of the foundations of computing, the structure of programming languages and the skills to code creatively. It focuses on how programming can be used to solve real-world problems, equipping students with the skills for a range of careers, such as business computing, games development and research in the IT industry. We also offer four-year MSci degrees. In particular the new Data Science MSci is aimed at equipping our students with the necessary skills to prepare, analyse and visualize big data. They will have the chance to develop computational models of complex systems, which are skills that are essential in becoming an IT professional in the data intensive transformation that is reshaping the way our society operates.

Subject area: Computing and Information Systems
Course date: 12 July 2019
Course duration: Half day (10am -1pm)

Course requirements: This taster course is open to year 12 students or anyone who is thinking of starting their undergraduate studies in September 2020. Students must currently be studying mathematics (and preferably a science subject) at AS/A level or equivalent.

When applying to this taster course you will be asked to submit in no more than 150 words why you are interested in studying this subject. You will be selected for this event based on your answer. You will be informed within 10 working days of the outcome of your application.

Cost: Free
**Medicine Application Preparation Event - QM9575**

The Medicine Taster Day, hosted by Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London, will give you the opportunity to visit Queen Mary’s Whitechapel campus and find out everything that you need to know about applying to medicine. Over the course of the afternoon you will take part in sessions that will cover the application process, personal statements, what medical schools look for in applicants, self-reflection and preparing for interviews, Q&A with current medical students so by the end of the afternoon you will know what you need to do in order to prepare a strong application to medicine.

**Subject area:** Medicine, Dentistry and Optometry  
**Course date:** 10 July 2019  
**Course duration:** Half day (1pm - 5pm)

This course is open to year 12 students only. Students applying must be currently studying Biology and/or Chemistry at A level (or equivalent), have achieved AAABBB at GCSE (to include English Language, Maths, Biology and Chemistry – or double science), attend a London school, and who meet one or more of the following criteria (on top of the above): I. Have previously been or currently are eligible for free school meals, II. Have no parental history of Higher Education, III. Have parents from non-professional occupations, IV. Have lived, or are currently living, under local authority care, V. Have a disability, VI. Come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education.

**Cost:** Free

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**A Taste of Theoretical Physics - RH8990**

Wondering what a day in the life of a Physics student is like? Would you be intrigued to explore the code behind the discovery of Higgs and discuss world class research with experts? Would you like to have a look at one of the most beautiful University campuses in the UK? If yes, then this Taster Day at Royal Holloway has it all.

This is a one-day session for students who are thinking of applying for a Theoretical Physics degree at university. It includes some lab practicals, tutorials, lectures and tours. You will find out about the latest developments at the LHC at CERN from researchers who lead groups working on the experiments there and you will have the chance to visit our Low Temperature facility, home to internationally acclaimed research.

You will also have the opportunity to ask our admissions tutors any questions that you may have about the UCAS process, talk to physics students over lunch and take a short tour of our beautiful campus.

**Subject area:** Physical Sciences  
**Course date:** 3 July 2019  
**Course duration:** One day (10am - 5pm)

This taster course is open to year 12 students or anyone considering starting their undergraduate studies in September 2019. You must be studying both Mathematics and Physics at AS/A Level or equivalent to attend. N.B. Royal Holloway, University of London is also running a Physics taster course on 2 July 2019. If you already have a place on the Physics taster course then you won’t be offered a place on this taster course as much of the material is repeated.

**Cost:** Free
International Politics Taster Course
- IP9108

Is there a difference between real and fake human rights? Who decides?

Philosophers and lawyers argue amongst themselves about how real human rights (freedom from torture?) can be distinguished from fake ones (a right to the internet?). This debate, however, is also a political one. The last four decades have seen increasing struggles at the United Nations and elsewhere over who gets to define human rights in practice. This Taster Course illustrates some dramatic real world consequences of these apparently theoretical questions. Click here to register. The International Politics taster course will then be followed by a 30 minute introduction to life at ULIP and a coffee, tea and cookies reception, where you will have the opportunity to meet the lecturer and chat with student ambassadors.

If you are interested in the BA in International Politics with French Studies options, or if you are generally interested in French Studies, then you may also wish to register to attend our French Studies taster course from 3.15pm – 5pm taking place just after the International Politics Studies taster course.

Programme
1.30pm - 2.15pm - Taster course
2.30pm - 3pm - 30-minute presentation of ULIP
3pm - 4pm - You are invited to join us for coffee and tea

This taster course is taking place in central London (not Paris!)

Subject area: Government and Politics, International Relations
Course date: 2 July 2019
Course duration: Half day (1:30pm - 4pm)

Course requirements: This taster course is open to year 12 and 13 students or anyone considering starting their undergraduate studies in September 2019 or 2020.
Cost: Free

Economics Festival

3 July 2019, 09:00–16:00

We would like to invite you to our annual QMUL Economics Festival, which is an exciting event open to teachers and Year 12 students. The full schedule includes:

- Short lectures
- Interactive activities
- Competitions and games
- BBQ lunch

This is an opportunity for teachers to engage with their passion for the subject, while students experience first-hand what it’s like to study economics and finance at university.