

Sixth Form Bulletin

September 2026 second edition

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Key Dates

29th September
1st October
7th October
8th - 9th October
14th October
W/B 19th October
26-30th October
W/B 2nd November
11th November
12th November
20th November

EPQ Trip
Year 13 Exam Success Evening
Women in Stem Evening at Eaton
Year 12 Leeson House Trip
Early Applicant UCAS deadline
Year 13 Mock Exams
Half-term
GCSE Resits
Remembrance Service
Sixth Open Evening 5-7pm
Year 12 Mock Interview Day



Sixth Form classes end at 3:10pm

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16-19 Bursary 2026/27

Bursary forms are available from the Sixth Form Office.
Any questions please see Mrs Riding



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Year 13 Exam Success Evening

Thursday 1st October

There will be a welcome session from Miss Dean, at 5pm followed by information sharing regarding revision planning and techniques and destinations support, looking beyond Post-16. This will all take place up in the Sixth Form area.



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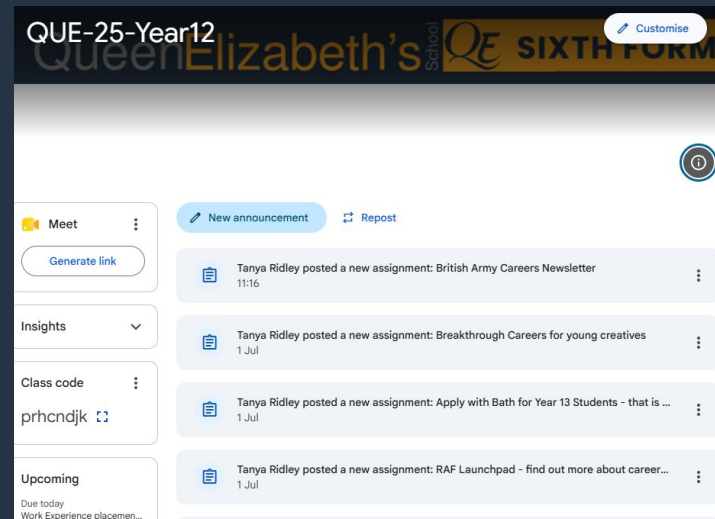




DESTINATIONS

Please keep checking the Google Classrooms for Destinations & Careers opportunities & ideas.

- Apprenticeships
- Application guidance
- Placements
- Online events and seminars
- Open Days
- Personal Statement ideas



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Women in Science and Engineering Visit

Find out what opportunities
there are in science,
engineering and technology



Powering Business Worldwide



**Hosted at Eaton on Wednesday 7th
October**

Guest speakers will share their career journeys,
and offer practical advice to students
considering their future career paths

Students will have the opportunity to explore a
range of interactive exhibits and activities in our
STEM marketplace, including:

- Additive Manufacturing displays
- Engineering and business function information stands
- Apprenticeship and early careers information
- Eaton's aerial refuelling flight simulator
- Networking opportunities with Eaton employees and guest speakers



See Mrs Ridley to sign up

Lucy Cavendish Academic Attainment Programme

What is the AAP?

This free programme will provide around 1000 high-achieving state school students with comprehensive supplementary academic support tailored to their stage in the curriculum, giving them the best chance of achieving their full potential. The programme covers not only Year 12, but also Year 13, so students will continue to be supported during the crucial final stages of the UCAS application process, and in the final months of their A-Level studies.

Which subjects are included?

This year, the focus of the AAP is evolving. The 2026-2028 Programme is open to students interested in studying subjects within the following subject areas:

- Arts and Humanities – e.g. English Literature, Modern Foreign Languages, Philosophy, and Architecture
- Humanities and Social Sciences – e.g. Economics, History, Psychology, and Archaeology
- Clinical Sciences – e.g. Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry

What are the benefits of participating?

The programme has proved very beneficial for students in the past years, with 9 in 10 receiving offers to study at Russell Group universities, and over the past 4 years participants have almost doubled their chances of being offered a place at either Oxford or Cambridge. Following the 2025/2026 programme, 93% of participants felt confident in their A-Level studies and agreed they were on track to achieve top grades. 97% of participants also felt it was likely that they would apply to top universities, with 79% feeling they were likely to apply to Cambridge or Oxford. [Applications for the Academic Attainment Programme 2026-2028 are now open until 10am on Tuesday 6th October.](#)



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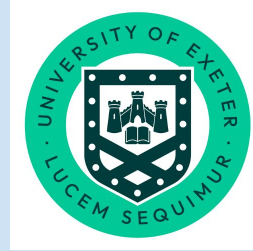


Exeter Scholars is a free programme giving you the opportunity to find out more about university, develop a passion for a chosen subject, and gain first-hand experience of student life at the University of Exeter.



It will provide you with:

- An understanding of university life
- An opportunity to hear from current university students about their experiences
- First-hand experience of a leading university
- Advice from world-class academics who are passionate about the subjects they teach
- An exciting insight into the type of research carried out by universities
- The chance to make new friends
- Development of experience and knowledge to help you decide if university is right for you, and, if so, boost your university application
- Development of key skills to help with your current studies and the transition to university
- A pathway to studying at the University of Exeter and access to the Exeter Scholars benefits packages.



Apply here: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/scholars/apply/year12/>

Hi, I'm Liz!

Liz Wright

CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE MANAGER

A little about me

My whole career has been about helping people explore and reach their potential and I am extremely passionate about this

- My most recent role was at Solent University, helping and supporting students to get into work when they graduate from their studies
- My other work experience includes working in FE supporting SEND students into employment, working on multiple government contracts helping people explore their career options and in commercial recruitment
- Outside of work, I love watching films and am a huge football fan (West Brom is my team, but please don't hold that against me!!) I love walking and book nooking (if you know, you know!)

QueenElizabeth's School **QE**

How I support our students

CAREERS GUIDANCE

Helping students explore careers, pathways and opportunities and understand what their future could look like

WORK EXPERIENCE & PLACEMENTS

Coordinating meaningful work experience and placements, supporting students, families and employers along the way

EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS

Building relationships with businesses, organisations and professionals to bring the world of work into school

PATHWAYS TO PROGRESSION

Supporting students as they consider university, apprenticeships, employment and other routes beyond school

SUPPORTING EVERY STUDENT

Working on the Gatsby Benchmarks – addressing individual needs, linking curriculum, employer encounters, workplace experiences, FE/HE encounters, and personal guidance

My aim: to inspire and empower every student with the knowledge, skills, experiences and confidence to shape their future and take the next step towards achieving their aspirations.

WAYS TO REACH ME

Email me

liwright@queenelizabeths.com

Call me

01202 790718 or 07761 045367

TALK TO ME

Share your ideas, questions or a student you'd like support for.

EXPLORE OPTIONS

We'll look at the best pathways, resources and opportunities.

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Work experience, employer visits, events and experiences that inspire.

SUPPORT SUCCESS

Helping every student build skills, confidence and a bright future.

Labour Market INFORMATION



Average yearly pay for full-time jobs (2025)

- Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole area: £37,500
- Dorset area: £37,500
- England (overall): £39,300



Jobs in the area

- About 358,400 people have a job
- That's 79.4% of people who are old enough to work



People without jobs in the area

- About 17,900 people don't have a job – that's 4 out of every 100 people who are old enough to work
- A further 75,400 people aren't working and aren't looking for a job – that's about 17 out of every 100 people



Population changes over 10 years

- Overall population: up by 5.3% (England: up by 7.8%)
- Ages 16–24: down by 1.5% (England: up by 1.2%)
- Ages 65 and over: up by 14% (England: up by 15.5%)



Types of jobs

- 13 out of every 100 people work for themselves (self-employed)
- 86 out of every 100 people work for someone else (employees)



Biggest job areas in Dorset (2024)

- Health and Social Care: 56,000 jobs
- Shops and Retail: 48,000 jobs
- Hospitality (hotels, restaurants): 40,000 jobs
- Manufacturing (making things): 29,000 jobs
- Education (schools, colleges): 29,000 jobs



What Dorset is good at (compared to the UK)

- Maritime (things related to the sea)
- Metalworking technology
- Visitor economy (tourism)
- Building services
- Precision technology

Dorset Data



Jobs that need higher skills

- Programmers and software developers: 2,200 jobs
- Teachers: 1,700 jobs
- Nurses: 3,800 jobs
- Solicitors / Lawyers: 1,900 jobs
- Bookkeepers / Finance: 2,300 jobs



Job adverts

- 85,200 jobs advertised in the last year
- 9,700 jobs advertised last month
- Peak was 11,500 jobs in 2022
- 84,000 previous year
- About 7,100 employers advertised jobs, including NHS, JPMorgan Chase, Holt Engineering, BCP Council, Compass Group



Top skills employers want

- Auditing
- Communication
- Customer Service
- Detail Oriented
- Management
- Sales



Most wanted jobs in the last year

- Care workers and home carers: 11,100 jobs
- Sales: 5,200 jobs
- Cleaners: 5,000 jobs
- Kitchen and Catering assistants: 4,200 jobs
- Teaching assistants: 3,000 jobs

Sources: ONS (Nomis) and Lightcast.

Your career starts here. Find out more:

Talk to your teacher, tutor, careers adviser, parent or carer, or scan:



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THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY

A sector shaping the future

Dorset is home to the Dorset Innovation Park, a centre for advanced technology, engineering, and defence, supporting around 800 highly skilled jobs. The park is also home to the Defence BattleLab, a unique facility where businesses work on innovative solutions to real-world defence and security challenges.



Employers in the sector

Companies based in or connected to Dorset Innovation Park include:

- QinetiQ
- TKMS Atlas UK
- Norco Composites
- Ministry of Defence (MOD)
- FDI Engineering
- VASPBA
- i9 Tech



Careers in high demand

- Software Developers & Software Engineers
- Electricians
- Fabricators
- Design Engineers
- Test Engineers
- Project Managers
- Procurement Specialists
- Logistics Coordinators



Technical skills employers want

- Computer-Aided Design (CAD)
- Electronics
- Systems Engineering
- Cyber Security
- Mechanical Design
- Embedded Software
- Quality Assurance



Essential employability skills

- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Attention to Detail
- Organisation
- Creativity



What does Dorset specialise in?

Dorset companies are working on exciting technologies, including:

- **Autonomous (self-operating) systems**
- **Maritime technology**
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
- **Underwater technology**
- **Communications systems**
- **Digital and cyber security**



Your route into the industry

Yeovil College is one of only **five Defence Technical Excellence Colleges in England**, helping young people develop the technical skills needed for careers in engineering, technology, and defence.



Future opportunities

The UK Government plans to invest **£290 billion in defence**, helping to create around **60,000 new jobs** across areas such as:

- **Aerospace**
- **Drone Technology**
- **AI & Quantum Computing**
- **Shipbuilding**
- **Missile Defence**
- **Nuclear Technologies**
- **Munitions Manufacturing**

Why consider this sector?

If you enjoy **technology, engineering, problem-solving, maths, science, or design**, defence and advanced engineering offer exciting careers where you can help create the technologies of the future.

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Top opportunities - apply quickly as they will go!

Eaton Work Experience (Wimborne)

- 1-2 week work experience within the Engineering Aerospace industry - CV and Cover Letter to be sent indicating placement dates and areas of interest to wimborne.hr@eaton.com

KPMG Apprenticeships in Audit, Tax and Corporate Services open!

kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/

Sainsburys Career Experience Programme - October half term - [more information](#)

Top opportunities - continued

**Insight into Law with Clifford
Chance** - 9th October - 5pm to
6.30pm

[Register your place](#)

Meet Russell Group Universities
in a series of webinars from 20th
to 29th October

[More information](#)

Unifrog - University Virtual Fair - find
out all about University life!
October 14th - 4pm to 6.30pm

[Register here](#)



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Job Opportunity

I am a small home based business in Alderholt, with a vacancy for an admin/accounts assistant up to 5 hours a week. This position is permanent, but I understand Students at this level, often gain experience and then move on to full time positions or University. I feel that this is a great opportunity for the right candidate to gain work experience before moving on to their chosen career. Full training will be given in how to use Sage Cloud Software, and the candidate will learn about processing bank feeds, bank reconciliation and a little about VAT.

Their wage would be minimum wage levels, but I would give them the opportunity to join the company Pension Scheme NEST, which is a portable Pension Scheme that could be built upon with any future employers who use the same scheme. I do have other employees, and there would be opportunities quarterly to join our staff meeting held at Wolvercroft (paid by the company) and our Christmas Meal held locally.

Please email me or call on the contact details below. You can also gain more information by accessing my website. www.goldaccounting.co.uk

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Car Parking Permit

Please ensure if you are driving to school that you have completed the google form to obtain a parking permit Parking Permit 2025/26

Parking is only available in the Leisure Centre.

Students should never park in the staff car park, this includes the one by reception under the tree line and in the middle.



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