

I hope you are all enjoying a good week. Engage in some of the activities detailed below, and your week will get even better!

Upper Sixth

GAP Year:

- A reminder that this Tuesday 21st November 8.15am in the Library Meeting Room, there is a chance to find out more about the opportunity to spend your gap year at Shrewsbury Bangkok. All are welcome and this is an important first step of the application process.
- A reminder of the opportunity to spend part of your gap year at Restart Africa. I know many of you are considering this – further details about how to apply are on this [link](#), but please let Mr Bell or I know if you are interested in this so we can support your interest accordingly.
- I enjoyed a call with this [organisation](#) earlier this week, who offer a range of gap year related opportunities, including scholarships. Their site may be of interest.

UCAS Deadline:

- It is a little disappointing that many of you have not met the internal UCAS deadline, which has now passed. Though the external deadline for applications is January 2024, the reason we ask for earlier submissions is to ensure it can be checked properly, your reference can be linked to your subject choices, and you also can enjoy receiving offers before the Christmas break. Thank you to all those who met the deadline; if you are in the camp that did not, can you look to get this resolved please. As always, if you are struggling with any aspect, come and see one of the team. There is plenty of help available.

Lower Sixth:

- Thank you to all those who attended the talk from the University of Cambridge. If you missed it, the link is [here](#). Following this informative introductory talk, L6th Formers have been emailed by Dr Pattenden to invite genuine expressions of interest in pursuing an application to Oxford or Cambridge. A further meeting to outline the key steppingstones towards a successful application will then take place after the upcoming progress tests.
- Several of you are yet to activate your account on our Shrewsbury School networking platform, Salopian Connect. Can I encourage you to do this – it's a wonderful opportunity to interact with alumni and parents from across the globe.
- On Tuesday 28th November (7.30pm) we have our Futures Evening, with eight brilliant speakers coming in to share advice and guidance about their careers. Full details will be confirmed next week, but a reminder this is a mandatory event for L6th Formers.

Upcoming Talks and Opportunities:

- This Thursday (16th November), we welcome in the [University of Toronto](#) to talk to interested students about studying at this institution and applying to Canadian institutions. 5pm, Hodgson Hall Theatre – please attend if interested.
- Talking of North America, on Monday 27th November 7.30pm via Zoom Webinar, for those interested in US applications, we welcome Alexandria Waters from the University of Chicago for a talk on this topic and this world-renowned university. Zoom Link is [here](#).
- We enjoyed a brilliant 'Talking Sport' evening last week, with some superb advice shared by our seven visitors. If you missed it – link is [here](#).
- 'Green Careers Week' kicked off November, and there are some super resources on this [website](#). On this theme, I am looking forward to OS Seren Kell's upcoming talk on 'Alternative Proteins: The Next Food Revolution'. Seren is a University of Oxford graduate, and now leads the Science and Technology team at the Good Food Institute. Friday 17th November, SLT, 7.30pm are the details you need!
- Finally, a quick snapshot of some super work experience programmes that are open. [Astrophysics](#) in Greenwich, [Law](#) in Shrewsbury, [Real Estate](#) in London and various several [Science](#) based opportunities across the UK.

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain