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## News In Brief



### For the Love of Books

Our wonderful librarian, Mrs Flood, has already transformed the library with updated displays and re-organised shelves! Now she would like the Sixth Form's help to encourage other students to pick up a book and get reading. Please could you take a quick break from you studies to complete a survey about what you like to read, so that she can make a display and recommend them. Just follow this [link](#) to complete the questionnaire.



### **Sporting Success**

A few weeks ago, Maidenhead United Women goalkeeper, Gemma Harvey, was nominated for a Berkshire Football Award in the *Since71 Blog Young Player of the Season (Female)* category. Gemma has played remarkably well, with Maidenhead United securing the highest-ever finish in the FA Women's National League South West Division One, with Gemma featuring 12 times.

The nomination received for Gemma said: "Gemma made Maidenhead United history this season when she became the first player to have represented both Maidenhead United Juniors and an MUFC senior team. The teenager kept a clean sheet on debut for Maidenhead United Women in September, and in her eleven starts for MUWFC in 2021/22, she has played a full part in five shut-outs for the team, most notably in games against high-flying Exeter City and AFC Bournemouth – all this before turning 17 only in March this year. When not pulling off heroics in the fourth tier of women's football, Gemma earns rave-reviews week-in week-out for the Maidenhead United Juniors Under 18 Ravens in the hugely competitive Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League Under 18 division. A bright future for this locally born young player seems likely."

Year 12 student Gemma received the award this Wednesday, and we could not be more proud. We know she will go far in her football career, and maybe even get the chance to wear the Number 1 Lionesses England shirt!

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### **Complete University Guide**

Every year, [thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk) publishes university league tables, ranking UK universities overall, and in more than 70 subject areas. Knowing how best to choose your future university can be tough. The league tables can help by showing you the top universities in the UK, and by allowing you to sort them by what's important to you. See the university rankings for your chosen subject and then filter by region, entry standards, student satisfaction, graduate prospects, and more. By comparing universities using our filters and your chosen metrics, you can start to get a clear picture of which one is the right one for you. Have a look [here](#).

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#### **The Lumière Film Society**

Autistic Pride Day is celebrated on June 18 of every year, and is a day dedicated to individuals with ASD for them to be autistic and proud and celebrate who they are. Our film recommendation this week is [Rain Man \(15\)](#): when car dealer Charlie Babbitt learns that his estranged father has died, he returns home to Cincinnati, where he discovers that he has an autistic older brother named Raymond, and that his father's \$3 million fortune is being left to the mental institution in which Raymond lives.

## **Current Affairs**



#### **Train Strikes**

**By Emily Harvey**

More than 40,000 staff, and 13 train operators, are expected to walk out next week on Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd and Saturday 25th June, in a bid against underpay and redundancies. Additionally, services will run and finish earlier, from 07:30 to 18:30. The arranged strike has caused outcry on the internet with thousands being affected. While this will inconvenience many, it's important to understand the power of strikes and realise they occur when people feel they aren't being listened to: we should respect their decision to fight for overpay and against redundancy. The strikes may cause a few days of

inconvenience, but for these workers the consequences of what they are striking for are long term and devastating. Stay vigilant, plan your journeys carefully, and respect the voice of these important workers.

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### **World Blood Donor Day**

**By Afrah Qamar**

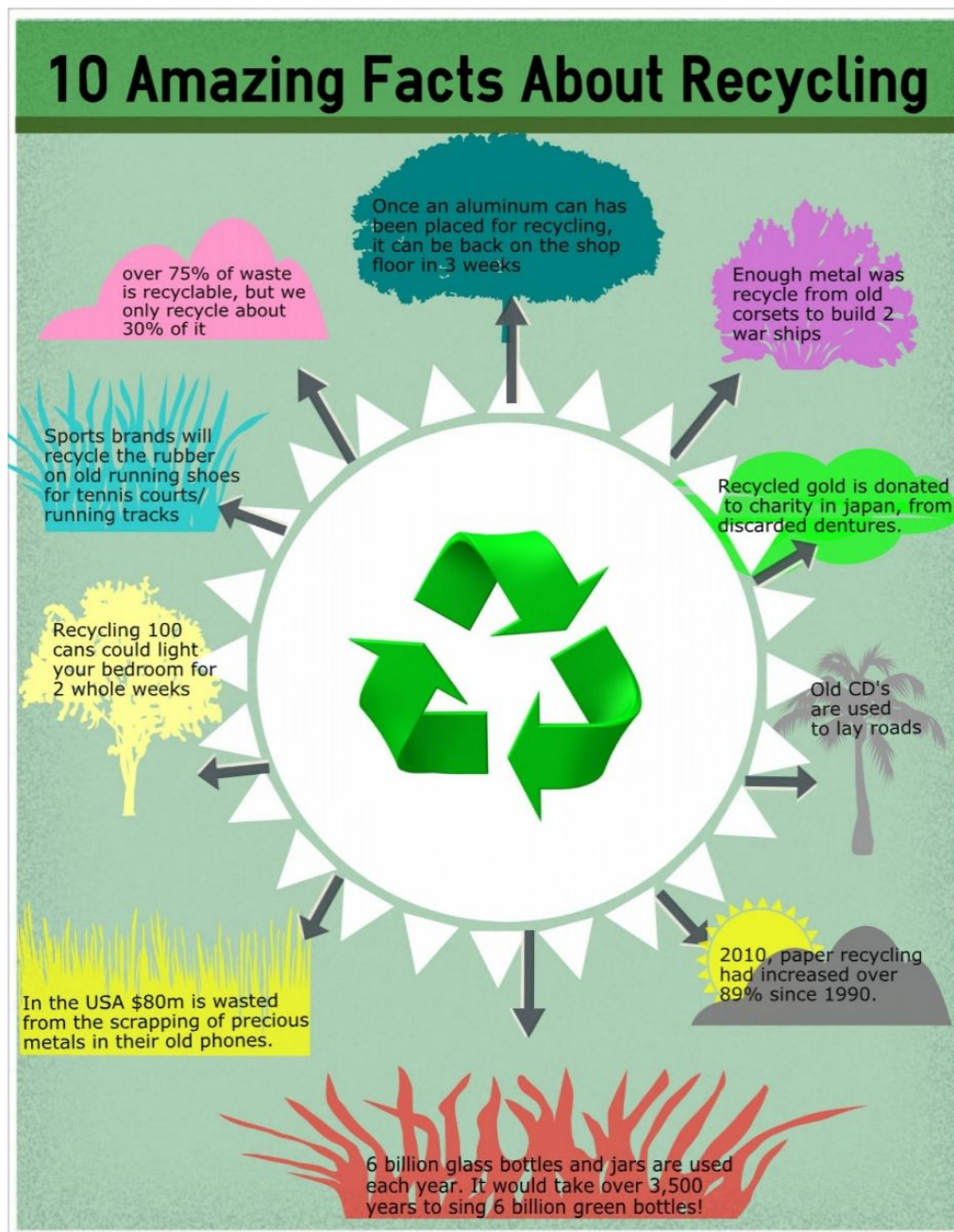
On Tuesday 14th June, it was World Blood Donor day. This event raises awareness about the need for safe blood, and blood products, and to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. A blood service that gives patients access to safe blood and blood products in sufficient quantity is a key component of an effective health system.

The global theme of World Blood Donor Day changes each year in recognition of the selfless individuals who donate their blood for people unknown to them. The year it was 'Blood Donation: an act of solidarity'. Blood Donations are key in treating people suffering from a range of diseases, and as a result of accidents, natural disasters and armed conflict. The need for blood is universal, but access to it is limited, especially in low and middle-income countries, where shortages particularly impact women and children as these tend to be the people who need blood most.

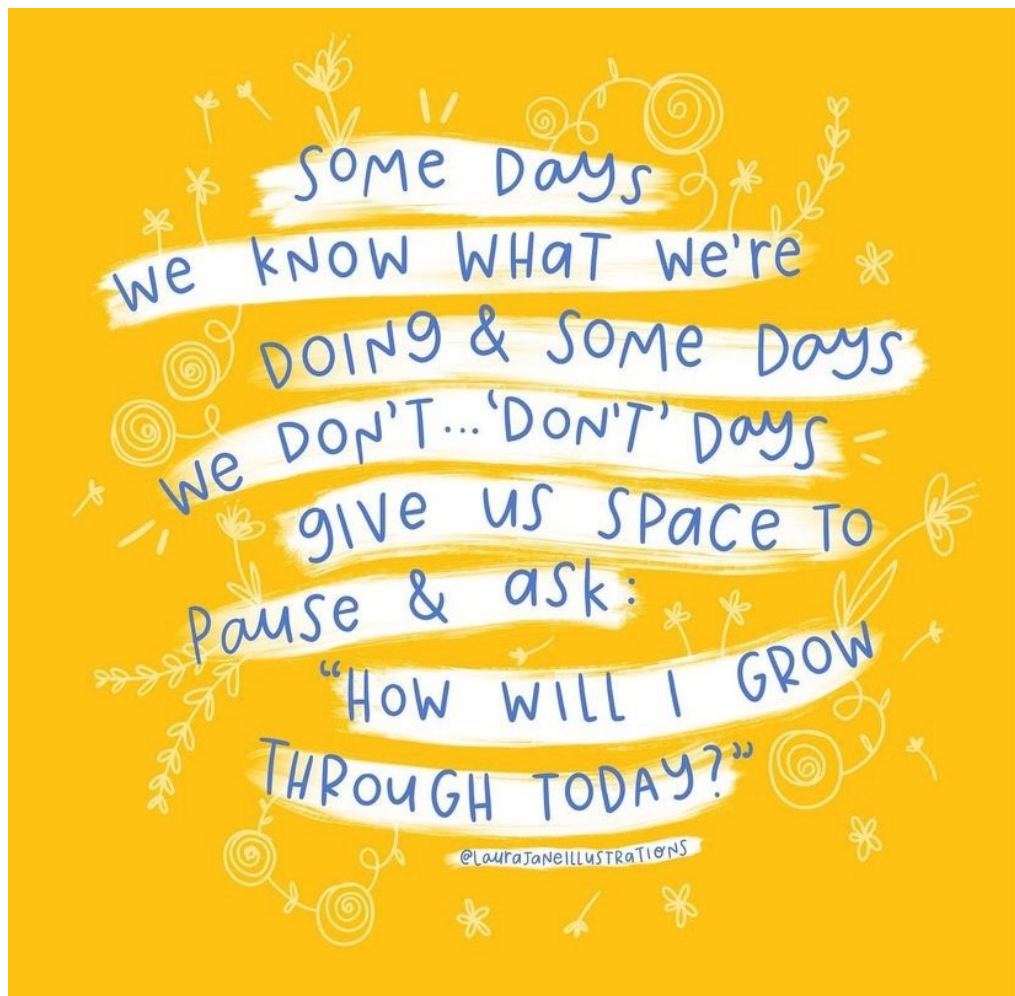
In the UK, donating blood is easy: you just need to go online to register and an appointment will be given to you on availability. At the moment, there are only certain people the NHS need blood from, including male donors, black donors and those with an O-negative blood type, as this blood can be given to anyone. Becoming a regular voluntary blood donor is a simple but selfless step that everyone can take to strengthen their communities, support local health systems and save lives.

Since we've been hit by a world pandemic, the Red Cross has declared that the recent surge in Covid-19 cases had fuelled the "worst blood shortage in more than a decade". This emphasises how important it is to donate blood but amid this blood shortage, the restrictions on active gay and bisexual men remained. To be eligible to donate blood in the US, men who have active relationships with other men, must abstain from same-sexual activity for 90 days. The limitations have long been criticized as discriminatory by advocates, and are seen by many in the medical community as unnecessarily obstructive to the nation's crucial blood supply. Any policy that continues to categorically single out the LGBTQ+ community is discriminatory and wrong. Given the amazing advances in blood screening and safety technology in recent years, a time-based policy for gay and bisexual men is not scientifically sound, continues to effectively exclude an entire group of people, and does not meet the urgent demands of the moment.

It is important to donate blood if you can, but it is also as important to abolish these discriminatory policies, that have been proven to be unnecessary time and time again.







## Careers and Tertiary Education Spotlight



### Careers Information

Please note that we will be saving any careers information that we include in the bulletin in a file called 'Careers Information' on the public drive for students to access. Only new opportunities will be included in the weekly bulletin but you can still find the information from the past bulletins in the folder.



### Opportunities

### Investment Management apprenticeships

Janus Henderson Investors have 16 Trainee and Apprenticeship opportunities in Marketing, Technology, Sales, Investments and Operations to kickstart a career within the investment management industry. [Apply here](#) by 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

AllianceBernstein plan to add more roles across the business in their Compliance, Investment Management and Broker Dealer Operations and Client Group teams. [Applications](#) close on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Metrology Apprenticeship

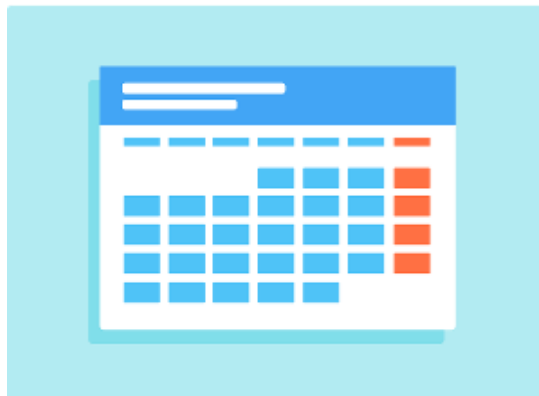
Gillette/P&G offer an apprenticeship in Metrology. See [details](#) and apply by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Apprenticeships with JLA

- [Apprentice Fire Engineers x 3](#)
- [Apprentice Catering Engineer x 6](#)
- [Apprentice HVAC engineers x 2](#)
- [Apprentice Installation Engineer x 3](#)

### University Hub

Students can explore relevant statistics about each university, watch Subject Spotlights, hear about the financial and social side of university, and book themselves onto open days all within this one platform. [Check it out here](#) .



### Events

#### Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now

[Apply now](#) for the virtual event on 14<sup>th</sup> September if you are in Year 11 and consider studying medicine.

#### Royal Holloway events

- [Open Day 18th June](#)
- [Humanities Taster 19th July](#)
- [Clearing and Adjustment 5th July, 5pm](#)
- [UCAS and Personal Statements 30th June, 5pm](#)
- [Choosing a Uni plus Student Ambassador Q&A 10th July, 5pm](#)

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