

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Student Support Column

GET TO KNOW THE SSOs

MADI
Senior Student Support Officer
My favourite things include going to music gigs and my two cats! The best thing about my role is working with the amazing team of SSOs and supporting students with lots of different things.
Hates: Pansies

IANADA
Student Support Officer
I am from Mozambique but also lived in Lisbon, Portugal. One of my favourite things is sports, I played semi professional basketball in Portugal.
Hates: Snakes

ARJAN
Student Support Officer
My favourite thing to do is play video games. The best thing about being an SSO is meeting different characters around college and encouraging students to have a positive time at Cadbury.
Hates: Sushi

JJ
Student Support Officer
You will often hear my laugh around college before you see me! My favourite thing is my dog Waffles. I love getting to know students and spending time to support their needs.
Hates: Malware

DEVICK
Student Support Officer
My favourite hobby has always been football. I am looking forward to meeting new students.
Come and say HI!
Hates: Lemons

TAMARA
Student Support Officer
I'm new to the SSO role and I'm looking forward to supporting students. My favourite thing is gaming, especially Fortnite.
Hates: Cold Weather

Did you know you can email our SSOs? If you have any questions or need any assistance you can email them!

SSO email

We're excited to share a new way for both students and staff to connect with our dedicated Student Support Officers. Whether you have a question, need guidance, or require assistance from a student support officer, please drop an email to

Studentsupport@cadbury.ac.uk



Mentoring

College Mentors

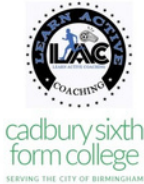
A mentor at college can support, advise and guide you, helping you to gain life skills and achieve your full potential.

Mentors can support with things like:



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Bullying
Personal Concerns
Behaviour Support
Low self esteem/confidence
Social Difficulties
Physical/Mental Health Issues
Anger Management



Whether you're seeking help with behaviour, managing college life, or simply need someone to talk to, our mentors are here to offer a listening ear and guidance.

No matter what's on your mind, you'll find a supportive mentor who respects your pace and ensures you feel heard.

Our goal is to empower you to face challenges confidently, knowing that you have the student support team behind you.

If you would like to speak to a college mentor, please scan the QR code here.



Disneyland Paris Trip

33 of our Business and Travel students went to Disneyland Paris for 3 nights to a convention delivered by Disney. Students spent 2 days in the parks and on the Thursday, they attended a Travel and Tourism Convention where we had Disney speakers from Customer Services, Marketing and Careers.

This trip gave the students a really good insight into what Disney has to offer as a business and an attraction.



T-Level Media

T-Level Media students have successfully completed an exciting three-week film project with Wolverhampton Screen School.

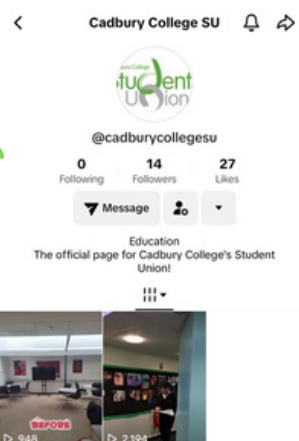
From scriptwriting to post-production, they handled every aspect of their short film, gaining hands-on experience and essential industry skills.

They are looking forward to showcasing the finished video at a college event soon.



Student Union Section

Our Student Union have a new TikTok page. They will be using this to spread awareness and gain viewership of activities, enrichment courses and events that will be taking place in college. You can follow the page to see what Student Union have planned! The page is @cadburycollegesu.



Library Books

A recommendation that was mentioned to the Student Union Team was recommendations for the books that were asked over the winter break in December by students, which have now all arrived!



So, pop up to the library and see what new books they have!

Valentines Day Event



Our Student Union team held a fabulous Valentine's Day event on Friday 14th February.

They had a photobooth, balloons, live performances and also handmade roses to buy!

It was a great success and a lot of fun!



Library Volunteers

The library are in need of some volunteers. From this you will attain a form of experience but also help out with organising, sorting and managing study session tables, or computer tables; and any further library duties.

For more information please head up to the LRC and speak to Karen.

Unifrog Webinars

Don't forget that you can access Unifrog and complete Webinars that they are holding! Below are some that are being held in March!

What is environmental health? Discover the career keeping us all safe
Thursday 20th March at 16:30pm

Unifrog Virtual University Fair
Wednesday 26th March at 16:00pm

Artificial intelligence and legal rights: could AI be treated just like you and I?
Thursday 27th March at 16:30pm

Five things everyone should know about criminology, criminal justice, and policing
Thursday 27th March at 17:30pm

Psychology taster: the science behind how parents affect their child's development
Monday 31st March at 16:30pm



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"If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it." - Muhammed Ali. It all starts with you, if you can believe then you can achieve, nothing is stopping you!

Tutorial

March's tutorial theme is respect.

Please remember it is important to attend tutorials. It does go against your attendance if you do not attend.

Security

Students are reminded that lanyards are to be worn at all times on site

Takeaway food is not permitted on site (such as - pizza, McDonalds, chip shop etc)



Umbrella Sexual Health

Umbrella will be located in Student Reception on the below dates!

Free sexual health services
Including Sexually Transmitted Infection Tests and Protection.

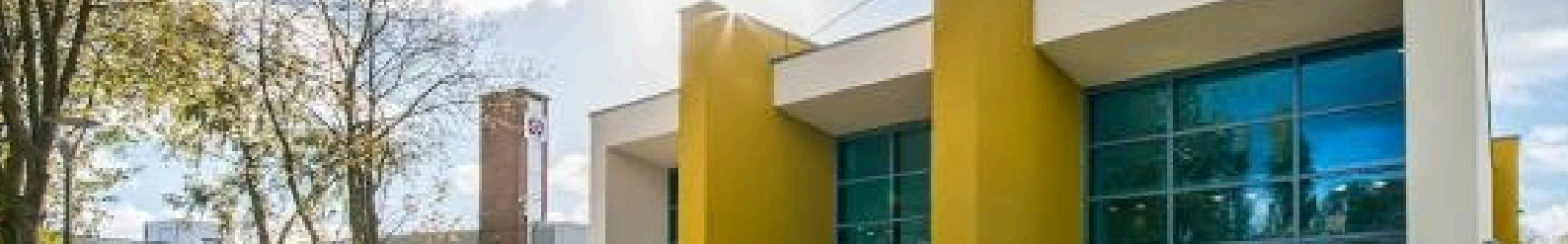
January 17th 9.30-12.00
January 30th 9.30-12.00
February 5th 9.30-12.00
February 26th 9.30-12.00
March 12th 9.30-12.00

They will be located on the above dates and times in the Student Reception

All Happening in March

- Saturday 1st March - St David's Day
- Monday 3rd March - World Wildlife Day
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
- Saturday 8th March - International Women's Day
- Monday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day





Empowering Young Minds Through Theatre

This week, nearly 200 students experienced Invictus, a powerful and thought-provoking theatre production delivered by Theatre for Schools.

Through compelling storytelling, Invictus explored the different forms of childhood adversity, encouraging students to reflect on the challenges young people may face and the resilience that can emerge in even the toughest circumstances. The performance didn't just raise awareness - it provided support, signposting crucial networks and resources to ensure that students know where to turn if they ever need help.



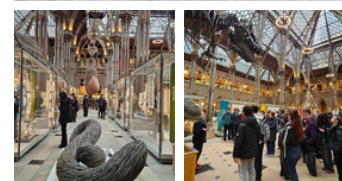
A huge thank you to Theatre for Schools for delivering such a meaningful and impactful session.



Exploring Oxford for Design Inspiration!

Our 3D A Level Design learners recently embarked on an enriching trip to Oxford to gather primary research for their newly launched exam project.

The visit included stops at the Bodleian Library courtyard, The Sheldonian Theatre and Blavatnik School of Government, providing an inspiring mix of historical and contemporary architecture. Learners also explored the Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers collection, gaining valuable insights to inform their creative work.



Despite the cold weather, it was a fantastic day filled with exploration, inspiration, and hands-on learning outside the classroom.

Why do Work Experience?

- Let you apply your knowledge and skills in a work setting
- Increase skills and competencies highly sought after by employers
- Give you an insight into the way organisations operate and the challenges they face
- Help you to understand a particular job or industry
- Provide you with networking opportunities
- Enable you to attend training courses
- Clarify your career goals.
- Looks great on your CV!



All students should do 30 hours work experience. To find out more and secure your placement. Pop up to the Careers Hub (LRC) and speak with Lucy or email lucy.richardson@cadbury.ac.uk

JOIN OUR TEAM AS A WORK EXPERIENCE AMBASSADOR

Are you passionate about helping your fellow students secure exciting work experience opportunities? Do you have the knack for finding hidden gems in the job market? We need YOU to join our team as a Work Experience Ambassador!

AS A WORK EXPERIENCE AMBASSADOR, YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO...

- **Guide Students** - Share your knowledge on how to secure work experience opportunities.
- **Be a Resourceful Navigator** - Help students explore opportunities using our College SharePoint site and Unifrog.
- **Build Connections** - Foster valuable relationships with local employers and industry professionals.
- **Enhance your CV** - Gain valuable experience and skills that will set you apart in the job market.

TO APPLY VISIT YOUR COLLEGE'S WORK EXPERIENCE OFFICER

SANDWELL COLLEGE	Visit Central Campus Atrium enquiries@sandwell.ac.uk
Central Sandwell's Sixth Form	Visit Floor 3 enquiries_sbf@sandwell.ac.uk
Cadbury Sixth Form	Visit the LRC lucy.richardson@cadbury.ac.uk

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL 7 MAR 2025

Join us in shaping the future of our students.

Coming Up!

WAR BEHINDS

Gadbury College Production

BASSETT

BY JAMES GRAHAM

Performed alongside
The Wonderful World of Dissocia.

Wednesday 7th & Friday 9th of May,
1pm & 6:30pm

Tickets: £5.00

A PLAY BY ANTHONY NEILSON PERFORMED BY PERFORMING ARTS

enquiries@basell.cadburycollege.ac.uk

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISSOCIA

PERFORMED AT THE LAUREN CRACE THEATRE

MAY WEDNESDAY 7TH
MAY FRIDAY 9TH

Exams

Trial Access Arrangements

If students had any access arrangements as a trial for January or Mock exams, these were temporary and will need to be followed up with Learning Support for any future exams. Please make sure you have confirmed any details before the summer exams start.



Exam Timetables

Just to clarify that all exam timetables are now only available on the Our College App. An emailed timetable will no longer be produced so please make sure you are familiar with finding your exam details. If anything doesn't look correct please check with the exams office as soon as possible.

Leaked Exam Papers

If any students see any 'leaked exams papers' on social media or websites- these will be fake papers often set up by scammers and often with a cost involved. Any involvement in accessing these could result in sanctions being applied. Please report anything that looks suspicious.

Careers

The Careers team ran talks and events to give students information on Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships as part of National Apprenticeship Week. They also had the fantastic Mandeep from HSBC come in to speak to students in regards to improving their interview skills when it comes to applying for roles. Coming up at the end of March are Student Finance applications for University open and they are kicking off a week of Student Finance talks in the Lauren Crace Theatre.

There will be a whole week of talks happening in tutorials with 5 different Universities coming in to deliver talks including BCU, Aston University, De Montford University, Staffordshire University and The University of Hertfordshire. More details to come!