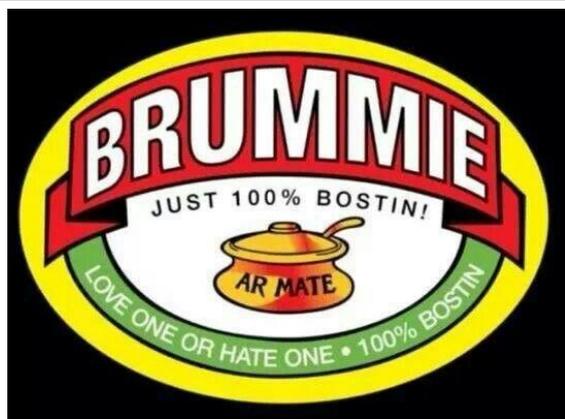




# Sixth Sense



## How Long Does It Take To Be a 'Brummie'?

This morning, my wife had asked me how long I had lived in Birmingham. After some genuine pause for thought, in addition to some counting on my fingers, I settled on

27 years! I'm not quite sure how long it takes to be a 'Brummie', and despite still not sounding very much like one (although one or choice phrases sneaks-in once and a while) I do feel like one.

Having reflected upon my journey to the West Midlands following my own experience in Sixth Form that led to me moving to Birmingham to study, it reminded me of those important 'next-steps' that relate to both Year 12 and Year 13 respectively moving forwards.

From a **Year 13** perspective, the end is in sight! You are one month away from completion and therefore have the ability to lean into this final push towards getting the grade you seek to achieve. Don't lose sight of those standards that have brought you this far. For those of you that have applied for a university place, keep those conditional offers in the back of your mind! For those of you seeking an alternative route, I know that many of you have already begun steps towards securing an apprenticeship or indeed employment and I congratulate you upon this.

Don't forget that help is at hand and Careers Guidance is available and can be accessed through contacting Jacqui Robinson directly, or via Safina and Ellie.

## Which Week?

This Week: 3rd May Week 2

Next Week: 10th May Week 1



For **Year 12**, we now begin a process of starting to look at the UCAS or process of applying to university.

Some of you may have already begun this process through attending Aim Higher's Webinar on this very subject during the previous week. If not, an Academy-based event will support you in providing you with this information during this term.

A key portal for information for everyone will be through the Unifrog system used by the Academy at <https://www.unifrog.org/>.

## Collection of Lateral Flow Tests

For those of you who have previously had all of your lateral flow tests, in addition to those who have completed these recently, please don't forget to collect your self-test kits from Safina in the Sixth Form Office. You will need to complete these at home twice per week and report your results online after each test via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>



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**ALL** Sixth Form students have access to the Unifrog system at <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>.

This page will allow you all to sign-in (using your 'full' Academy email address as your username). Where you have used this before (many of you used this or registered last year), please enter your password.

If you have forgotten your password, click on the link in the 'red box' and this will enable you to request a new password to get started.

Once on the 'Home Page' you can scroll down to see all of the available tools, presented in the form of lots of different coloured boxes.

Although Unifrog is packed with loads of great tools, two that are absolutely worth investigating further are the **UK Universities** and **Apprenticeships** search tool.

Both are intuitive and easy to use and will give the ability to search both locally and national wide for opportunities that suit you and your aspirations.

If you like the look of an opportunity, it can be saved or sent to you via email.

Have a play with this and let me know how you get on!

Searching for opportunities

<b>UK universities</b> You have <a href="#">12 shortlists</a> <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #c00040; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>	<b>US universities</b> Make your first shortlist <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #0056b3; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>	<b>European universities</b> Make your first shortlist <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #6a329f; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>
<b>Oxbridge</b> Make your first shortlist <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #007bff; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>	<b>Apprenticeships</b> You have <a href="#">12 shortlists</a> <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #e91e63; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>	<b>College / Sixth Form</b> Make your first shortlist <a href="#" style="background-color: white; color: #ff9800; padding: 5px 10px; border-radius: 3px;">Start &gt;</a>

## Mock Exams 2021

### Year 13: May

The final series of examinations will commence as of Monday 17th May and will go through to Thursday 27th May. As occurred previously, details of the week's exams will be published in the newsletter.

### Year 12: June

As would be customary in any other academic year, Year 12 would sit mock exams (where studying an A Level) during the final term. Teachers will provide details on what you will be examined upon and once collated, a mock exam timetable will be shared with you all. These will be take place from Monday 7th June until Friday 18th June.

## Centre Assessed Grade (CAG)

### Collation Process 2021

For Year 13 students, certificating this year, it is highly important for you to be aware of the process and evidence that the Academy will be utilising in order to generate a CAG for you in each of your subjects.

For some subjects, this may be examined work whilst others may favour coursework or indeed a combination of both. Whatever the methodology, we are required to share this information with you and as such will be playing a video to you during your tutor period in order for you to have a clear understanding of this.

Following this presentation, we will then require you to sign a form to be signed to indicate that you understand the evidence that will be used. Were you to have any questions with regard to this, please do not hesitate to come and see me.