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university of the third age



December
2019



Open Meeting

Meetings start at 2.30pm and are held at the Oak Tree Centre, Wallinger Drive, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes, MK5 7GZ. There is car parking on site, and bus routes 8, 24 & 25 stop on adjacent grid roads.

Traversa: A Solo Walk Across Africa – Fran Sandham

22 January

Serialised in the Sunday Times, this is the account of Fran Sandham's 3,000-mile solo walk coast to coast across Africa (from the Atlantic on Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean at Zanzibar), the first time in history anyone has crossed Africa solo entirely on foot by this route – or at least solo apart from a disastrous donkey.

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Member Induction

Please note - there will not be a New Members Induction Session in December.

The next one will be on Monday 20th January 2020 starting at 2pm and will be held in the Great Linford Parish Office meeting room, next to the Co-op in the Great Linford local centre at 1 St Leger Court, MK14 5HA.

The session will outline the background to the U3A movement, explain how to get the best out of your membership with MKU3A, and show you how to use the website and join groups. If you are a new member - just come along.

Any queries to Claire Naismith on membersec@mku3a.org or 07425 620167.

U3A Christmas Concert

Gloria in Excelsis Deo, and evening of carols and readings, will be held on Friday, 13th December, at the United Reformed Church in Newport Pagnell at 7.30pm.

Tickets priced at £10, which include seasonal refreshments, can be obtained from Jennifer on 01908 613088 or Janice on 07762 178379.

Proceeds will be split between two charities: Harry's rainbow, a charity which supports bereaved children and their families in the Milton Keynes, and Keech Hospice Care.



Thank You

A Big Thank You to all the volunteers.

Thank you for all those unpaid hours you all do, a special thanks to Don Wenham who organises and oversees the Tuesday Redway walkers, who I enjoy walking with, especially on sunnier days.

Doreen Essem

Food 4 Thought

The Food4Thought group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Neath Hill.

Last month we learnt about Coeliac Disease, the effects it has on the body, and the lifestyle changes required to treat it, such as swapping to a gluten free diet.

Coeliac disease what is it? It is a long-term autoimmune disorder that primarily affects the small intestine. Classic symptoms include gastrointestinal problems such as chronic diarrhoea, abdominal distention, malabsorption, loss of appetite and among children failure to grow normally. This should not be confused with those suffering from a Gluten Allergy or Gluten Intolerance.



These do not cause harm to the body in any way but will make you feel unwell with sickness and diarrhoea until the gluten has left the system.

Coeliac disease is caused by a reaction to gluten, a group of various proteins found in wheat and other grains such as barley and rye). Moderate quantities of oats, free of contamination with other gluten-containing grains, can usually be tolerated.

What is Tissue Transglutaminase? It is one of several blood tests that may be used to help diagnose Coeliac Disease. Tissue Transglutaminase is an enzyme that fixes damage in your body. People with Coeliac Disease often make antibodies that attack this enzyme. These are called anti-tissue transglutaminase antibodies.

In the small bowel, this causes an inflammatory reaction and may produce shortening of the villi lining the small intestine (villous atrophy). This affects the absorption of nutrients, frequently leading to anaemia.

The only known effective treatment for those suffering from Coeliac disease is a strict lifelong gluten-free diet which in most people leads to recovery of the intestinal mucosa, and improves symptoms.

Living gluten-free means changing the way you shop, cook and eat out. It's important to eat a healthy balanced diet to provide all the energy and nutrients your body needs, it isn't always easy though, especially if you're new to the gluten-free diet. With gluten-free substitute products costing on average 3-4 times more than standard gluten containing equivalents, it can have an impact on your weekly shopping bill too.

The most obvious sources of gluten are bread all kinds/pasta/breakfast cereals/flour/pastry/pizza bases/cakes/biscuits/soups/sauces/ready meals and sausages. People with Coeliac Disease have to find

substitutes for these products and fortunately there is now a wide range of gluten-free food available in all the major supermarkets, and online GF sites, such as GF Foods Ltd, Amazon, Ocado, and GF kitchen.

For more information about Coeliac disease, visit www.coeliac.org.uk

If you would like to join our group, please contact Tina at foodforthought@mk3a.org

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Quiz

QUESTION:

WHAT CONNECTS THESE FAMOUS PEOPLE?

- Dame June Rosemary Whitfield DBE *radio, television and film actress*
- William Henry Gates III *software developer, investor, philanthropist.*
- Clive James AO CBE FRSL *author, critic, broadcaster, poet, translator, memoirist*
- Graeme Murray Walker OBE *motorsport commentator, journalist.*
- Sir Wilfred Thesiger KBE DSO FRAS FRSL FRGS *army officer, explorer, writer*
- Judy Murray OBE *tennis coach*
- Jean Alys Barker (aka Baroness Trumpington) DCVO, PC *code breaker, politician*
- Tracy Emin CBE RA *artist*
- AND HOW IS IT THAT
- Bishop David Edward Jenkins *cleric, theologian*
- Clare Hollingworth OBE *journalist, author*

WHO WILL JOIN THIS GROUP BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2020?

ANSWER – *see a couple of pages further on*

Gardening & Environment

The Gardening and Environment group is looking for new members!!

The Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Emerson Valley at 2pm for a full programme of speakers/visits and DVDs.

The Group is purely educational – not “hands on”!!

For more information contact Mike Jenner, the Group Leader, preferably via email - gardening2@mk3a.org .

A Poem from a MK U3A Member

Nobody talks any more, everyone just text,
Conversation is silent, can't hear what is next.
New fashion I'm told, not a very good style,
I haven't heard voices for a long while.
Text at the table, on the move, even in bed,
You told me you loved me, that's what you said.
Now all abbreviated, verbal communication dead,

Don't like this new texting fashion, it's not for me,
No emotion, no feeling, hope it won't last, we'll see,
Hope to return to whispering sweet nothing,
With passion and sensitivity, just the real thing.
I need to hear now, silence is deafeningly loud,
Please use your voice, stand out from the crowd.

ALMA 2019

Do you enjoy Poetry? Do you write Poetry?

Come along and join our Poetry Group on the first Tuesday of each month.

We meet at 2.00 pm in Bletchley and have a different topic to read and discuss each month.

We each bring along two poems on the subject, read them to the group then discuss them afterwards with tea, coffee and cakes.

More info please contact Pat Hodges at poetry@mku3a.org .

National Army Museum & Tutankhamun Exhibition, London

6 February 2020

Pick up Point: 8.00am (08.00hrs) MK Coachway MK16 0AA

Coach Company: Marshalls Coaches of Leighton Buzzard

Arrive: 10.00am (10.00hrs) National Army
Museum - dependent on traffic

Depart: 1.15pm (13.15hrs) National Army
Museum

Arrive: 1.45pm (13.45hrs) Saatchi Gallery for
ticket entry at 2.00pm (14.00hrs)

Depart: 4.45pm (16.45hrs) Saatchi Gallery

Arrive: 6.45pm (18.45hrs) MK Coachway
dependent on traffic

Contact on the Day: Chris Behrendt 07766 026357

Bookings by 9 January 2020

Cost £37.00 includes entry to exhibition, coach costs and
drivers tip, all other costs excluded.

ALL Outings Bookings Contact:

Czesia Eales-Johnson, 2 Selby Grove, Shenley Church End,
Milton Keynes MK5 6BW Tel 01908 506706 Email:

outings@mku3a.org

Cheques for Outings to be made payable to: MKU3A



QUIZ ANSWER – SIMPLES!

They have all been, or will shortly be, the subjects of exploration by the **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE EMINENT GROUP**, either this year or in January next.

Each has been subject to a review by a group member, from sources other than the radio, and then this appraisal has been compared to the subject's personal reminiscences from his or her archived visit to Desert Island Discs.

The comparisons are intriguing, sometimes controversial and always subject to discussion by our small, but perfectly formed, group of members.

Next meeting (28th November) – will we work out how the good bishop brought down a thunderbolt on York Minster?

And after that (23rd January) – did Clare Hollingworth really have an American accent whilst a journalist in Berlin during the autumn of 1939? (Or have you not been watching 'World on Fire'?)

Free meetings (well, small contribution for refreshment) and spaces available!

Details, of course, from our page (remember, **Biographies of the Eminent**) in the MK U3A website. Meetings are held at Downhead Park.



Goodbye and Thank You Gloria

One of our long-standing members, Gloria Isaacs, is moving out of the area in January 2020 and will, therefore, be leaving MKU3A.

Gloria has been a member of MKU3A since 1993 and became a Life Member in 2018 after 25 years continuous membership.

She has fully committed to MKU3A by becoming the Group Leader for two Groups - for which MKU3A and her Group members have been very grateful – Play Reading and Sunday Lunch 1.

Two members of the Play Reading Group, Edna Morrison and Ann Price, have agreed to be the new Group Leaders. Gloria is also a member of Bridge Pairs Intermediate.

We wish Gloria good luck with her move, wish her well for the future and would like to say a big 'Thank You' for her commitment to MKU3A. We hope that there will be a U3A near her new home for her to get involved with – she will be an asset!

Third Birthday For Exploring World Faiths Group

Have you ever been a member of the Exploring World Faiths group?

If so, as we start our 4th year, you are most welcome to join us for a birthday lunch at the Prince George pub, Tattenhoe, on the **1st January**.

I am not asking anyone to open a place of worship for our January meeting as it happens to be a Bank Holiday.

Anyone wishing to join the group? You are most welcome to join us.

We visit a different place of worship monthly, on the first Wednesday afternoon.

Places are limited for our meal so please contact the group leader to reserve a seat. The usual menu and Christmas menu will both be available that day. Linda is on email ewf@mku3a.org

Linda Morris, Exploring World Faiths Group

Further Thoughts on Tuscany

I'd like to thank you for such a good spread of my message about our holiday in the recent magazine. It truly was a wonderful holiday and I do wonder whether anyone reading the notes might be interested in such a venture.

It might be worth adding the web page address so anyone possibly interested could view the website. After all, it is the time people start looking at and booking holidays for next year. The web address is www.residencelamezzaluna.it

This establishment not only does the cooking and wine tasting course but also simply offers accommodation in what is a beautiful part of Tuscany and I believe costs are shown for all types of holiday on the website. The owner can be contacted at info@residencelamezzaluna.it or by telephone at +39 0583 710476.

Tony Usher

Open Meeting - IT Help Desk

There is normally an opportunity both before and after the Open Meetings to seek assistance with IT problems and using the MK U3A website, including setting up your login and password and updating your personal profile.

When available it's offered before the meeting from 2:00pm and after the meeting until 4:15pm but please check the Open Meeting confirmation email to confirm it will be available on the day.

Free Wi-Fi is available at the venue.



MK U3A - OPEN MEETINGS 2020

26 FEBRUARY – A sense of everyday life in ancient Rome – Eleanor Betts

Some of us will be familiar with Eleanor Betts, author, lecturer and BBC presenter of *'What did the Ancients do for us?'* Today Eleanor will be our guide to an ancient Rome that many never hear about:

The roar of the crowd, the smell of cooked sausages, the taste of wine... What was it like to experience everyday life in ancient Rome? This talk will encourage us to imagine we are walking in the footsteps of Rome's urban populace. Combining description with archaeological evidence, Eleanor will aim to recreate a fully sensory experience of the hustle and bustle of the city in the first century CE.



25 MARCH – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22 APRIL – The Plague Doctor - David Bell

Described by other U3A members as side splittingly funny, David Bell makes no apology for his tongue-in-cheek recounting of the Eyam plague story. For a fascinating hour you will be seduced in a uniquely amusing fashion into a world where both medical diagnosis and treatment were equally outrageous. A world you would want to avoid . . . like the plague.

Laugh out loud as David confronts a party of German tourists; wince as he extracts a bladder stone and demonstrates other outrageous early treatments.

27 MAY – Funny Fellas – the lives and work of Ronnie Barker & Ronnie Corbett – Tricia Thompson

This fun talk looks at the lives and careers of Ronnie Barker & Ronnie Corbett both separately together. It is richly illustrated with music and video.

24 JUNE – ‘Bowel cancer awareness talk’ – Kathryn Vizor

During the talk we will learn important facts about bowel cancer. The talk will cover:

- Signs and symptoms – learn about the five most common symptoms
- Risk factors – discover what increases your risk
- Prevention – get information on how to reduce your risk
- Bowel cancer screening – learn about the NHS bowel screening programme and the importance of taking part

22 JULY – Photography as Art - Karen Thurmanovich

Karen will explore how movements in the photographic world mirrored movements in the art world in general, especially starting in the 1920s. This will be followed by a discussion about photography as art and the role that photographic art plays in social change.

23 SEPTEMBER –Dogs for Good – Yasmin Smith

Following her hugely successful insights into the work of *Dogs for Good* in 2019, we catch up with the sterling work of Yasmin and her dog Suki, one year on...

28 OCTOBER – National Energy Foundation - Emma Brooks

Keep Warm MK has joined forces with the National Energy Foundation, a charity committed to improving energy use in buildings. Our speakers will discuss the latest range of energy and money saving measures including extra support for those who need it most during a power cut or loss of gas supply.

25 NOVEMBER – The Voice of the 20th Century – The life and music of Frank Sinatra - Tricia Thompson

This biographical talk about the life and music of Frank Sinatra follows his career from its earliest days until his death. Illustrated with lots of songs.

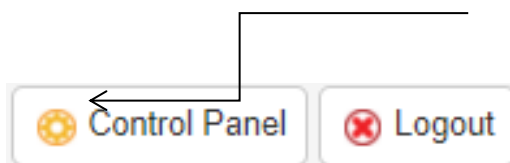


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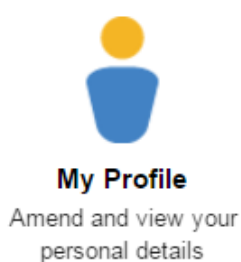
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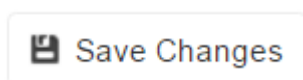
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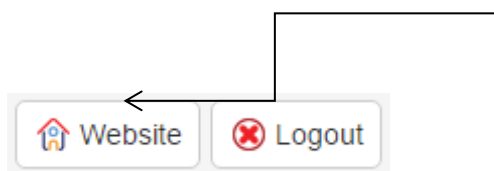
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You will now open a page showing your personal profile. This is where you can change your contact details and add an emergency contact. **This is extremely important in cases of accident or emergency.** Make any changes necessary and 'click' **Save Changes** top or bottom right of profile screen.



You now have two options – Returning to the Website or to Logout. Top right of screen. Select the appropriate icon.



Talk with the Lord Lieutenant

Bletchley Evening WI starts 2020 with a talk on the work of a Deputy Lord Lieutenant, on 9th January.

Then we go back to our usual meeting date of the first Thursday in each month, with some Local History in February.

We meet at St Andrews Church, St Andrews Road, at 7.30pm. Newcomers will be very welcome. If you are interested and would like a chat, phone 01908 379675.

MK & Chorale

Loads of Music from MK Chorale

MK Youth Choir Christmas concert

7th December 2019 at 3.00pm

St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BD

Conductor: Craig McLeish

Our annual Christmas concert with guest performers MK Music Centre String Orchestra. There will be a raffle and refreshments and plenty of Christmas music.

Tickets: £5, pre-school children free



Christmas with MK Chorale

Saturday 21 December 2019 at 5.00pm

St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BD

Piano/Organ: Alex Aitken

Conductor: Mark Jordan

Our annual Christmas Concert for all the family with audience participation; a great way to relax after a hard day's shopping!

So take a break and come and join Milton Keynes Chorale for a selection of traditional and contemporary carols and readings to get you in the mood for the Festive Season.

Then enjoy some seasonal refreshments before you head for home.

Tickets Adults £12, Young people under the age of 18 £2, may be obtained from members of chorale, from Ruth at our box office on 07894 665025 or online from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mkchorale>

Why not carry on singing in the New Year with MK Chorale?

Come and Sing Carmina Burana excerpts

Saturday 25 January 10.00am – 4.00pm

Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES

This popular choral work (think 'X-Factor' or 'Old Spice') contains more than just that famous bit! Join us for a Come and Sing day to learn some more of this dramatic and exciting music. Scores and refreshments (tea/coffee & cake!) will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

An informal sing-through, to which an audience of family and friends are welcome, finishes the day.

Tickets for singers are £16, £10 for full-time students, and are available from Chorale members, from Ruth on 07894 665025 or online from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mkchorale>



Bells , Baubles & Bethlehem

**MK Community Choir
Christmas Concert**

**Saturday 14th December 2019
at 7:30pm. Doors open 7pm**

**MKCC led by Craig McLeish with Ian Riley & Vocalist
Laura-Jayne Hunter**

Refreshments and Raffle

**Supporting Keech Hospice
Registered Charity Number: 1035089**

**Tickets available on the door or from:
www.miltonkeynescommunitychoir.org**

Adults £10 Children £5

The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Milton Keynes



MK12 5TH



An Invitation, or Two!

The Sherwood Singers would like to entertain you on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm, at Queensway Methodist Church, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2 HD, with a mix of carols, readings, and instrumental pieces, plus carols for you to join in.

Seasonal refreshments will be served.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of a charity (to be decided)

Parking on Queensway and behind the Red House Surgery opposite Knowles School.

Enquiries - Jan and Paul 01908 372138

Bach: Christmas Oratorio with Cornerstone Chamber Choir & Orchestra

Milton Keynes City Church

Sunday 5 January 2020, 7pm - 10.15 pm

£15 Back 5/6 rows; £17 Front 4/5 rows and balcony (£14 Back 5/6 rows conc; £16 Front 4/5 rows and balcony; Children £2 All child tickets *Enquiries:- 07961 348697*

Table Floral Display

Bow Brickhill WI meets on the fourth Thursday at 7.30pm of each month except December when we meet on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm.

In December our evening will be to make a Christmas Table floral display. This will be ably demonstrated by Gloria who will provide the materials for each participant.

The cost will be £10 for the materials and £4 for guests to cover costs of the pavilion and refreshments.

We are delighted to welcome guests to our meetings.

The meetings take place in the Pavilion in Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, at 7.30 pm. There is ample car parking.

Further details from Mrs Stephanie Warren on 01908 671394.

Contribute to Science and Win an Amazon Voucher

Are you more than 60 years old, healthy, and own an Android phone or tablet? Do you want to contribute to science and win a £5 Amazon voucher or £5 cash if you live in Sheffield?

You are cordially invited to take part in an ethically approved research study of the University of Sheffield, which is funded by the British Academy, about music that appears in the mind unintentionally and repeatedly.

We are very much interested in your experiences either they are frequent or not so frequent - even if you don't have that kind of experiences, you can still participate.



You will be asked to download an application on your phone/tablet and complete a short questionnaire (each one takes about a minute to complete) in response to 8 push notifications per day for 4 days. You can participate from anywhere in the world.

If you are interested in taking part contact us at musichemispheres@gmail.com to arrange the details.

All your responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Your contribution is invaluable and your help is much appreciated as your responses will help us understand how everyday thoughts unfold across the adult lifespan.

You will be notified about the results of the study as soon as our findings become publicly available.

Dr Georgina Floridou

Music and Wellbeing Research Unit

The University of Sheffield

WEA

Milton Keynes Branch – 2020 Spring Programme

Book now for one or more of our Spring Courses – list below. You can book online using enrolonline.wea.org.uk – or by phone on 0300 303 3464 (this is a WEA phone number). Or, if these present you with problems, please contact Jean Cooke on jcookiejean@aol.com or on 01525 261407 (leave a clear message including your phone number)

Literature of the French Revolution

10 sessions - £185 Starts Monday January 6th – 10.00-12.00

Tutor: Karen Hewitt

This course is run in conjunction with the OUDCE – you can obtain credits for completing this course under their CATS Scheme

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Silver Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1JS

From Reagan to Trump

6 sessions - £55 Starts Tuesday January 21st - 10.30-12.30

Tutor: Andrew Rudolf

Venue: St Mary and St Giles Hall, 6, Church Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1FD

UK Poetry since World War II

Day School- £35 Saturday January 25th 10.30 4.30 (bring your own lunch)

Tutor: Michael King

This course is run as a contribution to Stony Words

Venue: St Mary and St Giles Hall, 6, Church Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1FD

Jazz – An Introduction

Day School - £35 Saturday March 21st 10.30-4.30 (bring your own lunch)

Tutor: Michael Griffiths

Venue: Summerlin Centre, Station Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8SG (next to station)



Fossils – the what, where and why

Day School - £35 Saturday May 16th – 10.30-4.30 (bring your own lunch)

Tutor: Jill Eyers

Venue: Summerlin Centre, Station Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8SG (next to station).

Learn a Language with CLMK

Spring Term 2020

Course information

All courses last ten weeks, with the exception of One-day courses.

Russian Next Steps is an eight-week course.

One-day courses are designed to be taken as two parts.

- First Steps – suitable for absolute beginners.
- Next Steps – suitable for learners who have completed the First Steps course, or one term of tuition, and are working at Level 1 or 2.
- Moving on to Improvers – suitable for learners who have completed the Next Steps course, or two terms of tuition, and are working at Levels 2 or 3.
- Improvers Year One – suitable for learners who have completed the first term of Improvers Year One, or three to four terms of tuition, and are working at Levels 4 to 5.
- Improvers Year Two – suitable for learners who have completed the first term of Improvers Year Two, or seven terms of tuition, and are working at Levels 4 to 6.
- Intermediate – suitable for those who have been learning for three to four years and are working at Levels 7 to 9.
- Advanced Intermediate – suitable for learners who have been learning for three to four years and have reached a minimum of Intermediate level (Levels 7 to 9).
- Advanced – suitable for those who have been learning for four years or more, are developing all four skills and their grammatical knowledge, and are working at Levels 10 to 12. Learners should have reached GCSE level or equivalent, and spent time in the country.
- Mixed level – suitable for learners of all ability.
- One-Day courses – one-day courses for absolute and near beginners.
 - Part One and Part Two are equivalent to a ten-week First Steps course.
 - Part Three and Part Four are equivalent to a ten-week Next Steps course.

* These are daytime courses.

Unsure of your level? Contact us for more information and advice.

If you are receiving benefits, you may be entitled to a concession.

For full course details and to find out your level please visit our website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/clmk

For more information or guidance on which course would suit you best, please contact:

Philip Allsop on 01908 556705 Email: Philip.Allsop@milton-keynes.gov.uk

We are at Rivers Centre, Trent Road, Bletchley, MK3 7BB

The car park is on Humber Way, MK3 7PH

To enrol on the courses listed please contact our Enrolments team on 01908 556727



Course Title	Course Code	Venue	Start Date	Week Days	Fee
French - First Steps	M9B300XA	Rivers Centre	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
French - Next Steps	M9A301WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
French - Improvers Year Two	M9B302XA	Rivers Centre	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
French – Advanced *	M9C304XP	Rivers Centre	15/01/2020	We	£150
German - Next Steps	M9B305WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
German - Improvers Year Two	M9A306WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
German - Intermediate	M9B307WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£130
German - Advanced	M9C308MP	CMK Library	15/01/2020	We	£150
German - One-day (Part One) *	M9F309XA	Rivers Centre	08/02/2020	Sa	£50
German - One-day (Part Two)*	M9F310XA	Rivers Centre	29/02/2020	Sa	£50
Spanish - First Steps	M9B311WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Spanish - First Steps	M9C312XA	Rivers Centre	15/01/2020	We	£99
Spanish - Next Steps	M9A313WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Spanish - Moving on to Improvers	M9B314WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Spanish - Improvers Year One	M9A315WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Spanish - Improvers Year Two	M9B316WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Spanish - Intermediate	M9A317WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£130
Spanish - One-day (Part One) *	M9F318XA	Rivers Centre	25/01/2020	Sa	£50
Spanish - One-day (Part Two) *	M9F319XA	Rivers Centre	08/02/2020	Sa	£50
Spanish - One-day (Part Three) *	M9F320XA	Rivers Centre	29/02/2020	Sa	£50
Spanish - One-day (Part Four) *	M9F321XA	Rivers Centre	14/03/2020	Sa	£50
Italian - First Steps	M9B322WA	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Italian - Next Steps	M9D323MA	CMK Library	16/01/2020	Th	£99
Italian - Moving on to Improvers	M9D324XA	Rivers Centre	16/01/2020	Th	£99
Italian - Improvers Year One	M9A325WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Italian - Improvers Year Two	M9A326WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Italian - Intermediate	M9B327XA	Rivers Centre	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Italian - Advanced	M9C328XP	Rivers Centre	15/01/2020	We	£150
Greek - Next Steps	M9A329XA	Rivers Centre	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Greek - Intermediate	M9B330MA	CMK Library	14/01/2020	Tu	£130
Russian - Next Steps	M9B331XA	Rivers Centre	04/02/2020	Tu	£79
Mandarin Chinese - First Steps	M9D332XA	Rivers Centre	16/01/2020	Th	£99
Mandarin Chinese - Improvers Year One	M9B333XA	Rivers Centre	14/01/2020	Tu	£99
Japanese - Next Steps	M9C334XA	Rivers Centre	15/01/2020	We	£99
Japanese - Improvers Year One	M9A335WA	MK Academy	13/01/2020	Mo	£99
Japanese - Advanced Intermediate	M9B336WP	MK Academy	14/01/2020	Tu	£150
Lip-reading (Mixed level)	M9D337XA	Rivers Centre	16/01/2020	Th	£99

Denbigh School

STEM Lecture Programme

2019-2020

You are invited to attend a series of lectures based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths “Hot Topics”.

These will be delivered by top academics and STEM Ambassadors from The Open University, RSK Group Plc, AMEY, NTC Europe Ltd and Cranfield University. They will explain how STEM subjects affect all our lives and what the current trends in research are.

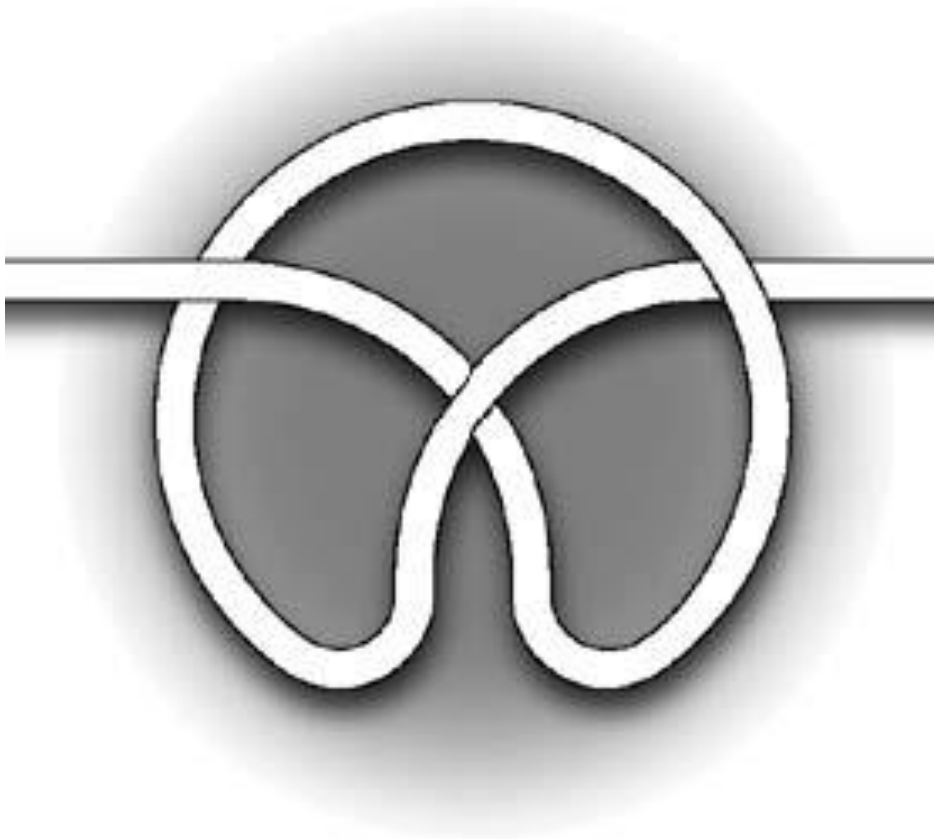
The lecture topics have been chosen carefully so that they build on and extend elements of the GCSE and A Level programmes of study.

Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to hear about STEM developments at the cutting edge.

Lectures take place in the Meeting Hall on Wednesdays at 3.15pm. They will last approximately 45 minutes with some time for questions at the end. Students attending will receive a certificate at the end of the course.

All attendees should book their lecture places using the Eventbrite booking system.

A link to Eventbrite can be found on the Denbigh School website: www.denbigh.net. Further enquiries can be made via email: stemlectures@denbigh.net or telephone: 01908 330525.



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1	4 th December 2019	Dr Robin Laney The Open University	3:15	<p>'AI, Computational Creativity and Music'</p> <p>How can a computer program make music that people will find interesting and attractive? We will look at some ways a computer can make music using probabilities and consider whether it is really being creative.</p>
2	11 th December 2019	Pete Whipp RSK Group Plc STEM Ambassador	3:15	<p>'Managing the environmental impact of major construction projects'</p> <p>This lecture will take a journey through the construction of a major development project and explain how we assess, avoid and mitigate environmental impacts. How do we ensure protected species aren't affected? What do we do if we find archaeology along the route? How do we minimise the risk of pollution to rivers and lakes?</p>
3	18 th December 2019	Dr Stephen Hobbs Cranfield University	3.15	<p>'What Earthlings should know about Space Junk'</p> <p>Calling all Earthlings – It's been noticed that your corner of space is getting messy, and dangerous. This is what you need to know about space junk, with some ideas for clearing it up.</p>
Christmas Holidays				
4	15 th January 2020	Sophie Alexander The Open University	3:15	<p>'Climate Change: Is the past the key to the future?'</p> <p>The Earth had a climate before humans evolved, with periods of extreme warmth and cold. How can rapid global warming from the past help us to predict what will happen to Earth? How has human evolution changed the course of Earth's future?</p>

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5	22 nd January 2020	Richard Wakefield NTC Europe Ltd STEM Ambassador	3:15	'STEM, why does it matter?' I will use my 20 years of experience in the automotive industry to explain the importance of the STEM subjects and some highlights of my career.
6	5 th February 2020	Louise Ousley AMEY STEM Ambassador	3:15	'Rubbish isn't going to waste' Did you know that Milton Keynes is using black bag waste to generate electricity?! We'll explore the journey of waste at MKWRP.
Half Term Holidays				
7	26 th February 2020	Dr Danica Vukadinovic-Greetham The Open University	3:15	'Tracing mood shifts on Twitter' How mood propagates through a social network? What does 'small world' or 'keeping up with Joneses' means mathematically? Using big and small data, I'll present some interesting insights from network analysis.
8	4 th March 2020	Phill Stocking STEM Ambassador	3:15	'The magic of Flight. A brief look at the design of an Aircraft' How does a 500 ton aircraft take to the skies and fly half way around the world? We'll unpack some of the simple laws of physics to help explore the theory of flight and the thinking behind the design of an aircraft.

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