Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- Microsoft Form for signing in and signing out can be found here - https://forms.office.com/e/rYHXm0Z7pC. Please remember that you must be signed in with your school email address.

- Thank you for everyone's contribution to Open Evening this week – it was very much appreciated and parents commented on how professional you were in your tours.

- Ensure that you bring your kit to Rec – it is important that you are participating as expected.

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 10th October – Woolly Firs Biology Trip (Year 13)
- Friday 13th October – UCAS deadline for Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry)
- Tuesday 31st October – Politics Trip to Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court

PSHE schedule

School week	Date	Period
5	11/10/23	P3
6	19/10/23	P2
7	31/10/23	P3
8	08/11/23	P5
9	15/11/23	P5
10	20/11/23	P4
11	30/11/23	P3
12	5/12/23	P5
13	11/12/23	P3

Year 12 News

A huge thank you to all the Year 12 students who took part in Open Evening. It was wonderful seeing you working with the younger students and your pride in our school. I hope you enjoyed your day off on Friday!

As we are approaching our final two weeks of term, it is time to check in with the goals you set yourself on day one of year 12. Have you managed to stick to those goals? Do you need to reflect on any bad habits that are starting to form in your approach to your studies? As tiredness kicks in and the honeymoon phase is over, it is very easy to forget what you promised yourself at the start 5 weeks ago. Therefore, this week we will be revising some of that best practice. Below is a reminder of the checklist from the start of term, try and identify what you have done and what you may have stopped doing!

1. Organised a folder with dividers
2. Put a list of the assessment objectives/course requirements in your folder
3. Spent an additional 4-5 hours a week of independent study on each subject
   Consistently taken notes in lessons
4. Experimented with different ways of recording information/ note taking
5. Reviewed your notes after each lesson (if you haven't yet then get into the habit)
   Conducted additional research for your subject before lessons to aid your understanding
6. If you have struggled with a new concept, have you asked your teacher for help or advice
7. Contributed to a class discussions
8. Created a weekly study schedule to aid time management
9. Organised a space at home to study effectively and store schoolwork
10. Reflected on how you use your time across the school week
11. Identified distractions and thought about how to remove them

Moving into next week, which of these could you implement into your lessons?

If you need me, you can:

- Contact me directly on kate.kalinowski@furzeplatt.net
- Book a clinic session with me afterschool on Wednesday between 3.30pm and 5.00pm by emailing sixthformadmin@furzeplatt.net

Year 13 News

This week has flown by with a half-day and an INSET day. It was fantastic to see so many of Year 13 helping out with Open Evening for the first time. Your efforts were much appreciated and staff and parents alike have commented on your contribution – well done!

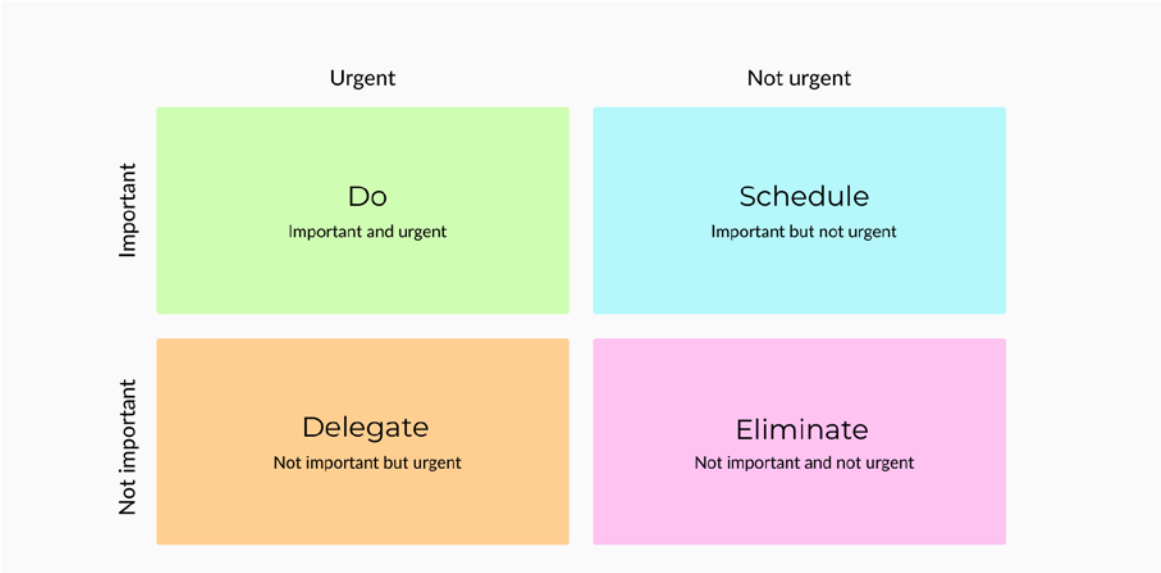
We continue to focus on UCAS and study skills. If you are feeling overwhelmed by either of these things then please do book in a meeting with me – I'm here to help!

Early Entry:

This is the last week before the Early Entry deadline. Students must have sent their UCAS application off by next Friday if they wish to apply. Please ensure that your statements are academic, your UCAS applications are completed and that this has been reviewed by your tutor.

Managing workload:

One useful way to manage your workload and the amount of tasks to complete is to consider the significance and urgency of those tasks. A quadrant (see below) can help you to manage this better.



I am currently reading *Fallen Idols – Twelve Statues That Made History* by Alex Von Tunzelmann and listening to the audible of *The Silk Roads* by Peter Frankopan.

The Study Room

Being Organised

- Being organised is one of the simplest things you can do to achieve Level 3 success
- Having a daily to do list helps you to focus on what you have to each day
- Here are some things you might need to think about when compiling your list

DAILY TO DO LIST - WHICH ONES WILL YOU COVER TODAY?

1. What lessons are coming up and what content do I need to read ahead ready for the lesson?
2. Does my folder need organising?
3. What homework do I need to complete?
4. Are there topics that need summarising with summary sheets, flashcards?
5. Are there topics that I need to test if I can recall the information?
6. Have I created my own exam questions on the content?
7. Have I checked my notes against the Mark Schemes and Examiner Reports?
8. Have I tried checking if my notes answer lots of different types of exam questions?
9. Have I identified the topics I find hardest to understand and tried to help myself to understand it? Seek help?
10. Do I need to cover some previous content to make sure I keep recalling it ready for the exam

Careers

On Monday 2nd October, forty Year 12 and 13 students interested in a career in the creative industry attended the **UCAS Create Your Future Exhibition** at the ExCeL Centre in London. Students had the opportunity to speak to potential colleges, universities and conservatoires and find out more about apprenticeships. This was a fantastic, insightful event. It left some students feeling inspired to explore a pathway they hadn't previously considered. For others, it cemented and confirmed what they wanted to do, making them feel motivated and ambitious. For the staff accompanying them, it made us feel a tad jealous we couldn't rewind the clock as many of these options did not exist for us when we were their age!

Careers

IBM Apprenticeships Webinar:
- 17th October
- 6.30pm-7.30pm
- For those interested in working in AI, sustainability and data science.

Dentons Solicitor Apprenticeship Webinar:
- 21st November 2023
- 6.30pm-7.15pm
- For those looking at a different route into law.

Further information on apprenticeship opportunities and webinars can be found here - https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/weekly-roundup-successatschool-1285688?e=2318615d5d

Graduate Careers Live! TV Event:
- Thursday 5th October 2pm
- Hosted by Martin Birchall (Editor of the Times Top 100 Graduate Employers) and Levi Jouavel (BBC presenter)
- https://graduatecareers.live/
- The live programme will include:
    - The latest analysis of the universities and degree courses that are most-likely to lead to a well-paid job after graduation
    - An introduction to degree apprenticeships and how they can offer a debt-free alternative to the traditional university experience
    - Interviews and discussions with graduate employers, recent graduates, degree apprentices and recruitment experts
    - Guidance on how to use university to develop the skills and experiences that graduate employers are looking for
    - New research on the universities that the country's top employers are most-likely to target for their graduate recruitment
    - The chance to hear from today's students about the choices they've made and what they wished they'd known before applying to university
    - Expert advice on student finances and the new loan repayment scheme introduced this year

Early Entry Candidate for UCAS?

HOW YOU APPLY
2024 ENTRY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

By 29 September test registration

By 16 October UCAS application

UCAS APPLICATION

- ☐ Start working on it from June 2023
  - choose your course
  - choose a college or decide on an open application
  - write your personal statement
  - organise your academic reference
- ☐ Check if you need to take a test and what this involves
- ☐ Submit from early September
- ☐ Final deadline 6pm on 16 October

ucas.com

TESTS

- ☐ Confirm which test(s) you need to take
- ☐ Find out how to prepare and practise using the sample papers online
- ☐ Find test centre (your school or college or open centre)
- ☐ Register between 1 and 29 September*
- ☐ Take test on 18 October (TSA and BMAT) or 19 or 20 October (all other tests)*

*Except Law, see www.lnat.ac.uk

ox.ac.uk/tests

https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/admission-tests

WRITTEN WORK

- ☐ Check if needed for your course
- ☐ Submit to your college by 10 November

ox.ac.uk/writwork

INTERVIEWS

In December, if you are shortlisted

ox.ac.uk/interviews

DECISIONS

Find out if you have an offer on 9 January 2024

THINKING OF DEFERRING ENTRY?

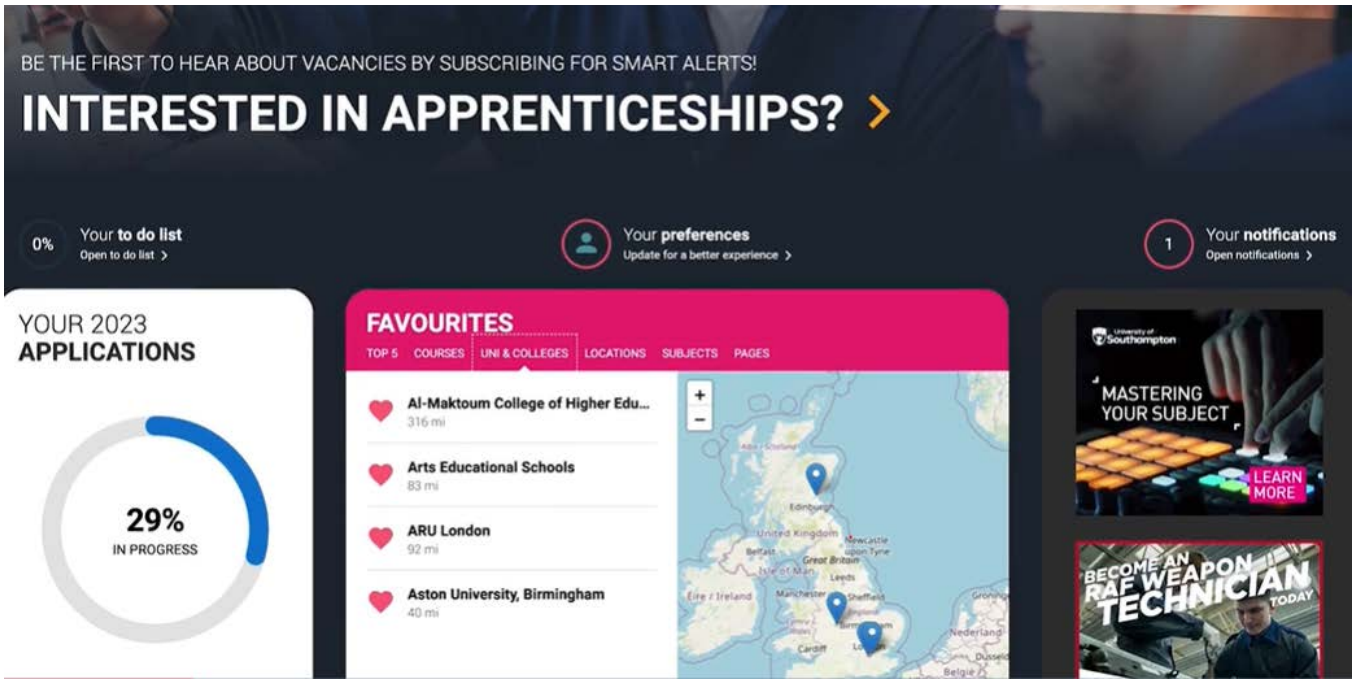
This is not always possible so we recommend you check with your course department first.

UCAS deadlines for the 2024 cycle

2024 ENTRY KEY DATES

2 May 2023	UCAS' search tool displays 2024 courses.
9 May 2023	The adviser portal opens for 2024 entry. From this date, you can set up your adviser portal ready for your students to link to your centre.
16 May 2023	Undergraduate applications open for 2024 entry. From this date, applicants can start their applications and send them to you for references and approval.
12 July 2023	Conservatoire applications open for 2024 entry. From this date, applicants can register, pay, and send their applications.
5 September 2023	Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
2 October 2023 18:00 (UK time)	Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.
16 October 2023 18:00 (UK time)	Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine / science. The reference must be completed before the application can be sent to us.
31 January 2024 18:00 (UK time)	Equal consideration date for applications for most undergraduate courses. The reference must be completed before the application can be sent to us. Deadline for most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama or musical theatre courses. Check on the specific course to be sure.
28 February 2024	Extra opens – applicants who have used all five choices and are not holding any offers may be able to add another choice in their application.

Everything you need is on your UCAS HUB



Opportunities to engage with

- The 2023 Gresham College public speaking competition will be launched soon. Keep an eye on the following page for updates - https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/gresham-competition

- Upcoming talks from Speakers4Schools can be found here - https://www.speakersforschools.org/upcoming-broadcasts/

- Upcoming careers and employment opportunities through Speakers4Schools can be found here - https://www.canva.com/design/DAFgXaCPtDs/pnRPUb84yhbZYuq85lM4fg/view#1

- Work experience opportunities over half-term can be found here - https://www.canva.com/design/DAFt31HgCco/1d5hlm6y_XFLXmAvroSYKg/view#1

- Sign up to https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/ for free to engage with opportunities from the UK's top employers.

Opportunities to engage with...

- **Brookes Engage Access Programme - Deadline 3 November 2023**

Are you a Year 12 / 1st Year College student thinking about your next steps? There is still time to apply for our free Brookes Engage programme, the deadline is Friday 3 November. Our on campus conference days will provide you with information on your chosen subject stream and support you with your University application. You can find out more and apply via our website.

Art & Design Portfolio Preparation Sessions

If you are in Year 12 or 13, interested in studying an Art & Design subject and would like to develop your portfolio, you can take part in our free portfolio preparation sessions during half term, Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 2023.

There will be fully interactive online sessions, featuring live and guided activities with one of our friendly Art and Design academics and a student currently studying at Oxford Brookes. Participants will also get access to lots of different online resources and activities throughout the course, and our academic will be providing 1:1 sessions for individual feedback. Spaces are limited and applications are restricted to students attending state schools and colleges. To apply, students should complete this application form by 5pm on Friday 6 October.

Undergraduate Open Days - 7 October and 18 November

Our Open Days start this weekend, and offer you and your parents & carers the perfect opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a student at Oxford Brookes, as well as giving you insight into our courses and the support we offer. You can book your place on our website.

You will be able to join us for the following:

- Subject taster sessions
- Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Chat with current students
- Talks from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation

Our school communication systems within the Sixth Form

The following platforms and systems are used across the school. Please get in touch (sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net) if you have any issues with these systems.

- Parentmail – this is how information about the school will be communicated home and acts as a payment platform for trips etc.
- Classcharts – this is an attendance and behaviour monitoring tool and the only way to report absences. This must be done by 8.45am daily.
- Go4Schools – this is how reports will get home about working at grades, attitude to learning and predicted grades.
- Parents' Evening booking system – this will go live nearer the time of parents' evening and we will be in contact with regards to this.