

Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- Preparing to Succeed is on **Wednesday 13th September** – all students and parents are encouraged to attend.
- **PSHE is happening on Friday 15th September during P3. Please go to your tutor room at this time.**
- Year 12 students have until **20th September** to make changes to their A level courses.
- Full school uniform (blazers inc. must be worn on **Monday 11th September**
- Bursary applications must be submitted to Mrs Pasa by **20th October.**
- All students must use the Microsoft Form to sign in and out of school during the day that they have been emailed
- Please report all absences via ClassCharts by 8.45am.
- Students who drive to school **must** park on site. All drivers must see Mrs Pasa to confirm that they are fully insured.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 13th September – Preparing to Succeed (Y12 – 18.15pm)
- Wednesday 13th September – Preparing to Succeed (Y13 – 19.30pm)
- Thursday 14th September – Year 12 Photo Day
- Thursday 28th September – Woolly Firs Biology Trip (Year 13)
- Wednesday 4th October – Parent Information Evening for Thailand Expedition 2025 (18.00pm)
- Thursday 5th October – School Open Evening (All Year 12 students required)
- Friday 6th October – INSET Day
- Friday 13th October – UCAS deadline for Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry)



The Sixth Form Team



Mr Ging –
Head of
Sixth Form



Mrs Beale
– Sixth
Form
Supervised
Study
Manager
and Coach



Mrs
Kalinowski
– Assistant
Head of
Sixth Form
(Year 12)



Mrs
Jennings –
Sixth Form
Learning
Mentor



Mr Colmer
– Assistant
Head of
Sixth Form
(Year 13)



Mrs Wilson –
Sixth Form
Administrator



Mrs Pasa –
Sixth Form
Manager

Your Student Leaders



Name: Pippa Largey

Role: Senior Student

Studying: English, Psychology, Philosophy and Ethics

Future plans: University (and as many holidays as possible!)

Interests: Baking (Janes Patisserie #1 fan), The Good Place, and funny philosophy books (The Pig that Wants to be Eaten)



Name: Kieran King

Role: Senior Student

Studying: English Literature, Psychology, Physics

Future Plans: Study Law at University

Interests: Writing, Science, History, Geography, Geopolitics, Astronomy, Photography, Travelling



Name: Tilly Connolly

Role: Deputy Senior Student

Studying: Maths, Physics and Chemistry

Future plans: Pursue my love for science at university.

Interests: Anything science related, painting, travelling, baking and well-being.



Name: Finnley Tanner

Role: Deputy Senior Student

Studying: Biology, Chemistry and Drama

Future plans: Marine biology at University

Interests: Theatre/Acting and playwriting - everything drama. Reading, baking and the playing the drums. Also the environment and the oceans because I'm a nerd.



Name: Daisy Rippon

Role: Deputy Senior Student

Studying: Philosophy and Ethics, History, English Literature and an EPQ

Future plans: English Literature at University

Interests: Baking (janesoc!!!), going to the gym, going on holiday, having fun.



Welcome to Furze Platt Sixth Form! I am very excited to be starting my role as Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 12) and I am looking forward to working with you all to achieve your potential here at Furze Platt and open doors for your future.

For those of you that do not know me, I have been at Furze Platt for one year and I am also Head of Performing Arts. Before teaching at Furze Platt, I have been teaching in the school setting for 9 years as a Head of Year and Head of Department and a further 4 years in wider education settings.

The next two years in Sixth Form will go by in an instant- before you know it, you will be opening that brown envelope in August 2025. Therefore, my main messages to you at the start of Year 12 are this:

- 1) Start as you mean to go on- set clear structures and routines for revision and study, use your time at school wisely and be organised.
- 2) Aim high and get studying! Push yourself to do that bit extra- if the teacher asks for 2 practice answers, why not do three? If you find a podcast on one of your subjects, listen to it, make notes and share. You are responsible for your learning- be the best that you can be!
- 3) Get involved in school life- before long you will be writing your personal statements for UCAS or applying for jobs- you need to have things to put on it that make you stand out. Year 12 is the year to do this. Therefore, set up a club, support a club, mentor younger students, run a charity event. If you are not sure how to get involved, then speak with your form tutor or myself and we can support you.

I look forward to seeing you develop as students over the next two years and witnessing all your successes

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



At the end of 2023, Miss Inwood left Furze Platt Senior School and I have taken on the role of Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 13).

For those of you that do not know me, I have been at Furze Platt for nine years now and this will be my third time of being Head of Year 13 – I can't wait to talk to you about your futures and support you in achieving your goals this year.

My main messages for you as a year group are:

- 1) Get your UCAS application sorted if you are planning on applying – the year gets busy and you do not want to have this hanging over your head.
- 2) If you're not sure about what's next after school, give yourself an hour a week to research the options open to you. Use www.unifrog.com, www.pathwayctm.com and the UCAS Hub to complete careers and apprenticeships research.
- 3) Get studying! You may not have home learning set to be completed, but there is plenty to do. Use the resources shared in the extended tutor time this week and the study skills information on <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Year+13+%2D+Success+in+the+Sixth+Form&pid=84> to help you make the best use of your time.

I look forward to sharing in your successes and supporting you on every step of the journey this year.

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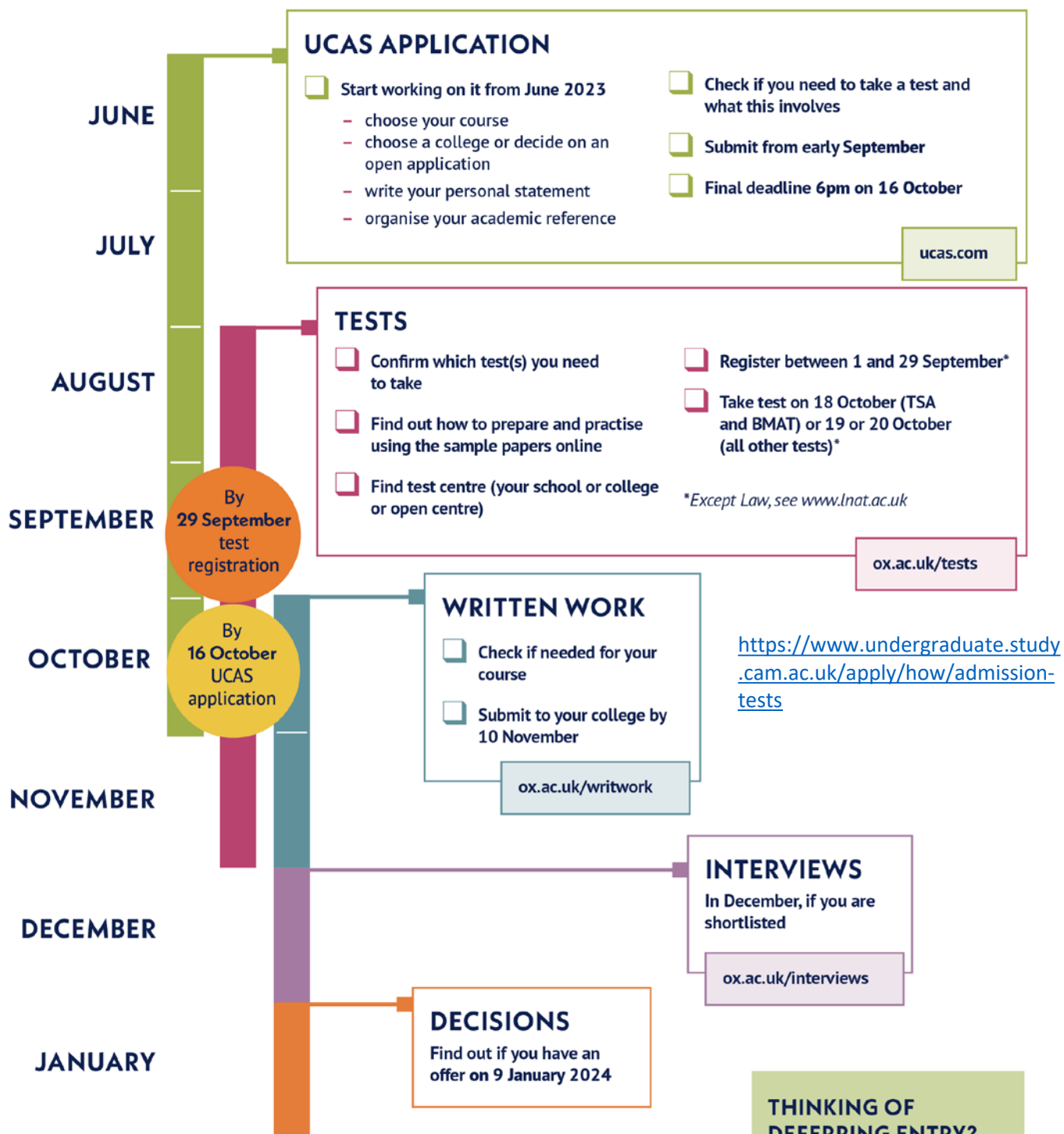
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Always deliver more than expected – Larry Page (Co-Founder of Google)

Early Entry Candidate for UCAS?



HOW YOU APPLY 2024 ENTRY



THINKING OF DEFERRING ENTRY?

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

Driving to school?



All driving rules are available on the Sixth Form Charter, however the following key messages need to be adhered to as we start the new year:

1. Driving lessons must not be arranged during school time.
2. Sixth Form students who wish to drive to and from school should apply for permission from the Sixth Form Manager, Mrs Pasa. We encourage students to use public transport whenever possible or walk to the school if they live nearby.
3. Parking permits will be awarded to students after all documentation (see the student charter) has been provided to Mrs Pasa. This must be displayed at all times whilst cars are parked on school site.
4. Cars should be parked in the Leisure Centre car park at all times. Cars should not be parked in the laybys outside of school.
5. The school gates shut at 8.20am. Students wishing to drive their cars must be on site by this time.
6. Those students who are learning to drive should not drive on to the school site, even whilst under the supervision of an instructor.
7. Year 12 students must not use their cars during the course of the school day. Cars must be used strictly as a means of transport to and from school.
8. Year 13 students may leave site in their cars during free periods but may not leave site in their cars during break 1 or break 2 for safety reasons.
9. Any changes in the registration details of a student's car must be notified to the Head of Sixth Form in advance of it being driven to school.
10. Eating in cars should be avoided, and car radios should never be left on at such a volume as to disturb others while cars are parked there. Any litter from parked cars should be deposited in the nearest rubbish bin.
11. The speed limit on School grounds is 5 mph.

Any Sixth Form student who ignores and/or breaks the rules is liable to have permission to drive to school withdrawn.

Tutor resource of the week – study purposefully.



After each lesson

- Review your lesson notes and make a note of anything that you don't understand so that you can ask about this in the next lesson/ study period.
- Locate and read the relevant material in the textbook and add anything extra to the notes you took in class that is missing or that helps you to elaborate. Your notes should contain precise examples that can be used in exam questions.

Before the next lesson

- Re-read your notes/ the relevant pages of the textbook to re-familiarise yourself with the content that you covered in the previous lesson.

Weekly

- Complete any home learning that is set.
- You should ensure that you are practicing your academic writing or testing your knowledge recall through:
 - Making and using flashcards (using the Leitner method to test your understanding of areas you find difficult).
 - Complete brain dumps/revision mindmaps/ summaries.

Fortnightly

- In your TSS sessions you will find it useful to set aside 2x periods (out of 6) for each subject to develop your understanding of what has been covered.
- Complete wider academic reading into the topics you are studying or topics you find interesting. You might find it useful to create summaries of key messages/information gained from this.
- Practice exam skills.

Termly

- Review your PLC to ensure that you know the areas of study that you need to target.
- Revise topics and issues that you studied in previous terms to strengthen your memory of these topics. You should use your PLC to direct your study here.
- Complete essay questions in timed-conditions without your notes and take this to your teacher for verbal feedback.

Other study tips:

- Speak to your teachers as soon as you can to gain clarification. Don't be shy – ask for help. Level 3 exams are hard and your teachers would rather you be honest about how you're doing!
- Utilise the study handbook available in the Sixth Form and on Furzeplatt.net (Sixth Form area)
- Plan when you are going to complete your revision/home learning – use a study timetable.
- Purchase and use revision guides available to you – your departments might have some in school.
- Watch lectures/ revision videos on:
 - Gresham College
 - Youtube
 - Yale Courses online

Opportunities to engage with



- 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/DAFgWrcGXkU/DtycRdW77kMpQi8TB9Qjrg/view#1>
- Sign up to <https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/> for free to engage with opportunities from the UK's top employers.
- Not sure what your goal or ambition is? Make use of the Unifrog subject search tool to find out more about careers linked to your current subjects

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+ Recommendations: Listen

+ Explore

Save to Favourites? ❤️

These are great for exploring in your study periods!