Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- Year 12 students have until **20th September** to make changes to their A level courses.

- **PSHE is happening on Wednesday 20th September during P2. Please go to your tutor room at this time.**

- Prepare to Succeed resources are on the Furze Platt website in the Sixth Form area – we hope that they are useful.

- 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.

Teacher supervised study:

- TSS starts on Wed 20th September
- There will be a seating plan in order to help you focus and not be distracted by your friends. Please cooperate.
- You need to come equipped (laptop, textbooks, etc) and be ready to study independently and in silence
- Mobiles can be used for research purposes only, but not games, Tik Tok, messaging each other
- TSS needs to be treated like a normal lesson: please use break times and your frees to go to the toilet.

Upcoming dates:

- 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)

Year 12 News

Thank you to all those that attended the Prepare to Succeed evening on Wednesday. I hope you found it a useful evening and went away feeling equipped on how to manage the transition to Level 3 studies.

Some students this week have been making final changes to their courses. The deadline for this is Wednesday 20th September. Although, we do allow students to make a swap until that date, we encourage students to think about their long-term plan and what they need to enable them to take the next steps after Sixth Form. If they have any questions, they are welcome to come and speak to myself or any member of the sixth form team.

In tutor time this week, tutors have started their 1:1 conversations with students, focussing on this term and what goal they would like to achieve by the end of term 1. Tutors have reported that it has been great getting to know the Year 12 students, especially those who are new to Furze Platt and are encouraged by the thoughtfulness of students' responses.

Also, this week, year 12 have engaged in a debate in form time. Students were given three different topics and had to argue for or against the motion. The winning form was Dr Wyatt's form. All three groups produced thoughtful responses which included research and persuasive language. Their prize was a breakfast for the form! Well done, 6MNW.

A final comment from me is for students to remember to engage in the wider school life. On Monday there are auditions for this years' school Musical 'Guys and Dolls' in DS1 at 3.15, extra-curricular has started and if a student wants to run a club do ask the Head of Department or contact myself.

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

The last week appears to have flown by and it has been excellent speaking to so many students about their plans for post-18.

The Early Entry deadline for UCAS is now a month away (13th October – the final day we can send these off) and students who are applying for this have been sent some information from me on the process. Parents of aspiring medics should check out the webinar by InvestIn education (see page 8).

All students should have completed a first draft of their personal statement by now and have uploaded this to Unifrog. There is an upcoming webinar provided by the University of Portsmouth on 26th September - https://tinyurl.com/5xxfd5wa - that will explore how to write excellent statements. Please encourage your child to register and watch this session.

Students that are interested in degree apprenticeships or the apprenticeship route should also be writing personal statements and developing their CVs. As I mentioned in the Prepare to Succeed evening, there is no fixed application cycle for these roles and so apprenticeships will become live when employers want. By having statements and CVs ready, they can be adapted quickly to the post if it is of interest.

Further information on apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships can be found on the UCAS website, which also has a helpful apprenticeship search tool:

- https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships
- https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships
- https://beta-careerfinder.ucas.com/search

As with all of these applications, the key to success and getting on the course after offer is successful results. I hope that Prepare to Succeed was of use to both parents and students and if you were unable to attend, you will be able to find the resource on the Furze Platt Website in the Sixth Form area.

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

Establishing Effective Study Routines

This week you had a presentation in Tutor Time on Establishing Effective Study Routines

You were asked;

- To think about your priorities outside of school and how you will establish a study routine around them
- Who it is who will support you build self discipline and stick to a routine
- To identify your own personal schedule that works for you

Top Tips

- Identify things in your life that are important to you, such as sport or part time work and set a schedule of when you will fit school work in around them **Get the Balance Right**

- Don't set any goal other than time allocation, **set the habit of routine**

- Work with plenty of breaks as described in the Pomodoro technique

- **Use study time and TSS in school wisely – this leaves more time at home for other things; learning to drive, job, sport, socialising**

- Based on research, it is shown that the amount of additional focused study outside of lessons per week equates to grades achieved;

  A= 22hours
  B= 18hours
  C= 16 hours
  D= 10 hours
  E= 8 hours
  U= 0 hours

- Building self discipline is considered a type of selective training, creating new habits of thought, action and speech toward improving yourself and reaching goals

- Harness the Power of Routine – **Stick to it!**

Careers

Part-time work opportunities

There are several opportunities for part-time work locally, if you are interested:

REMEMBER YOUR STUDIES MUST REMAIN YOUR PRIORITY OVER PAID WORK

The pub / restaurant The Hind's Head in Bray are looking for staff in the kitchen and Front of House. If you are interested, please contact Hannah by email on: hannah.macleay@thefatduck.co.uk

Specsavers in Maidenhead are looking for Weekend Staff. If you are interested, please send your CV and a brief email stating why you would like to work there to: mgr.maidenhead.uk@specsavers.com

Future Careers

Year 12 and 13s: If you are thinking of a career in Business and Accountancy, there is a virtual talk on **Mon 18th Sept from 5 to 6.30pm** with companies such as *pwc, KPMG* and *Deloitte.* Find out more: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73WZ9FH

Year 12 and 13s: If you are thinking of a career in Law, there are two events you can attend: a virtual talk on **Wed 20th Sept 5 – 6.30pm**, followed by an in-person event on **Wed 25th October** in London (during half term). To find out more and apply: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3Q5WM3

Year 12s: If you are thinking of a career in medicine, there are 3 virtual conferences you can attend. You only need to attend 1. Your choice of dates is **17th Sept, 24th Sept and 30th September. All from 10-3**. For safeguarding reasons, a parent must attend the virtual conference too. You can register here: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO

For more information, feel free to contact Mrs Beale on claire.beale:@furzeplatt.net
Please let Mrs Beale know if you have attended any of these events so that we can log your activity on Unifrog.

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?

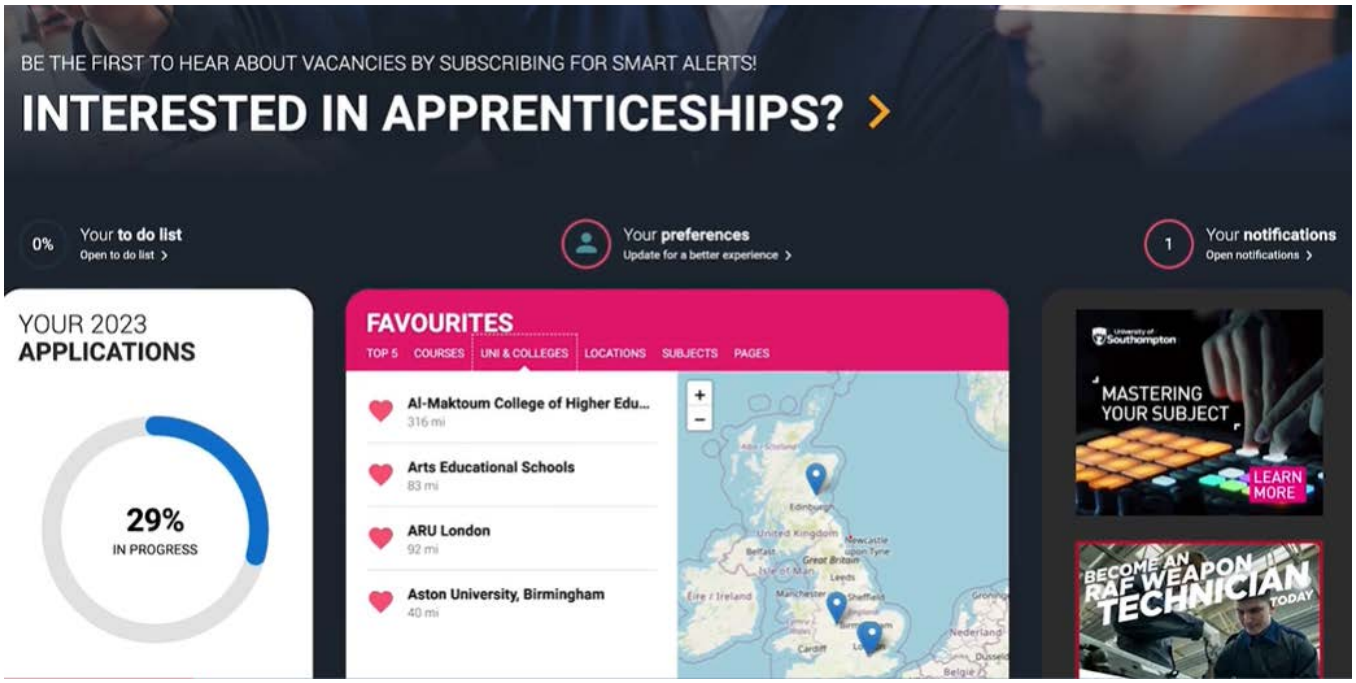
This is not always possible so we recommend you check with your course department first.

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



MAKING IT INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

Supporting your child in applying to medical school

Free event for parents

We are delighted to announce our upcoming free webinar for parents on breaking into medical school. We will be joined by one of our expert doctors who will be introducing parents to the world of medicine and how their child can secure a place at a top medical school.

- What you can expect from a career in medicine, including a breakdown of the opportunities and roles available
- How students can get a head-start, by building the key skills required whilst still at school
- A breakdown of the medical school application process and expert advice on how students can stand out

Wednesday 27th September 7.00pm – 8.00pm (UK time)

Free to attend

SIGN UP HERE

info@investin.org +44 (0) 203 488 5089 www.investin.org

https://tinyurl.com/3x2rnd2a

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

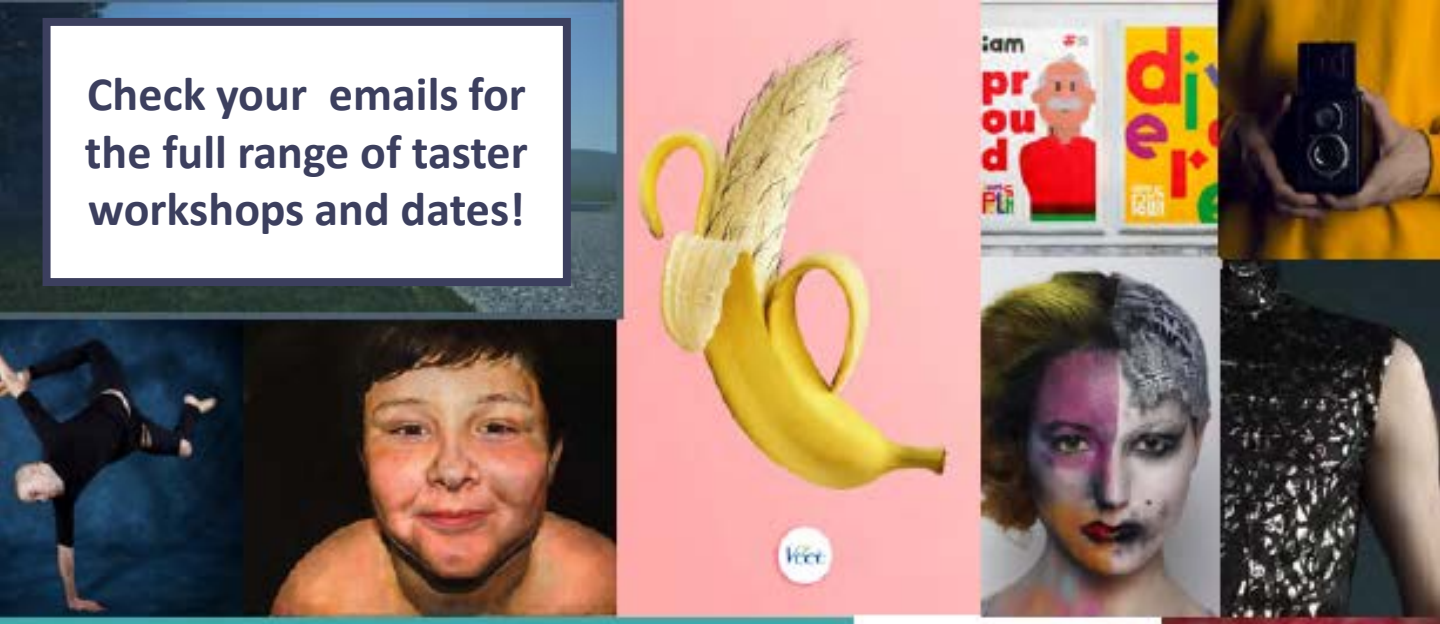
- Upcoming talks from Speakers4Schools can be found here - https://www.speakersforschools.org/upcoming-broadcasts/

- 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

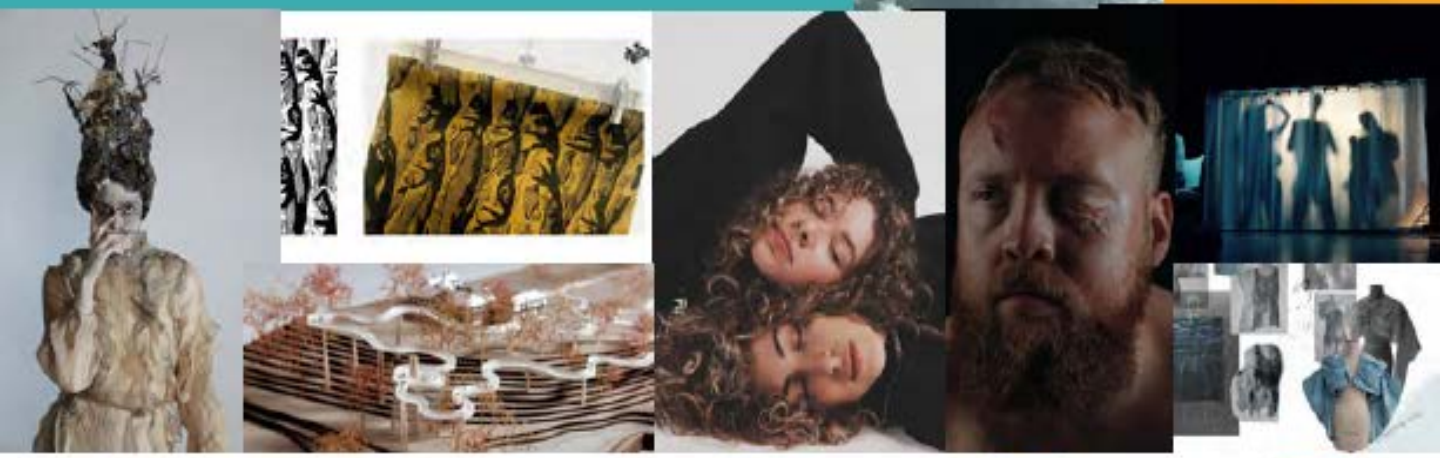
- Sign up to https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/ for free to engage with opportunities from the UK's top employers.

Check your emails for the full range of taster workshops and dates!



ART DESIGN & PERFORMANCE

YEAR 13/L3 TASTER WORKSHOPS



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GRAPHIC DESIGN

Our Graphic Design programmes are ranked 4th best in the UK*

*(The Guardian University Guide 2023)

FASHION & TEXTILES

Our Fashion and Textiles programmes are ranked 3rd best in the UK*

*(The Guardian University Guide 2023)

DANCE & ACTING

Our Dance and Acting programmes are ranked No. 1 for Teaching Quality, and No. 1 for Student Experience*

*(The Times Good University Guide 2023)

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.