Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- **The School's Open Evening will be happening on Thursday 5th October – all Year 12 and Year 13 students will be needed for this event. Please ensure that you have arranged work shifts accordingly.**

- Students going on the ExCel Centre trip (*UCAS Create Your Future*) need to go to form to register and meet at reception at 9.40. **The trip is from 10am to 4pm**. They do not need to wear their uniform. **It is important that students pre-register before the trip. They will have received an email from UCAS Events to do this.**

- We are getting requests from students to leave TSS to go to other departments. All students must stay in the Main Hall for their TSS, but they are welcome to bring their equipment for art, media and other subjects to the hall.

- 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.

- ALIS testing will continue this Wednesday 5th October during REC for those students that were unable to complete it on 20th September. Mrs Kalinowski has sent students impacted an e-mail

Upcoming dates:

- Monday 2nd October- *UCAS Create Your Future Exhibition* at The ExCeL Centre in London.
- 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
- Tuesday 10th October – Woolly Firs Biology Trip (Year 13)
- Friday 13th October – UCAS deadline for Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry)

PSHE schedule

School week	Date	Period
4	02/10/23	P3
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

As students settle into Sixth Form and become more comfortable with the processes, expectations and systems, it is a good time to think about what more students can do to get the most of their Sixth Form experience.

Extra-curricular and Super Curricular

Sixth Form students have the opportunity to run their own clubs and/or support clubs for departments. Already students are running and supporting clubs in IT, Drama and Music. If this is something a student wants to do, please speak to the Department or to Mrs Kalinowski for support in setting one up.

Students can also take part in the Sports Clubs and Performing Arts clubs on offer in Sixth form. This is an excellent way to get involved in the wider school life and do something you enjoy.

MOOCs

MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) is an excellent way to extend students' learning. The courses are expansive and can offer academic credit. I'd definitely recommend looking into these courses as a way to stand out in applications and develop a passion for learning. See https://www.mooc.org and https://www.futurelearn.com/ for more information

Trips

Mr Randell and Mr Wellard- Jeffs are running a trip to Thailand in 2025. There is an information evening for this on 4th October 2023. Please find more information in the whole school Newsletter

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

UCAS:

There are **four weeks** before the school's internal UCAS deadline. This deadline has been set to ensure that we can review each students' application before sending it off to UCAS by the January deadline. These meetings take at least 30 minutes each and so it is essential that you are doubling your efforts on completing these over the course of the next few weeks. Please update your statements on Unifrog and let your tutors know so that they can provide you with timely feedback!

Early Entry:

Students have been contacted about the **school's Early Entry deadline (6th October).** This is to ensure that we can book meetings with each candidate and have their application sent off before Friday 13th October (the final school day for sending off applications).

Managing workload:

Students around the Sixth Form will be beginning to feel the pinch (if they haven't already!) with regards to expectations for study in Year 13. It can often feel quite overwhelming and so I'd encourage the following tips to help keep on top of things:

- Identify where you have time (you'll realise that you have more than you thought!)
- Break down the big projects into short and meaningful tasks.
- Use your time effectively. It might be worth reflecting on whether or not you are working in the best environment or whether or not your peers are distracting you. Make wise choices that enable you to be successful and get to the end of the week having done what needs to be done!

If you are struggling with balancing things and would like to talk to someone about this, then please don't forget to seek help. We're here to help.

Have a fantastic weekend!

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

The Benefits of Pre-reading

This week your Tutor study session was on the benefits of pre-reading and you used the **SQ3R method** to analyse a piece of text. Here is a reminder;

The 4 steps are: Survey – Question – Read – Recite – Review

Step 1 Survey

- The title, headings, and subheadings
- Captions under pictures, charts, graphs or maps
- Review questions or teacher-made study guides
- Introductory and concluding paragraphs
- Summary

Step 2 Question

- Turn the title, headings, and/or subheadings into questions
- Read questions at the end of the chapters or after each subheading
- Ask yourself "What did my teacher say about this chapter or subject when it was assigned?"
- Ask yourself "What do I already know about this subject?" If it is helpful to you, write out these questions for consideration

Step 3 Read Slowly

- Look for answers to the questions you first raised (read with purpose!)
- Reread captions under pictures, graphs, etc. to help you understand the content of the resource.
- Note all the underlined, italicized, bold printed words or phrases – what is the significance of these?
- Slow you reading down or reread sections that are not clear.
- Read only a section at a time and recite after each section

Step 4 Recite/Review

- Orally ask yourself questions about what you have just read, or summarise, in your own words, what you read
- Take notes from the text but write the information in your own words
- Underline or highlight important points you've just read Reciting. The more senses you use the more likely you are to remember what you read

Careers

For students interested in a career in medicine:

Royal Berkshire Hospital are hosting an **Introduction to Healthcare Event on 20th October 2023 from 8.50am to 12.20pm** at the Trust Education Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital. Students who attend will have a chance to hear from their teams about their roles and pathways into their career areas. The event will be open to Year 12 & 13s.

Please email Mrs Beale at claire.beale@furzeplatt.net ASAP **(and by 9am on 3rd October at the latest)** if you would like to attend. Each student wanting to attend will need to complete a registration form **by 5pm on 4th October** which Mrs Beale will send out to those who have email her. Students are welcome to bring one person, a parent or carer or older sibling with them. They can accommodate up to 80 people, and will accommodate places first come first serve.

For Year 12s only, there is an event happening during half term on Thursday 28th October from 9am to 12pm at Royal Berks Hospital. Please see next page for more details. Register here:
https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/registration-for-sespa-tvw-careers-event-thursday-26th-oct

Creative Week with Speakers For Schools

Speakers For Schools are organising a Creative Careers Week from **13th to 17th November**. You can see the very impressive line-up of events and book onto them here: https://tinyurl.com/36zva3ys

If students are taking part in an event during school hours, please email me at claire.beale@furzeplatt.net to complete a consent form

To find out more about the Creative Week, parents & guardians are invited to attend a free webinar on 18th October from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Please sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/2p9h2ftu

For those interested in a career in global technology

IBM are hosting a free webinar on Tuesday 17th October from 6.30 to 7.15pm about their apprenticeships. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/j6djsjkh

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

South East School of Physician Associates
NHS
Thames Valley and Wessex

SESPA TVW Careers Event

Thursday 26th October 2023
09:00-12:00

What?	The day will consist of sessions led by registered physician associates working across the region. We will start by introducing the role, discussing the education and training pathways and future development of the role. Following this, we will explore the day-to-day lives of physician associates working across TVW and what their job role entails. Additionally, we will hear from different members of the multidisciplinary team detailing their experiences of working alongside physician associates.
Who should attend?	This is aimed at prospective students. Specifically, year 12 students considering applying to MPAS Physician Associate Studies or life science graduates applying to PGDip / MSc Physician Associate Studies.
When?	Thursday 26th October 2023
Where?	Lecture Theatre 2, Trust Education Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital, London Road.
How to book?	https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/registration-for-sespa-tvw-careers-event-thursday-26th-oct
Queries	Please contact sepaschool.tvw@royalberkshire.nhs.uk

Please feel free to share this with others who may be interested in attending

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?

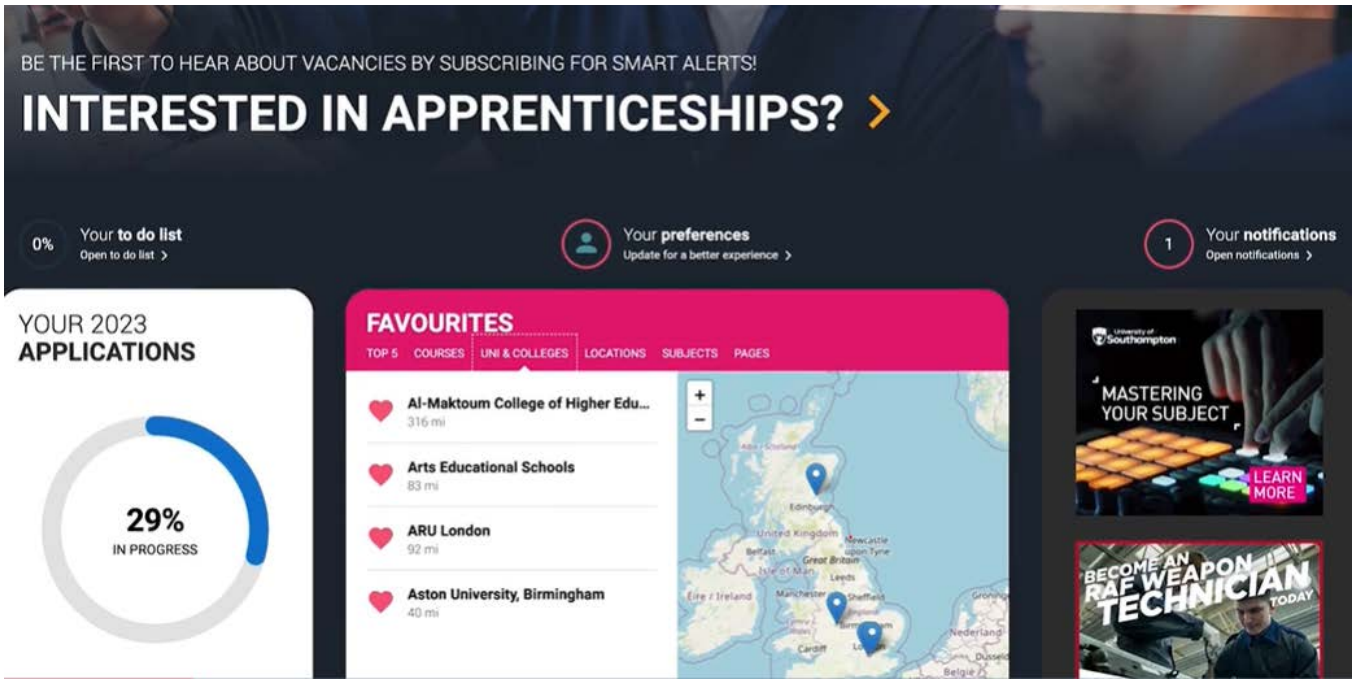
This is not always possible so we recommend you check with your course department first.

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.

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.