Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- Uniform:
  - It is a requirement to wear a blazer for all students. If you forget a blazer, please go to Mrs Pasa.
  - On consultation, students are now allowed to wear smart quarter-zip jumpers as part of their Sixth Form uniform. Students that choose to do this can do so as long as their tie is visible.

- TSS – to reiterate:

1) TSS is for Silent Study – this means that people in the booths also need to be quiet. If you want to chat, or work on a project together, please use the canteen or the common room.
2) There is a seating plan in place for a reason. By now, you know who you sit with, so please stick to it and don't try to sit with other people. The actual location of the table may change where you sit BUT the people should remain the same.
3) Sit in the seating plan immediately at the beginning of the session – treat this like any other lesson. You should not be socialising in the booths when the session has started.

- If you know you are going to be absent from a lesson for a test, trip or appointment, it is courteous to email the teacher and explain you will be absent. You will be expected to catch up on missed work.

- 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.

- We need volunteers for the CHEF event on Tuesday 28th November., 6pm-8pm. Please contact Miss Kalinowski or Mr Colmer if you are able to support at the event.

- As you may be aware, we have a mentor programme for Year 8s. If there are any Year 12s that are interested in mentoring lower school on a weekly basis on a Monday, please can you e-mail Mrs Kalinowski with an expression of interest.

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 28th November- Careers and High Education Fair 18.00-20.00
- Thursday 30th November- Year 12 Parent and Students Consultation Evening 16.15-19.15
- Thursday- 7th December- Year 13- Parent and Students Consultation Evening 16.15-19.15
- Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Concert- 7pm-8.30pm

PSHE schedule

School week	Date	Period
Term 2, Week 5	30/11/23	P3
Term 2, Week 6	5/12/23	P5
Term 2, Week 7	11/12/23	P3
Term 3, Week 1	04/01/24	P5
Term 3, Week 2	11/01/24	P5
Term 3, Week 3	18/01/24	P2
Term 3, Week 4	23/01/24	P5
Term 3. Week 5	30/01/24	P2
Term 3, Week 6	09/02/24	P2

Careers and Higher Education Fair
28th November

Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEF 2023

Tuesday 28th November
6pm – 8pm

This event is for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents and will take place on Tuesday 28th November from 6pm - 8pm at school in the Theatre and the Main Hall.

It promises to be a very good event, giving students a fantastic opportunity to find out about higher education and a wide variety of careers, and meet and talk to people from the world of work. We look forward to seeing as many students and parents here as possible!

Year 12 News

We had Sixth Form Open Evening this week and it was heart warming to see so many Year 12 students supporting the event and seeing how proud they are of the Sixth Form here at Furze Platt. A huge thank you to all those who supported the evening, whether that be in department areas or tours and answering questions. A massive thank you to the 4 students who gave a speech at the start of the event about being a new student. It was great hearing your advice and supportive words. Thank you for your time and effort on those speeches. The whole evening reminded me how proud I feel working at Furze Platt. This is my third school in my 15 years of working in Education and I've never worked anywhere that has such warmth, inclusivity and ambition.

This leads me on to remind you, Year 12 about being involved in the school community. **We are looking for more Year 12 volunteers to support our mentoring programme.** This takes place on a Monday during form time. Currently we are working with Year 8 students but we want to expand to Year 7 and 9. **If you are interested in becoming a mentor or finding out more, please e-mail me.**

Another area of the school where you can get involved is in the running of clubs and societies. We are very proud to have our Sixth Form Sports teams, School Show, Drama Clubs, Music clubs, Computing Clubs but are there any other clubs or societies you want to run or be a part of here at Furze Platt over and above REC? If so get in touch.

A final reminder about getting involved in activities wider than your subjects. There are online courses and summer courses that are available to you whilst you are in Year 12. You have only a year to take advantage of these. I sent an e-mail this week about online Masterclasses with UCL which can be found here: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/information-advice-and-guidance/masterclasses. There is also the Super-curricular challenge from Hertford College here https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/study-here/outreach/digital/challenge and there are always MOOCs courses which I've spoken about before but now you may have a better idea on your focus post 18, it might be useful to re-visit.

I look forward to seeing you all at Parent and Student Consultation Evening on the 30th November. If you haven't booked your slot please do.

Year 13 News

Thank you to everyone who helped at Open Evening on Thursday. It was a great success and parents were very grateful for all of your help.

There are three weeks left of term so I'm going to keep this short. Have a great weekend.

Priorities:

1) Ensure that you have spoken to your teachers about what will be on your Y13 PPEs – 6 weeks to go (including Christmas!)

2) If you are finding the process of revising difficult or overwhelming come and speak to me or your tutor sooner rather than later and we can give you some suggestions.

3) Use the time that you do have **wisely.** TSS is an excellent time to get things done – plan for this in advance. Remember 9hrs per subject, per week as a minimum).

4) Send your statement to your tutor for feedback if you haven't done this recently. Don't forget you might want the feedback of a subject specialist as well – keep the amount of people you seek feedback from to a minimum though!

5) Plan for rest – identify where your down time will be so that you can have full control of your time.

The Study Room

Knowledge Security

Exam Success is a 3 Step Process

STEP 1

Gaining Knowledge

Tools to securing knowledge:
Make notes in your own words
Visual reminders
Flashcards
Mind maps
Listening to a recording of yourself explaining it

STEP 2

Application of Knowledge

Learning steps to:
Follow essay structure
Use analysis & evaluation
Use formula

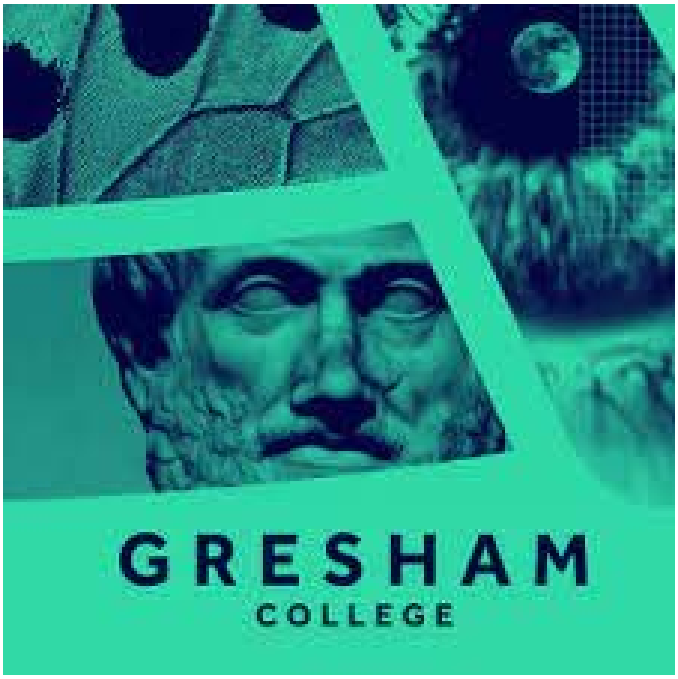
STEP 3

Practice

Past Papers
Knowledge quizzes
Mixed exercises
On line tests
Practice questions

The process is in this order because Security of Knowledge is the most important step, without it you cannot apply or practice

Public speaking



What?

- Public speaking competition to help students develop oracy skills.
- Broad range of topics.
- Students record a presentation of no more than 5 minutes long.
- Shortlisted candidates will present in person at Barnard's Inn Hall in London.
- Find out more - gres.hm/competition

Deadline?

- 8th December 2023 @ 6pm

Prizes:

- A year's university fees paid.
- Money towards devices
- Personal mentoring to help you develop
- In-house presentation and oracy skills training

Careers

Parents' Guide to University

I have downloaded the handy Parents' Guide to University and each week will share some useful information I have learned. This week's is about University Summer Schools. Please see the next page for more information.

Local part-time jobs:

After-school club at Holy Trinity School, Cookham, SL6 9QJ

Students interested in working with children can apply for this position.
For the right candidate, they are willing to offer a later start, giving you the time to get from school to Cookham. You also don't have to do all 4 days. This can all be discussed at interview stage.
Please contact Sophia Hussain at holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com

Customer Assistant at the Co-op, Maidenhead, SL6 7UA
They are looking for somebody to do 14 hours afternoons, evenings and weekends. Plus regular overtime. You can apply here: https://tinyurl.com/4fcrex8j

Rugby coach for Rugbytots
RugbyTots are looking for coaches for 2-5 year old children on Saturday and Sunday mornings in Maidenhead. Pay is £15 to £20 an hour. Please only apply if you have previous experience of working with children. If yes, you can apply here: https://tinyurl.com/3fy4xkcz

Bar Staff/Waiter at Storia, Maidenhead
£10.50 an hour
You can apply here: https://tinyurl.com/2nap896y

What is a university summer school?

By Steven Lawrence, Head of UK Undergraduate Student Recruitment at the University of Bath

University summer schools offer an invaluable opportunity for students considering higher education to gain insights that support their university decision-making process. They can also really help your young person to prepare for the transition from school or college to university study.

Most summer schools are aimed at students who have just finished Year 12, timed to coincide with the period when your young person will be exploring their university options and preparing to complete an application. While some summer schools charge an attendance fee, many are free to attend, especially where they are aimed at students from backgrounds that are traditionally under-represented in higher education.

A summer school offers a perfect opportunity for students to get a real taste of university life by staying in university accommodation, eating meals in university outlets, spending time with current university students and sampling university facilities.

Introducing subject specific summer schools

Summer schools which are focused on a specific academic discipline will provide your young person with direct experience of what it's like to study their chosen subject at university. This can be a great experience, whether your young person is planning to study an entirely new subject (perhaps medicine or engineering) or looking to understand how a subject they're interested in will differ at degree level.

Your young person will meet lots of like-minded students who share a passion for their chosen subject, as well as being able to chat with and learn from university academics and current undergraduate students. This could give a real boost to their pre-university studies, as well as provide valuable insights to strengthen their personal statement and prepare them for their chosen course. Some universities even offer reduced or alternate offers to eligible students who complete a summer school that is related to the subject they wish to study – you can check individual university websites for details.

Note from UniTasterDays
You and the student (s) you are supporting can search a comprehensive directory of summer schools and residential events at www.unitasterdays.com/university-residentials

Student experience summer schools

If your young person already knows where they want to study, they could check whether the university offers more general summer schools focused on student experience. They could stay in university accommodation, use the university facilities, perhaps sample student societies and have an opportunity to explore the university and local area. They will also benefit from getting to know current students to hear their perspective on the university. Hopefully, they will even make some friends who they will meet again during freshers' week.

It's still really important for them to attend the university's Open Day to understand the specifics of the course, but a summer school focused on student experience could provide your young person with first-hand experience of what it would be like to live and study at their chosen university.

Summer schools for specific groups

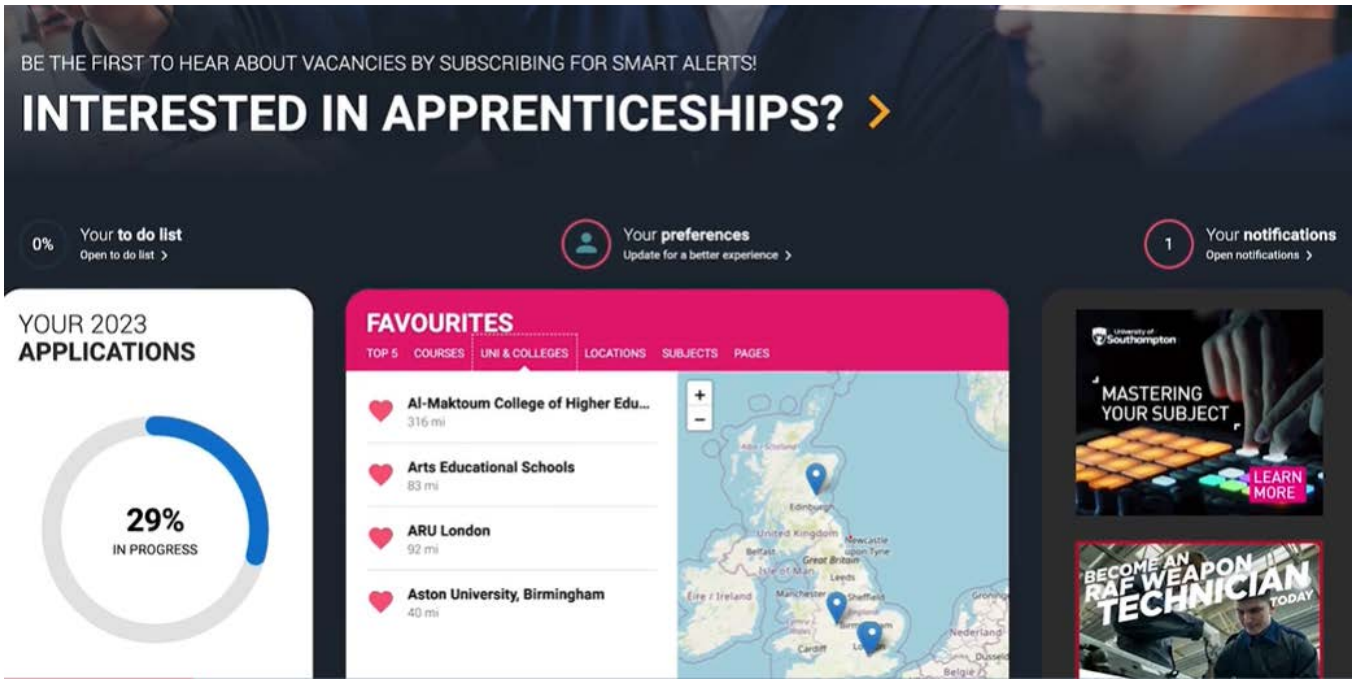
Universities also offer summer schools aimed at specific groups. For example, at the University of Bath, we run an autism summer school for Year 11 students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, an international summer school for overseas students, and a sports summer school for Year 12 students who are involved in competitive sport and from a background that is under-represented in higher education.

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

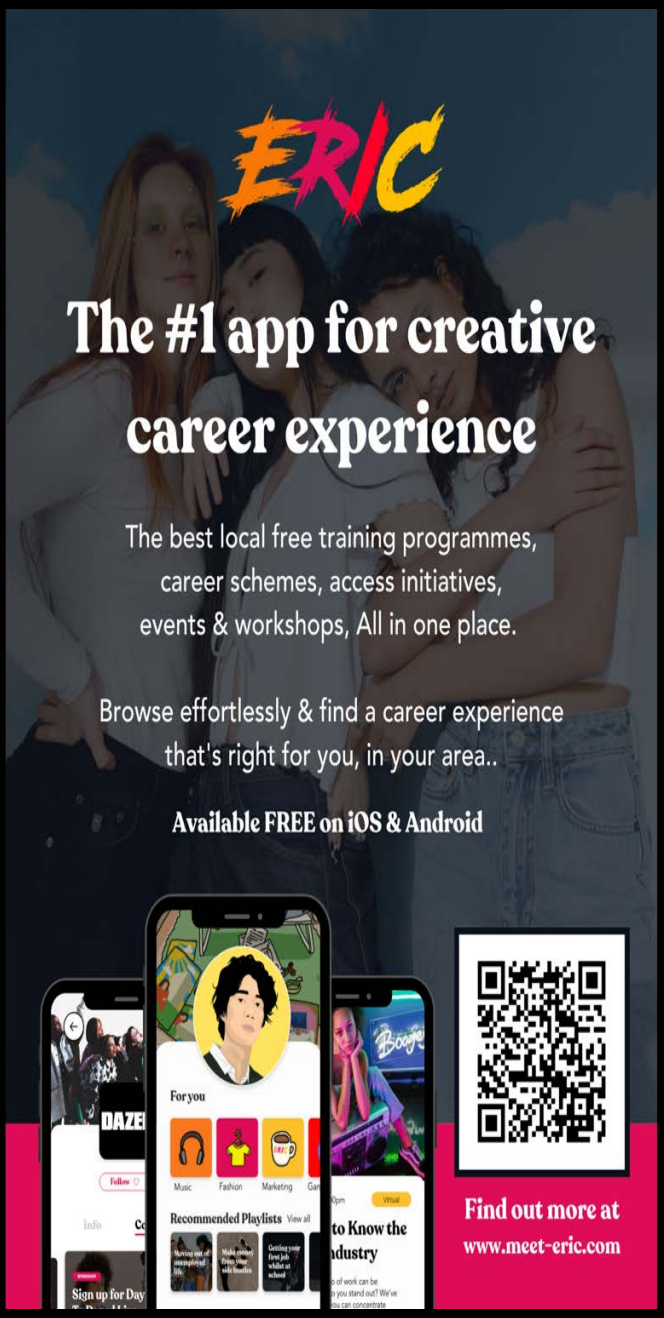
- Upcoming talks from Speakers4Schools can be found here - https://www.speakersforschools.org/upcoming-broadcasts/

- 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.

App to explore for the creative industries



What are the 16 Creative Industries?

1. Advertising, Marketing & PR
2. Architecture
3. Art & Crafts
4. Design
5. Digital Media
6. Fashion
7. Film & TV
8. Gaming
9. Media
10. Music
11. Podcasts, Radio & Audio
12. Photography & Videography
13. Publishing
14. Theatre & Performing Arts
15. Writing & Journalism
16. VFX & Animation

Isn't the Creative Industries just for music, drama & art students?

No, not at all! All subjects & skills feed into the Creative Industries. E.g.:

- Historical Film & TV productions often employ historians as script fact-checkers
- The heritage & museums sector requires chemists to help restore artefacts
- VFX & Gaming require mathematical skills to code & create special effects & games

These are just a few examples of the thousands of jobs people don't know exist in the creative industries

Are there lots of creative jobs available?

Yes, literally millions!

3.3 million people work in creative jobs in the UK

There will be 1 million additional creative jobs by 2030

Find out more at
www.meet-eric.com

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.