

Sixth Form Weekly News - The Headlines:

- A reminder of the procedure for if teacher is not in your lesson: the teacher will have set work to complete and unless another arrangement has been agreed, you are to remain in that lesson.
- This week we will be working on a 2:1:2 timetable due to Year 10 PPEs.
- Uniform - It is a requirement to wear a blazer for all students. If you forget a blazer, please go to Mrs Pasa. These should not be left in your car!
- Lanyards- these must be always worn. It is a safeguarding requirement. It is the same for staff.
- 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
 - 4) Please sit in a professional manner – not with legs up on the seats or benches.
- 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.
- Please remember to record your absence on Class charts by 8.45am so it can be picked up by attendance
- 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. You also should go to Mrs Pasa to sign in.

Upcoming dates:

- 27th February- Music Concert auditions
- 29th February- Drama trip after school
- 8th March- Late start- 8.45am
- 22nd March- Year 12 Progress Reports
- 26th March- Spring Concert
- 28th March- last day of term- finish at 12.30pm





Term 4 PSHE sessions are as follows

School week	Date	Period
Term 4, Week 2	26/2/24	P5
Term 4, Week 3	7/3/24	P4
Term 4, Week 4	12/3/24	P3
Term 4, Week 5	20/3/24	P4
Term 4, Week 6	27/3/24	P3



Welcome back after half term, it is great to see you all looking more refreshed and rested. I cannot believe we are halfway through Year 12! Because of this, this week's tutor session on Wednesday focussed on getting advice from your peers in Year 13- as far away as summer PPE feel and next year feels, it will soon be upon us.

Top tips from Year 13:

- Condense your notes
- Revise small chunks of work little and often
- Complete coursework/NEA work early
- Start revision for summer examination now
- Stay organised- split folders into topics and know where to find your work on key information.
- Give yourself a revision timetable

As you can see, this is very similar to what your teachers, the Sixth Form team, your parents and yourselves have been saying all year; help your future self by taking action and doing these things. I know some of you are already!

University Opening Days

Now is the time to start booking Open Days for Universities. It is important to go and visit if you can. The UCAS website is a good place to start <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/university-open-days>

Work Experience (WEX)

Well done to those who have found WEX or are trying hard to find WEX. Please keep sending e-mails and contacting companies about WEX. Don't give up if you have had some rejections- cast the net wider. Remember, if you can't get WEX in the field you are interested in, then look for a different area. The whole point of WEX is that you are experiencing a different area of work- this doesn't have to be in your dream job if that isn't looking possible!



Welcome back Year 13! We are entering the final full term of your Sixth Form (and indeed school!) experience. I'm hoping that revision is well under way for each of your subjects and that coursework is near to completion. This term is all about getting exam ready and making sure that you're prepared for the term to come!



I'd like to keep this week's news short and sweet with a set of three guidelines that will make your revision as effective as possible. We'll be sharing further resources with you shortly but in the meantime the following might help.

Step One – Prepare!

- Make use of your checklists to identify content and review your progress (this is important to keep that motivation going!)

Step Two – Learn!

- Remember, the factual content applies to approximately 30% of the marks in each exam and so it is important that you have knowledge security.
- If you can't answer the exam paper, go back to basics. Flashcards, Quizlet and Anki are great tools here.

Step Three – Practice!

- Take the sting out the exam by becoming familiar with the questions you can be asked.
- Self mark your papers and get feedback on your marking – this will help you to become more familiar with what the standard is that you want to achieve.
- Refer to exemplar answers and examiner reports.

We are here with you **every** step of the way Year 13. Use us and keep us in the loop with the highs (to celebrate!) and the lows (to support) you. You can do it!



APPRENTICESHIPS

There are currently apprenticeships available with

Transport For London

<https://tfl.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en>



The National Audit Office

Level 6 apprenticeship in Financial Audit

Apply by 5th April <http://tinyurl.com/bdahc5ts>



Deloitte

For those interested in a career in Tax, Risk Advice, Finance and Audit, join the virtual Insight Talk on apprenticeships with Deloitte on Tues 27th Feb from 6.30-7.30pm

<http://tinyurl.com/mr2vvrpc>



Royal Horticultural Society

For those interested in landscaping, horticulture and sustainability

Click here to find out more about opportunities

<http://tinyurl.com/65aksx2s>



And click her to sign up for up for an insight session on **Tues 5th March from 6.30 to 7.15pm**

<http://tinyurl.com/4snjx59t>

SUMMER UNIVERSITY

University of Southampton Residential

If you meet the eligibility criteria such as receiving free school meals and are interested in studying Chemistry, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Geography, Biological Sciences, History, English, Modern Languages, Music, and Business, you may be interested in applying for the University of Southampton Residential from 16th to 19th July

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/experience-summer-event.page>



For Year 12s interested in Medicine and planning to apply to Medical School

Introduction to Medicine Day

Royal Berks Hospital in Reading is running an **Introduction to Medicine Day** on **Wednesday 6th March 2024**. The day will start at 8.45am and will end at 3.45pm. Students will need to have consent from school to miss lessons and will need to catch up on what they have missed.

Students will have the opportunity to hear from doctors, current medical students, and from a visiting university admissions tutor in the morning and to attend simulation activities in the afternoon. They will be able to ask their own questions and to talk to staff during the day.

This week I emailed students who we already know are interested in this field an application form and consent form, please complete this and return to medicineworkexperience@royalberkshire.nhs.uk by **Monday 24th February 2024 at 9am**. **If you want to apply and didn't receive these forms, please email me to ask.**

Places are sought after and only those with a genuine interest in medicine will be considered. Students are requested to include their GCSE/predicted A Level grades and a short reference from their school or college. Those students who have had or are due to have a work experience placement with Royal Berks do not need to provide this information again, just tick the relevant box on the registration form and complete the consent form.

There is no charge for attendance. It is advised that students bring their own lunches. It will be possible to purchase a hot drink or snack at breaktime/lunchtime within the refectory and at the cafes within the main hospital.

If you have any questions, please contact Alyson Owen Widening Participation Officer alyson.owen@royalberkshire.nhs.uk

Medicine Work experience

Unfortunately, Royal Berks were inundated with work experience requests and have decided to not offer any more this summer.

They have suggested contacting Berkshire Healthcare or Frimley Healthcare instead.

<https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/work-for-us/learn-and-earn-with-us/workplace-shadowing-and-experience/>

<http://tinyurl.com/4vnwsj8k>

Virtual Insight Sessions

- **Virgin Atlantic panel session for National STEM Week** | Virtual insight session | 12/03/24 | 12-1pm | Ages 14-19 | [Young people apply here by 04/03/24](#)

This panel session will shine the spotlight on the amazing opportunities available at Virgin to work in STEM roles - the skills that will be needed to succeed in the aviation sector in 5 years time. Virgin Atlantic was founded by entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson 37 years ago with innovation and customer service at its core. In 2021, Virgin Atlantic was voted Britain's only Global Five Star Airline by APEX for the fifth year running in the Official Airline Ratings. Come, armed with questions and ready for an engaging & interactive session!

- **Game Changers: How technology is revolutionising sports with TATA Consultancy Services** | Virtual insight session | 21/03/24 | 10.30am-12.30pm | Ages 14-19 | [Young people apply here by 08/03/24](#)

Smart Wearables for Performance Enhancement, Virtual Reality in Marathon Training, Video Assistant Referees... and a Digital Twin of your heart?! As proud title sponsors of the TCS London Marathon, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) recognises the pivotal role technology plays in shaping the future of sports. Join us for an exciting session where we delve into the intersection of sport and tech, uncovering exciting careers and innovations within the industry, from AI to Data Analytics to Marketing. This event isn't just for sports enthusiasts; it's an opportunity to learn how to apply your passions to real-world jobs!

Careers Advice and websites

As I continue my Careers training, I am encountering more and more useful websites which I have included here

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice>

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

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FRIDAY 29 MARCH

JOIN US AT NORDEN FARM THIS EASTER FOR A DAY OF BRILLIANT
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WORKSHOPS £4.50 PER SESSION OR £16.00 FOR 4

9.30 SCULPTURE - OLD BOOKS INTO NEW CREATURES

9.30 MAGIC - BACK STAGE TRICKS AND TIPS

10.45 VISUAL ARTS - MAKE YOUR OWN BOOK

10.45 CERAMIC ANIMAL COIL POTS

12.00 DRAMA - INTRO TO TV AND FILM MAKING

1.30 CHOCOLATE EGG AND LOLLY MAKING

1.30 SPECIAL EFFECTS STAGE MAKEUP

2.45 CIRCUS SKILLS

2.45 SILKSCREEN PRINTING

ALL WORKSHOPS
1 HOUR

AGE 11+



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Engineers are multi-skilled soldiers, combat engineers and tradespeople, providing essential support to all areas of the British Army and are responsible for keeping the Army's equipment working and ready to use.

Logistics & Support:

In a Logistics and Support role, soldiers and officers are responsible for keeping the Army running; ensuring troops have all the equipment, resources and support they need.

Medical:

The Army offers training and support to those training in a medical profession. Bursaries are available for those already in training, student nurse roles, where you can study for your degree while in the Army.

Communications & IT:

Communications, IT and Intelligence based roles work to keep troops connected and informed, ensuring all lines of communication are working effectively and free from security breaches.

HR & Finance:

Soldiers and Officers who work in HR, Support & Finance play a key role in keeping the Army in perfect working order.

Music:

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SUMMER SCHOOL
INSIGHT EVENT

VIRTUAL

Thu 8 Feb | 18:00 - 19:00

Register



University of Surrey Summer School Virtual
Event

Date: 27 Jan 2024

Location: Maidenhead, ENG, GB, SL6 3UD

Company: MHA



MHA Great Futures - National Work Experience Programme- Thames Valley

The MHA Great Futures National Work Experience programme is designed for Year 12 students looking for a week's work experience placement with a leading professional service firm. The programme provides opportunities to expand students' knowledge of professional services, explore a variety of departments including accounts, audit and, tax as well as learn more about the fantastic opportunities available at MHA.

Who are we?

We're a dedicated team of like-minded accountancy professionals. Our clients range from top fashion retailers, leisure & hospitality businesses to renewable energy enterprises and we get involved in issues that affect gaming developers and motorsports engineers.

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In 2020, we won the Best Advisory Services category of the new Business Resilience Awards, organised by Accountant Firm of the Year, Tax Team of the Year and Graduate and Non-Graduate programme of the Year at the British Accountar branded, and we grew substantially with a few high-profile mergers.



YEAR 12 STUDY DAYS:

Inspire Study Days are immersive, subject-specific events that take place at St John's College, and enable you to experience what it is like to study your chosen subject at university. You will have the chance to meet Oxford tutors and current students in the subject that you are thinking of studying.



St John's
inspire
programme



2024 STUDY DAYS:

21
FEB

Geography

6
MAR

Maths & Computer
Science

17
APR

History &
History of Art

27
APR

Medicine & Biomedical
sciences (Virtual)

1
MAY

Classics*

10
MAY

English*

5
JUN

Chemistry

12
JUN

Modern
Languages

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GWS Technical Engineering Apprenticeships - Ipswich

Job ID: 152373 | Posted: 24-Jan-2024 | Ipswich - England - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Stowmarket - England - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

GWS Technical Engineering Apprenticeship - Newcastle

Job ID: 152374 | Posted: 24-Jan-2024 | Newcastle upon Tyne - England - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Apprenticeship Opportunity Year 12



Mon 5 Feb | 17:30 - 19:00

Deloitte Apprenticeship Insight Evening

Start your first steps towards a thriving career with Deloitte's apprenticeship insight evening.

If you are in year 12 or would like to learn more about apprenticeships and are interested in finance and/or consulting then this event is perfect for you!

By joining Deloitte, you'll be connected to inspiring colleagues across the globe. They offer a huge range of career opportunities, where you can choose your own impact and build a future that suits you.

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What will I get out of it?

- An insight into what programmes Deloitte offer.
- A spotlight on their [Tax Consulting BrightStart Apprenticeship](#) Programme.
- Application support and advice direct from Deloitte's early talent team.
- Valuable experience to help you WIN with your applications!!

Event Details:

Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3BD

5th February | 5:30pm-7pm

Here is the registration link: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/deloitte-application-clinic/>

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/pnRPUb84yhbZYuq85IM4fg/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.

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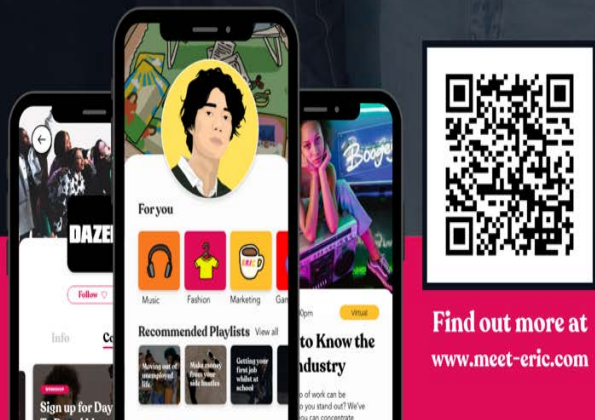
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What are the 16 Creative Industries?

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

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

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

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

Are there lots of creative jobs available?

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.

