



SIXTH FORM

Friday 12th
September 2025

Welcome to our first Sixth Form Newsletter. Here you will find a summary of the week, useful tips, dates and celebrations of successes!

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 15th Sept: TSS starts for Year 12s

Tues 16th Sept: Auditions for the Musical- 'We Will Rock You'

Tues 7th Oct: Trip to ExCeL Centre to learn about careers in the creative sector



Welcome back to our Year 13s and great to meet you our Year 12s! The first few days have included some fun get-to-know-you Taskmasters. You can look forward to similar fun activities in Form in the future.



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Welcome year 12!

Whether you're continuing from the lower school or joining externally, it's great to have some new faces around.

I hope you're enjoying Sixth form already (especially the chance to grab a meal deal at break!). If you still feel things are a bit new, don't worry, it can take time and there's plenty to look forward to this year. You'll have the chance to take part in charity events, take on leadership roles, and shape the culture of the school. Make sure you get involved!

As Head Students, feel free to talk to us if you have any concerns, or just fancy a chat. Change can happen- but only if you speak up.

I wish you all the best for this year, and make sure to seize the opportunities to make it one to remember.

Once again, it's great to have you,
Ed and Sophie, Head Students





Year 12

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.

Just a reminder that the deadline for making changes to your courses is Wednesday 17th 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.

A final comment from me is for students to remember to engage in the wider school life. It was brilliant to see so many Year 12 helping with the Charity event on Friday, 'It's a Knockout' whether that be on stalls or taking part in the obstacle courses. Also, on Tuesday there are auditions for this years' school Musical 'We Will Rock You' in DS1 at 3.15, also extra-curricular has started and if a student wants to run a club do ask the Head of Department or contact myself.

I look forward to seeing you all next week!

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

Welcome back Year 13!

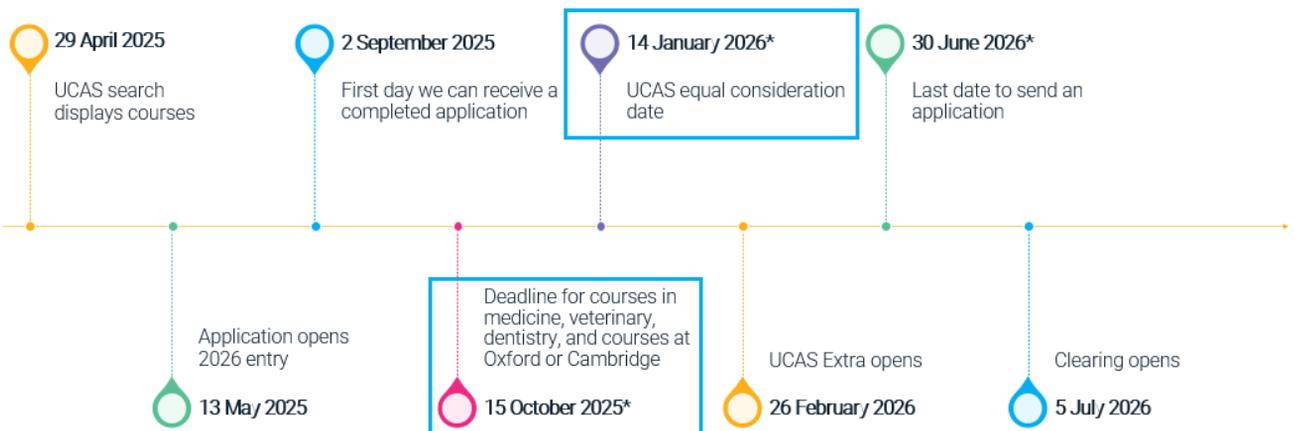
It's been brilliant to see you getting back into the swing of things this week and settling into the new Sixth Form block. Obama and I hope you are enjoying it as much as we are!

Lots to be done this term so please remember the following:

- 1) Study – 20hrs per week (directed by your teacher and yourself independently).
- 2) Get on top of UCAS, apprenticeships and jobs – dates are attached below but this needs to happen alongside study. Personal statements should be sent to your tutor for feedback.
- 3) Use all the resources around you, in particular your teachers – go with questions, listen and act.

UCAS

KEY DATES FOR 2026



RAG Update

Thames hospice

This week has been a resounding success for the Raise and Give society. The team have, proposed fundraising ideas, planned, marketed and successfully run a range of stalls that ultimately led to £730 being raised for the Hospice.

RAG has become a huge part of my life at Furze Platt Sixth Form and it is always a joy to see the end results of the society's hard work. If you haven't joined up yet and are interested then please do get in touch – we'd love to have your input!

Here are some of the photos from Friday's stalls – they capture just a small fragment of the wider team and apologies I don't have more. Again, thank you for your efforts!

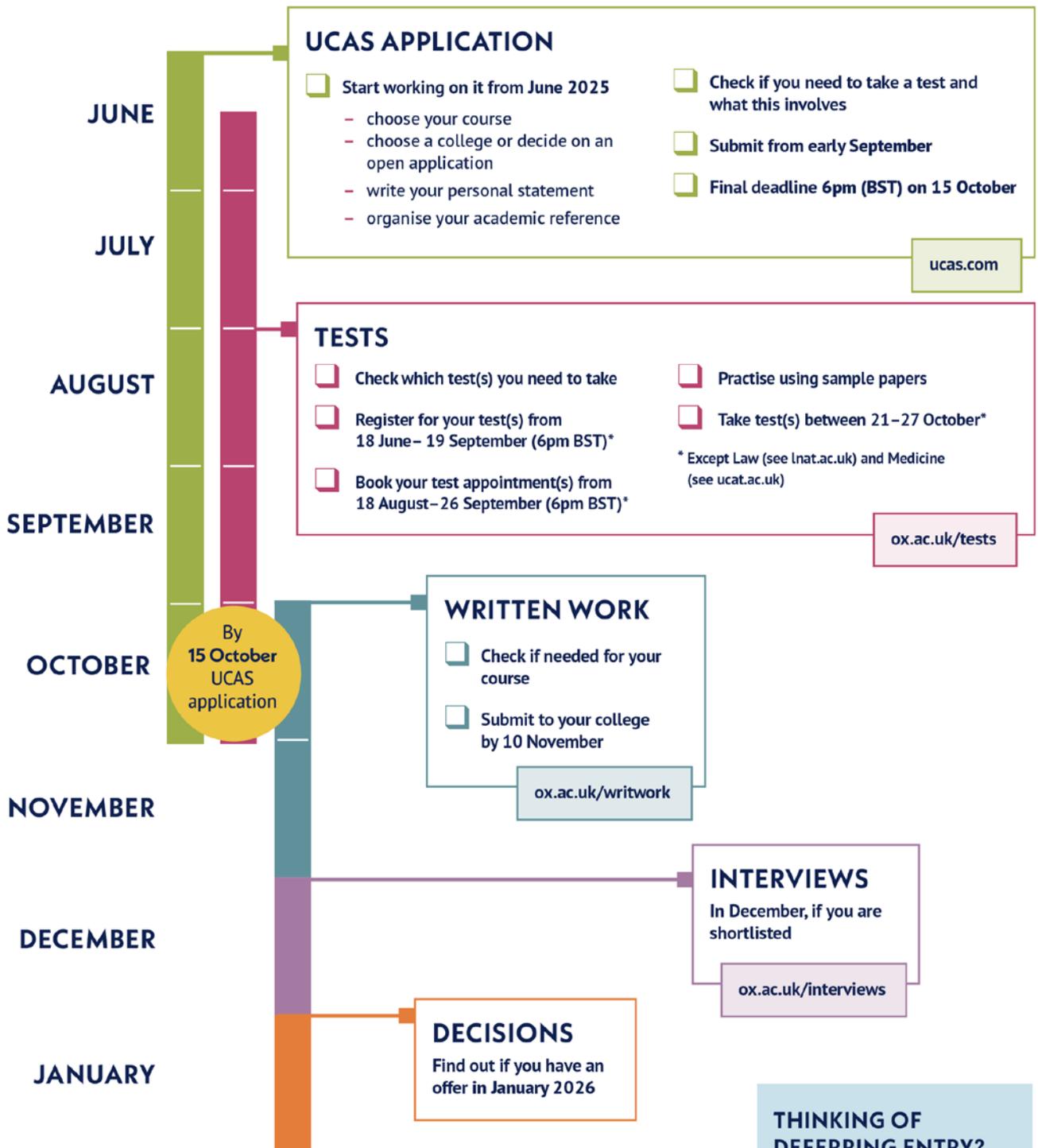
Mr Colmer



HOW YOU APPLY

2026 ENTRY

Early Entry – The Oxford process



Cambridge Dates can be found here

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/application-dates-deadlines>

THINKING OF DEFERRING ENTRY?

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

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



Careers

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For Y12s and 13s - Virtual Insight into Banking

***Interested in an apprenticeship in banking?
Want to gain work experience in banking?***



Join a virtual insight session with Lloyds Banking Group on Tues 15th Sept 5-6pm.
Register [here](#)

Trip for Y12s to The University of Sheffield



Want to visit a Russell Group University with a strong reputation for research and teaching?

We are potentially looking at organising a trip for Year 12s to The University of Sheffield and they may be able to help towards the cost of the transport there.

Please look at the university website [here](#).

And for more information on the university from the Russell Group website, click [here](#).

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please fill out this [form](#) so we can look at planning this.

Trip for Y12s and 13s to Create Your Future Exhibition at the ExCeL Centre

Tues 7th Oct 10am to 4pm

Cost £15 - please see Mrs Pasa if you on the bursary

Students – you will have received an email about this on Thursday and parents you will be receiving one over the next couple of days.

We are organising a Careers trip to find out more about the creative industry including roles available, apprenticeships, universities, conservatoires and more.

Priority will be given initially to students studying at least one of these subjects: *English, Art & Design, Design Technology, Drama, Fashion & Textiles and Media.*



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