

Year 13

Prepare to succeed

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Year 13 Parent Information Evening

Mr Ging and Mr Colmer

# Welcome!

Welcome back to all parents and carers and welcome to the Year 13 Success in the Sixth Form Information Event.

We hope you had a restful summer break.

# Objectives of this presentation

- This presentation is designed to give you important information on how to help your child:
  - Make a successful transition from Year 12 to Year 13
  - Succeed in Sixth Form over the next 8 months
  - Maximise chances of success in courses studied
- As well as:
  - Some helpful reminders about Sixth Form processes and procedures

# The Sixth Form team



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Assistant Head of Sixth  
Form, Head of Year 13



**Mr Ging**  
Head of Sixth Form,



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Assistant Head of Sixth  
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Sixth Form  
Administrator



**Mrs Beale**  
Study Supervisor  
Manager and Coach



**Mrs Jennings**  
Sixth Form Learning  
Mentor




# Result context and priorities for the year

# Results Day





# Top 5 elements of success last year

1. High attendance
2. Resilience and tenacity – acting on feedback
3. Staged, planned revision
4. Long term  short term goals
5. High quality independent study

# Top 5 barriers to study last year

1. Low attendance
2. The 'ostrich' approach
3. Focusing too much on knowledge and not enough on understanding
4. Not putting in the hours
5. Starting too late (cramming)

# Priorities for this year

- To help your son or daughter maximise their potential by:



**Developing a culture of pursuing improvement**



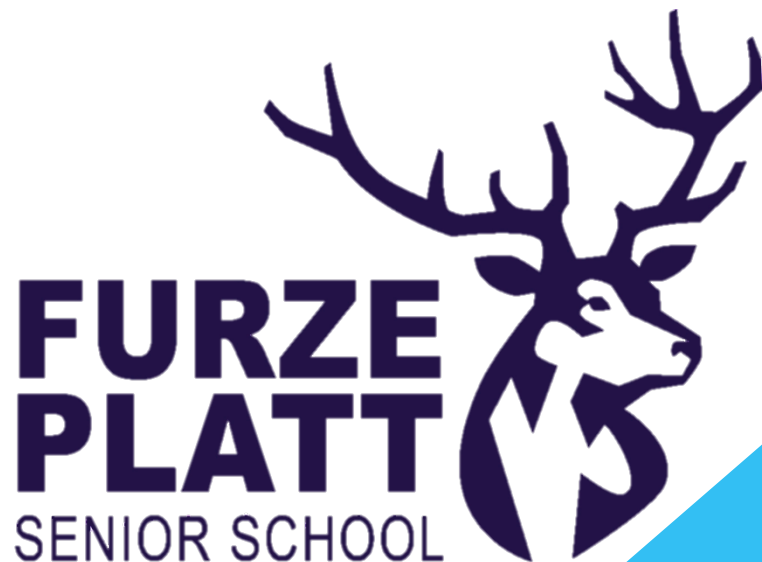
**Using all available resources to support their own excellence**



**Helping them cultivate self-reflection, resilience and determination to succeed**



**Valuing their A-Levels not just as a passport to the next stage in their lives**



How can students get  
the best from this  
year?

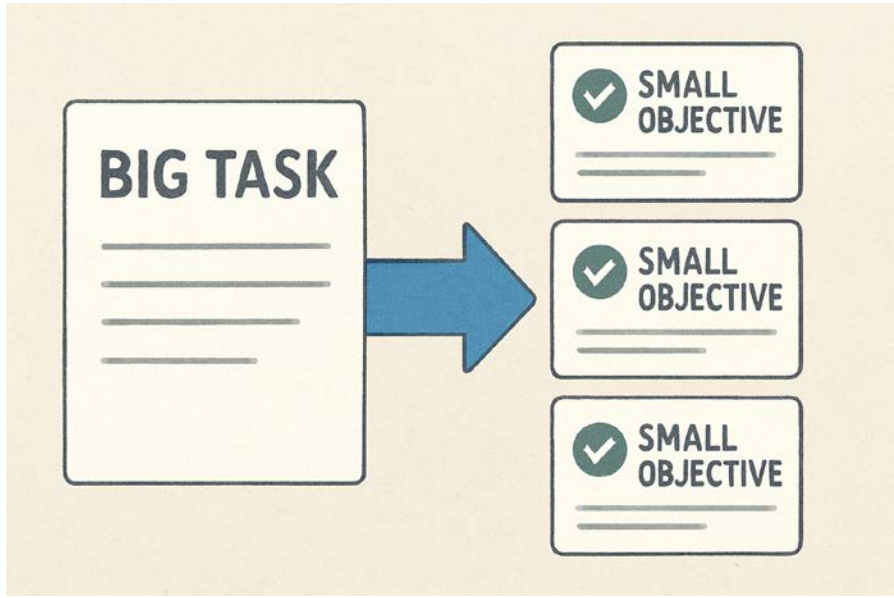
# Culture is key

- **Attend** all lessons **punctually** and have an **ACHIEVE** growth mind-set
- Commit to being an **outstanding** learner. **Give 100%, 100% of the time**
- Effectively manage relationships in a **mature, respectful** and **intelligent** manner
- Demonstrate a **proactive** approach, accepting **responsibility** for your own learning
- **Contributing meaningfully** to the Sixth Form Community and being **proactive** in the wider life of our Sixth Form
- Consistently maintain a **positive** attitude to learning grade Good or better (1 or 2) for all my subjects
- To dress **smartly**, meeting the Sixth Form Uniform
- To **always** wear your student ID badge
- **Respect** and look after the Sixth Form block
- Take personal **responsibility** to regularly check school emails.
- Attend all compulsory visits and events scheduled in the Sixth Form.

# Cultivating resilience and a determination to succeed

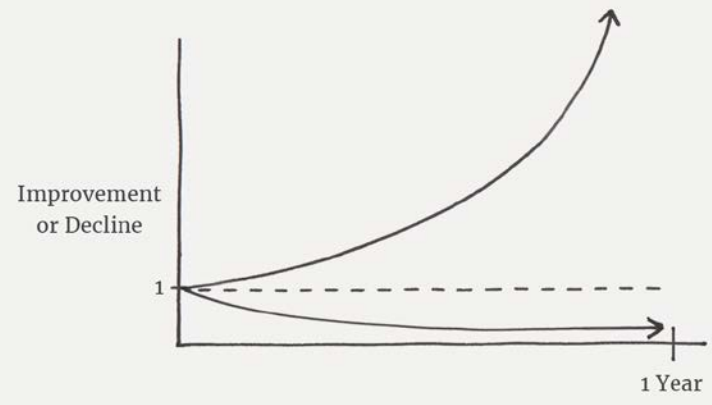


# Cultivating resilience and a determination to succeed



## The Power of Tiny Gains

1% better every day  $1.01^{365} = 37.78$   
1% worse every day  $0.99^{365} = 0.03$



JamesClear.com

# Using resources - Tutor time

- Tailored programme with clear themes to help students to succeed linked to the term.
  - 1-1 "interviews"
  - Careers and Futures Guidance
  - Academic guidance and Study Skills support
- Resources used within these sessions are research-driven and are shared with students through the weekly newsletter and on FP-Online.

# Tutor contact





Form tutor	Email address	Form tutor	Email address
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# Using resources - Tutor time

- Tutors will be in touch with students regularly with helpful resources and support tips to help with:
  - University and apprenticeship application.
  - Careers guidance
  - Learning support
  - Revision assistance
  - Super curricular information



## SAMPLE SUBSCRIBER CONTENT

 <p>Online Videos &amp; Resources <i>What do subscribers say?</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>ONLINE RESOURCES - WHAT DO SUBSCRIBERS SAY?</b></p> <p>Subscribers, who attended the National Heads of Sixth Form Conference in London, review what they like about the subscription materials.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✔ Free</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORE DETAILS</b></p>	 <p>Video guides to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach study skills</li> <li>• Teach revision skills</li> <li>• Prepare for examinations</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>WHAT DO OUR SUBSCRIPTION MATERIALS (30+ VIDEOS AND 200+ RESOURCES) COVER?</b></p> <p>Video (3 mins 20 sec) watch this video to find out more about our subscription content.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✔ Free</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORE DETAILS</b></p>	 <hr/> <p><b>EXAMPLE RESOURCES - EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS: THE BENEFITS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT</b></p> <p>200+ tutorial materials provided for subscribers. Tutors receive an access code for your centre to download materials and play the videos. It's as simple as that.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✔ Free</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORE DETAILS</b></p>	 <hr/> <p><b>EXAMPLE VIDEO - 'PUTTING IN THE HOURS'</b></p> <p>Video (3 mins 43 secs) Putting in the hours. 30+ more videos to use in tutorial time and assemblies when you subscribe.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✔ Free</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORE DETAILS</b></p>
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# Using resources - Tutor time

## GROW Model

G	R	O	W
GOAL	REALITY	OPTIONS	WILL
<p>DEFINE WHERE YOU WANT TO GET TO</p> <p>What do you want to achieve?</p> <p>What does your goal look like, specifically?</p> <p>How would you define your goal?</p>	<p>AGREE PARAMETERS OF YOUR SITUATION</p> <p>What is happening right now?</p> <p>How will your situation impact your goal?</p> <p>What resources are available to you?</p>	<p>EXPLORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU</p> <p>What options are available to you?</p> <p>How might these options play out?</p> <p>How would you rank your options?</p>	<p>COMMIT TO A PATH FORWARDS</p> <p>How committed are you to your goal?</p> <p>What are the first steps forwards?</p> <p>What might get in your way?</p>

# Using resources - teachers

## BENEFITS OF USING YOUR TEACHERS



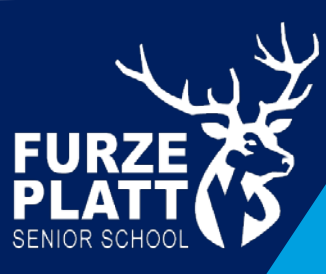
**EXPERT  
GUIDANCE**



**INSIGHTFUL  
ADVICE**



**IMPROVED  
PERFORMANCE**



# Using resources - Independent Study

Week One		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Before school					
	9.15-10.15	Blue	Green	Blue		Blue
	10.15-11.15		Green	Blue		
	Break 1					
	11.45-12.45	Grey	Green	Grey	Blue	Yellow
	12.45-13.45		Yellow		Green	Yellow
	Break 2					
	14.15-15.15	Yellow		Black	Green	
	16.00-17.00					
	17.00-18.00					
	19.30-20.30					
	20.30-21.30					
Week Two		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Before school					
	9.15-10.15		Green		Yellow	Blue
	10.15-11.15	Grey	Green	Grey	Yellow	
	Break 1		Green			
	11.45-12.45	Blue		Yellow	Grey	
	12.45-13.45	Yellow		Blue	Green	
	Break 2					
	14.15-15.15			Black	Green	Yellow
	16.00-17.00					
	17.00-18.00					
	19.30-20.30					
	20.30-21.30					

50hrs of timetabled time per fortnight.  
 27hrs of taught lessons per fortnight.  
 2hrs of Rec.

Students therefore have:  
 21hrs of study time available in the day.  
 +  
 40hrs of additional potential study time between 4pm and 9.30pm.  
 +  
 18hrs of additional potential study time on the weekend.

= 87hrs available to complete 40hrs of home + independent study.

# Study right!



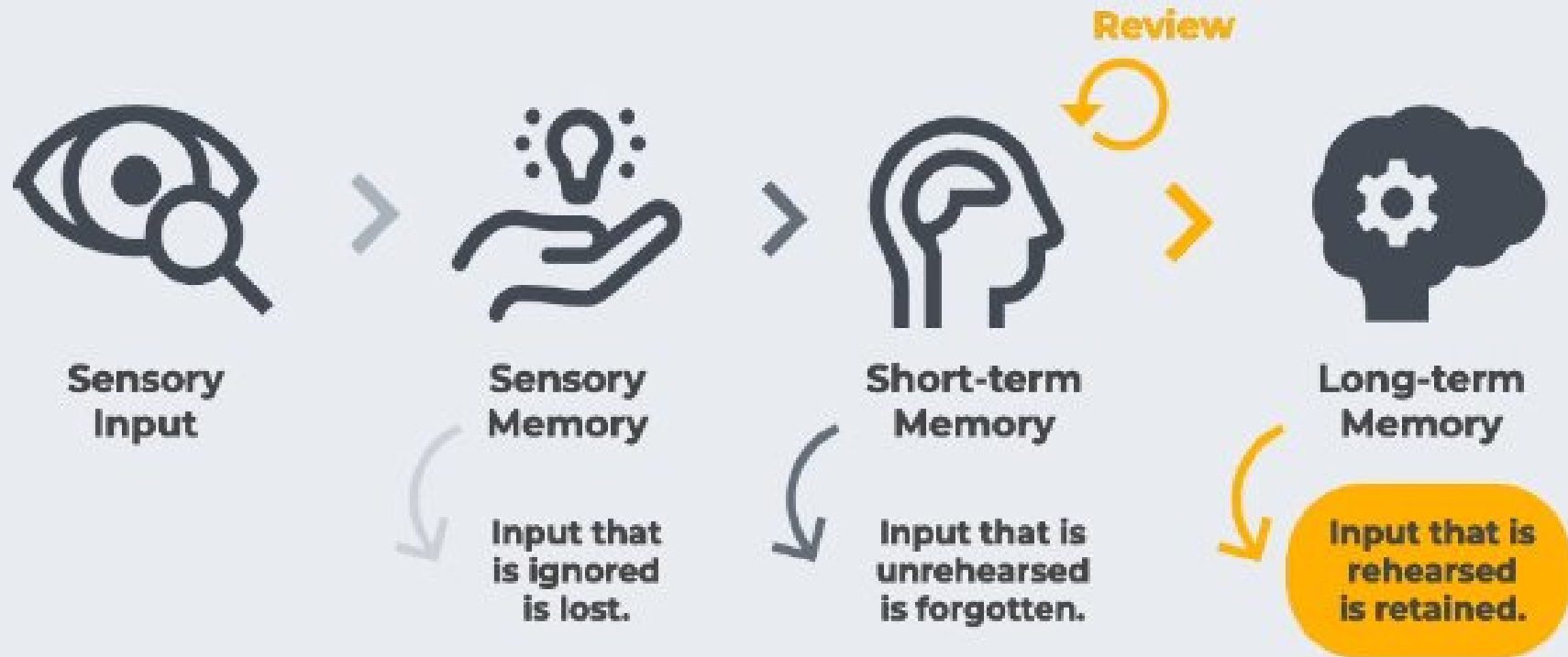
# SIXTH FORM STUDY GUIDE

**A guide to help you study which covers:**

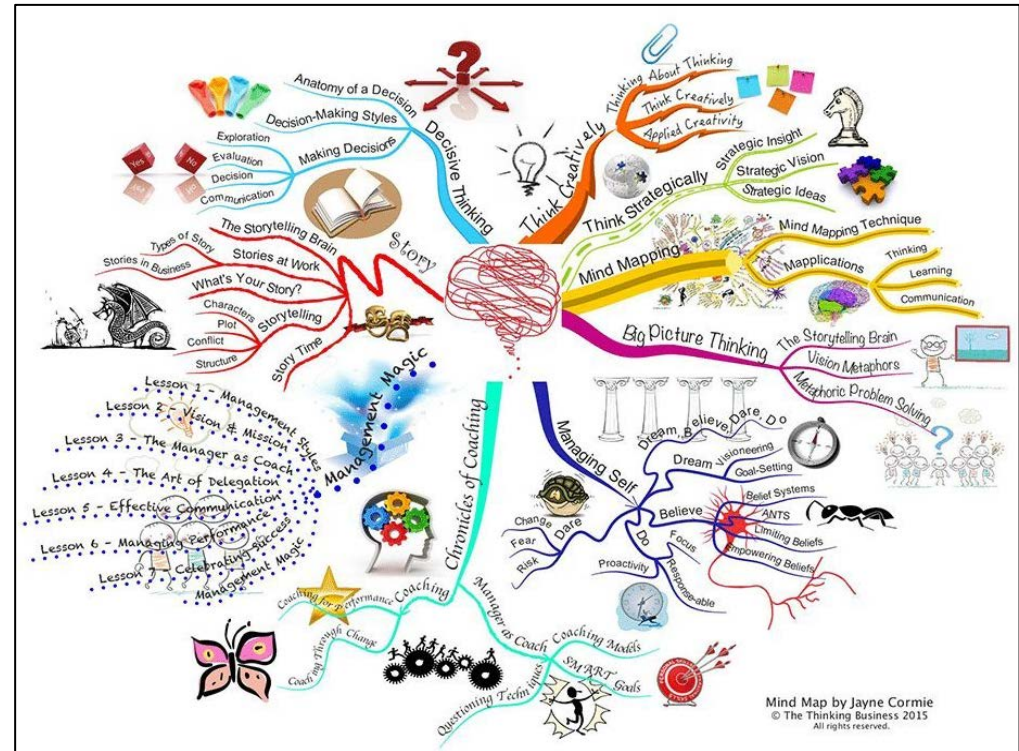
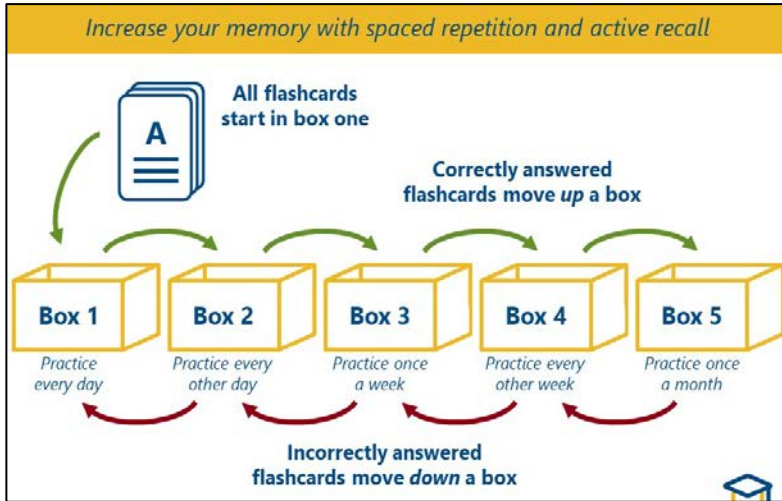
- Planning and Organisation
- Successful Revision Techniques
- Looking after yourself
- Useful Information

# Study habits and skills

## Short-term to Long-term Memory



# Study habits and skills



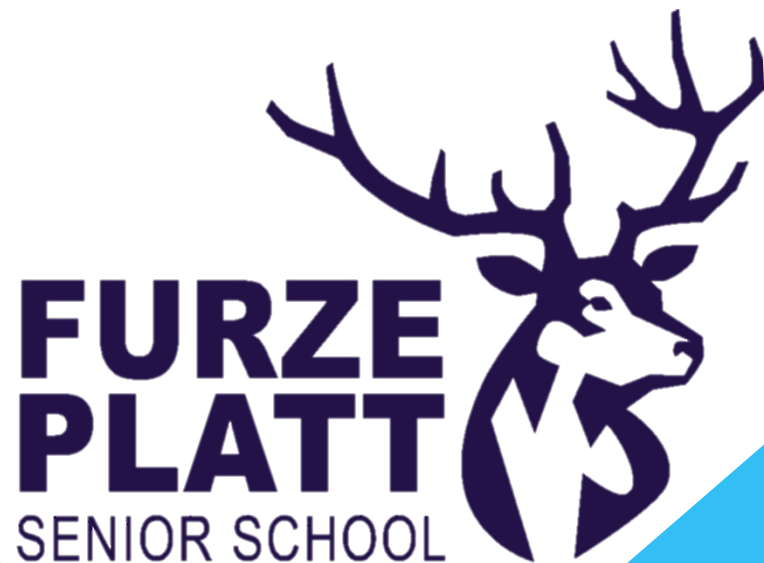
# A Summary for parents and carers of valuable revision strategies

1. Students need to retrieve information to be successful in their courses
2. Effective retrieval is only possible with continual revision and practise of learning
3. Organisation of notes must be accessible and encourage active revision
4. Students learn best when they vary subject/content over fixed time limits
5. Mobile phones and music, while pleasurable, are a distraction in the main



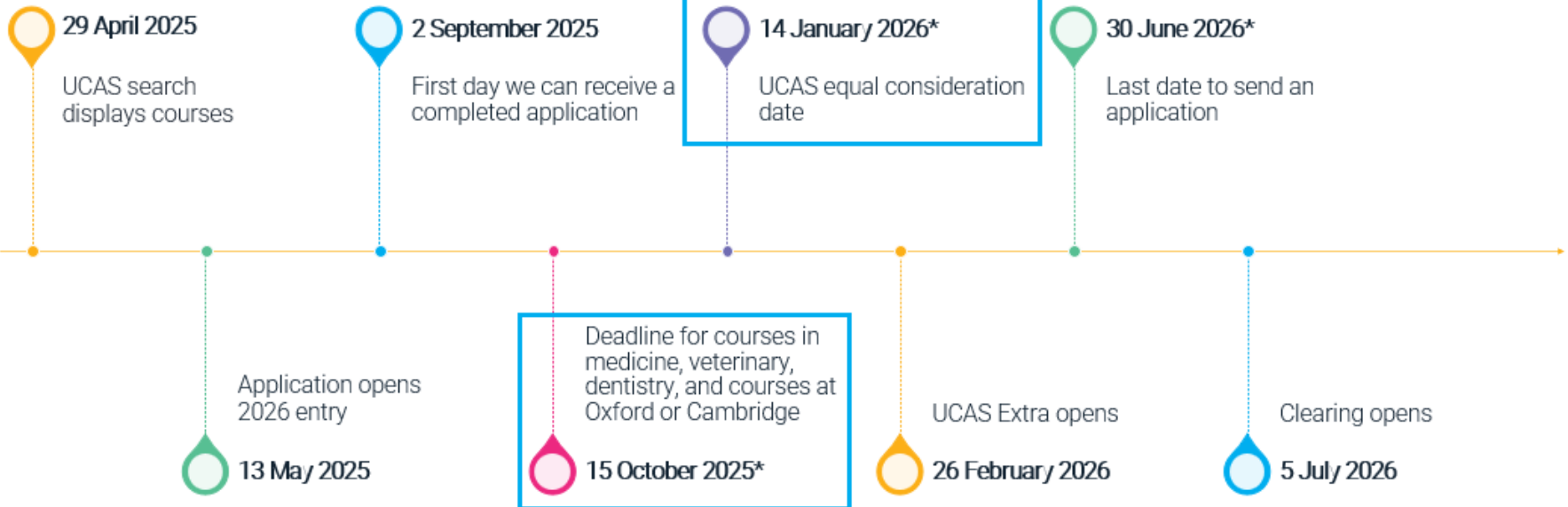
# A-Levels as their own success





Some final bits and pieces...

## KEY DATES FOR 2026



## THE A-Z OF APPRENTICESHIPS

There are **over 600** possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. It's probably easier to name an industry that doesn't have an apprenticeship than to list all that do. Here are just a few...

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal audit professional
- Intelligence analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
- Knitted product manufacturing
- Laboratory scientist
- Licensed conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational firefighter
- Orthodontic therapist
- Paralegal
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#)

# Sixth Form Newsletter!

- Make sure to watch your emails for the weekly newsletter, full of:
  - Notices and information
  - Careers and Futures Guidance
  - Wider opportunities for our young people

**Careers**



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**Paid 3 week summer internship with Zenopa**  
 Are you hoping to get a degree apprenticeship in Business after Sixth Form?  
 If yes, then a summer internship with Zenopa could be a great stepping stone to achieve that.

Zenopa in Penn, High Wycombe are looking for 4 interns for their summer internship programme.


**What will you get?**  
 £250 a week  
 Minimum 3 week internship  
 Invaluable experience in an office  
 Learn more about the degree apprenticeships they offer  
 Network and meet people  
 Boost your CV and apprenticeship applications

**The role**  
 On a day to day basis, you'll be working within a team to deliver recruitment services to a range of primarily Healthcare and Scientific businesses. You will be mentored by a current degree apprentice, providing a great insight into life as an apprentice alongside gaining some great commercial experience

**What do you need?**  
 Reliable daily transport to HP10 8EG  
 Minimum English and Maths GCSE Grade 5

Interested? Apply here: <https://zenopa.com/job-post/2024-summer-internship-life-science/73041/>





**Student Finance**  
 If you would like to go to university, but not sure how you will afford it, here is some useful information: <https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan>

Please note, that if you are applying for medicine or dentistry, you may be able to apply for an NHS bursary, depending on your circumstances. Find out if you are eligible and more: <https://www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries>

And the same for those applying for social work: <https://www.gov.uk/social-work-bursaries>

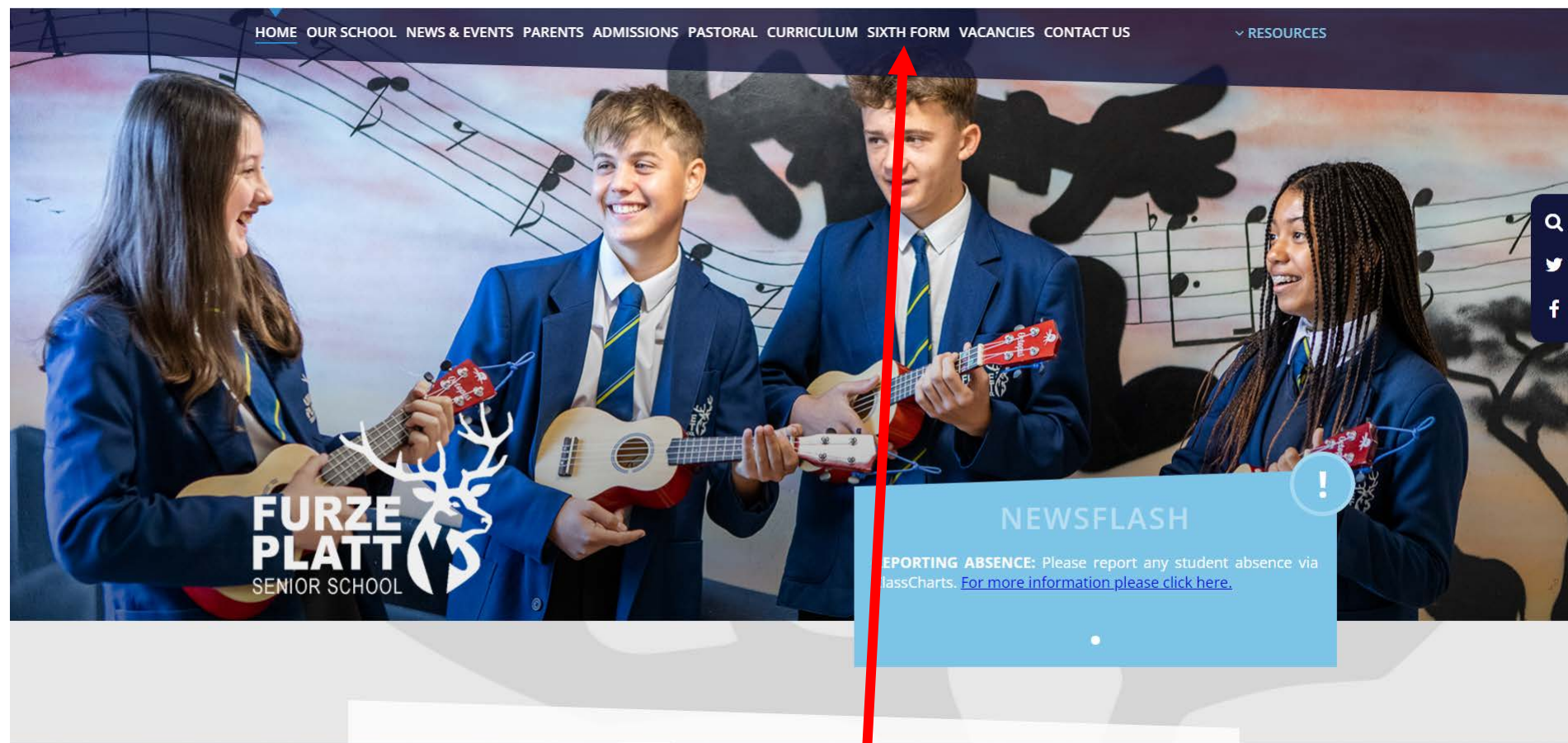
# PPEs

- Students have had PPEs in June of year 12
- Students are scheduled to have Y13 PPEs the week commencing **10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**
- Students will have additional in-class tests in order to prepare and familiarise them with exam-style assessment throughout this year

# Systems

- Class Charts – attendance, behaviour
- Study Bugs – reporting absence
- Go 4 Schools – progress and attainment, reports
- FP Cloud – subject resources, MS Forms, Teams
- Parent Mail – letters, notices and messages

# Useful Information



- All Sixth Form information can be found here.
- A copy of this presentation will be uploaded to the website under this tab shortly.

# Parental clinics

- Mr Colmer and I will be available to meet with parents each Wednesday afternoon between 3.30pm and 4.30pm
- We will be offering up to 30-minute appointments over the first half term for parents to drop in and ask any questions they may have
- If you would like an appointment time, please email [sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net](mailto:sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net) and we will respond with a time slot for a Wednesday afternoon

# Thank you for listening!

- Thank you for reading and listening to this Success in the Sixth Form presentation
- We hope this has been informative for you
- Should you have any further questions, do contact your child's form tutor and they will be only too happy to help