

Welcome to our second 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 continues for Year 12s – *we have given you a grace period of a week whilst you get used to your timetables. Please note that from Monday, anyone who misses TSS, will get a C4 Detention*

**Mon 22nd Sept: during PSHE:** *Talk on college alternatives to university by Lauren Davis from Activate Learning. This is a compulsory talk to all Year 12s and optional for Year 13s. If you are in Year 13 and still don't know what you want to do after Sixth Form, please do go to the talk.*

**Tues 7th Oct:** *Trip to ExCeL Centre to learn about careers in the creative sector – letters have gone out to Parents. We are initially giving priority to students who study at least one creative subject. If all the tickets don't go, we will then open them up to all students*

Photo from last week's  
amazing It's A KnockOut!





# Year 12

We have now completed our second full week of Sixth Form and I hope that you're beginning to get a good rhythm with your timetable. The deadline for changing your options has now passed and so you're tied into your A Levels for the rest of your time with us! Bearing that in mind – let's take a look at the big picture of how to make this a success:

- 1) Remember that you are on a **two year course**. Parts of your course will be trickier than others and you may trip on the way, however there is plenty of time to adapt, reflect and develop along the way.
- 2) **TSS**- you have had your first week of TSS. Ensure that you turn up to the session in hall with of your resources that you need and a plan of how to use your time. Are you completing home learning, consolidating or assessing yourself?
- 3) Plan your time wisely – now is the time (on a weekly basis) for you to identify when you are able to work. **Use a weekly timetable** – available in the Study Room– to fix your subject study time.
- 4) Make full use of the people around you – **speak to your teachers and your peers**. Finding a skill hard? See how your friend has overcome it –remember that you have a variety of tools at your disposal to be successful!
- 5) **REST WELL** – it is vital that you sleep and give yourself time to recover after each day. Don't underestimate how important this is to being successful!

It's been another fantastic week and I've really enjoyed having so many positive conversations with staff about your approach to Sixth Form and how you're conducting yourself. Keep up the good work!

If you need me, you can:

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- Book a clinic session with me afterschool on Wednesday between 3.30pm and 5.00pm by emailing [sixthformadmin@furzeplatt.net](mailto:sixthformadmin@furzeplatt.net)



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This week we launched Unifrog. Some of you have used this application in KS4 and so will be familiar with what it offers. However, we now will use Unifrog much more regularly for not only application to University and Apprenticeships but also super curricular, careers advice, courses support, Work Experience and much more.

You should all now have logged in and started to interact with the skills and careers section.

## What is the purpose of Unifrog?

- Explore which subjects you would be interested in studying post-18 and how these choices can lead to different career paths and further education.
- Discover and sign up to online courses in areas that you're interested in.
- Explore how to successfully apply to an apprenticeship or university course, including universities abroad.
- Support in writing a CV and Cover letter.
- Record key activities and achievements to use in your applications.

We hope students and parent/guardians enjoy using Unifrog and find the application useful when thinking about plans for the future.

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# Year 13

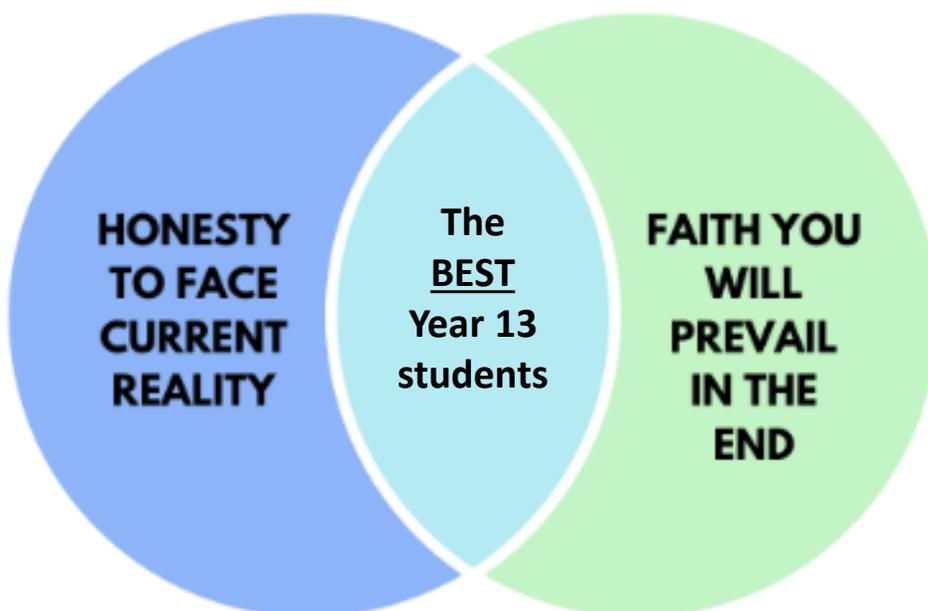
Hope you've all had an excellent week and that you're finding your rhythm in the new Sixth Form block.

As I've spoken to many of you this week, it is clear that the message shared in assembly has been received by many of you. It's been excellent to see Silent Study room usage increase, hear from some of you about organising time with your teachers and hearing about honest conversations that are happening with your tutors. An excellent start and one that I encourage you to keep going with.

Remember:

- Be optimistic that you can succeed.
- BUT reflect on where you are at the moment – do not be an ostrich and bury your head in the sand.

I've definitely felt like this week has been a tough one, so do look after yourselves over the weekend so that you're fighting fit for Monday.





# Year 13

Everyone should have completed a draft of their personal statement by now. If you have, please share this with your tutor for feedback!

If you haven't completed a draft of your personal statement – why not?

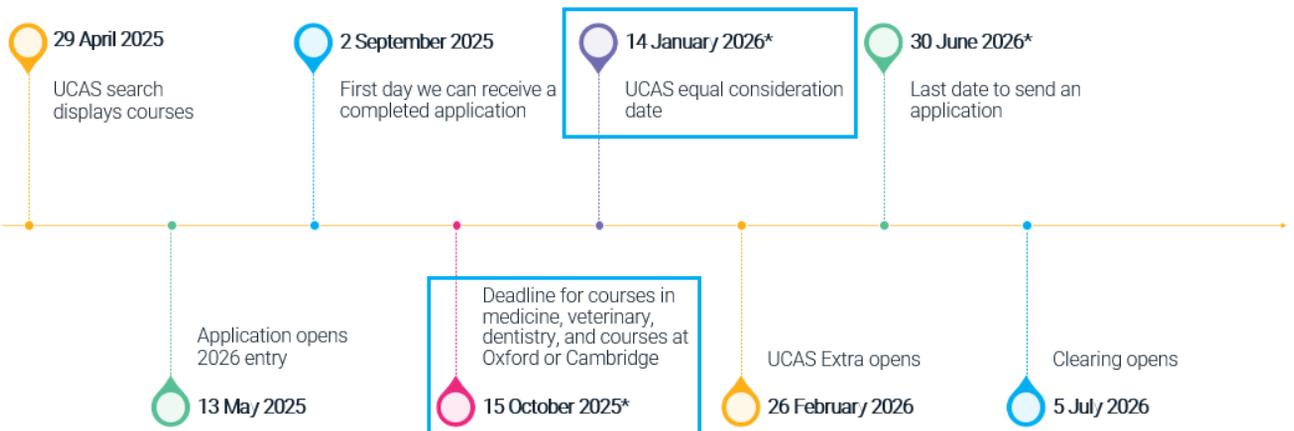
- Do your research into your future.
- Make time for completing it.
- Seek support where it is needed.

We will shortly be booking UCAS meetings and you don't want to find yourself without one before Christmas. Enjoy the research into your future and get going!



UCAS

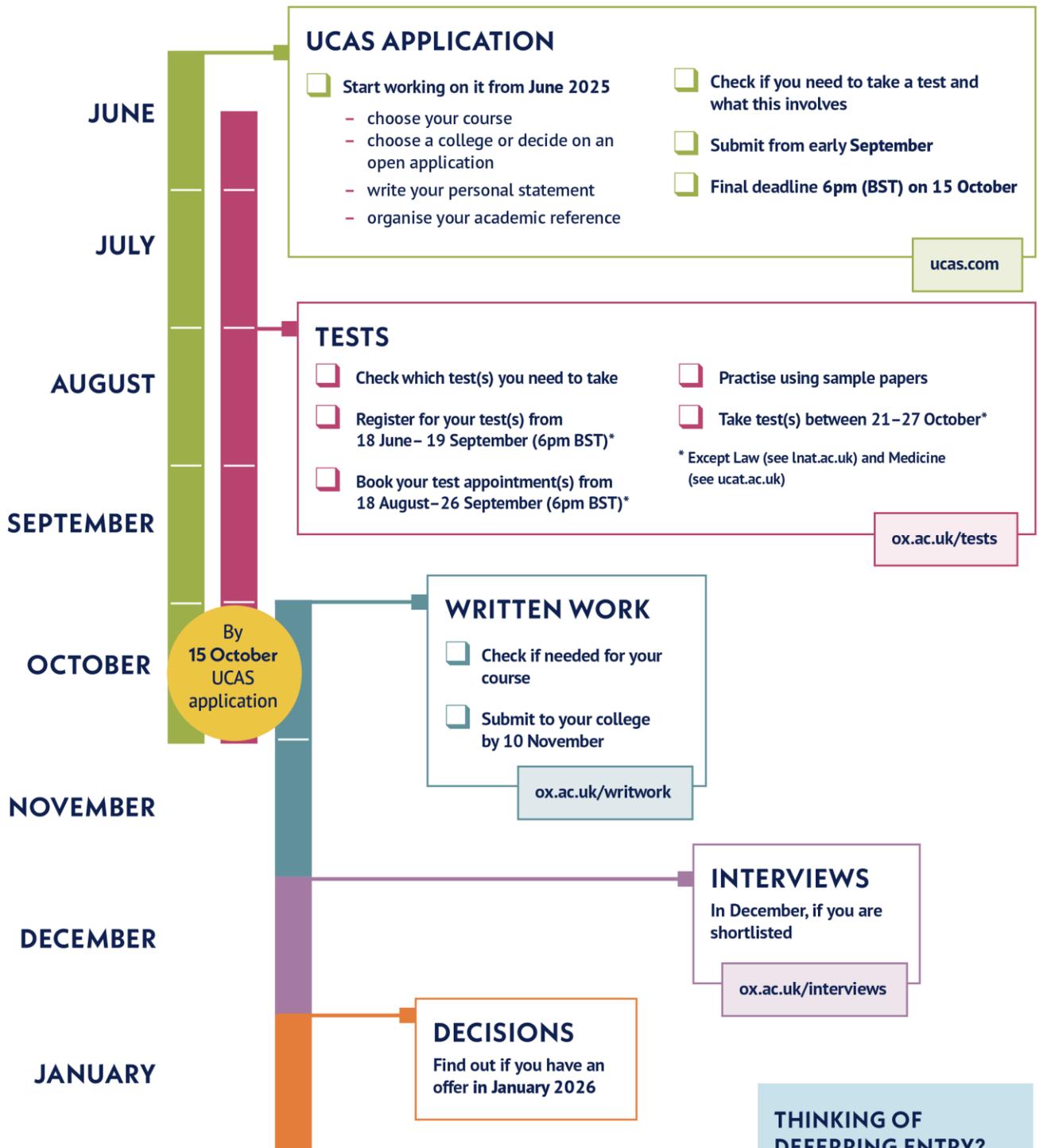
## KEY DATES FOR 2026



# 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.**





# Careers

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## Super curricular – boosting personal statements

Lots of you are asking me how to boost your personal statements.

Have a look at [Gresham College](#) and search for the topics that interest you. You can watch the mini lectures.

You can also read articles. [The Conversation](#) is an excellent source for these.



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## THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

## Year 13s – Apprenticeships with the BBC

The BBC are offering apprenticeships in: Business, Engineering, Production, Journalism and the Digital Field.

Applications go live on Tues 21st October. Set a reminder in your diaries!

To stay up-to-date, follow @BBCGetIn on Instagram



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**REMINDER: Trip for Y12s to The University of Sheffield**



**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.

**REMINDER: 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**

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

Letters have gone out via ParentMail.

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

Click [here](#) to find out more

