



# FURZE PLATT

## SIXTH FORM

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

### UPCOMING DATES

**Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct:** October Half Term

**Mon 3rd November:** return to school

**Mon 10th Nov – Fri 14th Nov:** Y13 PPEs

**Tues 25th November 6-8pm:** Careers & Higher Education Fair at school.

Dear Parents

On the evening of **Tues 25th November from 6-8pm**, we will be holding our **annual Furze Platt Careers & Higher Education Fair (CHEF)**. This is a fantastic opportunity for Y10, 11, 12 and 13 students and their parents/guardians to meet potential colleges and universities, employers and apprenticeship providers.

We always love to welcome new people, so if you, or anybody in your organisation, would be interested in having a stall at the event to tell others about what you do and what career prospects are like in that industry, please do get in touch.

We'd love to connect with professionals from ALL industries,  
But are particularly looking for people in:

- Banking & finance
- The motor industry
- Creative careers
- Hair & beauty



So, please feel free to mention this to friends and contacts of yours who you think may be keen to take part and to contact us on: [judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net](mailto:judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net)



# Year 12

## Metacognition- do you know what this is?

It is the awareness and understanding of your own thought process.



Research shows that if you as a learner can understand how you learn, the processes to learning and reflect on your learning and how to improve, you can make up to 8 months more progress. Further reading can be found here:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self-regulation>

This is why, in form time we complete reflection tasks and 1-1 coaching conversations so that you are reviewing your own learning. The more depth and thought you put into these, the more impact it will have.

Next term, we explore metacognition in more detail but if this is something that interests you, please take a look at this further reading:

<https://tll.mit.edu/teaching-resources/how-people-learn/metacognition/>

<https://cambridge-community.org.uk/professional-development/gswmeta/index.html>



# Year 12

University of Bath are running a series of parent webinars for parents of students in Year 12 who are hoping to go to University. Please see below for further information:

## Year 12 Parent Webinar Series – Supporting your child

We are running a NEW series of parent webinars, designed to help parents and guardians support their child in applying to university for 2026 entry. Please share the below information with your parents/carers about the series and we look forward to hopefully seeing them at the webinars.

Each webinar will be 30 minutes long and includes a short presentation and Q+A session.

Topics include:

- Introduction to university – Tuesday 23 September 2025
- How to choose a university and course – Wednesday 22 October 2025
- How to apply to university and supporting the personal statement – Wednesday 26 November 2025
- What happens after applying? – Thursday 4 December 2025
- Support at university – what to expect – Tuesday 3 February 2026
- Dedicated Q+A session – Wednesday 25 February 2026

Anyone interested can sign up for each session and all of them will be recorded and added to our Information for Parents webpage for them to watch at their convenience.

Further information and booking: [Information for Parents](#)

Email questions to us at: [parents-webinars@bath.ac.uk](mailto:parents-webinars@bath.ac.uk)

If you need me, you can:

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



# Year 13

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We're about to head into the final week of what has been an incredibly long first half of the Autumn term. 8 weeks?! Madness.

If you're anything like me, you'll be looking forward to having a well-earned rest.

Use the final week of term as an opportunity to get your head in gear and have everything you need to be successful in your work over the October Break. Remember, whilst it is a break, you should be aiming to study each day in some way to help prepare for your PPEs.

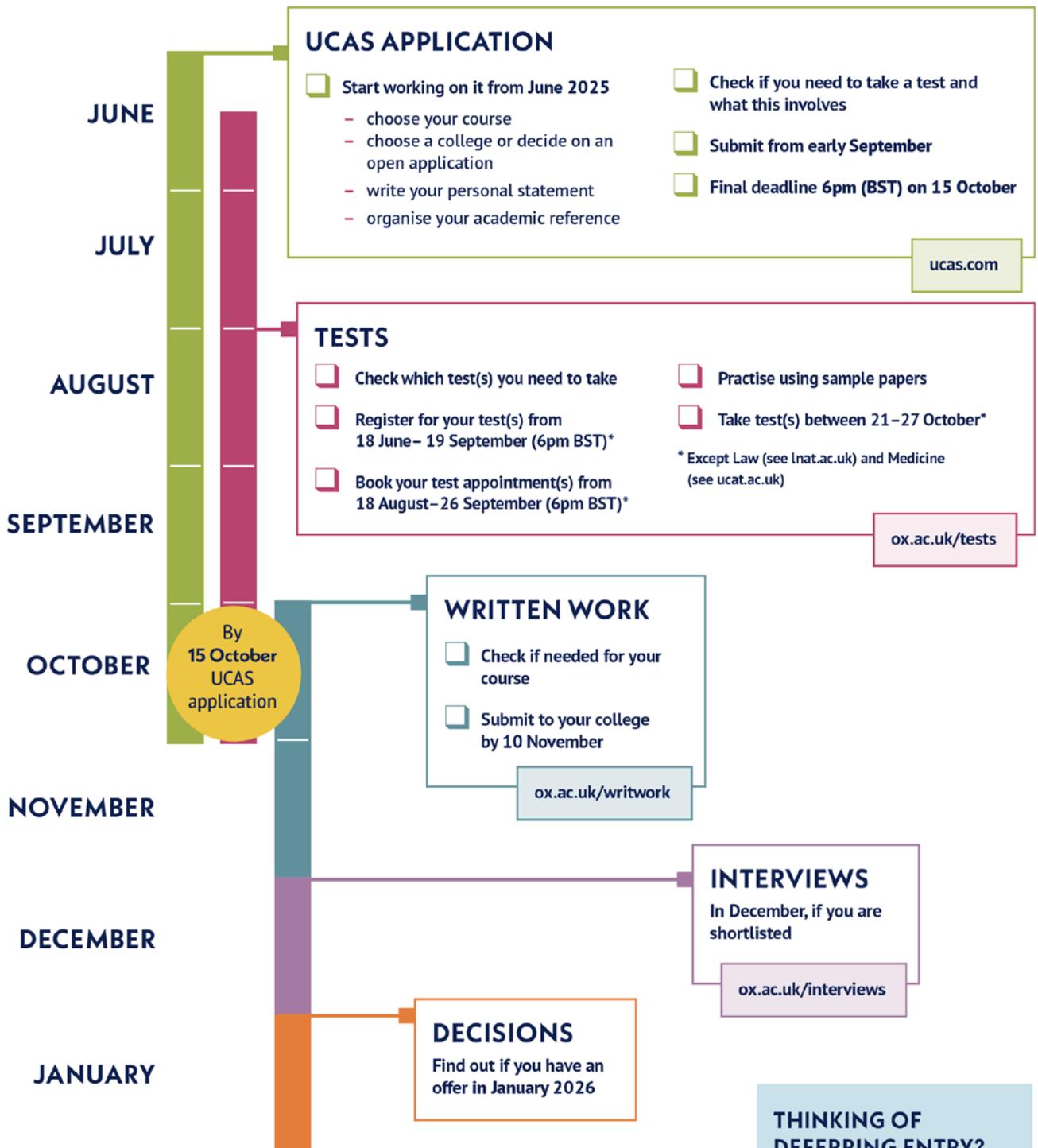
Here are my top tips:

- 1) Speak to your teachers to ensure that you know what is going to be on the PPE.
- 2) Ensure that you have your Specification breakdowns/ relevant PLCs to help guide your revision.
- 3) Download and print some exam questions in advance so that you don't have to waste time looking for them.
- 4) Ensure that you have revision guides/notes etc. ready to use them in your revision. You should be **testing** yourself to ensure knowledge security.
- 5) Remember the rule of 8 – 8hrs of work, 8hrs of sleep, 8hrs of you time.

# 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 – Pre reading- the BASMO method



**Another way of pre-reading is by using the BASMO method:**

**Browsing-** Skim the material to get a grasp of its structure and the key elements

**Annotating-** making notes in the margins of pages and underlining key portions with a highlighter will help you remember critical details as you read.

**Summarising-** after pre-reading the text, make a quick summary of its key points

Mapping- map the text to highlight the connections between various ideas and concepts. Are there any links within what is written?

**Outlining-** arrange the information you gathered from the text in the previous steps into an outline with main ideas and supportive information.

All study sessions can be found here: <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form+Study+Support&pid=84>

# Tutor resource of the week – Managing time



- Use one of the following techniques to manage your upcoming deadlines and work.
  - Pomodoro
  - Eisenhower Matrix
  - Study timetable
- Remember that this requires effort, but it helps you to be more effective.
- The **best** students (and workers!) own the time that they have.

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before school							
9.15-10.15	Blue	Green	Blue		Blue		
10.15-11.15							
Break 1							
11.45-12.45		Green		Blue	Yellow		
12.45-13.45		Yellow		Green			
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							
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## Futures Festival at Pinewood Studios



Pinewood Studios are hosting their annual Futures Festival on Fri 30th and Sat 31st January where you will:

- Learn about careers in TV and film
- Meet employers and industry professionals
- Take part in workshops

It is a VERY popular free event and tickets go very fast. I highly recommend registering your interest in advance so that you get an alert when tickets are available to book.

<https://pinewoodgroup.com/futures-festivals-sign-up/>

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**For Oxbridge students – 3 online workshops in November with Eton College**

**Tues 4th November 5pm:**

What to expect from your interview

**Tues 11th November 5pm:**

Q&A with current Oxbridge students

**Tues 18th November 5pm:**

Live Mock Interview and Q&A

To sign up, you can scan the barcode below or send an email

to [etonconnect@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:etonconnect@etoncollege.org.uk)



Oxbridge Interview Support  
Webinar Sign Up 2025





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Find out more about apprenticeships with BP – Tues 21st October online 6.30-7.30pm



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## Apprenticeships at bp

**21 OCTOBER 2025, 6.30 - 7.30PM**

Thinking about life after school? Want to build a career that's exciting, global, and future-focused - without the student debt? Join us for this exclusive webinar to discover how a bp apprenticeship could be your first step into a world of opportunity.

bp is one of the world's leading energy companies, our purpose is to deliver energy to the world, today and tomorrow.

Explore all of bp's school-leaver apprenticeship pathways in:

- ⚙️ **Engineering** - get hands-on with real energy solutions
- 💻 **Digital** - data, software, cyber security & innovation
- 🔬 **Science** - lab-based roles that drive real change
- 📊 **Business** - think HR, finance, procurement & more
- 🚢 **Supply, Trading & Shipping** - dive into fast-paced global markets
- 🗣️ **Meet the recruitment team** - hear what makes a standout applicant

**REGISTER YOUR SPOT NOW**

Register [here](#)



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**BBC Apprenticeships in Business, Digital Tech & Data, Engineering & Journalism opening on 21st October and closing on 13th Nov**

**BBC Apprenticeships in Production opening 9th Dec and closing 11th Jan**



Want to apply?

Follow BBC Get In on Instagram and click in the links in their bio from 21st Oct

You can also visit [www.bbc.in/FAQ](http://www.bbc.in/FAQ)



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**Degree apprenticeships with EY in Business now open**

The Sixth Formers' Guide  
**Degree Apprenticeships**

**Applications are now open for 2026 Apprenticeship Programmes at EY.**

**EY**  
Shape the future with confidence

To apply, click [here](#)



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## Virtual Discovery Events and Taster Days with Pathway CTM



Pathway CTM are offering a number of online discovery events in a number of industries. Students and parents can both sign up.

If you spot something you like, you will need to register first via this link: <https://pathwayctm.com/student-register/> and then choose the event you want to join online.

**Sony Music:** Tues 21st Oct 6-7pm

**Deloitte (Risk Management/Auditing/Finance/Tax):** Wed 22nd Oct 5.30-6.30pm

**AWE (Nuclear Engineering):** Wed 22nd Oct 5.30-6.30pm (Y13s only)

**PwC Flying Start Application Clinic (Risk Management/Auditing/Finance/Tax):** Thurs 23rd Oct 6-7pm (Y13s only)

For more about the Flying Start programmes, click [here](#)

**Apprenticeship Opportunities in Finance:** Wed 29th Oct 6.15-7pm





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## Creative Career 1 hour Broadcasts with Futures For All

Futures For All are hosting one hour talks on careers in the creative industry. Ideal if you have a TSS or a Free at that time. If you would like to attend the talk but are not available then, the broadcasts will be uploaded to the Futures For All library a couple of days after:

<https://www.futuresforall.org/talks-library>



Attending these talks can help you decide if that industry is the right one for you, plus it could be something you write about in your personal statements and apprenticeship applications.

You need to sign up at least 24 hours before the talk [here](#)

<b>Discover your Future in Fashion &amp; Textiles with UKFT</b>	<b>Journalism! The Power of the Press with Natalie Fahy</b>	<b>Careers on Screen and in Gaming: Inspiring Journeys with BAFTA</b>
4th Nov - 2pm	5th Nov - 2pm	6th Nov - 10am
<b>Create Your Future: How Apprenticeships Can Power Your Creative Career</b>	<b>Off Camera: Discover Hidden Roles in the Screen Industries</b>	<b>Discover careers in VFX: Movie Magic</b>
10th Nov - 10am	12th Nov - 11am	12th Nov - 2pm
<b>Scripts, Sets and Spotlights: Insights into Theatre Careers with Get Into Theatre</b>	<b>Big Ideas, Small Teams: Inside the Indie Games Industry</b>	<b>All about Audio: Exploring Sound careers</b>
13th Nov - 10am	13th Nov - 2pm	14th Nov - 10am