



UPCOMING DATES

Tues 25th Nov 6-8pm: Careers & Higher Education Fair at school. [More details in Newsletter](#)

Thurs 27th Nov 6-9pm: Sixth Form Open Evening

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



What a fantastic evening celebrating the official opening of our newly refurbished Sixth Form last Thursday.

Huge thank you to everyone who joined us — and to Joshua Reynolds MP for unveiling our plaque.

Click [here](#) to see a video of the event.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and families to experience the new facilities at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 27 November 2025, 6–9pm.



Year 12

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who attended last night's Parents Evening. It was a really positive atmosphere, and I hope you gained insights into your studies, where things are going really well and actions for moving forwards.

For the remaining 4 weeks of term, we are exploring metacognition in form time. The aim of this is you learn how you learn to improve your outcomes. This week we explored the following cycle to use improve your metacognition. The session can be found here: <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form+Study+Support&pid=84>



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 sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net



Year 13

There are now just **four weeks** until the Christmas holidays – it is unbelievable how quickly this term has gone so far! Whilst I'm sure that many of you are still tired from the process of completing your PPEs, it's important that we keep going until the Christmas holidays as there are still a lot of deadlines coming up:

- 1) UCAS – there are 38 slots left before Christmas. Approximately 80 of you want a slot.
- 2) Coursework drafts – lots of you will have coursework to complete and may have several pieces to action. Make time proactively in your schedule to ensure that you can keep on top of this.
- 3) BTEC exams and resits – for those of you taking BTEC exams, you are in the end game **now**. You are on a different schedule to other A level exams, so don't be lulled into a false sense of time. Get revising and preparing!

For those of you that have heard from universities already, don't make any decisions yet – we will discuss this, as well as student finance and accommodation, in term 3.



Well done to the rugby team for their first match!



CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

CHEF 2025

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SENIOR SCHOOL



YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 11 YEAR 12 YEAR 13

Tuesday 25 November, 6pm - 8pm
in the Main Hall & Theatre



No booking required,
just turn up!

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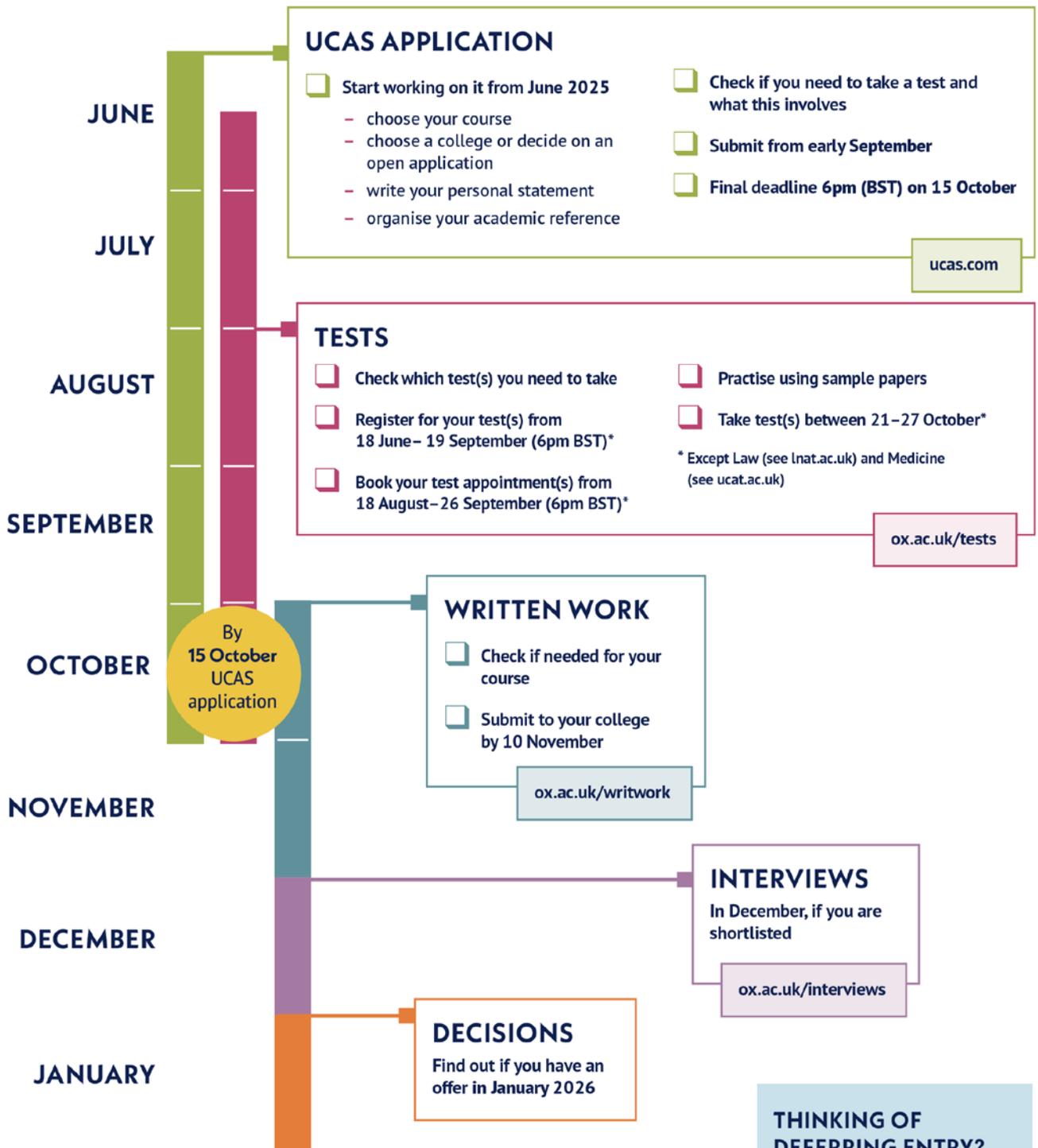
Located in the
MAIN HALL

You can see the whole programme of events [here](#).

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.



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Paid work experience and apprenticeships with Forvis Mazars

Interested in a career in audit & assurance, tax, and advisory services?

The firm Forvis Mazars is offering:

- Paid work experience during the Easter holidays for Year 12s
- Apprenticeship opportunities for Year 13

Year 12s: The applications for the paid work experience will open in January. Create an account and register your interest [here](#) and get notified when you can apply.

As part of the placement, students will:

- Take part in interactive business simulations with real-world challenges
- Attend skills-building workshops on communication, teamwork and career readiness
- Connect, collaborate and network in a hybrid setting
- Gain an insight into our recruitment process with the opportunity to transfer to one of our school leaver apprenticeship roles.

Year 13s: [Here](#) are the current vacancies. The closest to here are Sutton and London. There are 7 pages of vacancies so make sure you look through them all. If you are willing to relocate, there are opportunities all over the country.

Find out more here: <https://careers-uk.forvismazars.com/jobs/work-experience/>





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4 Apprenticeships now open in West London with sky



Sky currently have apprenticeships open for you to apply for in:

- ❖ Journalism
- ❖ Editing
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Billing
- ❖ Digital Marketing

Find out more and apply [here](#)



Financial incentives to attend university open days



It is Open Day season for universities. To prevent it costing you so much to attend these, the website Uni Taster Day has made a list of the different incentives on offer, including:

- Travel bursaries
- Discounts on hotel accommodation
- Discounts on trains and coaches
- Vouchers for Uber Eats
- Free lunches
- Free car parking
- Discounts on Food & Drink
- Reimbursement of car mileage

Find out more here: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/event-incentives/>

Front of House roles at Knead Pizza Restaurant, Maidenhead

Knead is looking for part-time Front of House staff.

Interested? Print off your CV and go and drop it off in the restaurant.

Here is their [website](#) and address:
Unit A, Trinity Place, St Ives Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1SG





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A Day In the Life Of Charlie Jessop Software Engineer at Capgemini – IT Consultancy



What is your job and what do you do?

I am a software architect, I work with a team to create software for other companies that allows them to do whatever they do. E.g. a grocery shop might have software to sell their goods to customers or a bank might have software to send documents to their account holders.

Can you describe a typical day?

I start every day with a short team meeting where we each say our plan and get updates from each other, plan each other's time. I usually spend my time after that turning vague customer requests into detailed design documents, or on meetings with my team to help them solve problems they can't on their own, or with customers trying to understand their problems to allow us to make their software better.

What did you study? (From 16 and up)

I studied Maths, Latin, Physics and Chemistry at school. Then at university I studied Engineering.

How do people usually get into that field/industry? Is that how you got into it?

People would normally get into my field via a computer science degree or other technical subject degree, followed by a grad scheme. Though apprenticeships are becoming more common.

What other jobs have you had?

I have been ground crew at an airport and a flying instructor.

What is your greatest achievement?

Porting my job abroad to explore new parts of the world.

What are the skills and qualities you feel you need in this role?

There is space in software for lots of different skills. I work with people who are primarily creative and like to build their own things. I work with people who are very analytical problem solvers and love tracking down subtle issues through logical thinking. I work with people who are methodical and organised who keep things organised and put everything in order. All these are hugely valuable on a software team.



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What are the good things about your job? Any downsides?

Because software is primarily on the cloud these days, I can be very flexible and work from pretty much anywhere with an internet connection. This means I can fit my job around my life rather than the other way around. I don't see a downside to this, though some people might get isolated if not managed carefully!

Has Covid had an impact on your sector?

Yes - we've gone from 10% remote work to 90% remote work across the sector.

Is AI impacting on your work?

Yes - every customer wants to be able to advertise that they're using AI even if it makes no sense for them. AI coding tools are getting rapidly better, but are not yet close to replacing software engineers. At the moment they are being used by people to work faster. The demand for software is only going up as more and more things are digitised, so even if AI does replace some of the low level software work, overall I'm confident software is a job that will be around for a very long time.

What advice would you give to your younger self?

Make career and life decisions that take you in the overall direction you want to go even if they're not 100% perfect in the short term. Then regularly take steps to improve and you'll end up where you want to be!

If you could go back in time, would you still do this job? What else were you tempted by?

Yes, it suits me! I thought about being an airline pilot, but looking back I'm glad I made the choice I did.

Anything else you would like to add?

Nothing to add, but happy to talk to people thinking of software as a career who might have more questions!

Parents & Guardians,

A Day In the Life Of is a feature we often like to have in our weekly newsletter.

If you would like to inspire the next generation and tell them about what you do, please email me on claire.beale@furzeplatt.net