



UPCOMING DATES

Thurs 22nd Jan Break 2 – RAG Meeting in H8

Wed 28th Jan- Oxford University Trip

Tues 10th to Thurs 12th Feb – School Musical We Will Rock You-
booking for tickets is open- come and support!

Wed 11th Feb – Trip to National Apprenticeship Show – 15 extra
spaces available – first come first serve

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

Year 12

Where to look?

- Sharepoint- [previous WEX placements](#)
- Pathway CTM
- Unifrog – special opportunities tool
- Student Ladder
- Asking relatives if they know anyone in a particular industry.
- Companies that attended CHEF – did you speak to anyone there?
- Asking speakers who have come in to give careers/HE talks
- <https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Students/Schools-Work-Experience.html> for students interested in scientific research



The focus this week has been on work experience (29th June 2026 – 3rd July 2026) and ensuring that you're set up to find an exciting opportunity for the week. More information on this can be found on the powerpoint that was shared with you after our launch on Wednesday.

The key takeaways for work experience are the following:

- 1) It's what you do that matters, not where you are – be versatile in thinking about where you can achieve your goals and what you gain from the experience.
- 2) Spend time researching using the tools that we've shared with you – there are some brilliant ones out there that you'll need to act quickly on.
- 3) Communicate clearly with providers to ensure that you promote the right image of yourself.
- 4) Upload your work experience placement onto Unifrog using the work experience placement tool so that we can confirm the placement.
- 5) Be accurate in what you communicate and upload!

By now you should have also started (or in some cases finished) your CV. Next week we will be uploading this to Unifrog as well – this will be important when we practice interviews with you later in the year.

Ultimately, work experience is great! Enjoy the process!

Year 13

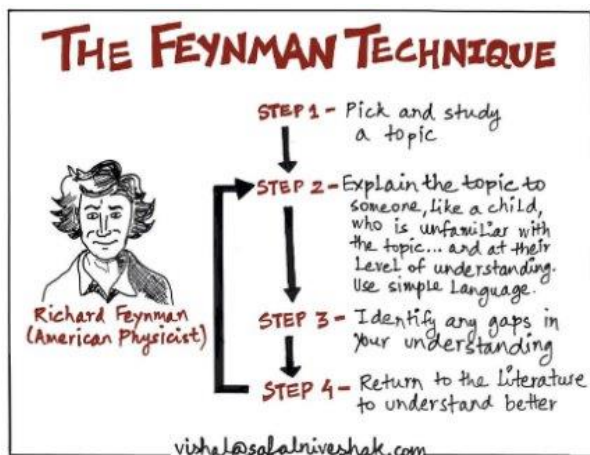
You may be feeling stressed and anxious about the summer. The best way to overcome this feeling is to be proactive and take action. In the past we have created timetables and how to organise your time to ensure you make the most of it! Be in control of when you are working, up the hours now (you'll thank yourself later) and seek feedback outside of what your teachers are giving the whole class.

Remember – outside of lesson time you have 87 hours of available study per fortnight:

- 15hrs of study periods
- 6hrs of TSS
- 40hrs of study time during the week (if studying between 4pm and 6pm and 7.30pm and 9.30pm)
- 26hrs of potential weekend study (if following a school timetable + weekday evening schedule).

This is **more** than enough time to complete any home learning that is set by your teachers **AND** revision for your summer exams.

The key is to plot out your time on a weekly basis so that you are in the driving seat.



Remember- you should now be at the stage in your studies where you are APPLYING knowledge. Complete the study task above and then APPLY this to a practice question.

P.S- teachers love extra marking! Feel free to do a past paper/essay question, EXTRA to set home learning and they will be happy to mark it, I'm sure!



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Trip to National Apprenticeship Show **Wed 11th Feb 9am to 2pm**
15 new spaces will be available to buy soon

All 50 tickets for the National Apprenticeship Show on **Wednesday 11th February** at Sandown Park Racecourse have now sold out. We are arranging a larger coach and 15 new spaces will be available to buy on IRIS ParentMail shortly.



In addition to apprenticeship providers in London and the Southeast of the country, there will also be universities and colleges present at the show.

TICKETS AND COST

There will soon be 15 new spaces available and places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. **The deadline to pay is Mon 2nd Feb.**

Tickets to the show are free and you would only need to cover the cost of the coach which is £12. **Please note** - *If you are in receipt of the school bursary, you may be eligible for this to be covered. Please see Mrs Pasa about this.*

Parents – you will be shortly receiving an email and can then make the payment on IRIS Parent Mail.

WHAT IS THE SHOW ABOUT?

To find out more about the fair, please check out this [website](#). You can also see the list of the companies and universities which will be present on the day [here](#).

Please note: *If the fair is similar to last year, there will be a range of employers and apprenticeships – not just degree apprenticeships. This is because some jobs do not actually require degrees and therefore the apprenticeships you will hear about on the trip will range from Level 2 to Level 6 or 7. All of these apprenticeships are fantastic opportunities with great salaries and perks so do not be put off by the idea that you don't always do a degree.*

Year 12s - Last year we also found that many of the employers were very keen to take students on for work experience, so if you are looking for a placement, this may be a very good opportunity for you to approach employers and ask them.





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Level 2 or 3 NVQ Apprenticeship with furniture company Ercol
Open Evening Mon 9th Feb 2026
6-8pm at their factory in Princes Risborough

ercol

Ercol is a family-run furniture company which originally started in 1920 in High Wycombe and is now based in Princes Risborough (approx. 30 minute drive from here)

To find out more, here is their [website](#) and to book a space, click [here](#)



Virtual Insight Event with BDO
Find out about apprenticeships and work experience
Tues 20th Jan 2026
5 – 6.30 pm



BDO are an international Accountancy and Business Advice organisation which specialise in Audit, Tax, Finance, Actuary and more

To find out more, here is their [website](#) and to book a space, click [here](#)

They have a number of locations across the UK including Reading and Guilford.



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Are you considering applying to
The University of Cambridge?
Join the webinar series Think Cambridge
9th to 13th Feb



If you are interested in finding out more about the Cambridge application process, you can click [here](#) to register for the sessions below. You can attend as many as you like.

Monday 9 February	Explaining the collegiate system	5pm to 6pm
Tuesday 10 February	Application kickstart: planning ahead	5pm to 6pm
Wednesday 11 February	Deciding on your course: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Covers all arts and humanities subjects including Architecture and Design.	5pm to 6pm
Wednesday 11 February	Deciding on your course: Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	5pm to 6pm
Wednesday 11 February	Deciding on your course: STEM Covers all science related subjects including Economics, Geography, and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences.	5pm to 6pm
Thursday 12 February	Supporting an applicant: for parents and supporters	5pm to 6pm
Thursday 12 February	Inside student life: live Q and A	5pm to 6:30pm
Friday 13 February	What is the Cambridge Foundation Year?	5pm to 6pm

