



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

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



A huge well done to the following students who have completed their GOLD DofE and will be attending Buckingham Palace in the summer. Well done to Edward Foxtan, Adam Kurpiel, Sophie McLachlan, Pacey Thandi

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



Most of you should have started finalising your CVs please get your tutors, Ms. Palocsai, Mrs. Kalinowski, Mr. Ging or Mrs. Beale to check these over.



Our key focus for year 12 has been work experience.

- As said in the previous Newsletter this is a great opportunity for you.
- It is important that by the end of next week your CVs are complete and you start outreach to potential employers.



- **REC** on Wednesday is **compulsory**, failure to attend will result in a DT
- BTEC intervention to start from next Thursday during form, an email will be sent to those students involved.
- Next week's focus will be on Destinations

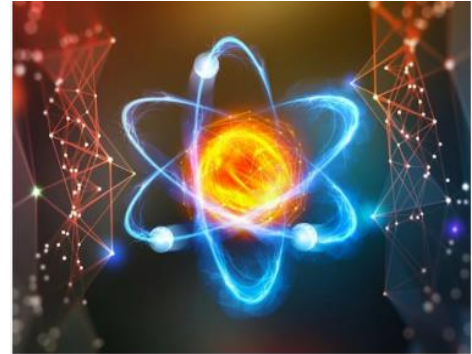
Year 13

We are now half way through this term. Take time this weekend to work out where you're at and what you need to build your energy for the final 3 weeks of the term.

- What's going well?
- What do you need to do this weekend to give you energy for the final week ahead?

Taking care of yourself is a key part of keeping motivated and finding momentum at this tricky time of year.

If you're struggling to build momentum, breaking the big picture down into a smaller focus is a great way to stay motivated. Give it a go – you might find it empowering.



Specific area of focus:

WOOP	Questions	Answers
Wish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your most important wish or concern between now and Easter?• Pick a wish that feels challenging but that you can reasonably fulfil.	
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your wish is fulfilled, where would that leave you?• What would be the best, most positive outcome?• How would fulfilling your wish make you feel?	
Obstacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is it within you that holds you back from fulfilling your wish? It might be an emotion, an irrational belief, or a bad habit.	
Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What can you do to overcome your obstacle?• Identify one action you can take or one thought you can think to overcome your obstacle.• Make the following plan for yourself:• "If... (obstacle), then I will ... (action or thought)."	



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Work Experience Week

Virtual placement in Science, Defence & Technology
with Qinetiq

3 days: 29th June – 1st July

10am to 3pm

Location: online – you will need access to a laptop,
Teams and Google Classroom

Deadline to apply: 1st June

As you know, week beginning 29th June is the compulsory Year 12 work experience week. If you are interested in Science, Technology or Engineering in the field of defence, security and aerospace, this may be a useful one for you to do.

It is online? Is that still ok?

Yes! Remote and virtual placements are accepted

This is only for 3 days. Is that still ok?

Yes! You would then need to do 2 days elsewhere with another company (either remotely or in-person) or come into school

What if I apply and then find something better?

That's ok. It is better to apply to this and secure your place. You can always turn them down later if you find something more convenient or more suited to you.

Here is the [Qinetiq website](#) and click [here](#) to find out more and apply





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Trip to the National Apprenticeship Show – 11th Feb

All 67 places have now sold out. If you wanted a place and missed out, here is a [waiting list](#) to sign up in case someone can't make it.

If you did book a place and now, for whatever reason, will not be able to go, please let me know so someone else can take your place.

I will be sending out more information about the trip closer to the time, including a QR code for you to register individually, which will help you swap contact details with employers on the day.




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APPRENTICESHIP SHOW





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Work Experience Week

In-person placement with Diamond Light Source

5 days: 29th June – 3rd July

9am to 5pm

Location: Didcot, OX11 0DE

Deadline to apply: 1st Feb



Diamond Light Source are offering a 5 day placement where you can choose up to 3 projects you would like to work on including:

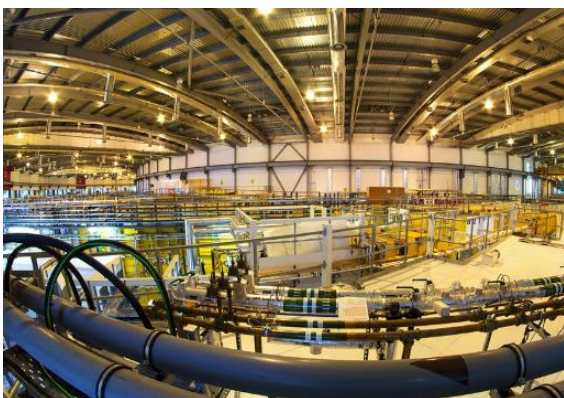
- Computer Science
- Coding
- Web development
- Programming
- Biology
- Environmental
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Maths
- Engineering
- Mechanical Design
- Media/Marketing
- Law



Diamond is a synchrotron: a huge scientific machine, more than half a kilometre in circumference, designed to produce very intense beams of X-rays, infrared and ultraviolet light.

Please note this is in Didcot and you would need to be there from 9am to 5pm every day. Do have a think if you are able to do this commute or whether you have friends or family nearby who you could stay with for the week. Diamond Light Source can also offer accommodation suggestions but you would need to pay for that yourselves.

Here is the [Diamond Light Source website](#) and click [here](#) to find out more and apply





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Apprenticeships with Warner Bros – Discovery webinar Tues 10th Feb 6pm

Warner Brothers is the famous brand and name behind many films, TV shows and games that you will probably recognise, including The Batman, Harry Potter and Inception.

Find out more about Warner Bros [here](#).

There are offering a Discovery webinar so you can learn about their apprenticeship programme.

Interested in joining? Fill out the short registration form [here](#).



What to Expect:

-  **Hear from our current apprentices** as they share their personal journeys and experiences.
-  **Discover the exciting projects they've worked on** and how these have equipped them with invaluable #SkillsforLife.
-  **Celebrate their achievements** and gain insight into the impact of our apprenticeship programme.
-  **Learn more about our programme** and how it's designed to help apprentices thrive.





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Get Into Law Virtual Work Experience Evening: Explore Legal Careers with Global Law Firms Monday 9th February 5pm - 6.30pm

What to Expect?

- Workshop rooms on Zoom, where you can rotate around rooms to chat with different employers and dive deeper into different areas of law
- Insights into **solicitor apprenticeships, training programmes and work experience schemes**
- First-hand experiences from **current legal apprentices and trainees**
- Advice on **applications, securing work experience, and making yourself stand out**
- Interactive sessions with **Early Careers teams and senior**
- The opportunity to ask questions and network with various legal professionals

This event is a **must-attend** for anyone considering a legal career. Whether you are set on becoming a solicitor, interested in alternative routes, or simply exploring your options, this session will provide valuable insights to help shape your future.

[Register Here](#)





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ONLINE EVENT

KICK-START YOUR CAREER IN AUDIT

27th January 6:30-7:30pm

- Learn how you can get a competitive starting salary of up to £28,500.
- Work on real-world social impact projects from day-one.
- Gain a fully funded ACA qualification and set yourself up for future salaries that can reach £61,000 after your apprenticeship!



"I thought it was too good to be true when I took a chance to apply during my last year of 6th form and don't regret a thing!"

Sumayyah - Degree Apprentice at the National Audit Office

SIGN UP NOW!