

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 1st Dec Break 2 – Cowshed Tree of Hope (see page 3)

Fri 5th Dec – next collection for Foodshare in Form time (see page 4)

Tues 9th Dec – Year 13 PPE Results Day

Wednesday 10th December- Christmas Concert

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

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair on Tuesday

It was great to see several of you, and your parents and carers, at our Careers and Higher Education Fair on Tuesday evening. Thanks for making the effort to come. Now it's time to follow up on any conversations you may have had with employers, universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges.

Do:

- Connect with them on LinkedIn (if you have an account)
- Send them an email if they gave you their contact details
- Check out their websites
- See when their Open Days are and book yourself on them
- Ring them, email them, send a letter or even pop in in person to enquire about work experience



Sixth Form Open Eve on Thursday



Thank you to the students who helped to support our Sixth Form Open Evening last night.

We had somewhere between 450 and 500 people in the Theatre for the presentation, which is a fantastic turnout!

Mr Ging had a lovely range of comments from parents and Year 11s about how much they were impressed by the presentations, the subjects, the space and the students, which was brilliant to hear.

Thank you again for being such great ambassadors.



The Cowshed Tree of Hope

Give a gift. Show a child they matter.

Every tag on this tree is for a local child in need.
Take a tag, buy a gift, and bring hope to a family this Christmas.

Give a gift. Show a child they matter.

Tags can be collected from the theatre on Monday 1st
December at break 2.

Gift drop off date - 11th December in the Sixth Form during
Tutor Time. Gifts should not be wrapped.




CHRISTMAS
THE COWSHED

   @CowshedCharity

FOR MORE INFORMATION





Remember that this month the school is collecting items to donate to Foodshare and the House Captains will be collecting every week – normally on a Friday. The next one will be Fri 5th December.

As well as being a fundraising activity, this is also a Form and House competition and when you bring items in, you will collect points for your House.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Miss Deklerk and Mr Curnow's Forms are absolutely smashing it and it would be great to see all the Forms doing the same.

If you would like to donate, here are the suggested items we are collecting:



What kind of items are needed?

Non- food donations

Toiletries: Items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shower gel, shampoo, and deodorant are very useful.

Household items: Laundry powder, washing-up liquid, and dish soap are practical essentials.

Baby supplies: Nappies, baby wipes, and baby food are often in high demand.

Feminine hygiene products: Sanitary towels and tampons are necessities that are often donated.

Miscellaneous: Things like toilet paper, hand wipes, and small gift items like chocolate bars or sweets are also appreciated.

Food donations

Tinned goods: Tinned meat, fish, and vegetables are versatile. Tinned fruit in juice (not syrup) is also a great option.

Pasta, rice, and grains: Dried pasta, rice, couscous, and instant noodles are staples that can be bulked up with sauces or vegetables.

Breakfast items: Cereal, porridge oats, and pancake or waffle mix are helpful for a good start to the day.

Soups and sauces: Tinned or dried soup, pasta sauce, and gravy granules are always needed.

Festive treats: Christmas puddings, biscuits, and chocolates are perfect for the holiday season. No mince pies needed.

Baking supplies: Cake mix, icing, candles, and cooking oil can help families make special treats.

UHT milk and juice: Long-life milk and cartons of fruit juice have a longer shelf life than fresh alternatives.

Condiments and spices: Jams, marmalade, and spices like salt and pepper are useful for improving meals.



Year 12

Let's Do This!

You all now have your reports on Go4Schools. This is an important part of the year and should hopefully give you a sense of where you are at and what you need to do going forward.

Over the course of the weekend, do engage with this report fully. It would be worthwhile you considering the following:

- Where are your strengths at the moment?
- Where are your areas for improvement and focus?
- Are you surprised by anything in the report, if so what and why?

Remember that:

- **Challenge targets go up and down** – many teachers will keep current challenge targets within a grade of where you're working at is to help ensure that you have a manageable target to work towards.
- **Working at grades** – different departments calculate this in different ways. Some (like History and Politics) will only use end of unit assessment data – others may use a variety of sources.
- **Approach to learning** – remember that a score of **1 (Always meets expectations)** means that you are doing the right thing, day in and day out.

If you have any questions about your reports, just ask your subject teachers to help you understand it. They are wanting you to achieve your potential so showing a willingness to understand and adapt is a great thing at this point in your studies.

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

It's almost December already – how has this happened?

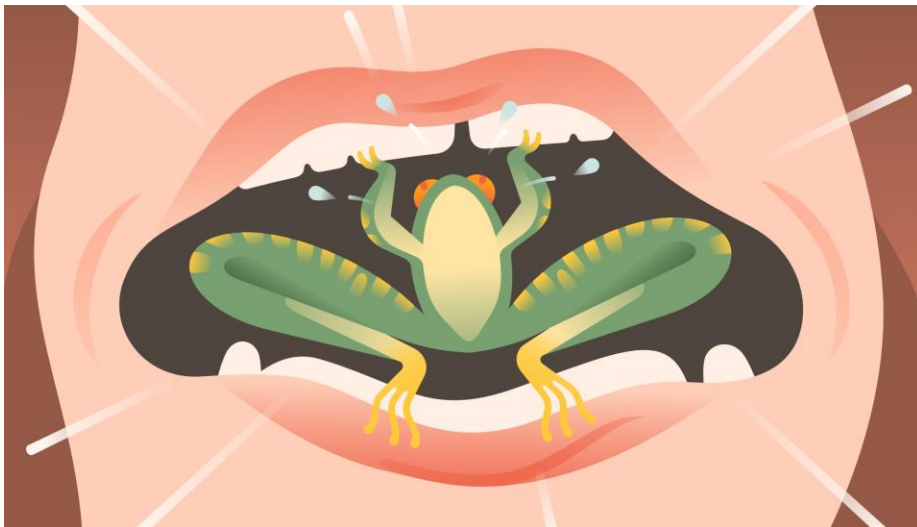
It can be really easy to put things off at this time of year. PPEs are done, some of you have completed UCAS and the dark nights are setting in earlier. There are also lots of distractors within the Sixth Form and the school day and it can be a challenge to be productive.

At this point, I'd like to remind you to **EAT THE FROG!**

<https://youtu.be/ntSraUH4Rlo>

Ultimately, this technique works because:

- It means that the task that requires the most energy and focus is completed whilst you are fresh.
- It boosts your self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.
- It then frees up your headspace to complete other tasks that you need to do, knowing that you've had success earlier in the day.

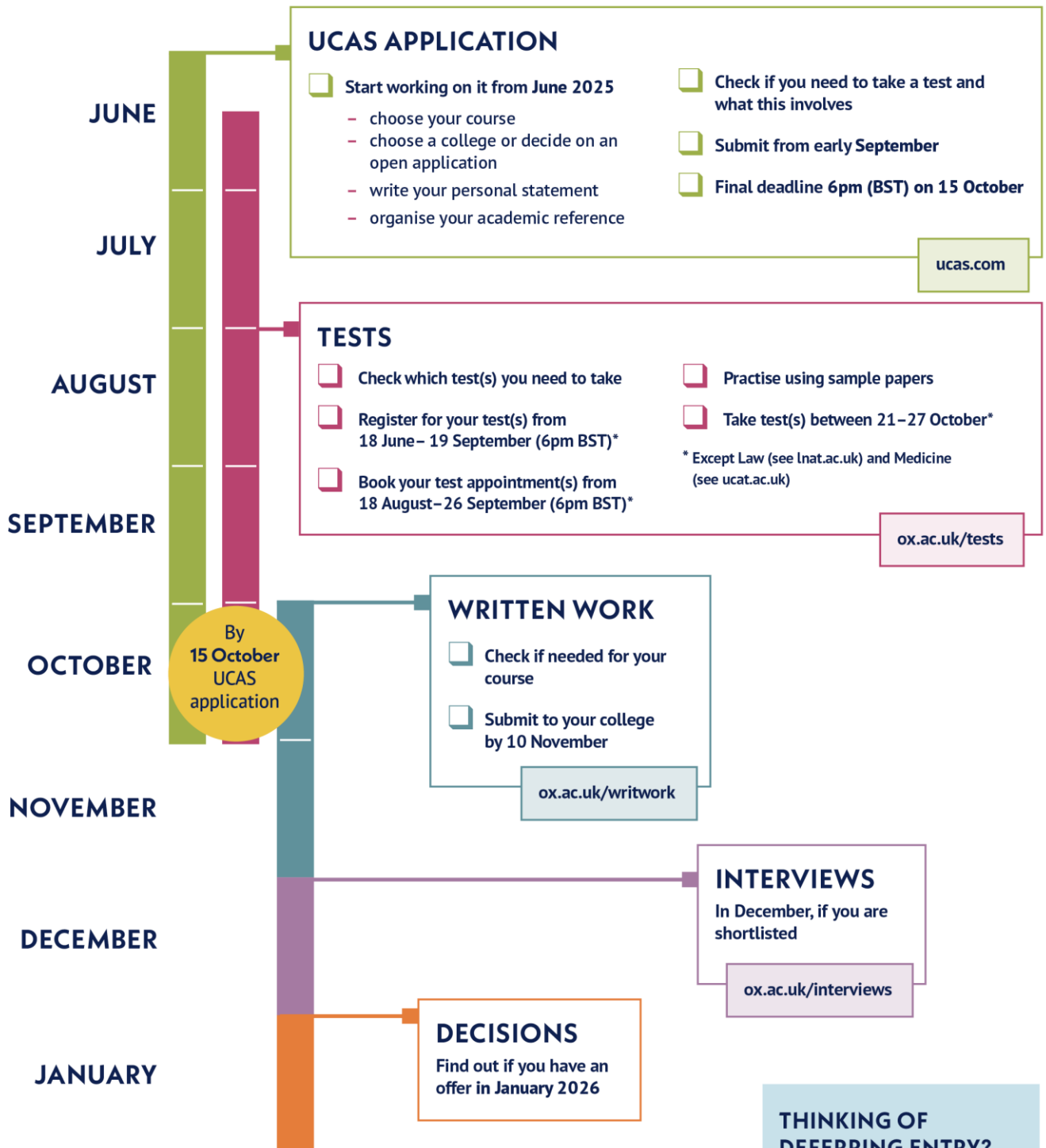


As Mark Twain said: “If it's your job to eat a frog, it's best to do it first thing in the morning. And If it's your job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the biggest one first.”

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.



Technology Apprenticeship with Morgan Stanley

The investment bank, Morgan Stanley, is advertising a degree apprenticeship in their IT department where you would be developing software and IT tools to aid banking.

To find out more and apply, click [here](#)

Morgan Stanley



REMINDER: Virtual Insight Events in Accounting

Considering a career in Accounting?

Join the virtual insight evening with ACCA on **Tues 2nd Dec from 6.30-7.30pm**. Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

The session is open to both students and their parents/guardians and will cover:

- Pathways into Accounting
- Qualifications required
- Top tips for a successful application
- A live Q&A session with current accountants

Can't make the 2nd Dec?

There is another similar event on **Thurs 4th Dec from 6.30-7.30pm**. Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

Ready to apply for their apprenticeships?

Join the masterclass session on how to ace your application! Tues 9th Dec from 6.30-7.30pm. Click [here](#) to register