

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 10th Nov – Fri 14th Nov: Y13 PPEs and Study Leave

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

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!

This week, five Year 12 Politics students attended a Human Rights workshop at Cumberland Lodge.

Daniyah Ahmed, Year 12, writes:

On November 3rd, I was given the exciting opportunity to visit Cumberland Lodge for an in-person workshop to enrich my understanding of Human Rights. The day started with an introduction from knowledgeable guest speakers. The entire event was an incredibly interactive experience with us being at the forefront of all discussions. We outlined fundamental rights every person should have, then we categorised those rights and learnt about their historical origins, such as the Magna Carta (1215) or Bill of Rights (1689).

After our introduction, we met the Attorney General, Richard Hermer, who was very keen to hear our voices/questions, he debated most of the students head-on and with minimal political 'waffle' which I really liked! Finally, after analysing the successes and failure of human rights in the modern world we were tasked with coming up with our own future rights manifesto, which we'd then present to the group. I massively enjoyed this task; I found it to be not only engaging but also relevant to the future. We tackled the manifesto with a realistic lens and placed the worsening climate crisis as the focal point of our presentation.



**Cumberland
Lodge**



Year 12

Welcome back year 12, I hope you all had a restful break. This week we hit the ground running! Below are some top tips for using your



1. Understanding the correct climate for learning- what distracts you? Take these out of your learning environment, turn off your phone, have food and drink with you so you don't have to leave to get refreshments. Have a quiet and calm atmosphere.
2. Time management- Have a 'free' after a lesson then go straight to silent study to continue your work whilst you are in the right frame of mind, then take a break. Physiologically change the idea of a 'free' and instead think of it as an independent study. Schedule your time for TSS; through term 1 week gave work logs- use these to manage the time effectively and have clear targets. Don't leave work until the last minute –rushed work is never high quality. Don't be swayed by others- remember your goals and aspirations.
3. Seeking support- Do you have any resources that could support you? Can you attend an intervention session for the subject or request a 1:1 with your teacher? Your teachers and the sixth form team are there to support you. You must speak out if you are unclear or struggling.
4. Planning for success- At the start of the week set yourself clear deadlines. Stick to these deadlines. Prioritise tasks- don't just focus on the ones you see as 'easier'.

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

So it begins.

PPE week is upon us. I'm going to keep this one relatively short and sweet as I'm know you're desperate to get back to revision.

Colmer's top three tips for a successful PPE week:

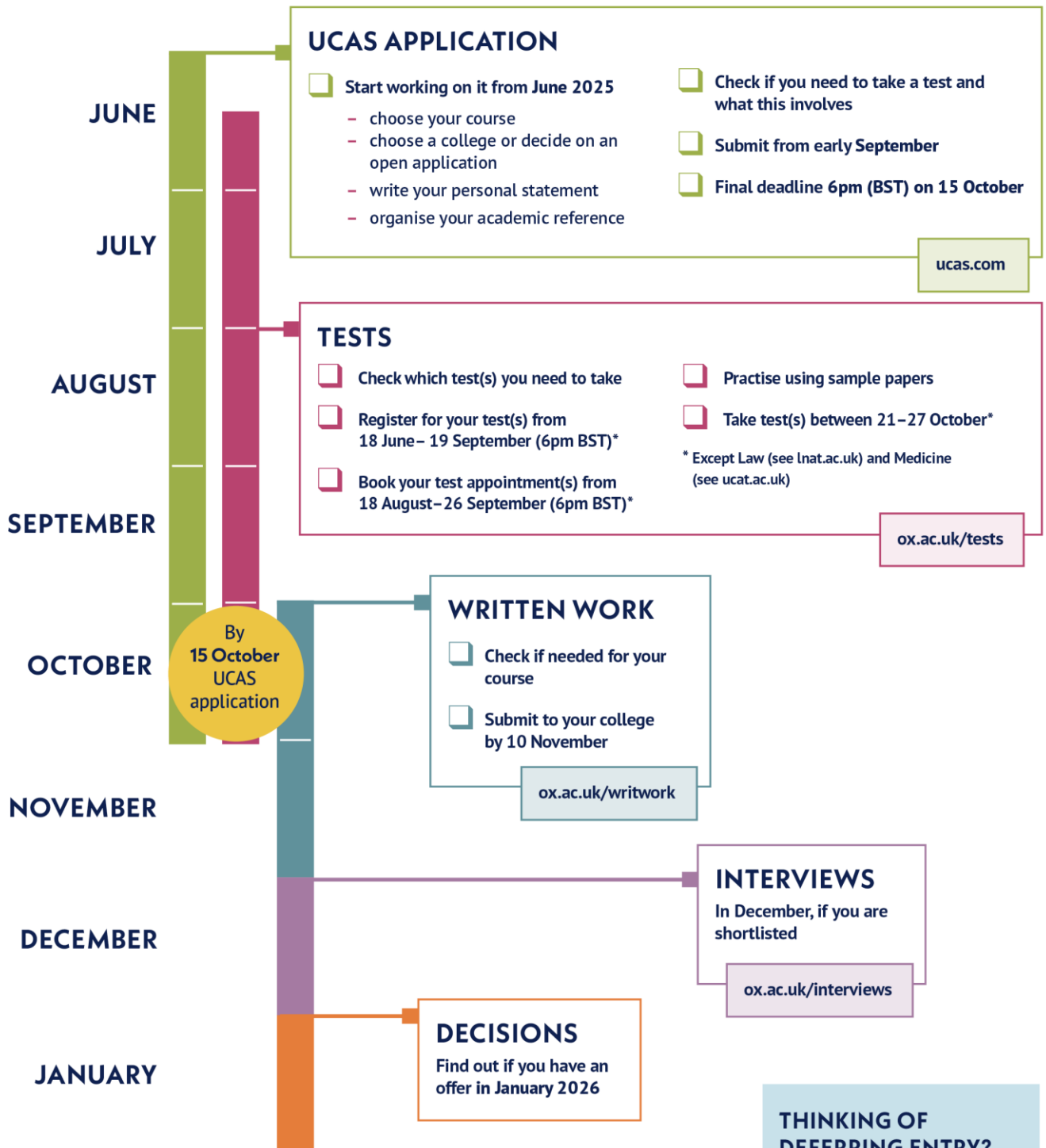
- 1) **Fuel:** eat, drink and sleep. It's important that you give your body and brain everything that it needs to be able to work at capacity.
- 2) **Plan:** plan for what you're doing when not in exams; plan before writing in your exams (this will help you write more quickly as you'll know where you're going in your answer).
- 3) **Reflect:** after your exams, reflect on what has gone well and what has gone poorly. This will help you to master your study process for the real exams – what will you continue to do? What will you change in your process?



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



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 the SPECIFICATION to guide your search for exam questions

Find Locate OLD SPECIFICATION exam questions - much of it is similar to new spec

IDENTIFY GAPS in your understanding through answering exam questions

Learn what the different STYLES of questions are on each exam paper and the skills they require (knowledge, problem solving, analysis, evaluation)

Find SYNOPTIC QUESTIONS (that link different areas of the spec) and plan an answer

Use MARK SCHEMES to find advice for writing top band answers (knowledge, problem solving, analysis, evaluation)

Write out answer and TIME yourself. Know how many minutes to spend per mark/or per style of question

Which of these do you need to start including in your weekly routine?

Use EXAMINER REPORTS to understand what gets top answers and common mistakes

Revision ⌚ POWER HOUR



STEP 01 Choose a past paper question
Google your subject, level and exam board e.g. "Geography A-Level Past Papers AQA"

STEP 02 **Revise**
Spend 20 minutes revising what you need to know to answer your chosen question



STEP 03 **Do the question**
Set a timer for 20 minutes and answer the past paper question you chose



STEP 04 **Mark your answer**
Using the mark scheme for the past paper mark your answer. This will help you to think like an examiner



STEP 05 **Get feedback**
Show your teacher your work. Ask them whether your marking is accurate and how you could improve your answers



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Thinking of a career in Journalism – Wed 12th Nov 9am to 3.15pm at Eton College



Eton College is running a one day-workshop next Wed from 9am to 3.15pm. This is a great opportunity to see if this career is the right choice for you. You can also write about it when applying to university in your personal statement.

Here is what will be covered on the day:

- explore careers in journalism
- hear directly from professionals working in print, broadcast and digital journalism
- take part in interactive workshops designed to develop your own reporting and communication skills

If you are interested, please sign up via this link: [A Future in Journalism RSVP](#)

If your space on the workshop is confirmed, please ask your parents to log this on Study Bugs like any other absence and please email your teachers to explain you will be absent on the day. Please do also let Mrs Kalinowski and myself know as we always like to know which opportunities our students seize!

Please note – this is not an organised school trip and you will not be accompanied by a Furze Platt member of staff. You will therefore need to arrange your own transport there and back.

And if you want to research more about a career in Journalism, here is a useful [website](#)

Agenda

09.00 - 09.15 Sign in & Coffee	Jafar Hall		
09.15 - 09.20 Welcome	Jafar Hall		
09.20 - 10.00 Sir Nicholas Coleridge in conversation with Mishal Husain	Jafar Hall		
10.15 - 11.30 Workshops	Millington Drake		
Written & Branded: Creating an identity	Bekynton Marquee		
Exploring Broadcast Journalism			
Written & Branded: Participants will engage with different brand identities and writing styles, all with a focus on Eton's brand. The workshop will culminate in a practical activity where participants can apply their skills to adapt a news story to fit different audiences.			
Exploring Broadcast Journalism will delve into the world of broadcast. Participants will explore the technical and creative aspects of identifying stories, video production and interviewing, all geared around practical application			
		11.45 - 12.45 Panel Discussion Question time	Jafar Hall
		This panel session will feature a diverse group of expert journalists, each bringing unique insights from their specialised fields. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear first hand about their career to date, the challenges and evolving practices in journalism, as well as gain valuable perspectives across different media platforms. Please come prepared with your questions.	
		12.50 - 13.30 Lunch	Bekynton
		13.45 - 14.45 Workshops	
		Written & Branded: Creating an Identity	Millington Drake
		Exploring Broadcast Journalism	Bekynton Marquee
		15.00 - 15.15 Closing Remarks and Competition	Jafar Hall



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Thinking of a career in Animation & Games?

Escape Studios in East London offer undergraduate degrees in:

- Animation
- Games
- Visual Effects (VFX)
- Concept Art
- Motion Graphics

Their taster days are a perfect introduction to their degrees in all of these subjects

Why join an undergraduate taster day?

- Take a seat in our studios and be taught by some of their expert tutors using industry software
- Get a feel of what it's really like to study at Escape Studios
- Meet other students who are interested in the creative industries
- Find out if your chosen discipline is right for you.

To find out more, here is their website: <https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/>

And to book a place on their Taster Day on Sat 6th Dec (10am – 1pm) in North Greenwich:

<https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-taster-days/>

Please note that parents cannot attend Taster Days, but they can go to the Open Days.



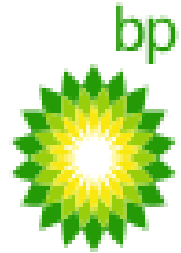


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Apprenticeships with bp now open!



On 5th Nov, bp advertised its current apprenticeships, ranging from Level 3 to Level 6 (degree level) in Reading, London and Sunbury

The apprenticeships are in different areas of the business including:

- Human Resources
- Data Analytics
- Digital Engineering
- Data Science

See vacancies here:

<https://careers.bp.com/early-careers/apprenticeships>

Find out more about careers in Accounting



If you are considering a career in Accounting, this is an interesting [read](#).

You can also join a 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



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Green Careers

I wrote about this last year so this may be new for Year 12s and a reminder for Year 13s. There is a big push on **Green Careers**. Green careers are jobs that help protect or restore the environment, such as those in renewable energy, sustainability, conservation, and climate change mitigation. The demand for green jobs is growing as industries adapt to climate change and new technologies emerge, so this may be something you want to consider when thinking about your future studies and career. To do some research into this, here is a useful website: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/green-careers>

Examples of green careers

- **Energy:** Heat pump engineers, wind turbine technicians, solar panel installers, and nuclear engineers.
- **Conservation and Environment:** Countryside rangers, foresters, conservationists, and biodiversity action officers..
- **Sustainability and Business:** Sustainability managers, business analysts, energy and carbon analysts, and sustainability officers.
- **Construction and Engineering:** Green construction managers, architects, and coastal defence engineers working on environmentally friendly projects.
- **Science and Technology:** Agronomists, laboratory technicians, and environmental technicians.
- **Waste and Resource Management:** Waste management specialists and packaging designers for sustainable products.
- **Transportation:** Green transport officers and engineers for electric vehicles.

