



**FURZE PLATT**  
SIXTH FORM

## UPCOMING DATES

**Wed 14th Jan** – UCAS deadline

**Thurs 16th Jan Break 2 in H8** - RAG meeting

**Wed 28th Jan**- Oxford University Trip

**Tues 10th to Thurs 12th Feb** – School Musical We Will Rock You

**Wed 11th Feb** – Trip to National Apprenticeship Show

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

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Welcome back year 12!

We hope your break was restful and you are recharged for the new term.

Our key take away from this week is focusing on Dr Morrisson's assembly on being appreciative of your teachers and environment.

Please remember, your teachers are here to help, so if you are struggling with content or have any questions about progress, go and see them, they are the experts!

What is coming up:

- Wednesday Assembly launching Work Experience
- CV workshop
- Creating a CV (**bring a laptop to form next Friday**)



With the launch of Work Experience this term it is important you are arriving to form on time as there will be sessions throughout the term supporting you with this process.

If you want to get ahead and do some research on Work experience opportunities, the two links below will direct you to Unifrog and UCAS.

<https://www.unifrog.org/know-how/for-students-a-guide-to-finding-and-completing-work-placements>

<https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-to-university/work-experience-and-volunteering>

# Year 12- Super Curricular Opportunities

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**There is a fantastic opportunity for you below if you are interested in applying to Oxbridge! See below:**

*Just a reminder that applications for Oxford's UNIQ programme close next week, on midday Tuesday 13 January 2026. UNIQ is Oxford's completely free access programme for UK state school students, which is designed to support them in making competitive applications with a sustained contact programme.*

*The programme runs from spring to December and features a mixture of activities, including online webinars and in-person workshop events. Most participants are also invited to come to Oxford for a four-day residential (in June or July), where they'll meet academics and current students to learn first-hand what studying here would be like. Here, they'll participate in an academic programme with an Oxford faculty, including seminars, lectures, and tutorials, and we hope that the social opportunities will give them the chance to connect with fellow prospective applicants.*

**Please encouraging your Year 12s/Lower Sixth students to put in an application.** Applying is quick and simple – applicants should register and fill out the form on the [UNIQ website](#). **We prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford** and other universities (in particular, students with care experience, who are eligible for FSM or whose home postcode indicates socio-economic disadvantage). There's a range of different courses to choose from: <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/courses>. Before they apply, please encourage your pupils to check they meet the [eligibility requirements](#).

*There's no harm at all in throwing in an application – but please tell your Year 12s that if they don't get a place on UNIQ, that does not at all mean they can't apply for undergraduate study in Oxford, or that an application will be treated less favourably (UNIQ and the admissions process are very separate)*

## Medicine Summer School

For students considering a future in **medicine**, the **Medicine Summer School** offers an engaging, university-style introduction to medical theory, ethics, and clinical decision-making.

<https://debatechamber.com/>



# Year 13

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Welcome back, Year 13! We hope you had a restful but productive break and a time to get yourself ready for the final few terms.

## UCAS

Firstly, UCAS- you don't need a reminder but...the deadline is **WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY at 6pm**. If you are not sent yet- you must make this a priority. Well done to those who have sent off! Do keep us posted on your offers!

As we move into the final few terms, it is essential you are in every form, every lesson taking in and learning from all that you do. This will have a great impact on your final results.



In PSHE we explored optimism and how this can impact how you respond to events that will happen to you in life. As you start on a fresh week next week, keep that optimism, approaching your tasks with that 'can do' attitude.



# Careers

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For Y12s thinking of applying to Oxford or Cambridge  
UNIQ programme at the University of Oxford

**Deadline: Tues 13th Jan at midday**



The University of Oxford runs its Uniq programme from spring to December 2026 and features a mixture of activities, including online webinars and in-person workshop events. Most participants are also invited to come to Oxford for a four-day residential (in June or July), where you'll meet academics and current students to learn first-hand what studying here would be like. At the residential, you'll participate in an academic programme with an Oxford faculty, including seminars, lectures, and tutorials.

Applying is quick and simple – you should register and fill out the form on the [UNIQ website](#). They **prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford** and other universities (in particular, students with care experience, who are eligible for Free School Meals or whose home postcode indicates socio-economic disadvantage).

There's a range of different courses to choose from: <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/courses>. Before you apply, please check you meet the [eligibility requirements](#).

*If you do apply for UNIQ and do not get accepted, please do not let this stop you applying to The University of Oxford as they are separate.*

Find out more about Uniq [here](#)





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## Degree Apprenticeship in Chartered Management with Procter & Gamble

P&G own cleaning and cosmetic brands such as Olay, Gillette and Head & Shoulders

They are offering a 3-year degree apprenticeship in [Chartered Management](#).

The role is based in their UK Head Office in Weybridge, Surrey for 4 days per week (35-minute drive from Maidenhead). You will also spend one day per week at University of Kent's London hub where you will study relevant business concepts with apprentices from other organisations.

Want to find out more and maybe apply? Register your interest [here](#)

## WHAT DOES PROCTER & GAMBLE OWN?





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Interested in a career as a nurse or midwife?  
Open Morning at Royal Berks Hospital 10-12 Sat 24th Jan



**10:00 WELCOME**

**10:15 PRESENTATIONS FROM UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC STAFF AND HOSPITAL  
CLINICAL STAFF IN ADULT AND  
PAEDIATRIC NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**11:15 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

**12:00 CLOSE**

If you are sure you can attend, please register via this [link](#). Places are limited so please only do so if you are definitely planning on going.

### Why attend?

- Midwifery, in particular, can be competitive to get into and you will most likely need to attend an interview. Attending events like these will be something you can write about in your personal statement and talk about in your interview
- You can speak to people already doing these roles and see if this really is something you want to do
- You can network and ask about Work Experience opportunities



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## Trip to National Apprenticeship Show Wed 11th Feb 9am to 2pm

I am organising a trip to the National Apprenticeship Show on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at Sandown Park Racecourse. 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 are 50 spaces available and places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. **The deadline to pay is Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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For Y12s and Y13s interested in gaining work experience in Science  
In-person work experience in Easter Holidays

**Where:** Bayer, 400 South Oak Way, Green Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 6AD  
*You must be able to commute to this address for the start time each morning*

**When:** 30th March to 2nd April, 9am to 4pm.

**Deadline to apply: 2nd Feb**



## Unlock Your Future with Bayer UK

with Bayer Plc

Bayer UK, a leader in pharmaceuticals, consumer health, and crop science, is running their work experience placement during the Easter holidays called “**Insights into the Life Science Sector**”. This is a good opportunity to explore this industry and discover careers in this field.

The program is designed for young people aged 15-18 to give them an overview of the many roles in the life science sector—both **scientific and non-scientific**. Whether you're interested in laboratory research, marketing, or product development, there's something for everyone!

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

