

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

Mon 16th Feb to Fri 20th – Half Term Break

Mon 23rd Feb – first day back & PSHE (back to every Monday)

Wed 25th Feb & Thurs 26th Feb – 2:1:2 Day

Thurs 26th Feb – Break 2 (12.45 - 1.15pm) - RAG Meeting in H8



News from our Raise & Give Team: *Pal-entine's* - 12th and 13th Feb



The Sixth Form Raise & Give Society have been very busy these last few weeks: designing posters, taking orders, making up the goody bags and delivering them to staff and students across the school to celebrate friendship with *Pal-entine's*.

We are so proud of all their hard work and energy. Together they have raised **£344** for the Baby Bank which provides essential clothes, uniform and other items to families in need, including 50 Furze Platt families.

If you are reading this and feel inspired to be part of our Raise & Give Society, our next meeting is: Thurs 26th Feb Break 2 in H8.



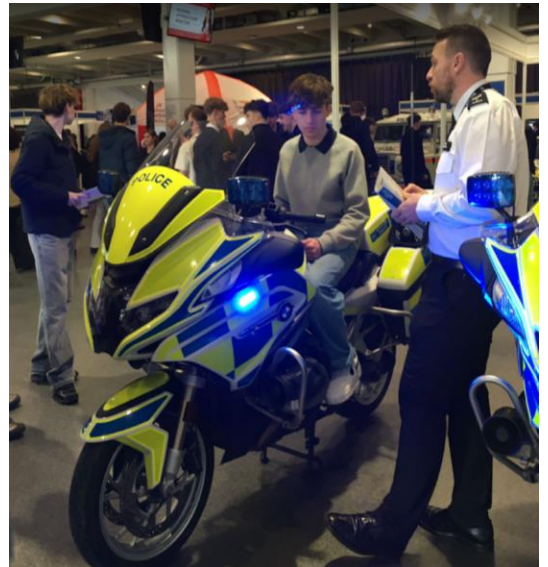
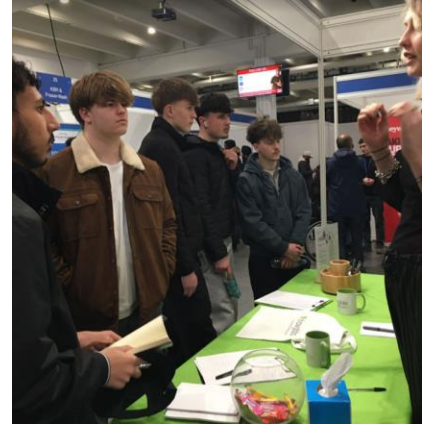
Trip to the National Apprenticeship Show – 11th Feb

On 11th Feb, 71 students, Mrs Beale, Mrs Jennings and Ms Palocsai attended the National Apprenticeship Show where we discovered all about the vast range of apprenticeships on offer in the South East.

Students enjoyed meeting staff and current apprentices from organisations and companies such as Pfizer, British Airways, The Army, The Metropolitan Police, Eko, OTIS and Honeywell.

Our very own Mrs Jennings even tried repairing a lift using a VR headset!

They also had the opportunity to talk to a few universities including Southampton Solent, The University of Essex and The Fashion Retail Academy.



Sixth Form Notices

A message from Mrs Pasa:

If you are signing out of school for a medical appointment you must produce evidence of this appointment, i.e. a text confirmation or a letter with appointment details.

Please make sure you are signing in and out with Mrs Pasa, this is important so that we have an idea of where students are in case of an emergency.

Uniform non-negotiables:

All sixth form students must always have their lanyards on display, if you have not got one, please see Mrs Pasa.

Blazers are compulsory- if there are any issues with blazers, i.e. too small or you have lost it please speak to your tutor, Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging

Sixth Form Common Room

Cleanliness is next to godliness!

Please pick up after yourselves, put used cutlery and crockery in the dishwasher and show consideration for all of us who use the Sixth Form!

NUSS

If you have yet to explore the NUSS information, please do so here:

- [Sharing Pack](#)
- [Open Call](#)

Velo and Blue

Please follow this link to see what fundraising our very own Joel Wallace is up to. If you can support him, he'd be very grateful!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joel-wallace-1>





ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

As you know one of our key focus' for sixth form this term has been attendance! To get your competitive sides out, we will be running a tutor attendance competition next term.

The competition rules are simple, **just attend school and form!**

There will be a prize for the tutor group with the **best attendance** and the tutor group with the **most improved attendance**.

Prize it still to be confirmed, but it will probably be food orientated. If you have suggestions of prizes that will motivate your tutor group, see Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging.

The current tutor percentages are as follows:

6JPW	94.9%
6LAH	93.9%
6LDK	93.3%
6GSB	92.2%
6HPH	92.2%
6CLB	91.8%
6SO	90.2%
6HAS	90.0%
6HWC	88.9%
6MAW	88.6%
6RAA	85.9%



Year 13

8:8:8

We've talked about the 8:8:8 rule before. York university love it! There's a lovely LinkedIN post on it, [here](#).

Half term

Why mention this now, I hear you cry?

Well, bear in mind that you are facing a week off, with the temptation to reach for the TV remote and binge away 5 days on Stranger Things, Traitors or whatever your current TV guilty pleasure is. Remember that there are around 9 school weeks left before study leave. Time is therefore both scarce and precious.



GROW yourselves

We've spent a bit of time on good coaching models over this year. We'll do this more in the coming months. Remember to look at GROW – a great, simple and effective coaching model.

My main advice is to keep your **goals** in mind as these are the things that keep you going and keep you **gritty**.

Remember Angla Duckworth's excellent TED talk on Grit. If you've never watched it, check it out [here](#) – it's top.



After ½ term

I'll be speaking to you about university offer responses, student finance and accommodation. Don't worry if you've not got your offers yet, don't panic about needing to reply, and stress not about student finance – there's lots of time and I'll give you all the advice you need when we get back.

Rest, Year13. Fill your social and sleep batteries...but make sure to also keep up with the work – you won't regret it.

Mr Ging

Year 12

Think about what you were covering in tutor this morning.

This is a great opportunity to try and organise your time to start building habits that will help you build that endurance to keep going.

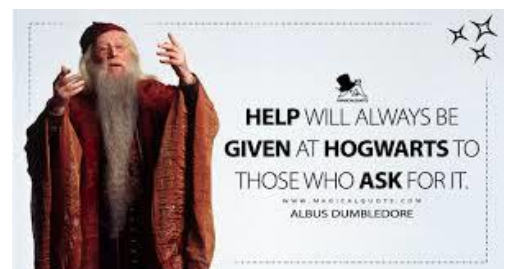


Keep in mind what you want to achieve in sixth form, what is your end destination, what can you start embedding not to ensure you have achieved this by August 2027.



A gentle reminder your work experience placements must be uploaded to Unifrog by the 27th March. Ensure to put down Ms Palocsai as the placement co-ordinator.

- You have officially hit the halfway point of year 12, what are you doing to keep that endurance.
- Work experience is one of the key focuses next term, please ensure to bring your laptops to form times!
- ASK for help, if you are struggling or unsure about lesson content talk to us, we are here to support you to be successful.





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The Oxford Saïd Global Climate Tech Challenge 2026



Are you passionate about climate change?

Do you want your university or apprenticeship application to stand out compared to other people's?

Then take part in the Climate Change Challenge with the University of Oxford!

Step 1: Organise a team of 3 to 5 students (aged 15 to 18)

Please note that you can be from different schools so if you have a friend who studies elsewhere, they can be part of your team

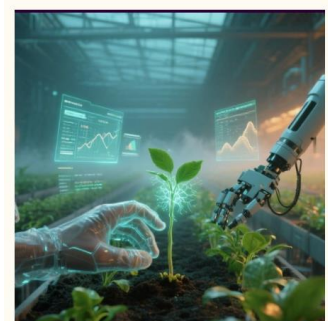
Step 2: You will need to choose one of these topics:

- air pollution
- extreme weather events
- food security
- biodiversity
- water scarcity

Step 3: Put together a 10 page Powerpoint presentation which includes a 3 minute max video.

The winning student team will attend the two-week Future Climate Tech Innovators Summer School in Oxford in 2027, with all expenses covered. You can see previous winners' work [here](#).

To find out more about the challenge and register for it, click [here](#)





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Virtual work experience with Springpod to be done at your own pace in your own free time (doesn't count for the Year 12 summer placement)



Not sure what to do this wet, cold and dreary half term?

You could complete some virtual work experience!

You could then put this in your CV which might help you:

- Secure paid work
- Find your Year 12 work experience placement
- Have something to write about in your uni and apprenticeship applications

Find out more [here](#)

Virtual work experience in Law

COULD BE GOOD FOR THE YEAR 12 SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE

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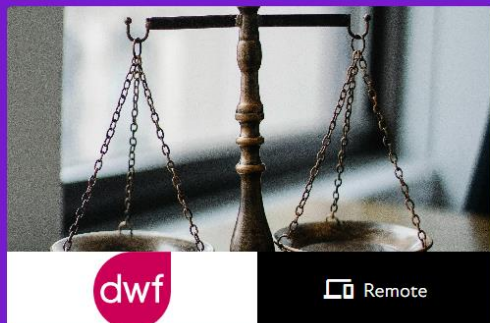
3 days (29th June – 2nd July)

Meaning you would have to either find another placement for 2 days or come to school

Interested in Law?

Learn about Legal Services, Legal Operations and Legal Business Services

Find out more and apply [here](#).



A Three Day Journey Into Law

with DWF Law LLP



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Degree apprenticeships at Shell



Work at Shell



Power Your Progress

The energy & petrochemical company Shell has just opened up vacancies for degree apprenticeships in:

[Leadership & Management](#) - London - deadline to apply 28th Feb

[Digital & Technology Solutions](#) - London - deadline to apply 28th Feb

Find out more about apprenticeships with Shell [here](#)