

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

**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

**Thurs 12th & Fri 12th Feb** – Raise & Give event for  
The Baby Bank: *Pal-entine's*

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

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



A huge thank you to all those who have purchased a Pal-entine and therefore supported The Baby Bank. Your gifts will be delivered to your friends on Thursday & Friday next week.



# WE WILL ROCK YOU SCHOOL EDITION



**TUES 10 - THURS 12  
FEBRUARY 2026**

**IN THE THEATRE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM &  
PERFORMANCE AT 7PM**



SCAN THE  
QR CODE TO  
BUY TICKETS!

Tickets will be available to purchase  
online from Mon 19 Jan 2026 at 9AM.

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre)

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# 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.

Look out for next week's newsletter to find out what the prize is!

The current tutor percentages are as follows:

6CLB	91.9%
6GSB	92.4%
6HAS	90.0%
6HPH	92.4%
6HWC	89.0%
6JPW	95.2%
6LAH	93.8%
6LDK	93.5%
6MAW	88.9%
6RAA	86.3%
6SO	90.4%



# Sixth Form Notices

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## **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, Mrs Kalinowski, Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging

## **Sixth Form area house rules:**

-Don't leave dishes in the sink, if you have used something either clean it or put it in the dishwasher

-No food or drink (besides water) in the quiet study area

## **NUSS**

Very exciting news in our Sixth Form is that three of our Year 13 students are looking to help with the establishment of the National Union of School Students (NUSS).

*The NUSS are building a democratic, student-led organisation that will act as the national representative body for secondary school students across England, Scotland and Wales.*

More information can be found here:

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

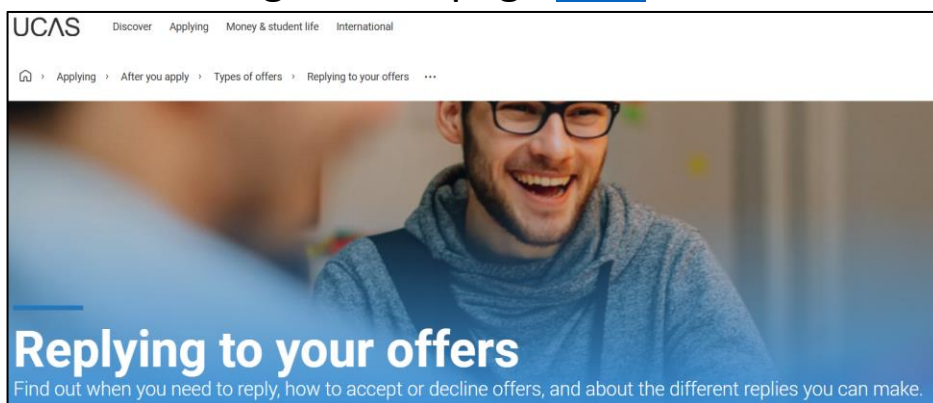
# Year 13

## STUDENT FINANCE

Some of you have asked me how and when you apply for student finance. You can check out the deadlines, as well as how to apply [here](#). Essentially, you can start applying from the end of March this year.

Similarly, student accommodation portals will be opening soon. These will change depending on which university you are applying to. Make sure you check your firm choice university's webpage for more information.

If you are in the position of replying to your offers, make sure you review the UCAS guidance page [here](#).



If you need any advice, please just come and find me

Mr Ging

# Year 13 debates

Thank you to the Year 13 students who go involved in this week's debate in form time. Below are some examples. The debate was- Debate stimulus: " This house believes that governments should never bail out failing businesses"

Person A: The government shouldn't bail out failing businesses as it is unfair and rewards poor management. What is the deciding factor that allows the government to choose which business to bail out? It seem a bit unfair to choose one business over another even if they are both failing.

Person B: But what about the people that work for the business and the people who rely on the product or service that the business produces.

Person A: But surely if the business is failing the workers wouldn't have been in a great position at work anyway, and as for the people who use the product, if the business is failing then the product isn't very good and not a lot of people use it.

Person B: yeah, good point you win

I believe that it is important for Governments to bail out failing businesses as we need businesses to stimulate the growth of our economy. Without businesses, consumer spending will fall heavily as there is less competition in local markets, meaning businesses that haven't failed have more control over the price consumers pay for their products, in turn, potentially resulting in monopolistic pricing in an attempt to maximise their own profits.

This may have a domino effect on tax rates - VAT may increase as less products are being sold overall, meaning VAT must rise to sustain fiscal income which will only further lower consumer purchasing power.

In this regard, bailing out businesses (especially pertaining to lower income consumers) is vital if we want to sustain and further grow our local economy (and maybe even our international trade as the pound will increase if we grow our economy, provide us with purchasing power in international waters.

On one hand, we could agree with this statement and argue that governments should never be bailed out when they fall deep into bankruptcy and collapse. The reasons to agree are that it could give a bad reputation to the current government from the general public as it could be seen as having too much control over what goes on in society since most of the time businesses should keep separate and not be government funded if they are not a part of the government. Another reason bailing out business is bad is because of how a lot of insider trading could happen manipulating the stock market and allowing the rich to become even richer, again affecting reputation.

On the other hand, although there is an overwhelming effect on reputation of the government, the occasions where bail outs have occurred is often during times of financial collapse and therefore most if not all businesses are failing drastically, which is why governments have strategically injected funds, bailing the businesses out. For example, during the stock market crash of 2008 the US government bailed out The Goldman Sachs group, which is a large financial/banking company, which a lot of the US population required to exist to keep all finances stable. Without these large businesses which often help to run the country, everything would fall apart causing even more issues for the government than purely reputation, which usually pays off in the reverse, with the public being proud of the government's choice.

In conclusion bailing out businesses is an important part/choice for governments to decide during times of financial insecurity, but it is required to potentially prevent causing bigger problems.

# Year 13

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UCAS students – it's been great to see so many of you receiving offers to some outstanding universities, we're all incredibly proud of you.

Keep the energy up and focus on these offers as your targets, destinations and sources of motivation.

If you are looking at apprenticeship or employment, make sure you are active in your searches and applications and do come and talk to your tutor, Mrs Beale or myself if you need any help.

Finally, attendance to school still remains a priority, with a good number of Year 13 students needing to maximise their time in form, lessons and independent study.

Make sure you are here and 'sharpening your saw'!

Mr Ging



# Year 12

# Clifford Chance

## Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience:

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 11 or 12 searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a **solicitor apprenticeship** or exploring the traditional university route, this **exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day** is your chance to gain **first-hand exposure to the legal world** during February half term.

This **one-day virtual programme** is designed to help ambitious students like you develop key legal skills, **learn from leading solicitors**, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

### Event Details

**Date:** Thursday, 19th February

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom (Virtual)

**For:** Year 11 and 12 students (S4,5 and Y3 in NI)

- **Certificate of completion at the end to use on CV's, applications and LinkedIn**

### Why You Should Attend:

- **Law work experience is rare** – secure this now to strengthen your future applications
- Explore Clifford Chance's **practice areas** and take part in **interactive legal case studies**.
- **Practical workshops** to develop your legal skills
- **Learn about the ACCESS & SPARK Programmes on offer**– a direct route into law with Clifford Chance
- **Advice from professionals** on securing top legal opportunities
- **Boost your applications** for law programmes and university with real experience

### Why This Matters for Your Future:

Law firms are highly competitive, and work experience like this **makes your application stand out**. If you're serious about a legal career, this is your chance to **connect with a Magic Circle firm**, learn from the best, and take your first step towards a successful career.

Law work experience is incredibly rare—don't miss this opportunity to gain hands-on insight at one of the world's top law firms!

Know friends who are interested in law? **Share this with them!**

**Register now to secure your place before it's too late.**

**Register Here:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CChance\\_Feb26](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CChance_Feb26)

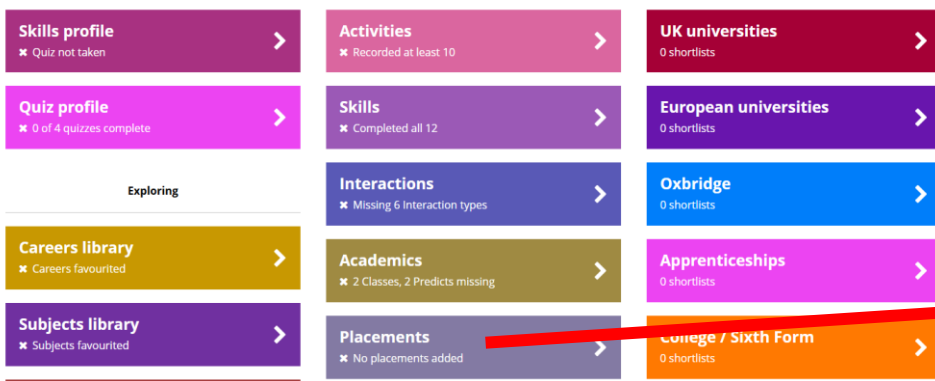
We look forward to welcoming you to the **Clifford Chance Work Experience Day!**

# Year 12

Coming up towards half term everyone should have completed their CV's and started outreach to potential placements for your work experience.

Tutors will be checking CVs on Monday, make sure to bring a device with this on or a printed copy.

Please ensure you are uploading placements to Unifrog and putting **Ms Palocsai** as the placement coordinator.



This is where you need to go on Unifrog to add your placements.

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## Placements

Here you can add work experience placements, fill in your forms, and check the progress of employer, parent and school coordinator for you.  
Want an overview of how organising a placement works? [See the whole process](#)



### 0 placements added so far

Only add a placement **after** you've been in contact with the employer, and they have agreed to host you.

[+ Add new placement](#)

If you are having any issues regarding work experience or finding placements speak to your tutor, Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging.

Your destinations research this week is a useful tool to think about what area you want your research to be in.



# Careers

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For Y12s thinking of applying to a Russell Group or competitive university  
Why not apply to Eton's FREE Summer University Preparation Course?

Every summer, Eton runs its free summer school programme to help students get onto competitive courses at competitive universities. Doing this programme could really help boost your UCAS applications.

Find out about the courses on offer [here](#)

Please read carefully about each subject and check their GCSE entry requirements.

*Please note that some of the courses are running the same week as our Y12 work experience week. For example, if you are accepted by Eton to do Physics you would spend the whole week at Eton instead of work experience. But if you were accepted by Eton to do the Theology, you would do 3 days at Eton and 2 days work experience.*

***IF THE COURSE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN IS THE SAME WEEK AS OUR WEEK EXPERIENCE AND YOU APPLY TO ETON, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU STILL KEEP LOOKING FOR A WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT AS YOU MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ETON***



Apply [here](#) by  
16th March



Interested but  
want to find  
out more  
before you  
apply, speak to  
Mrs Beale



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Using LMI to help you make career decisions.

Using Labour Market Information can help you work out:

- which jobs are trending and which aren't
- where there is a skills shortage (i.e. which industry might need employees)
- typical salaries

This, in turn, can help you decide whether it is wise to invest down a particular career path or not.

You can look at:

- [Local LMI](#) for where you live from the Berkshire Careers Hub
- National LMI for the whole of the UK
- International LMI for the whole world

Here are some key deadlines for our local LMI:

- The average salary in the UK is £45.8K. The average salary in Maidenhead is just above at £47.6K
- More young people have more than 1 job which suggests [portfolio careers](#) are popular
- There is a skill shortage in the Construction area, Life Sciences and Care Sector – meaning they need people to learn these skills
- There has been a substantial increase in the Media & Film industry

**LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION**

- What do people do in this job/industry?
- How many people work in this job/industry?
- What qualifications do I need for this job/industry?
- How much do people get paid to do this job?
- What skills and qualities do I need for this job?
- What are the typical working hours for this job/industry?
- What percentage of men and women work in this job/industry?
- Where can this job/industry take me in the future?
- Where are these jobs located around the country?
- How many of these jobs will there be in the future?



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Apprenticeships in Law  
Virtual Insight session  
Wed 11th Feb 6.30-7.30pm

Thinking about an apprenticeship in Law?

Join our free, live webinar during NAW 2026 and hear first-hand from TLT apprentices about what it's really like to learn, earn and make an impact. Bring your questions - they're ready to answer them all!

TLT are purpose-led law firm driving innovation, inclusion, sustainability & legal excellence across sectors

## **What you'll learn:**

- **An Introduction to TLT:** TLT will share insights in to their culture and values.
- **Solicitor Apprenticeship Opportunities:** You'll learn what apprenticeship opportunities are available across TLT and in which departments.
- **Application Masterclass:** You'll also take part in a mini application masterclass, where we'll provide practical tips to help you stand out during the recruitment process.
- **Earn While You Learn!**
  - Fully funded Solicitor qualification?
  - Competitive salary?
  - No student debt?

To make the session even more valuable, we'll be joined by a panel of **current TLT apprentices** who will share their experiences and answer your questions live. This is a great chance to hear first-hand what it's like to start a legal career through an apprenticeship and get advice from those who've been through the process.

Register now to be the first to learn about TLT and what apprenticeships they are recruiting for this year.

Find out more about [TLT](#)  
Sign up [here](#)





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## Degree Apprenticeships in Accounting with the National Audit Office

Virtual webinar and Masterclass

Tues 10th Feb: 6.30-7.30pm

Thinking about an apprenticeship in accountancy?

Join our free, live webinar and hear first-hand from NAO apprentices about what it's really like to learn, earn and make an impact. Bring your questions - they're ready to answer them all!

The **National Audit Office (NAO)** is the UK's independent public spending watchdog. They scrutinise public spending for Parliament and hold government to account for how public money is spent - shaping decisions that impact healthcare, education and more.

### Why Choose NAO?

- **Work with Purpose:** Their audits influence national policy and improve lives across the UK.
- **Make an Impact:** Every project strengthens public services and better government.
- **Grow with Us:** As a top-tier apprenticeship employer with high ICAEW pass rates, the NAO offers mentorship, real responsibilities and an inclusive culture from day one.
- **Earn While You Learn!**
  - Fully funded ACA qualification?
  - Competitive salary?
  - No student debt?

### What's on the Agenda?

- Speak to current apprentices to discover why they chose an apprenticeship over university - and why the NAO stood out as the perfect place to start a career in Audit
- Learn what it's **really like** to be an Audit apprentice. From induction to college life and exams, learn what a day-in-the-life of an audit apprentice looks like.
- Discover what career development and progression the NAO offers - it's not just an apprenticeship, it's the beginning of your long-term career.
- Live Q&A - Chat with current apprentices and Zoe Galang, from the early careers recruitment team. **Whether it's about applications, exams or life at NAO – we've got you covered.**

Find out more about the [NAO](#)

Sign up [here](#)

