

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 2nd March – PSHE day

Mon 2nd March – Year 12 Politics Trip

Mon, Tues, Wed next week: 2-1-2 days

Mon 16th March = deadline to apply to Eton Summer School

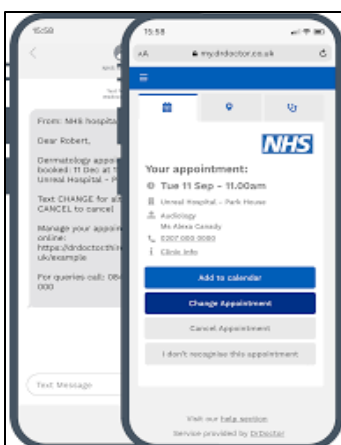
A message from Mrs Pasa:

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. Full suits are compulsory. Make sure you have your collared shirts that are well fitted and buttoned up, and jackets are on at all times when outside the Sixth Form. Remember that jumpers must be smart and not round neck.





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!**

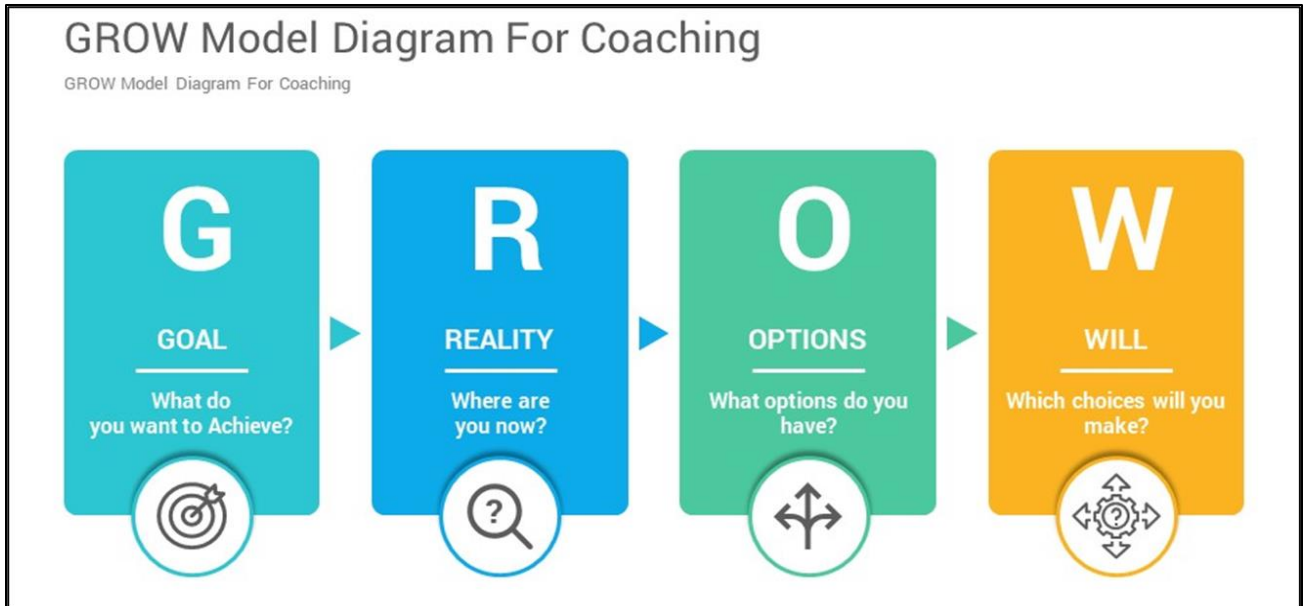
There will be a prize for the tutor group with the **best attendance** and the tutor group with the **most improved attendance**.

Prize will be donuts for the tutor group, if you can not eat donuts for dietary or medical reasons please let Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging know.

The current tutor percentages are as follows:

	13.02	27.02
6CLB	91.8%	91.7%
6GSB	92.2%	92.0%
6HAS	90.0%	89.8%
6HPH	91.9%	91.9%
6HWC	88.9%	89.0%
6JPW	94.9%	94.7%
6LAH	93.9%	93.5%
6LDK	93.3%	93.2%
6MAW	88.6%	89.0%
6RAA	86.2%	86.2%
6SO	90.2%	90.1%

Year 12 and 13



Created by Sir John Whitmore in the 1980s, the GROW model is a coaching framework designed for solving problems, setting goals, and improving individual performance. Year 13 have explored this over this week, but it's great for Year 12 as well!

Try this little self-coach hack to help you work smarter, not just harder...it might be just the thing you need to succeed:

1. Pick a subject you want to improve in.
2. What is a goal in this subject (*make this something achievable in a week*)?
3. Where are you right now in the subject (*what grade are you*)?
4. List all of the options you have to improve in this subject (*think exam questions, topic tests, flashcards/blurting*). Which option will actually help make a difference to you achieving your goal?
5. Set yourself an action (*something you will actually do next week*). Hold yourself to it!

Year 13



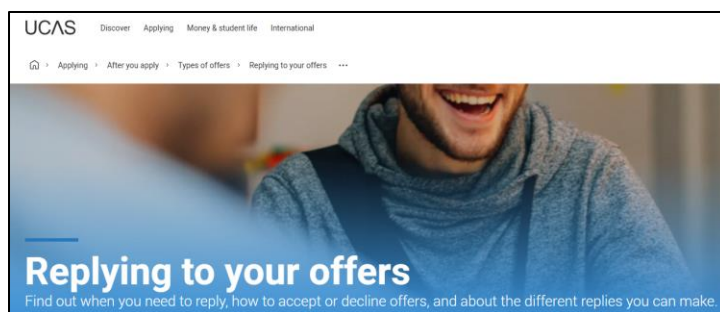
The Final Straight!

Remember what we said in assembly this week – we want you coasting through the finish line...just like Mr Bolt, here!



This means 'accepting stress as your friend', using it to find your flow and working as hard as you can to get to the line. If you fancy watching Kelly McGonigal's TED talk I shared a snippet from, I've included it [here](#).

Firm and insurance choices can be made now. UCAS have a great advice page [here](#).



You'll find all Student finance information [here](#).

Don't forget to check your university websites for details of when their accommodation portals open.

Going to uni in 2026

If your course starts between August 2026 and December 2026, you can apply for full-time undergraduate student finance from Monday 23 March 2026.



Monday 23 March is your date to apply!

Want a reminder? Sign up and we'll let you know when applications open so you can apply on time!

[Sign up](#)



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For the parents and guardians Year 12 Mock Interviews Mon 13th July

Looking to give something back to the community? Want to help prepare young people for the world of work? Ready to give them a taste of what an interview is like?

We are looking for people to come and take part in our Sixth Form Mock Interview Day on **Mon 13th July between 9.30 and 3.15.**

You can do the whole day or just an hour or two. Whatever works best for you.

The idea is to interview up to 2 students per hour and give them advice on their interview skills and CV.

This is our 4th year of running this event and feedback from both students and the employers/interviewers is always so positive and constructive.

Interested in taking part? Please contact our Sixth Form Careers Advisor on:
claire.beale@furzeplatt.net





Careers Advice Feedback

As a Careers Advisor, I always ask for feedback to see how my students found the advice I gave them.

For **Y12s** who have had a Careers Meeting with me, please take 2 mins to fill out the form [here](#).

For **Year 13s**, who we have met for a number of reasons (advice about unis or apprenticeships, help with personal statement, interview prep, and more) please fill out the form [here](#).

If you haven't yet met with me, but would like to, please email me at claire.beale@furzeplatt.net to arrange this





Roles & Courses in the Creative Industry

This week our Media students had the opportunity to visit the Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio in which they had a Careers Talk about all the different career paths and roles in the creative industry.

They will be filming the Harry Potter TV series for the next 10 years and are building new studios at the moment so this industry continues to boom!

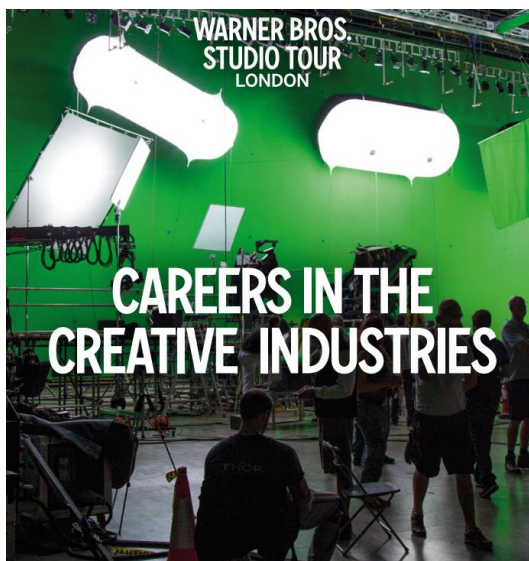
To find out more, click [here](#)

Also, remember from our Careers Assembly in January, that Pinewood Studios offer one year Level 4 courses in these areas:

- ❖ Costume Design
- ❖ Screenwriting for Film
- ❖ Production Management
- ❖ Directing & Cinematography
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Hair, Make-Up (including Special Effects Make Up)
- ❖ Costume Design

Your time is split between Pinewood Studios & Buckinghamshire College and is free to anyone under 19 years old!

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



**Buckinghamshire
College Group**

Aylesbury Wycombe Amersham





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SUPER - CURRICULAR

This is a useful reminder about what we covered in Form-time on Wed on Super-curricular activities, and good for those who were absent to look at.

1. What is super-curricular?

Extra-curricular = hobbies and activities NOT related to your studies (e.g, football)

Super-curricular = additional activities that you do to support your studies but that are not set by your teachers (e.g. reading an article about a new vaccine when you study Biology)

2. Why do super-curricular?

- It helps improve your knowledge and confidence for your current studies
- It can be something you write about in university personal statements and apprenticeship applications to demonstrate your interest in the area
- Likewise, it can be something you talk about at interviews

3. How much should you do?

It is quality over quantity. You don't need to do lots and lots. TSS could be a good time to engage with this

4. What can I do?

- You can watch online lectures with [Gresham College](#)
- You can watch [TED Talks](#) (especially good for STEM)
- You can complete a free introductory lecture with a university. This is known as a [MOOC](#). You do this at your own pace in your own time.
- You can read articles. I am a big fan of [The Conversation](#) website. Ms Palocsai highly recommends the [St Anne's College website](#)

5. Let's look at an example of how someone applying to study Geography at uni wrote about it in their personal statement:

I find learning about the physical side of Geography - specifically Coasts and Tectonic Hazards to be the most enjoyable and interesting but Human Geography also sparks a major interest for me as that's where we learn about strategies to improve upon environmental issues. In my free time, I have watched online lectures with Gresham College including Myles Allen's talk 'Why 1.5c matters' in which Allen emphasises how even if the target is exceeded, climate action and CO2 emission reductions are still essential. Another interesting lecture is 'How is climate change affecting the weather now?'. In this, Allen talks about how climate change doesn't actually change the weather but, instead, the probability and intensity.

If you would like to find out more about any of these or to have some help choosing a MOOC for example, please don't hesitate to ask.



Super Curriculum activities





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For Year 12 and 13
2-day remote work experience during Spring Holidays
with Media Agency Talk 2 Dan
1st & 2nd April
10am to 2pm



DAY 1 OF VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY

- Exploring Talk 2 Dan On the Go Podcast- the setup of the show to scheduling content and more
- Walk and Talk 2 Dan- discussing hot spots to film and capture content that resonates with the target audience
- Discussing a Day In the Life of Talk 2 Dan- putting together a workspace - our programmes and how a brand prepares for the future and working in a groups on a project.

DAY 2 OF VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY

- Looking into processes when connecting with our audience from CRMs [Mailchimp]- creating campaigns
- Building a Team- what to consider and the financial side
- Looking into processes with social media - Tik Tok- Instagram etc/ and presenting your projects ideas.

To find out more, visit their
website: <https://talk2dan.co.uk/>

And apply [here](#) by Tuesday 10th March

FUTURES FOR ALL



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Degree apprenticeship in Bio-Science

For Y13s studying Biology or Human Biology and looking for a degree apprenticeship

Key details:

Employer: UCB

Location: Slough until late 2027 where UCB will move to new site on Sunninghill Road, Windlesham, Surrey, GU20 6PP

Closing details: 20th March

Start Date: Aug/September

Starting salary: £21,000

Degree in Bio-Science with The University of Kent

Entry requirements: minimum of 80 UCAS points from a minimum of 2 A-levels (or equivalent) including Biology or Human Biology and an additional Science (Chemistry, Physics) or Maths

For more information, click [here](#)

To find out more about UCB, click [here](#)





Reminder – Eton Summer School

Dear Y12s thinking of applying to a Russell Group or competitive university

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

Interested but want to find out more before you apply? Then speak to Mrs Beale.

Ready to apply? Click [here](#) by 16th March.





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In-person Careers Event with Thames Valley Police
Sat 7th March
10am to 2pm
Reading



**THAMES VALLEY
POLICE**

**SULHAMSTEAD CAREERS &
VOLUNTEERING EVENT**

Explore careers in policing - speak to officers,
staff, volunteers and recruitment specialists!

 **Saturday, 7 March**
10:00am - 2:00pm

 **Holdsworth Hall,
Thames Valley Police
Training Centre
3 North Dr
Sulhamstead
RG7 4DX**



Reserve your free spot [here](#)

Can't make that date but would like to attend another one? Then check out this list of [events](#) – including virtual ones too



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Careers in the Army Virtual Insight Evening Thurs 3rd March 6.30-7.30pm

The Army is not just being a soldier.
It offers many other career paths.

Did you know, for example, that you can do an apprenticeship with the Army in these areas too?

- ⚙️ **STEM & Engineering:** Building the future with world-class tech.
- 📡 **Intelligence & Cyber:** High-stakes problem solving and digital defence.
- 🏥 **Healthcare:** From battlefield medics to clinical specialists in top-tier labs.
- 🚚 **Logistics & Support:** The strategists moving the world.
- 📊 **Business & HR:** Managing people and multi-million pound operations.
- ⚡ **Combat & Music:** Elite physical performance and professional artistry.

Register for your free place [here](#)

