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## UPCOMING DATES

**Mon 16th March** – PSHE day AND deadline to apply to Eton Summer School

**Wed 18th March** = Year 13 Photographs (Period 5)

**Thurs 19th March** Break 2 = RAG Meeting in H8

The big news of this week was our visit from Ofsted.

The Sixth Form, as usual, gave a brilliant account of themselves and I would like to thank all students who spoke to inspectors, sat on student panels and who completed the survey.

As you may imagine, the inspection process is rigorous and requires a huge effort from teachers and staff at the school.

While everyone will, no doubt, be curious to know the outcome, we have to follow Ofsted's publication process. Most likely, the report will be shared around the start of May and the school will announce what Ofsted's grading for us then.

Simply put: I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy a break – it is very much deserved.

Thank you to all Sixth Form for being such a wonderful part of the school and pulling together with the rest of the community.

See you Monday!

Mr Ging



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Want to:  
*Try something new?*  
*Improve your confidence?*  
*Develop your strength?*  
*Meet new people?*  
*Develop resilience?*  
*Have fun?*



Brickhand Boxing is run by one our alumni, Jake Lewington and they have dedicated sessions for young people aged 16+

**Girls 16+:** Saturday 9-10am

**Boys 16+:** Sunday 3-4pm

Their social media (Instagram and TikTok) accounts are @brickhandboxing\_ if anyone wanted to have a look or message them





# ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

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 cannot eat donuts for dietary or medical reasons, please let Ms Palocsai or Mr Ging know.

MAW securely has the most improved attendance at the moment! Is there anyone that can overtake them next week?

It is great to see that every tutor's attendance has improved> Well done everyone!

The current tutor percentages are as follows:

	13.02	27.02	6.03	13.3	20.3	27.3
6CLB	91.8%	91.7%	93.0%	92.9%		
6GSB	92.2%	92.0%	92.8%	92.4%		
6HAS	90.0%	89.8%	91.1%	91.0%		
6HPH	91.9%	91.9%	92.9%	93.0%		
6HWC	88.9%	89.0%	90.1%	89.9%		
6JPW	94.9%	94.7%	95.6%	95.3%		
6LAH	93.9%	93.5%	94.4%	94.3%		
6LDK	93.3%	93.2%	94.4%	94.4%		
6MAW	88.6%	89.0%	90.4%	90.2%		
6RAA	86.2%	86.2%	87.5%	87.6%		
6SO	90.2%	90.1%	91.1%	91.1%		

# Year 13

## Are you a Mega Metacognitor??

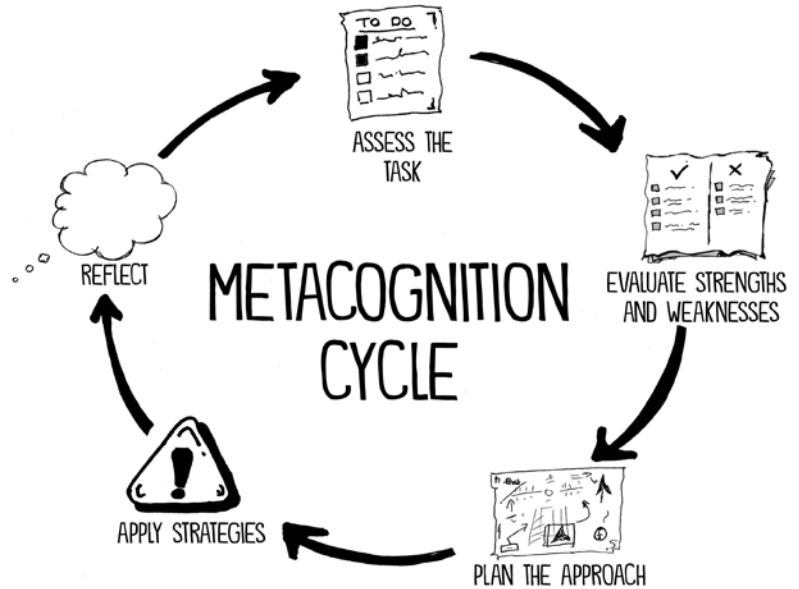
Have you noticed the bumper metacognition PowerPoint on the TV in the Study room? If not, where have you been (not in the Study Room, that's clear!)?

As we approach Easter and the final few weeks, we've been talking to you about working smarter.

As part of this, make sure you are selecting the right approach...and this is where the TV in the Study Room can help as there's loads of tips and strategies to be had!

UCAS response to offers  
Don't forget to respond to your uni offers when you're happy you know where you want to go.

Click on the link [here](#) for the UCAS advice page.



**As a year group have achieved 1000 praise points this week.**



**Our top students are:  
Fred F with 27 points  
Lizzie J with 24 points  
Dan T with 20 points**

# Year 12

## Important notice for WEX



A reminder that the deadline to add placements to unifrog is the 27th March. This will give myself and Mr Ging plenty time to do the admin tasks ready for work experience week.

If you have secured a placement, whether it is with a company or family/friends, this **must be added to unifrog** as it needs to be approved by myself and Mr Ging.

If you are struggling to find placement speak to us, if I am not in my office drop me an email and I will find time to meet with you to support.

## Take a mindful moment to be a sunflower

Purpose: A simple, one-minute, or shorter, mindful activity designed to reduce stress and boost mood by connecting with nature.

Technique: Finding a sunny spot, lifting your face to the sun, closing your eyes, and breathing deeply. "Sunflower Theory".



**As a year group have achieved 1152 praise points this week.**



**Our top students are:**  
**Megan G and Aadam K with 39 points**  
**Oscar M 34 points**  
**Anna B 29 points**



## For Y12s - Deciphering careers websites

This week we have continued to explore in more depth searching for the right university and the right course and apprenticeships.

Remember, I have created the following videos to help you with your searches

[University](#)

[Apprenticeships](#)

Potential websites to help you are:

### APPRENTICESHIPS

- You can try directly looking at that company's website
- For reviews from current apprentices and to look for apprenticeships: [HigherIn](#)
- [Amazing apprenticeships](#)
- The government's website [Find An Apprenticeship](#)

### UNIVERSITIES

- To look for courses in general: [UCAS](#) (*remember you can filter per geographical region, per distance from your home, per entry requirements*)
- To use the UCAS [calculator](#)
- To look for more details about the course: go directly to that university page
- To find out where the university ranks overall: [The Complete University Guide](#)
- To find out where the university ranks for that subject: [The Complete University Subject Guide](#)
- To find out which universities are [Russell Group](#)

### Think you want to go to uni, but not sure what to study?

Here are some handy subject guides to help you explore what that subject entails and where it can lead in terms of jobs:

[UniTasterDays](#)

[The Complete University Guide](#)

[UCAS](#)

As always, I am here if anyone wants to meet for a 1:1 careers appointment.  
Just speak to me in person or email me on [claire.beale@furzeplatt.net](mailto:claire.beale@furzeplatt.net)



# Careers

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## For Y12s – virtual work experience

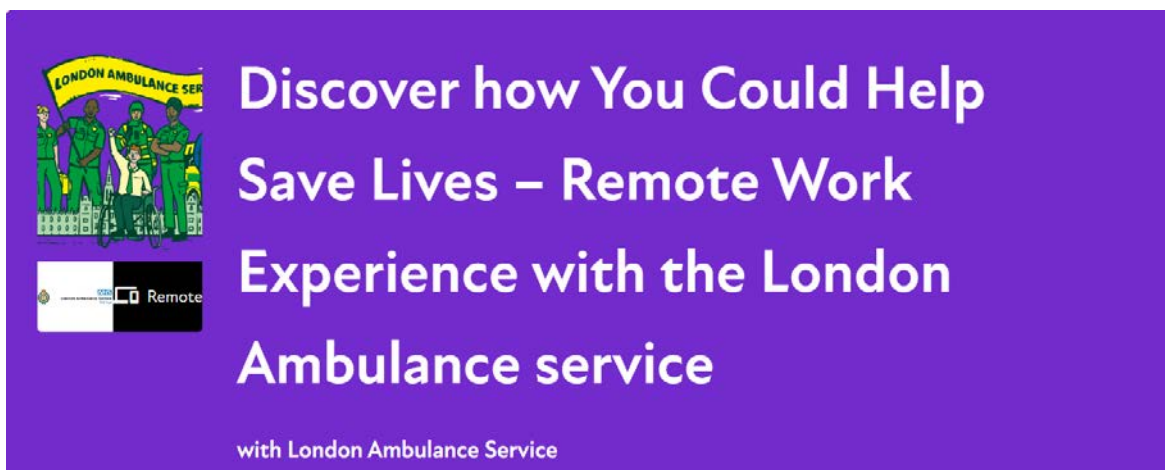
**2 day Remote work experience during the school's work experience week with The London Ambulance Service.**

This would be a good option for anyone thinking of going into Medicine/Health care

**When?** 30th June and 1st July – meaning you would need to find work experience for 3 more days or come into school for our alternative provision.

### Want to apply?

Find out more and apply [here](#). Likely to be very popular so do apply early.



The poster features a purple background. On the left, there is an illustration of three London Ambulance Service (LAS) staff members in green uniforms standing in front of a city skyline. Below the illustration is a small logo for 'Remote' work experience. The main text on the right reads: 'Discover how You Could Help Save Lives – Remote Work Experience with the London Ambulance service'. At the bottom, it says 'with London Ambulance Service'.

## For Y13s – local apprenticeship opportunity with the National Trust

**Level 3 Multi-Channel Marketer role available with the National Trust – based at Cliveden**

**Start date: September 2026**

**Starting salary: £26, 024**

As Multi-channel Marketer, you'll help shape communications for properties and local campaigns that attract visitors and raise awareness of the work National Trust is doing in the area.

You will develop skills in planning, creating and implementing marketing campaigns, using digital and traditional tools, analysing customer data and market trends, and producing engaging content across a variety of different platforms.

Find out more and apply [here](#) by 23rd March





## For Y12s - University Open Days

When it comes to choosing a university, it is always a good idea to attend an Open Day. There are usually Open Days in Spring/Summer of Year 12 and Autumn of Year 13. Try to attend Open Days in Year 12: you have more time now than in Year 13 and it may help you feel motivated to go there and achieve those entry requirements! Also, if you are planning to apply to Oxbridge, Vet School, Medicine or Dentistry, you will be applying in October so the Autumn Open Days will be too late. **Remember – school gives you permission to attend 5 university-related events per year. Your parents/guardians just need to log it on Study Bugs.**

### Why Attend a University Open Day?

- **Get a Real Feel for the Campus:** Experience the atmosphere, explore the location, and see if you can imagine yourself living and studying there.
- **Meet Academic Staff and Students:** Directly engage with tutors to discuss course content, teaching styles, and expectations, as well as chat with current students for unfiltered, firsthand insights.
- **View Facilities:** Tour halls of residence, libraries, laboratories, and social spaces to ensure they meet your expectations.
- **Get Your Questions Answered:** Get specific, in-person answers regarding applications, funding, and support services.
- **Compare and Refine Options:** Help finalise your university choices by confirming if a place is a good fit, or easily eliminating those that are not.
- **Attend Specialised Sessions:** Participate in workshops on applications, student finance, or specific subject talks.

### When are the Open Days?

For a handy tool to see when all university open days are, please click [here](#) to see the Open Day Calendar. Or you can also use this [search](#) and type in a particular uni you are interested in.

Whichever one you choose, remember you are looking at **UNDERgraduate** courses!

### How can I keep costs down?

Going to Open Days can be expensive. Here are some suggestions to help:

- Plan & book your travel early
- If travelling by train, get a [16-25 travelcard](#). Costs £30 but you get a 1/3 off trains for a year
- Consider the coach which tends to be cheaper.
- Travel with others: Carpool or carshare and train companies also offer discounted group tickets
- Take a picnic. Meal deals and meal outs will all add up.
- Use the map: try to see unis that are in the same area the same day or weekend. [This website](#) will help you see uni open days per region.
- Do check each university's page as they may offer discounts. For example, Leicester is offering 50% off coach travel: <https://le.ac.uk/open-days/travel-discount>
- Pick up any freebies they give you
- Consider attending their virtual open days if you cannot attend the in-person ones.



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## Local opportunities for Y12 & 13

**Tues 24th March 10.30 - 12.30pm**

**Maidenhead Job Fair at Maidenhead Library**

Come and find out about local work opportunities, including working for the borough and council.

No need to book, so Year 13s, if you have a Free then, you could pop down.



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**WINDSOR &  
MAIDENHEAD**  
WWW.RBWM.GOV.UK

### Volunteering with the RBWM Youth Council.

There are lots of ways that young people can volunteer with the council, which would:

- Give them a better understanding of how the council works
- Enable them to have their say and contribute to local change
- Gain valuable work experience to put on CVs, personal statements & applications
- Increase confidence
- Develop skills such as teamwork and public speaking
- Network and meet others

### Volunteering roles available for all 14 to 19 year olds:

**RBWM Youth Council** for which you would:

- Represent young people across the borough
- Talk directly to those in charge, for example the Councillors
- Debate local issues
- Run surveys and projects

**RBWM Girls' Forum** for which you would:

- Ensure female voices are heard when the council makes decisions
- Discuss topics such as safety, mental health and equality

**Inclusion Ambassadors** for which you would:

- Ensure the council's services are accessible and fair to all
- Represent people with SEND and/or disabilities

**Kickback (Children in Care Council)** for which you would:

- Help to improve the local care system
- Consult with the decision makers
- Meet others who have been through a similar situation to you

### Changing Voices Youth Clinics

This is when representatives from all the groups above meet with the Children's Services Managers and discuss issues and potential solutions.

Interested in any of these voluntary roles? Email Elaine Keating at

[elaine.keating@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:elaine.keating@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

*If you wish to speak to one of our students who has volunteered for the council, please speak to Deputy Head Student Fred Fletcher.*



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## Royal Holloway – University of London



Royal Holloway in Egham has a number of events over the next few weeks and months which may be of interest to you:

**Sat 14th March – Offer Holder Day for Y13s who have been offered a place there.**

Please check your emails for details

**Sat 21st March – Offer Holder Day for Y13s who have been offered to study on their accelerated Business Management course in London**

Please check your emails for details

**Sat 28th March - Science Festival 10am to 4pm**

No need to book and it is open to all ages so you can go with siblings, friends, parents, etc

For more info, click [here](#)

**Wed 28th April – Virtual Offer Holder Day for Y13s who have been offered a place there.**

Please check your emails for details

**Sat 13th June – Open Day**

Book a place [here](#)

To find out more about the university, visit their website: <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/>

*Please note that Royal Holloway is a local university and is easily commutable by car in 35 mins. But by public transport, it is 1h35 and with up to 5 changes! So if you are considering studying there and want to live at home, do bear that in mind.*





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## Raise & Give

The Raise and Give Society is proposing a 'Bring and Buy' charity clothing sale in Sixth Form. This would require a donation from students of a pre-loved item of clothing or an accessory (not shoes) to be sold amongst Sixth Formers in aid of charity. Donations would be anonymous and there would be a price point no more than £5 (typically £2.50 to £3.50)

Before we start planning it, we would like to know how many people would be keen to take part. If you haven't already, please respond via this [Form](#).



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



Thank you to those who have already offered – we are looking forward to having you on board!

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:  
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