

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 4th May: Bank Holiday

**Wed 6th May: our Pre-Loved/Re-Loved Clothes Sale to
raise money for Thames Hospice,
PLUS drinks and Pick N Mix Sweets**

8th May: Year 13 Leaver's Day, come dressed as an icon!

Thames hospice



Like to shop on Vinted?

*Well.... Vinted has come to Furze Platt for one day only!
No postage fees, no walking to the In-Post lockers!*

Come and browse in our pop-up shop in Sixth Form
on **Wed 6th May at Break 1, Break 2 and REC.**

Buy clothes and accessories, drinks & sweets.
All proceeds will go to Thames Hospice.



*Some of you may have spotted some items arriving in Sixth
Form already... There are some fab brands and bargains to be
had! Price List on the next page...*

Sixth Form Charity Clothes Sale

PRICE LIST



Vinted

*Comes to Furze Platt Sixth
Form
in aid of*

Thames hospice

TINY TOPS, SKIRTS & SHORTS	£2.50
GYM WEAR	£2.50
SHIRTS	£3.00
JUMPERS/HOODIES	£3.50
TROUSERS	£4.00
DRESSES	£5.00
JEANS	£5.00
JACKETS	£5.00

**PICK & MIX
SWEETS &
DRINKS**

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
BREAK 1
BREAK 2
REC

Year 13

Well, well, well...the last newsletter for Y13 in 2026 – what a moment!

I hope you're all set for the Leaver's morning next Friday and have your icon costume ready to go.

Remember, please, the messages I gave to you in assembly the other week about the purpose of the day: it is there to celebrate your time at FPSS and send you off to study leave with a really positive vibe.

Keep in mind that the rest of the school is in for a normal day and so consideration is key, Year 13.

Looking further ahead, make sure you have study leave planned. Use your teachers and what lesson time is available to you between Leavers Day and your exams.

Sixth Form is always open to you during Study Leave as well – uniform and sign in/out procedure runs as per usual. Please come in to take advantage of the study space...and because it'll be weird without you and I'm going to miss you!

Main notice, Year 13 – don't leave anything out there. Give it everything you've got and you'll get all you deserve.

Oh, and don't forget it's a bank holiday on Monday – see you Tuesday!



Year 12

Endurance

Noun

The ability to keep doing something difficult, unpleasant, or painful for a long time:

Last weekend at the London Marathon two world records were broken.

- The men's time of completing a marathon 1:29:30 by Sabastian Sawe from Kenya.
- The women's time of completing a marathon at 2:15:41 by Tigst Assefa from Ethiopia.

Both these athletes showed immense endurance. Sawe had to hold an average pace of 2:49 p/km for 42.195km. Sawe held that endurance for the duration of the marathon, not once giving up.

Both these athletes did not get to where they are by just scrapping by, endurance is a key aspect in their life to keep that running at an elite level.

You are at the halfway point of your marathon. This time next year you will be in the year 13s position of planning your outfits for leavers.

Ask yourself what you can do to keep that endurance going, what can you start doing now to form those habits needed to help you achieve your desired outcomes.





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2 days a week courses at The University College Birmingham



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COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM

University College Birmingham is offering the option for students to complete a full degree in 2 days a week, meaning they can continue to work alongside or live at home, with the option of staying just one night a week in university accommodation.

How will this benefit me?

- ✓ Only two consecutive days on campus to make it easier for you to balance study with work and everyday life
- ✓ Days for first year of courses are already timetabled, so you can plan in advance
- ✓ Part-time work remains possible across the other five days
- ✓ Caring responsibilities can still be managed at home
- ✓ No year-round accommodation costs, just one night a week - only if you need it
- ✓ Up to **£6,000 Cost of Living Allowance** plus **Kick-Start** funding for UK students to bridge the gap (undergraduates only)

Explore the University College Birmingham (UCB) [website](#) and here is the [list](#) of the 6 subjects on offer

Find out more by reading this [BBC News article](#)

Book Open Day at UCB on 27th June [here](#)





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Spotlight on Actuary Calling all our Mathematicians and/or Economists!



Institute
and Faculty
of Actuaries

What is Actuary?

Do you love solving problems? Are you good with numbers?

If so, you're probably well suited to a career as an actuary. And speaking of probability, that's what the job is all about!

You'll work out the likelihood of possible future events and what the costs could be for an organisation, business or government. Your work would help them assess risks and plan their spending sensibly.

Every day you'll dive into data and study statistics. You'll use your mathematical expertise to apply models to make sense of complex information.

You could work across many industries. For example, you could work for a pensions company. You might help develop new financial products so that the company can pay out money to customers when they need it but still make a profit. You could also work in government, advising other departments on the costs of policies. Or as a consultant for clients looking to invest in the stock market or buy a business.

Your tasks might include:

- analysing past events, for example accident rates or medical data to assess risks
- forecasting the future financial outcomes of various situations
- using computers to build mathematical and statistical models
- explaining your findings to government ministers or business clients
- preparing reports that detail your findings
- keeping up to date with the financial and business worlds

Did you also know that Actuary can also be linked to climate change? Me neither! Until I read the very insightful article [When black swans turn into grey rhinos](#). I won't spoil the article for you, but an actuary's job can also involve:

- Predicting how extreme weather affects our healthcare systems and our long-term wellbeing.
- Modelling how the economy reacts when a city is hit by a major environmental shock.
- Ensuring the systems we rely on, like the money set aside for disasters, are resilient enough to survive the next big event.

Read more and watch handy videos [here](#)

Here is a list of universities which offer [Actuarial Science](#), but you can also study Mathematics, Finance, Economics, Accounting or a combination as sometimes universities offer joint honours, for example, Economics AND Finance.



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Virtual Information Evening with Lloyds Banking
Tues 5th May
5-6pm



Interested in a career in:

[Audit](#)

[Accounting](#)

or [Actuary?](#)



Want to find more about apprenticeships available?

Read about [Lloyds](#) here

Book your place on the free talk [here](#)



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



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Residential Summer Schools with IgnitED

Location: The University of Portsmouth

Cost = £1,200 per person

2-7th Aug

Deadline to apply: 1st June



Attending a university Summer School Residential is a great way of seeing if:

- The University of Portsmouth is the right place for you
- you like that subject/course
- living and studying away from home suits you

Subjects available:

- Medicine
- Engineering
- Law
- The Arts
- Business
- Or create your own programme with the [Broadening Horizons](#) option



Find out more and enquire [here](#)

Full IgnitED Careers Programme

Mon-Fri All sessions, all materials

En-Suite Single Room, Rees Hall

5 nights, 2-7 Aug 2026

Breakfast & Dinner

Hot meals at the University refectory for the full duration

Evening Programme

Mentor-led social and personal development activities

Daily Lunch Vouchers

Redeemable at any university cafe or coffee shop

24/7 Residential Supervision

Accompanied by our Mentors throughout



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Our Year 12 Mock Interviews – 13th July

Dear All (*students going on the Costa Ricca trip – you can ignore this*)

I am in the process of arranging Mock Interviews with external professionals on Mon 13th July. In fact, thank you to a few of the parents who are kindly volunteering.

This is our 4th year of running this event and it is an amazing opportunity for you to have a practice at an interview.

When possible, I will match you to interviewers who do the career you want to go into and therefore it would help me if you filled out this form to indicate what you are thinking of doing.

Some students do get nervous about this, which is natural, but everyone performs really well on the day, which gives them a real boost, and many students really enjoy the experience.

Please email me or come and talk to me if you have any questions.

[Year 12 Mock Interviews Mon 13th July – Fill in form](#)

