

Welcome to our Sixth Form Newsletter.
Here you will find a summary of the week,
useful tips, career opportunities dates and
celebrations of successes!

KEY DATES

Fri 4th Sept = return to school for Y13

Thurs 15th October = UCAS deadline for students applying
for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Oxford or
Cambridge



Mock Interviews

On Monday we had a fantastic day of mock interviews with 30 external professionals from a wide range of backgrounds and industries coming in to put our Year 12 students through their paces, including some parents and some alumni.

The perfect opportunity for students to network and practise their interview technique. We are proud of our students who did so well and who arrived, maybe a little nervous, but left beaming with their confidence boosted.

As always, we are so grateful to our interviewers who give up their valuable time and shared their expertise and insight into their careers.

Parents - if you are reading this and thinking you may want to get involved next year, please reach out!



It is important that we hear from students what they think about our careers programme so please do take a few minutes to fill out the [Sixth Form Careers Evaluation 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Raise & Give

This week was Sports Day for the lower school. As our Year 12 Raise & Give students were doing their rescheduled PPEs, a couple of our Y13s came in to help Mrs Jennings, Mrs Beale & Ms Hawkins run the house merchandise, ice lollies and face painting stalls.

With the Y12 students available again from Thursday, we continued selling ice lollies and merchandise at break, raising in total an estimated £575 for **Thames Hospice**, although full amounts are yet to be added up.

Thank you, as ever, to those who purchased and to those who helped run the event.



Year 12



Can we take a moment to appreciate the dedication to matching today.

Was it chance or was it coordinated?

Year 12's, what a year.

Thank you all so much for being so welcoming it has been great seeing your journey through year 12 and I really look forward to what year 13 brings.

Make sure to take a moment to acknowledge your achievements this term. Your 76,891 praise points prove just that.

Take this time to rest and recharge, I look forward to hearing about all your adventures during the six weeks.

Have a great summer year 12, it is well deserved!



Careers

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How to spend your summer wisely in terms of careers:

- 1) Still not sure what you want to do?** Many people feel the same but now is the time to do some research and here are some websites to help you:

[Uni Taster Days Subject Guide Videos](#)
[The Complete University Subject Guide](#)
[The Careerometer](#)
[Gap Years](#)



- 2) Scared that AI might be taking over our jobs?** Want to know which jobs are safe? Doing some researching into Labour Market Information might help:

[In London](#)
[In Berkshire](#)
[Article from my Perfect CV "Jobs AI can't replace and probably never will"](#)

- 3) Look into apprenticeships** but please don't be disheartened if you don't see many at the moment, they tend to start being advertised in the autumn:

<https://higherin.com/>
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/>

- 4) Are you creative?** Could a one-year free course with Pinewood Studios & Buckinghamshire College be a good option for you?

<https://www.cmsinstitute.co.uk/>

- 5) Try to gain some more work experience** – either paid or unpaid. Remember on-line work experience is good too: <https://www.springpod.com/>

- 6) Missed the university open days?** No problem! Go on a road trip: most campuses will still be open so you can still go and see what they look like and get a feel for the city or area

- 7) Network:** set up a LinkedIn account if you haven't already. Contact people who work in the industry you want to go into. [Here is a useful guide on LinkedIn from UCAS](#)

- 8) Work on your super-curricular.** Now is the time to do things that will boost your personal statement so:

Read books: please see here [our recommended wider reading per subject](#)

Read articles: there are many websites but we particularly like [The Conversation](#)

Watch online lectures: we like [Gresham College](#)

Watch TED Talks

Complete a MOOC

Visit museums, exhibitions and galleries: you may find this website useful to help you plan some trips: <https://www.timeout.com/london>