

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

Monday 21st September = PSHE

Monday 21st September = all students who do 3 A-Levels will start TSS on their timetables

Wednesday 23rd September during REC = Drop-in Careers Club starts

Wednesday 30th September during REC = ALIS testing for Y12: Bring your laptops!

Tues 13th October: trip to UCAS Create Your Future at the ExCeL Centre (Parent Mail has been sent out)

From Monday, those of you who study 3 subjects will start attending your TSS sessions (Teacher Supervised Study) with Mrs Beale. You normally have it 3 times a week.

A few messages from Mrs Beale before TSS starts:

- TSS is like a normal lesson: there is a register and you need to be there on time
- It is held in the Main Hall
- Everyone must sit in the hall – no one is allowed to sit in the booths
- There is a seating plan. I put this out every session so please wait at the top of the stairs until I have done this
- If you need to charge, please let me know ASAP so I can put you near a charger
- TSS is where students study independently in silence so please come equipped to work and with an idea of what you want to do – I will come round at the start of each session to ask you what you will be working on
- I will have paper, pens, flashcards etc in my office so do always ask if you need something
- You are encouraged to bring and use a laptop. You can use your phone for study purposes only.
- If you need the toilet or to photocopy something, please come and ask me first. For safeguarding reasons, I need to know where you are
- You will see this is a great opportunity for me to help students on a 1:1 basis and you will no doubt see me working with lots of the Year 13s at the moment as I help them with their study skills, career choices and university applications. **If you feel you need help with anything, please ask.**



Trip to ExCel Centre 13th October 2026

There will be a trip to the ExCel Centre on Tues 13th October for those interested in a career in the creative industry. Parents and Carers have been sent a Parentmail and will need to pay £16 on Arbor to book a place on the coach. Here are some photos from last year to give you an idea....



Drop-in Careers Club REC Wednesdays

Mrs Beale and Yvonne Blake from the Department of Work and Pensions will be running a drop-in Careers Club. Here are the details:

- Every Wed in Period 5 during REC
- Drop-in Club – you can sign up for a session in advance by clicking on this Form: [Careers Club – Fill in form](#)
- Once you have filled out the form, Mrs Beale will email you to tell you which session/date is best for you to attend
- On the day you are attending Careers Club, you need to register with your normal REC teacher first
- Here are some of the things we can help you with:

3. What careers advice do you need? *

- ☐ I don't know what I want to do in the future
- ☐ I know what I want to do but I don't know how to get there
- ☐ Applying for jobs
- ☐ Applying for apprenticeships
- ☐ Preparing for assessment centres
- ☐ Interview Skills
- ☐ Making a CV
- ☐ Looking for university courses
- ☐ Help with my personal statement

Art Club Thursdays Break 1

KS4-5 ART CLUB

EXPLORE / CREATE / DEVELOP

A relaxed and inspiring space to build your skills, try new ideas and work on your own projects.



WHEN

Thursdays (Break 1)
11:15 – 11:45



WHERE

AR1



YEARS

10, 11, 12 & 13



DATES (Term 1)

Thu 10 Sep 2026
Thu 17 Sep 2026
Thu 24 Sep 2026
Thu 01 Oct 2026
Thu 08 Oct 2026
Thu 15 Oct 2026
Thu 22 Oct 2026

*All abilities
welcome!*

MAKE
ART.
MEET
PEOPLE.



Last week's events

On Wednesday we had our first Raise and Give meeting of the year to discuss our first fundraising event this term... which will hopefully be something spooky.... watch this space!

In the meantime, want to know how much money Raise and Give raised last year?

A huge **£6,875!!!!**

Amongst others, we raised money for Thames Hospice, The Baby Bank, Cowshed and Teenage Cancer Trust.

So well done to all our RAG members and to all those who supported RAG by attending our events, buying things and donating.



Want to join RAG?
Email Mrs Beale!

Year 13

In tutor time on Thursday you were asked to complete a Revision timetable. This will help you build in good habits in preparation for PPE and exam season. Are you managing your time efficiently? Are you on par to getting those grades you want to achieve? If you want support with putting a timetable together that is realistic for your to stick please come and speak to me.



By now every student must have complete their personal statements and heading towards completing their final drafts.

Make sure to communicate with your tutors regarding this. The sooner your UCAS application are complete the less you will have on your plate.

This is me at the end of the Great North Run last week Sunday. It is the biggest half marathon in the UK. A half marathon is 13.1 miles and roughly 21Km.

By about the 12k mark I was flaking, by 15k I was ready to give up. But despite the aches and pains and hating my best friends bubbly temperament I finished it.

You have already completed the first leg of your journey, now is not the time to slow down now is the time to push forward so you can proudly and happily say 'I did it'. Let your results day be the medal you are working towards.



Thanks to the chaps who seized the sweets from my desk last week! I asked you to keep me accountable and you did!

Year 12

This week we all hit "Geek Out!" On Unifrog, hopefully you guys all found it as interesting as I did; you can certainly go down a rabbit hole!

"But why should I be thinking about this now?" I hear you cry. Well, there are a few reasons. For a start it's great to have a goal; perhaps Unifrog will solidify your aspiration and for some – perhaps - there will be a realisation your talents could be best applied somewhere else. It's also really important that you do not make a mistake with your university choice.

I read an interesting article in The Guardian last week about the amount of students who regret their choice of course, here is the link for you, it's well worth a read and will really focus your mind on why it is important to make wise choices (even if it seems like there is a long way to go!).

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/sep/12/graduate-survey-many-regret-subject-choices-hindsight>

Making good habits

So we've been back long enough for our new – educational – year's resolutions to have either turned you into the perfect student or to have started slipping.

So here is an easy tip for you. For the next 21 days (apparently it takes three weeks to solidify a habit) make sure you re-read all your notes straight after class, perhaps even do a bit of text transposition to solidify them in your mind. Then re-read those notes before your next lesson. This will put you in a more confident head space to contribute in the lesson and will also start getting all those notes into your long term memory.

Deputy Digest

Quote of the week:

"The early bird catches the **UCAS** worm" – Mr. Ging



Sixth Form Survival Tips

Get some
super curriculars
under your belt!



Student notices

- Early entry is in less than a month. If you are applying, please make sure your personal statement is pristine.
- RAG meetings are on a Thursday during break, make sure to come along!
- Year 13s with any prom suggestions, please email Pablo and Sofia.

Acts of good will:

Thank you to **Elena Balfe** and **Fabien Mormech** for keeping the common room tidy this week!

Thank you to **Jenson Jones** and **Aamani Chopra** for spreading happiness and positivity around Sixth Form!

To share any good deeds, please email the Deputy Senior Students at:

starkeyl@furzeplatt.com

Call To Action!

Please keep the silent study room **SILENT**, and let's keep the common room tidy.

Brain Box

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?



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Gain a day work experience with Lloyds Banking

IN-PERSON WORK EXPERIENCE · YEAR 10–13

Spend a Saturday inside the UK's biggest bank.

Real offices. Real teams. No school time missed.

Places are genuinely limited

These are in-person days in working offices, so capacity is capped at each site and each session. Opportunities to get inside a business like this are rare — if you want one of these places, apply now rather than later.

London dates: Sat 10th and/or Sun 11th Oct

Find out more and apply as quickly as you can [here](#)



**DISCOVER
ECONOMICS**

Think the world of banking/finance and economics could be for you? This website has lots of useful information, resources, free events and competitions:

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



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Free on-line Taster Sessions with UCL – Faculty of Medical Sciences



Sign up [here](#) for free on-line taster sessions this autumn with UCL such as Sport & Exercise, Nutrition, Medical Innovation, Infection & Immunity and Cancer Biomedicine

Free in-person talk about Allied Health Professions Wed 2nd Dec 4.45-7pm

Want to learn more about roles in the NHS other than doctor and dentist?

Discover jobs such as: physiotherapist, operating department practitioner (ODP), dietitian, music therapist, occupational therapist, orthoptist, orthotist, paramedic, podiatrist, diagnostic radiographer, speech & language therapist.

Book your ticket [here](#)



Free virtual work experience with UCAS

Gaining work experience is so important to help you decide what you want to do in the future.

It isn't always possible to do it person so virtual options are great.

Here are some great online opportunities to engage with:

<https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice/virtual-work-experiences>

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Free Online Talk about Degree Apprenticeships – Tues 22nd Sept 6.30-7.30pm

You hear so much about degree apprenticeships but what actually are they?

Join this free on-line talk! Here is what will be covered:

- How Degree Apprenticeships work
- Find out about the different types
- Where you can find the opportunities
- When you should be applying
- What can an application process look like?
- Your Money! How does the student loan/maintenance/salary all work?
- Q&A with current apprentices



Sign up [here](#)

Pathways into Accountancy: University versus apprenticeships



Want to find out more how to get into Accountancy?

Sign up [here](#) for a series of on-line free sessions. You can do just one or as many as you like!

LIVE ON TEAMS



Pathways into accountancy from school with ACCA

Tue, 1 Dec 2026, 18:30 GMT · 60 min

[Read more](#) ▼

LIVE ON TEAMS



Day in the life of an accountancy apprentice

Wed, 2 Dec 2026, 18:30 GMT · 60 min

[Read more](#) ▼

LIVE ON TEAMS



Where a career in accounting can take you - views from Senior professionals in accounting and finance

Thu, 3 Dec 2026, 18:30 GMT · 60 min

[Read more](#) ▼

LIVE ON TEAMS



How to get hired: applications and interviews explained

Tue, 8 Dec 2026, 18:30 GMT · 60 min



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Part-time paid opportunity with Animation Expressions

There is a paid part-time opportunity to help run an after-school club at Furze Platt Junior School called Animation Expressions where primary school children create their own movies. Although anyone is welcome to apply, I would say this is **particularly well suited to those studying Media and/or Computer Science.**

Here is their website:

<https://animationexpressions.com/>



Please get in touch with Shannel at info@animationexpressions.com if you would like to know more. **I would suggest you use your personal email.**

Part-time paid opportunity with Crooks Ldn

Part-Time Fulfilment Assistant – Crooks LDN

Monday–Friday

5:00pm–7:00pm

10 hours per week

£10 per hour / £20 per shift

The role would involve:

- Picking and packing online orders
- Folding and packaging clothing
- Preparing T-shirts and other products
- Organising stock by product and size
- Receiving and counting stock
- Keeping the stock and fulfilment area organised



No previous experience is required. They're mainly looking for someone who is reliable, organised and comfortable working independently once trained. Here is their website: <https://crooksldn.com/>

Interested? Please email George at team@crooksldn.com. **I would suggest you use your personal email.**



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Seasonal jobs with John Lewis and Waitrose

Last week I mentioned the seasonal roles at Waitrose and John Lewis. Here are some of their top tips to be successful in your application.

The roles tend to be advertised from the end of September to November and you can register for alerts for John Lewis [here](#) and for Waitrose [here](#)

CUSTOMER PASSION

Have a genuine love for interacting with our customers and delivering exceptional service to them all.

PRODUCT ENTHUSIASM

Have a passion for our products—whether in Home, Fashion, or Beauty—and the ability to listen and help customers find the perfect gift for their loved ones.

THRIVE IN THE FESTIVE BUZZ

Be adaptable and resilient in what is the busiest (but funnest) time of year!

PARTNERSHIP PRIDE

Have pride in working together as a team and demonstrating our Partnership behaviours everyday.