

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 28th September** = PSHE – talk for Year 12 and 13s on Brain Nutrition

**Tuesday 29th September Break 2** in ML4 = Raise & Give Meeting

**Wednesday 30th Sept during REC** = ALIS testing for all Year 12s – **please bring your laptops**

**Wednesday 30th September during REC** = Careers Club (this week it is for Y13s only and for those applying for apprenticeships in Finance) – **please email Mrs Beale if you want to attend**

**Thurs 1st October** = Open Evening = **volunteers needed (please see email from Mr Ging)**

**Friday 2nd October** = INSET Day

**Tues 13th October:** trip to UCAS Create Your Future at the ExCeL Centre (Parent Mail has been sent out) - **sold out – we are now operating a waiting list. IF YOU HAVE BOOKED A PLACE AND KNOW YOU NOW CAN'T GO – PLEASE EMAIL MRS BEALE**

**Thurs 15th October: Break 1** = Raise & Give Halloween fundraiser

Calling all bakers!

Raise & Give are having a Halloween fundraiser on Thurs 15th October Break 1.

We are looking for keen bakers to make spooky themed cakes and biscuits.

You would need to bring them in on the day with a list of all the ingredients you have used OR you can bring in shop-bought items in their packaging so we can see the ingredients.



# Drop-in Careers Club REC Wednesdays

## CAREERS CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY. PERIOD 5. DURING REC  
MEETING ROOM 3 IN RECEPTION



### What is it?

A FRIENDLY DROP-IN SESSION  
FOR CAREERS ADVICE & SUPPORT

#### 1) FILL IN THE FORM

Sign up for a Careers Club session in advance



#### 2) WAIT FOR YOUR EMAIL

Mrs Beale will let you know which session is best for you.



#### 3) REGISTER AS NORMAL

On the day, register with your normal REC teacher first.



### we can help with...

- Finding career ideas & future options
- Interview skills & assessment centres
- Looking for university courses

- Applying for jobs & apprenticeships
- Making a CV
- Personal Statements



# 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.



# Music Club Friday Form Time

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Join the Chamber Choir!

If you enjoy singing, want to develop your vocal skills, or simply love making music with others, we'd love to hear your voice!

## What we're looking for:

- A willingness to rehearse regularly
- A positive attitude and
- A passion for music

**FRIDAYS – 08:45 to 09:15 in MU1**

# Year 13

**UCAS applications should now be completed apart from personal statement and subject references.**

**Early entry students, your applications must be ready for submission by Friday 2nd October.**

**Submission interviews are to start taking place week commencing 8th October**

A gentle REMINDER that REC is a compulsory period and you are expected to attend.

You are expected to attend REC and engage in the session you chose.



Well done to a few students who sort out myself and Mrs Pasa because no one was there to take their register! This is the forward thinking we love to see in Sixth Form.



Your challenge this weekend is to think about how you are going to manage your chimp to be successful. The key to this is:

- 8 hours study per day
- Carefully managed time that is
- stuck to (ask Ms Palocsai or Mr
- Wedge for a revision template if
- needed)
- Talking well to yourself
- Revising to level 3e

# Year 12

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This week has been a bit of a lesson for me in terms of my own time management; I've had moments of forgetfulness and at times moments of sheer panic! Midway through the week I realised I needed to invest in me; instead of just rushing into the next job I sat down made myself the teacher equivalent of a revision plan; I divided my (43 things to do at the time) into different times of when would be best to do them, I put them in order of priority and I also thought about what I could delegate.

Suddenly everything was a bit more clear. Now - although I still have several long lists of things to do – they're not feeling like some kind of looming beast, they're just things I'm going to get done.

So, what have I learned? I learned that actually sometimes you need to take a step back from work, because in the slightly longer term it will let you take many steps forward. I also learned that all the things we tell you about organisation work really well!

## Things to think about - 1

### Mentoring.

We are going to start using year 12 mentors to help students in the younger years. Perhaps it will be academic, perhaps it may be to help them socially or perhaps they just need someone to talk to.

Perhaps this weekend you could think about whether that seems like something you would want to do. I bet as well as giving something you would get something really important from it too.

I'll be looking for volunteers soon!

## Things to think about – 2

### REC

REC is a great opportunity for you to do things that you want to do; things that will benefit you.

We have students who are leading small groups to create their own clubs, but we could always have more...

What do you want REC to look like? What group could you run?

Let me know next week.

# Deputy Digest

## Quote of the week:

"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard" - Tim Notke

## Sixth Form Survival Tips

Don't get lost in a mountain of notes!

Keep your work **organised!**



## Call To Action!

Please keep your **feet off the tables**, you are not at home!!

And keep the kitchen **clean!**

## Student notices

- The next RAG meeting is on Tuesday the 29th during break 2, in ML4. Make sure to come along!
- Alice testing for the Year 12s is on Wednesday the 30th, bring a **laptop!**
- Make sure to come along to open evening on Thursday
- Year 13s with any prom suggestions, please email Pablo and Sofia

## Acts of good will:

Thank you to **Izza** for remaining silent in silent study, and for her general positivity this week!

Thank you to **Evie, Florence** and **Milly** for unloading the dishwasher!

Well done to **Zach Abraham** for keeping the common room tidy!

To share any good deeds, please email the Deputy Senior Students at: [starkeyl@furzeplatt.com](mailto:starkeyl@furzeplatt.com)

## Brain Box

A word I know, six letters it contains, removes one letter, and twelve remains. What am I?

Please email

[cooka@furzeplatt.com](mailto:cooka@furzeplatt.com)

First to email with the correct answer wins a **STARBURST**



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## Going into Finance / Audit / Tax/ Consultancy

### APPRENTICESHIPS

❖ [KPMG have just opened their apprenticeships](#) and are offering:

Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships in Audit and Tax at their Reading and London Offices – you need to be predicted 120 UCAS points or BBB

Level 3 Apprenticeships in Business Administration in Birmingham and Manchester

❖ As well as applying to the big accounting firms, you may want to keep an eye out for smaller ones – such as:

[Crowe](#) in Reading

[Quantuma](#) in Marlow

[MHA](#) (Audit) in Maidenhead – 15 positions available and open to apply

[MHA](#) (Tax) in Maidenhead – 5 positions available and open to apply

❖ Deloitte are hosting an on-line Insight Evening to find out about their Apprenticeships and work experience on **Wed 7th Oct 5 to 6.30pm**. Book your free place [here](#)

❖ Yvonne Blake, who runs Careers Club alongside me, will run a session on doing that first written application next Wed (30<sup>th</sup> Sept) during REC. **Please email me if you would like to attend this.**

### UNIVERSITIES

A few universities, including The University of Reading run a course called Flying Start with pwc which is almost a hybrid between university and an apprenticeship where you spend 75% of your time at uni and 25% doing paid work experience. You may wish to consider this an option.

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/entry-level/flying-start.html>

### SUPER-CURRICULAR – to help boost your applications

❖ Do remember that we do have a Finance Society for REC and you may wish to consider doing this.

❖ It will really help if you can gain some work experience - [Springpod](#) is a good place to look for virtual opportunities

Quantuma

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mha

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KPMG

Deloitte

Crowe



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Apprenticeships in Engineering in Wokingham – Sept start

## NESO's Trainee Power System Engineer apprenticeship is open

£30,000 + £2,000 welcome payment · Warwick or Wokingham · Starts September 2027

Hello, hope you are well.

NESO, who run Great Britain's electricity system, have opened applications for their three-year Higher Apprenticeship. Students earn £30,000 from day one and gain a Level 4 HTQ in Engineering with no tuition fees. It suits students taking Maths and a Science at A-level, or a Level 3 engineering BTEC.

There is no closing date — the form shuts when places are full, and assessment centres start in November — so students are best applying early. Please ask them to select **Young Professionals** when the form asks where they heard about the role.

Find out more about [NESO](#) and start applying [here](#)





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For Y13s looking for local full-time roles after Sixth Form



# MAIDENHEAD JOBS FAIR

LOCAL JOBS. REAL OPPORTUNITIES.  
YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.



THURSDAY  
**15TH**  
OCTOBER



10:30AM – 12:30PM



**BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE**  
Braywick Road, Maidenhead,  
Berkshire, SL6 1BN



**TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL**  
**ACTIVECOMMUNITIES@LEISUREFOCUS.ORG.UK**

**DON'T MISS YOUR NEXT  
OPPORTUNITY!**



BRING YOUR CV  
DRESS TO IMPRESS  
BE JOB READY!

ORGANISED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH





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## Thinking of Law? What about a degree apprenticeship as a solicitor?

There are many roles in Law, so first of all, what is a solicitor? Click [here](#) to find out what they do.

Law Firm, Mishcon de Reya, is offering a free virtual insight evening for you to find out about their apprenticeships.

Find out more about the firm [here](#) and register for the event [here](#) which is taking place on **Tues 29th Sept 5 – 6.30pm**



## What happens on the night

- 01 Meet the firm.** Who Mishcon de Reya are, the international work they take on, and how a global law firm is actually structured.
- 02 Law workshops.** Interactive, hands-on sessions that put you in the position of a trainee — the thinking and the skills the job really needs.
- 03 A partner keynote.** Straight from someone at the top of the firm — how they got there and what they'd do differently.
- 04 Panel with their people.** Apprentices, trainees and lawyers answering your questions live — ask them anything.

## MAYER | BROWN

For Year 13s ready to apply, applications for solicitor apprenticeships with Mayer Brown are now open!

Apply  
here: <https://www.mayerbrown.com/en/careers/students-and-graduates/europe/london-solicitor-apprenticeship-program>



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**Wanting to study at university in Australia or New Zealand?**



Are you keen to study in Australia or New Zealand and you don't hold citizenship or residency for either?

Study Options is a free service which:

- offers free, expert, impartial advice to help you decide what course to study, and which university to study it at. [Click here](#) to find out what your course options are and to get help with anything from planning budgets to visa questions.
- provides full assistance with making and submitting your application (including pre-screening before submitting to make sure it's as good as it can possibly be). They can also waive university application fees for qualified applicants. [Click here to find out How To Apply.](#)
- Offers full pre-departure support, including helping you to secure the right accommodation, book flights, open a bank account before you leave, get the right medical insurance and lots of other key things. [Click here to find out more about the Costs & Practicalities.](#)

Click [here](#) to reserve your free spot at the Student Fair Sun 15th Nov 12-2 or 2-4pm at Australia House, London, WC2B 4LA.





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## OLD BUTCHERS

— WINE CELLAR —

—  Wine Bar —

# We're Hiring!

### BACK OF HOUSE STAFF

— KITCHEN TEAM —

We're looking for enthusiastic and reliable back of house staff to join our kitchen team at Old Butcher's Wine Cellar.



Flexible hours



Evening work would suit 16 to 18 year olds



Full training given



Food safety training included

*Join our friendly team and be part of something special!*



Apply with your CV or email to [angela@oldbutcherswinecellar.co.uk](mailto:angela@oldbutcherswinecellar.co.uk)



or call the office on **01628 819 027.**



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## Local part-time job at board game café in Maidenhead – Sip & Conquer

If you haven't been to Sip & Conquer yet, it is a new board game café/bar in Maidenhead. They are looking for a new member of staff and pay £15 an hour.

The role would include:

- **Barista duties:** Prepare high-quality coffees and teas with consistency
- **Cocktail service:** Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks with confidence and creativity
- **Game hosting:** Recommend, teach, and facilitate board games for all ages and experience levels, from kids to adults and newbies to experts
- **Customer service:** Create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for everyone—whether they're solo, on a date, or gaming with friends
- **Operational support:** Help with opening/closing, cleaning, restocking, and keeping the café running smoothly
- **Problem solving:** We are a small and new business so you will be expected to help with troubleshooting - that might involve thinking about our future and growth plans, or it may involve looking at how use technology to improve efficiencies
- **Community engagement:** Contribute ideas for events, game nights, and inclusive programming
- **Marketing:** Help with the implementation of our social media and digital strategies

Visit their website:

<https://www.sipandconquer.co.uk/> and find out more about the role and apply [here](#):





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## Careers in Film



**Remote**  
**28th-30th October 2026**  
**10 am - 3 pm**  
**Age: 14 - 19**  
**Apply by:**  
**2nd October 2026**

## Behind the Screen: Your Future in Film, TV, Games & Animation

### 3-day work experience

Ever wondered about the people, skills and ideas that bring screen content to life? Join Into Film's virtual work experience and explore the wide range of careers across the screen industries.

Over 3 days you will:

- hear from industry professionals
- take part in interactive activities
- gain insight into different career pathways across film, television, animation and games
- take on a creative project challenge, developing ideas, solving problems and presenting your work alongside other participants
- discover exciting roles you may never have heard of before and learn more about the many routes into the industry

[Apply at futuresforall.org](https://futuresforall.org)

**FUTURES FOR ALL**

Apply [here](#)

## How to become a Film Director

[Wednesday September 30th at 7:00pm](#)

Do you have ambitions of becoming a Film Director? Maybe you are not sure how to progress from shorts to paid work? This is the workshop for you! Listen to Director Sophie King talk you through her journey to becoming a feature film director, including a full Q&A.

**MY FIRST  
JOB IN  
FILM**



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Register for festive roles with M&S



Similarly to John Lewis, you can register your interest in working over the festive period for M&S.

Visit their site: <https://jobs.marksandspencer.com/christmas>



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