

# Sixth Form Bulletin

June

## Lower Sixth

### Key dates coming up:

**June 10** UCAS Exhibition  
**June 15-19** Lower Sixth trial exams  
**July 7** Plan Your Future Day

### Preparing for university applications:

On June 10 most students will be coming to the UCAS Exhibition in Colchester and Year 12 lessons will not take place on that day. Students will begin work on UCAS application in Careers lessons this half-term. Most sections of the application can be completed before students know which universities (or even which subject) they will be applying to.

Over the summer holiday, students should spend some time focusing on their **Personal Statement**. This is the most demanding part of the UCAS application: 4000 characters to explain why they would be a strong candidate to study their chosen subject. This is likely to require several drafts before it is ready to submit and support will be given in July. Once students have made it as good as they can they will be sending it to Mr Hemel for feedback.

By September, students will hopefully have a clear idea of which specific university courses they will apply to. If a meeting with Sixth Form staff would help with these decisions please contact the college.

### Trial Exams

Most students will be sitting a set of trial exams this half-term. During the week of June 15 – 19 there will be no Year 12 lessons taking place and students will only be required to attend college when they have an exam. Students who are taking courses for which there is no trial exam will be set work to complete independently during the week.

### “Plan Your Future” Day

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, a number of activities are planned to support students in their preparations for what comes next after Sixth Form.

- Students applying to university will work with us on the early stages of writing their UCAS **Personal Statement**
- Students not applying to university will have a workshop with a local **recruitment company** to better understand current employment trends and how to make themselves competitive in job and apprenticeship applications.
- All students will meet with over 50 recent **ex-students** who are coming back to Freman specifically to talk to them about their next steps.
- In the afternoon, all students will attend a **Careers Fair** held at Freman College, speaking with local employers from a wide range of employment sectors.

### Apprenticeship applications

Many national-scale apprenticeship providers will open their applications in September, so it is important that students use this half-term to do the research in order to identify apprenticeships they want to apply to.

Students will be supported in this through the half-term, including a session with a local recruitment company in July. If you feel it would be helpful to have a meeting with a member of Sixth Form staff to discuss possible apprenticeship applications, please contact the college.