

Sixth Form Bulletin

November

Upper Sixth

Key dates this half-term:

Nov 12 Visit to Houses of Parliament
Dec 5 Sixth Form Ice skating trip

Looking further ahead:

Feb 10 – 14 Upper Sixth Trial Exams
Feb 26 University Finance Info Evening

Student Finance applications:

Student Finance applications for loans for students starting at university next year will open in **March 2025**, and guidance will be sent out to students and parents prior to this. An information evening for parents, outlining the application process for university finance will be held on **February 26** at 6:00.

If you would like to know more at this stage, please visit [Student Finance - Student Loans And Tuition Fees \(ucas.com\)](https://ucas.com). If you would like to know more about possible extra sources of funding while at university – such as bursaries and scholarships - please visit [Scholarships, grants, and bursaries | Undergraduate, Conservatoires | UCAS](#)

University application update:

With a large number of our students' UCAS applications now submitted, many have started to receive offers already. Students should not worry, though, if they do not hear from their universities for many weeks yet: each university has a different policy towards making offers, and while some will respond very quickly there are others which deliberately wait until after the national UCAS deadline of January 31st before making any offers.

We try to get all students' applications sent off by the end of November if possible.

Art Foundation applications:

Applications for Art Foundation courses open shortly, and students will need to prepare a portfolio of art work to take to an interview. Upcoming open events at some of our local Art Foundation course providers are linked below:
[Cambs Regional College Nov 16th](#)
[Herts Regional College Nov 21st](#)

Apprenticeship applications:

Many national-scale higher and degree-level apprenticeship providers will open for applications in the coming weeks. Below are a few that students might like to consider. It's worth remembering that most companies will run apprenticeships in multiple skill areas (eg BBC runs apprenticeships in accounting, data science, solicitor and project management, as well as in TV production).

[Computacenter](#)

[EY](#)

[Mercedes](#)

[Grant Thornton](#)

[Government Economic Service](#)

[Nationwide Building Society](#)

[GlaxoSmithkline](#)

[Amazon \(Business Analyst\)](#)

[Barclays Bank](#)

[BBC](#)

[BDO \(audit\)](#)

[Willmott Dixon](#)

[Mace Group](#)

For apprenticeships only in **Hertfordshire**, students should visit [Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal](#)

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Lower Sixth

Key dates this half-term:

Nov 12	Year 12 Life Lessons Day
Dec 4	Sixth Form ice skating trip

Sixth Form activities:

Following the great success of our first Sixth Form activity of the year, at Bassingbourn's Obstacle Training Ground (see photos), we are arranging an after-school trip for the Sixth Form to an **ice skating** rink on December 5th. We would love lots of Lower Sixth students to come along, and details will be sent out shortly.

Careers advisor:

At any time in Year 12 or 13, students can request a meeting with an independent careers advisor by emailing or talking to Mr Abell.

Life Lessons day:

In our Get Work Ready Day in October (see photos) Lower Sixth students made a great impression with the visiting professionals as they worked on how to present themselves most effectively in interview and assessment centre situations.

Our next PSHCRE Day on November 12th will focus on "Life Lessons". This will include sessions on sexual consent, road safety for new drivers, and UK politics and voting.

Work Shadowing day (Jan 28):

On January 28th, we will be asking all Lower Sixth students to arrange a day's work shadowing, ideally in a career area they are interested in pursuing after Sixth Form. Students should be thinking now to try to set up a good placement for themselves on that day. They will be shown how to access virtual workplace experiences if they are unable to secure something in-person, but hopefully students will have plenty of notice to arrange something face-to-face which will be of benefit to them.

MOOCs:

Lots of students in the Sixth Form at Freman complete a free online course run by a university during their Lower Sixth year. These are known as MOOCs, and are a great way for students to get a taste of what it might be like to study a particular subject as a degree. Completing a MOOC also looks great on a future university application, and also enables students to achieve their "Scholar Badge" on Satchel One, which can be referred to in university applications. We recommend www.futurelearn.com as the best platform to find free MOOCs.

Lower Sixth Workshops this half-term:

The theme this half-term in our Friday morning workshops will be Personal Finance. We will cover aspects that are relevant to young adults, including the difference between savings and investments, how to use a credit card, safe borrowing, car insurance products and employees' rights. As part of this programme, we are pleased to also welcome a guest speaker who is an economist with the Bank of England.

Lower Sixth Trial Exams:

A Level students will sit two sets of trial exams while in the Lower Sixth:

- **January 22 – 24**
- **June 16 – 20**