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# News



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## Welcome to Parents, Carers and Students,

The equal-consideration deadline for university applications has now passed, and I am thrilled to be able to report that the 2025 application cycle has seen some new school records set.

A massive 151 people have submitted applications in time for the deadline, and are starting to see some outstanding offers and opportunities come in. This figure is made up of 137 current Year 13s, and another fourteen school leavers who have chosen to complete their applications during their gap years. I am proud to be able to support those students.

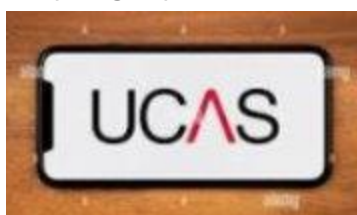
Excitingly, six Year 13s are currently holding offers from either Oxford or Cambridge; this is the most offers any year group has ever achieved from a single application cycle. Every student has done themselves proud, and I look forward to seeing their success going forward, whether at university, on a degree apprenticeship, or in the workplace.

As the year goes on, Year 12 will start to consider their own options for the 2026 application cycle. To this end, I would like to point out some key dates in the school calendar. There will be a UCAS information evening for parents on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm, and the year group will be visiting the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition in Farnborough on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Later in the spring and summer, students will begin the first stages of creating applications and drafting personal statements.

It is a great privilege for me to be able to work with such ambitious and aspirational young people, and to see so many go on to achieve great things. I very much look forward to working with the next year group.



**Mr Martin**



In our Spring newsletter you will find articles from students and staff that tell you about a variety of events that have taken place in the last half term.

Please note our key dates as there is still so much to come. We're officially halfway through the academic year now!

Have a great half term; hopefully all students can achieve the delicate balance of both revising and resting.

I wish you all the best,



**Mrs Hegg**

## Year 12 Work Experience week - 14-19 July 2025

Year 12 work experience week in July is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a work place and gain real-time insight into the world of work. A work experience placement can help students to streamline career choices and understand how a business or operation works. In addition, students will gain experience in valuable 'soft skills' such as communication, problem solving, teamwork, communication and adaptability.

If your child has not yet found a work experience placement, please encourage them to seek a placement during this coming half term break. A number of students have already secured placements in Surrey and London. It is clear from previous years that applying early means the student is more likely to be offered a placement. Students have received support in the work experience process including a zoom assembly and dedicated careers and skills sessions. Work experience is compulsory and takes place w/c 14th July, which is the last week of the summer term.



**Mrs Warren**

## Send Prison Visit

Elsbeth, Niamh, Andrea and Liv organised a Christmas collection for children whose mums are in prison. This was called Operation Elf. They presented assemblies to Year 7s, 8s and 9s to tell them all about the appeal and why it was such an important thing to do.

As you can see from the photo, the appeal was very successful and lots of people were very generous in donating presents. The 6th Form students delivered the presents to HMP Send just before Christmas, so that Santa would be able to give presents to children who came to visit their mums.



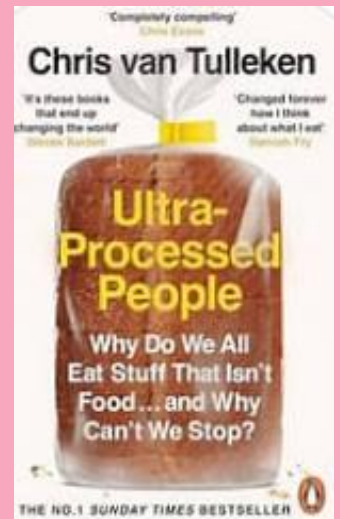
## The Food Committee- let's talk food!

This half term, Year 12 students have joined Mr Newman in his mission to share the knowledge on living a healthy lifestyle and inspiring a health-first approach across the school. Now, it is their mission too! In this newly established food committee, Year 12s learn how they can protect their bodies from harmful bacteria and illnesses by keeping themselves healthy through their diet.

On average, an adolescent's diet consists of 66% ultra processed food. This is a wide-scale issue across the UK, and one that needs addressing. Ultra processed foods are foods that have been significantly altered from their original form and contain many additives. They are often made using industrial processes in factories, and contain many preservatives, sweeteners, emulsifiers, and artificial colours and flavours. Examples can include breakfast cereals, soft drinks and frozen meals. UP foods have a detrimental effect on our health, and are associated with many health risks, such as cancer, obesity, diabetes etc.

Consequently, one of the aims of the food committee is to tackle this issue within our school community. The food committee wants to educate parents as well as pupils on what it means to lead a healthy life and wants to encourage caterers to take the right steps in providing nutritious meals to our students. Follow their journey!

### Angelina



## Mooting Competition

A group of students who are interested in Law have risen to the challenge set by local firms Guildford Chambers and DMH Stallard to take part in a brand new mooting competition. This involves acting as barristers to argue an appeal about Family Law cases with local barristers acting as judge. It's a fantastic way to research case law, practise debating skills and network with law specialists over four special events, the last of which will take place on 26th March. Further updates to follow. Anything to wear a wig!



## National Apprenticeship Show

Thirty students went to visit this show on 12th February to find out about degree apprenticeships. A wide range of employers were there including the Army, British Airways, the Metropolitan Police as well as a wide range of employers interested in talking to students about their apprenticeships in business areas such as Finance, Project Management, Engineering, to name just a few. Students were encouraged to talk to as many different people as possible, and we were very proud of how well they presented themselves, in terms of wearing suitable business dress and engaging well in a professional setting.



## Battle of the Bands

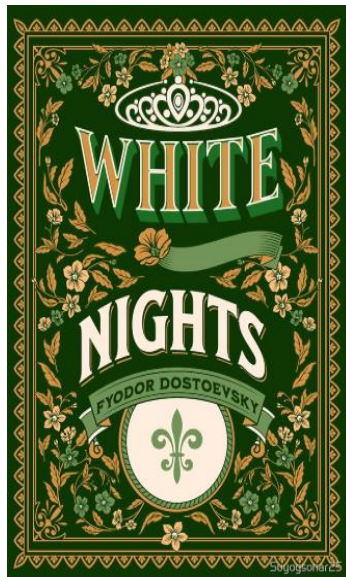
Last Sunday, the 6th Form Enrichment band took part in the annual Battle of the Band competition held at Prior's Field school in Godalming. There were 12 entries from local schools and colleges, including Rodborough, Charterhouse, George Abbot and Weydon. The 10-piece band performed 'Superstition' by Stevie Wonder and 'Playing God' by Paramore. Our versatile band included singers, trombone and violin. The 5 judges were all professionals in the music industry, including Adam 'Woody' Woodford from the band Polar, and Tony Scott, the organiser of Guilfest. All were complimentary about the tight rhythms section, and the individual treatment of the two songs, along with the great harmonies between the three singers. Congratulations to the Music Enrichment students for a great performance in front of the 300 strong audience. Weydon, who performed two original songs, were overall winners of the top prize which will be a gig slot at Guilfest.



## Book Group's review of this term's read

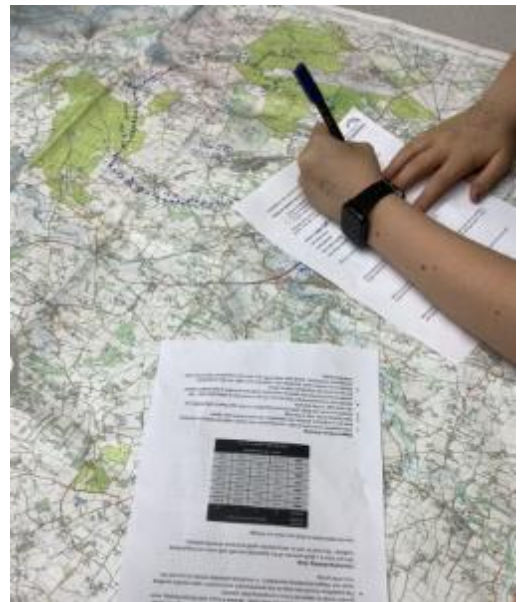
We gave 'White Nights' by Dostoevsky an average of 3/5 stars. Exploring the four-night journey of two strangers in 1800s Russia, we witness the turmoil of loneliness and the deep desire to love and to be loved. Narrated by the man we only know as the 'dreamer', we start to question the reliability of his narrative and begin to wonder whether his love is unrequited. This is a book that makes you think and led to many contradictory feelings among the book club. Our current read is 'The Secret History' by Donna Tartt.

Katie, Harriet and Matilda



## Key Dates for 2025

Wed 12th February w/c 17th February	National Apprenticeship Show <b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 3rd March w/c 10th March	Year 12 UCAS evening Year 13 Mocks 2
Wed 12th March <b>Fri 14th March</b>	Year 12 Bowling <b>INSET</b>
Fri 4th April w/c 7th & 14th April	Year 13 Progress reports & end of Spring term <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Thurs 24th April 28th April-1st May	Year 12 UCAS Discovery trip Year 12 Exam Week
w/c 26th May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
12th May-24th June	A-level exam season
Wed 25th June Thurs 26th June Fri 27th June	Year 12 Citizenship Day Sports Day Feast Day
Tues 1st July 9th-14th July w/c 14th July <b>Fri 18th July</b>	Year 13 Prom Gold D of E Expedition Year 12 Work Experience Week <b>END OF TERM</b>



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year we have 5 groups of Year 12 students who are taking up the challenge of Gold DofE and so far, they have been amazing. We have a range of experience in our groups from students who have worked their way up through the awards at Bronze and Silver to students who are starting at Gold for the first time.

We have been covering a range of skills to keep them safe whilst on their 3-day expedition in July. Their expedition will be remotely supervised and therefore they need to know how to look after themselves as a group if they need to deal with an emergency. They also need to be self-sufficient for the entire expedition carrying all they need on their backs. We have covered training on food and cooking, first aid, navigations skills and route planning.

We all ventured up to Blackheath Forest one Wednesday evening in January for our night navigation practice. This was the first real challenge for our groups to work together as a team. Reading a map and navigating during the daylight hours can be challenging enough when you can see your surroundings, never mind trying to navigate in the dark of night. All our groups did exceptionally well and the feedback from the teachers who supported was overwhelmingly positive.

Our groups are all busy planning their routes for our July practice expedition when we disappear off to South Wales for 5 days, where we can hopefully look forward to warmer weather.

**Mrs Bromley**

Year 12s have returned from Christmas and have applied themselves brilliantly over the course of this half term. As we look to next half term, our successful students will begin revising for Year 12 test week which begins on 28th April. These results will form baseline scores for the students' predicted grades for UCAS applications.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Mr Martin's UCAS information evening on 3rd March.

I hope that students have a restful half term where they can reflect on what has gone well, and what they can improve in their own practice.



**Mr Dodsworth**  
**Head of Year 12**

Year 13 have had a very busy and productive half term. I am very proud of how hard they have been working during their first round of mocks after Christmas, and their responding to feedback which followed from that. Thank you all for attending parents' evening; I know that your support makes all the difference in helping the students reach their potential. We now look forward to the second round of mocks on 10th-13th March and their A Level and BTEC exams. I'm sure that if they keep the momentum going and keep an effective study routine, they will continue to be successful.

In tutor time this half term, the students have been taking part in a quiz competition against their peers across the whole year group. Alongside this, they have been reflecting on their reports and creating SMART targets based on these. This month it is LGBT+ History Month, so the tutors have led a session on this to celebrate the contribution LGBT+ individuals have given to society.

I hope the students have a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing their success continue over the coming weeks.



**Mr Steady**  
**Head of Year 13**