



Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: Monday 11th July (Week 2)

Next Week: Monday 18th July (Week 1)



Student Summer Checklist

As we enter the penultimate week of Year 12, it's time to look ahead and get excited for the summer break. While the holidays are definitely a time for reward and relaxation, they will also provide a great opportunity to get a head start and feel prepared for Year 13 and beyond.

Read below for our top tips on making the most of summer:

- ◆ **Attend university open days**- visit <https://www.opendays.com/> for details of upcoming events. You will need to book and register online. A really great benefit of open days is the talks, for both your subject and social life at the university. Not only is visiting a new place a fun day out, it will also give you a true sense of where you might be living and studying.
- ◆ **Register with apprenticeship websites**- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>; <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>; <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>; <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>; <https://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk/>
- ◆ **Sort out your CV to reflect your current achievements**— visit <https://www.cvplaza.com/> or <https://www.ucas.com/careers/getting-job/how-write-cv> for tips on how to write a stellar CV.
- ◆ **Consider some work experience and volunteering**— using the summer to build skills and try out new experiences will develop you as an individual and allow you to have a positive impact on the community. You can visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer> or Springpod.com for further information.
- ◆ **Draft your UCAS personal statement**— A strong personal statement makes all the difference when applying for an undergraduate course. Writing a first draft over summer will ensure that you're in a position to get lots of feedback on this from September so you have time to get it just right. Visit Unifrog.org or UCAS.com for support on getting started.
- ◆ **Revise Year 12 learning content**— Engaging in some healthy revision will ensure that you have embedded knowledge from Year 12 and will boost your confidence for next year. Think flashcards, mind maps, Cornell note taking, practice questions...

Summer Reading Challenge

Can you read **two** books over the holidays?

Enjoying a good book is a great way to relax and open your mind to new possibilities. Reading can whisk you away to another world and take you on holiday from the comfort of your own sofa. See below for Waterstone's top picks for the summer:

<https://www.waterstones.com/campaign/summer>



FICTION: *The author of the bestselling phenomenon **The Girl on the Train** returns with another white-knuckle thriller awash with unbearable suspense and jaw-dropping misdirection, as three women are brought into conflict through a brutal murder.*



NON-FICTION: *The Comfort Book is a collection of consolations learned in hard times and suggestions for making the bad days better. Drawing on maxims, memoir and the inspirational lives of others, these meditations celebrate the ever-changing wonder of living. This is for when we need the wisdom of a friend or a reminder we can always nurture inner strength and hope, even in our busy world.*

UCAS Registration

In tutor time last week, students registered to UCAS on www.ucas.com.

To access your account, make sure you have done the following:

- Registered as an 'undergraduate'
- Created a 'user hub'
- Started an application
- Linked to the school using the buzzword **TGAK2023**

Start browsing for insight into a range of student related topics such as loans and finance; choosing the right course; accommodation; gap years; wellbeing and city guides.

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