



# Year 12 Review

11/12/2024  
Mr Owen & Mr Wilder



# Agenda

- Reintroducing our Sixth Form team
- Summing up this term
- Tutor engagement and attendance
- UCAS



# Who makes up the Sixth Form team?



**Mr M Owen**  
Co-Head of Sixth Form



**Mr J Wilder**  
Co-Head of Sixth Form



**Mrs H Garrety**  
Sixth Form Office Manager



**Mrs C Adcock**  
Sixth Form Administrator  
(Admissions)



# Our incredible House Leaders



**Mrs A Whyatt**  
Curnock Co-Sixth Form Leader



**Mr D Bateman**  
Davis Co-Sixth Form Leader



**Mrs R Talbot**  
Davis Co-Sixth Form Leader



**Mr J Cussen**  
Curnock Co-Sixth Form Leader



**Mr D Ward**  
Evers Sixth Form Leader



**Miss M Bilcliff**  
Patterson Sixth Form Leader

# The end of a busy first term!



- High levels of student engagement (94% attendance across student programmes)
- 54 students who have successfully submitted and have had their EPQ projects approved.
- Students now have the option to drop down to three A Levels but are welcome to continue on four.
- Information filled enrichment and assemblies: studying in America, apprenticeships, Newbury Food Bank, Black History Month student presentation & the University of Reading.
- Formally started our early entrant programme for 2026.
- Year 12 reports and follow-ups

# Our core expectations



The jump to A Level is considerable and is a challenge for many of our students. To ensure success, we would strongly recommend the following:

1. 100% attendance across study programmes
2. Using study periods wisely and effectively
3. Acting as a young adult and engaging with our staff professionally
4. To feedback when things may not be going as well (we can help!)
5. Respecting the school community

# The importance of excellent attendance and tutor engagement

- All of our Sixth Formers are expected to attend their morning tutor sessions, which start at 08.30.
- Each session is dedicated to a particular area, which aims to improve student knowledge on a range of subjects (general knowledge, university/apprenticeships/employability, whole school reading and revision).
- Students who attend tutor start their day positively, with an area of focus. Those who attend tutor will attend their lessons on time, ready to learn.

# Supporting your young person



<https://sites.google.com/stbarts.co.uk/revisionhub>

<https://sites.google.com/stbarts.co.uk/stbartssixthformstudyskills/home>

Getting UCAS ready (a new Google classroom for 2025!)

Students should now start thinking about their work experience, which they should start applying for in the new year.





# UCAS

- All students who wish to attend university from September 2026, will need to complete a UCAS application, which will be submitted from December - January, 2025/6.
- Their application will comprise of three main sections: general details, subject teacher references and a personal statement.
- **Subject teacher references:** these are compiled by all subject teachers, who will provide a realistic overview of student progress and skills. Predicted grades are partly formed from practice assessments, which take place towards the end of the academic year.

# UCAS: personal statements

## The new personal statement questions

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- ▶ Question 1: Why do you want to study this course or subject?
  - ▶ Question 2: How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
  - ▶ Question 3: What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?
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# Evidence for personal statements

- Mooc courses (<https://www.mooc.org/>)
- Work experience (incredibly important for early entrants)
- Volunteering opportunities
- Subject rep, House Captain & Sixth Form leadership (coming soon!)
- Further reading and study (JSTOR and library access)
- Extra curriculars: EPQ & Core Maths
- Mentoring
- Year 12 students should now be showing a further interest in our enrichment and extracurricular activities (showcasing interest, leadership and other soft skills)

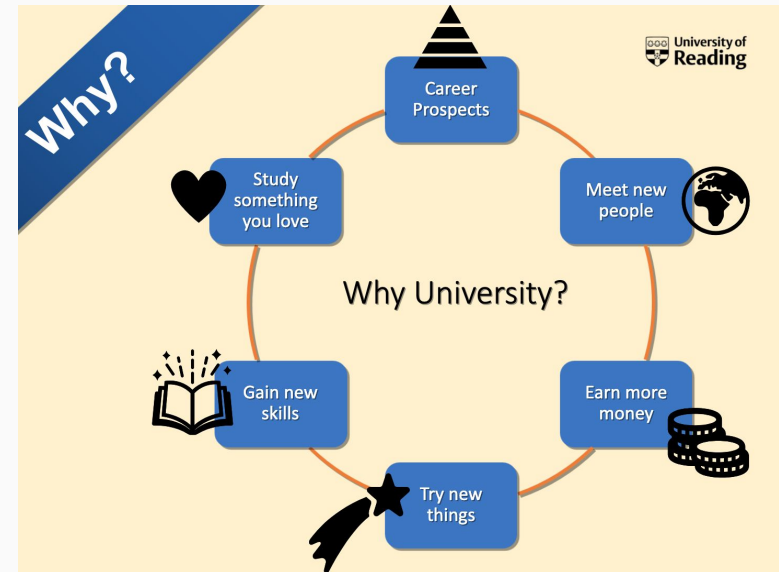
# UCAS deadlines

- Early entrant application deadline: on or around the 15/10/2025 for students wanting to apply to Oxbridge, medicine, vet or dentistry. Early entrants will receive additional support to further improve their applications and chances of success.
- General deadline - usually towards the start of November. All applications must be in before the winter break (2025).
- Apprenticeship support: Mr Wilder runs an apprenticeship support group every week.

# The University of Reading & the University of Bath

UoR: 12/09/24

UoB: 16/01/25 (for students and you!)





# What can students do now?

Access the new Google classroom, which will showcase a number of extra-curricular activities

Consider attending a couple of open days, with the aim of getting a flavour of life at university

Outreach and widening participation schemes

Update their Unifrog account, which we set time aside during morning tutor

Starting their Year 12 revision and reflecting on their most recent report

# Tanzania & Cambodia (2025)