

Sixth Form Bulletin

March 2026

Be 1% better each day



Key Dates

16th March	EPQ presentations for two weeks
23rd March	Year 12 Mocks commence
25th March	Year 12 Destinations Evening
25th March	Year 13 Mock 2 Results at break
27th March	End of term
13th April	Inset Day
14th April	Year 12 Mocks continue
15th April	Year 12 UCAS Discovery Day
27-29th April	Textile/Photography Exam
4th May	Bank Holiday
5th May	Spanish Speaking Exam
5-7th May	Graphics Exam
6-11th May	Art Exam



Sixth Form classes end at 3:10pm

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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Year 13 Prom
Deans Court Wimborne
£42pp tickets on sale now
via ParentPay

16-19 Bursary 2025/26

Do you qualify?

Have you applied?

Pick up a Bursary form from the Sixth Form office
See Mrs Riding with any questions



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YEAR 12 DESTINATIONS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH FROM 5PM

A great opportunity for our Year 12 students and their parents/carers to hear from various speakers on the different Post 18 pathways.

Representatives will share their knowledge and experience about post-18 options, applications and the support on offer for students to achieve their chosen destinations.

To register attendance, please complete [this form](#)
For further information please contact Mrs Ridley: tridley@queenelizabeths.com



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DESTINATIONS DISCOVERY TRIP 15th APRIL



Year 12 trip to Bournemouth University – **only 25 spaces left** – get your parents to sign up on parentpay.

The aim of a Discovery event is to help you decide on your next steps Post 18. At the event, you can:

chat to unis and colleges about their courses and uni life

speak to employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available

speak to qualified careers advisers about your future

listen to talks from experts in their fields

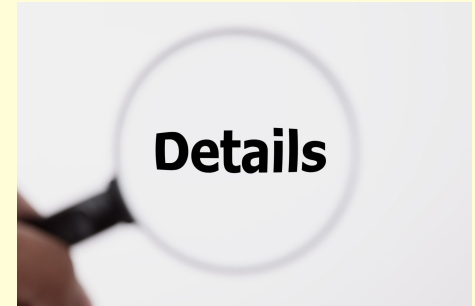
The trip runs from 9:45am to Lunch – you will be back for P4 and there are no mocks that day!

Year 12 Work Experience

- **When:** Monday 22nd June 2026 - Friday 26th June 2026
- **Whose it for:** ALL year 12 Students!
- **When must it be sorted by:** Monday 13th April 2026
- **Home working** is NOT permitted
- **Work Experience is UNPAID** & so cannot be within your current part time job
- **Work experience can take place anywhere in the UK**

Why is WEX Important?

- Many **university courses require evidence** of completing work experience to access certain courses.
- Employers like candidates to demonstrate **Transferable Skills!**



What are Transferable Skills?

- Verbal Communication
- Written Communication
- Numeracy Skills
- Team Work
- Organisational Skills
- Time Management
- Using your own Initiative
- Boosting Self Esteem
- Confidence
- Working Under Pressure
- Resilience
- Computer Skills

Why is WEX Important?

- **Hands on experience** can help students make more valuable decisions about their future career.
- Positive work placements can potentially help you **secure an apprenticeship after QE 6th Form**



Resources to help you...



Content Find courses, guides and profiles through

How to ace your CV

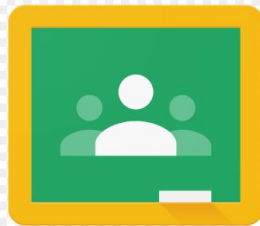
How to... use the CV / Resumé tool

How to write a winning cover letter

How to write the perfect resume

Skills: what are they and why do they matter?

Volunteering: why it matters and how to start



Google Classroom

Getting Started

Y12 Work Experience



1 Create a CV



offers an easy to use **CV writing tool** that can assist you.

Key things to be aware of:

- Show passion in your profile text
- Bullet list your skills and try to have at least 5 examples
- Remember Employment is both paid and unpaid.
- Be sure to list your subjects you are studying now!
- Include some interests outside of just studying.
- Try not to be too wordy, keep your document to one page.
- Do not use AI to create your CV as platforms like Indeed tend to reject applications based on this.
- Always proofread your CV and spell check before sending.

CV / Resumé

✓ Tweak your CV for each role

Start >



Multiple studies show that
recruiters spend an average of

just 6-8 seconds
to review a CV

2 What do I want?


Consider what you want to achieve from your work experience

Pick a placement that you are:

- **Interested** in the job in the future ?
- **Compliments** the courses you are taking?
- **Will give you skills** you haven't acquired already!



How do I search for WEX?

- Consider the location of where you can independently travel to.
- Can you widen your search area if you travel to different locations with family or friends on their way to their work? Or stay with relatives further a field?
- Use Search engines like  to look up companies and give you ideas
- Network with people you know, ask your teachers and school friends what their families do for work?
- Look at what's around you, that you haven't noticed before on your journey home!



4 How to Make Contact

What methods?

- Email - attaching a cover email and your cv.
- Telephone - inquiring and asking a name of who you can send your CV to
- Face to Face - walking in looking smart with a paper copy of your CV. If you are greeted by reception ask for a name of who you should speak to if they are not available at that point.

What do I say ?

- Tell them you are a 6th form student at QE School.
- What you are studying
- Tell them why you want to work in their organisation!
- Don't forget to include the dates you are asking for! **22/06/26**



BE AWARE!

- Check your Emails Daily for responses so not to miss out on a placement offer.
- If you have not heard back from the employers, you WILL need to follow up with them.
- Other schools will also be looking for WEX so don't delay

If contact was made:

Face to face enquiries: ➡ Telephone them!

Telephone enquiries: ➡ Follow up with an Email and include your CV

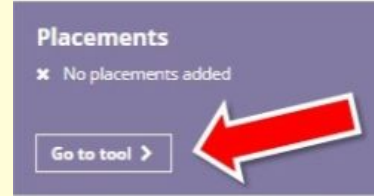
Email enquiries: ➡ Telephone them or pop in!



The Employer says Yes!



Your Hired



- **Respond to the employer straight away** thanking them for this opportunity.
- **Ensure you have all the employers contact details** ready to add to unifrog
- **Inform the employer that they will receive by email** paperwork to complete from Unifrog.

- **Enter the placement details onto** Unifrog using the Placement tool, so school can verify your placements suitability.
- **Be sure to proofread** what you enter for spelling errors and grammar as the employer will see it.



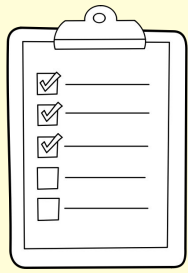
Chin Up Keep Going

Don't be disheartened, Getting a job is no easy task.

Research shows

- It takes roughly **three to six months** to find and secure a new job , from beginning to end.
- It may take as many as **10-20 job applications** to achieve one interview.
- The average corporate job opening receives roughly **250 applications.**
- Between **70% - 85%** of jobs are secured through networking.





Summary- CheckList

Questions



- Ensure you have a CV ready for any employer!
- Research and Network to limited your search
- Make a 'Hit List' of who you are targeting, include dates and times (this helps with chasing responses)
- Upload Placement details on Unifrog **no later than Monday 13th April 2026**
- Seek early help from Nadia Gribbins in B305, if you need ideas or guidance through this process.

Taster Week:

Discover your Degree options after A Levels

Poole Campus:
Mon 16 March

Bournemouth
& Poole College

- 2D Animation
- 3D Animation
- Built Environment
- Creative Enterprise
- Engineering
- Esports
- Health Professions
- Music
- Performing Arts



[REGISTER HERE](#)



UCAS Offer Advice 2026



Reply deadline & decisions



- If you receive your last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, reply by **6 May 2026**

Once you have offers back....

- You need to choose a **FIRM** (1st choice)
- And and **INSURANCE** (2nd choice back up)
- Decline the other offers

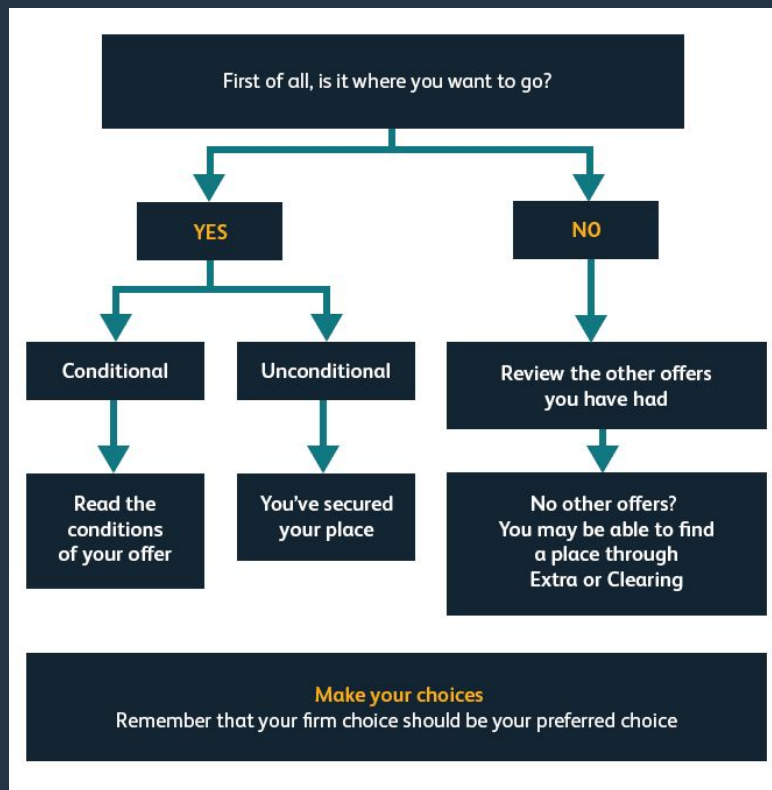
You do this in your UCAS Hub

- **Make the decision sooner rather than later so you can get on with accommodation and finance applications!**

How to decide on your offers



MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION – THINK ABOUT:



**UCAS HAVE SOME
MORE ADVICE HERE:**
[Making the Right decision](#)

FIRM CHOICE



Your **FIRM** choice is your favourite

This is where you want to go!

- if it's an **unconditional** you are in – keep working!
- If it's a **conditional** offer – you need to meet the conditions to be given your place in August
- You may have an aspirational offer and that is great
 - Now you need to put the work in to get there!

INSURANCE CHOICE



- This is your **backup** if you do not match the conditions of your **FIRM CHOICE**
 - If you do not meet the offer on your firm choice it could be withdrawn and you will automatically be entered for your **INSURANCE**
- This **INSURANCE** should be a **LOWER** offer than your **FIRM** choice
- If your **INSURANCE** is higher than your **FIRM** choice and you do not meet the **FIRM** offer then you risk **losing both offers** and going to **CLEARING**

INSURANCE CHOICE



- Choose wisely – do you see yourself at the insurance place if the firm does not work out?
- Is your **FIRM** choice aspirational and you **INSURANCE** more realistic?
- You will attend your **INSURANCE** choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, or reject your firm choice **and** meet the conditions of your **insurance**.

What if I have an unconditional offer?



- If this is from your first choice university – GREAT!
- **FIRM** accept and the university will confirm your place
- Think seriously about this if it isn't your first choice uni or course..
 - Do you really want to go there?
 - Do you really want to do that course?
 - Could this be better as an **INSURANCE**?
- If you **FIRM** an unconditional offer you **do not get an INSURANCE choice**

What are the offer combinations on UCAS?



Unconditional firm (UF) – You are in!

Conditional firm (CF) – You are in if you meet the conditions.

Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI) – You have made a first and second choice – you will be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you will be on that course instead.

Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI) – You have made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you will be on that course. If not, you will definitely be on the second.

What if you do not have any offers?



- If you have been **unsuccessful** in all your choices
- or you have **declined** the offers you received you can use **EXTRA**
- You get one more choice of course
- If you use **Extra** to add another choice you cannot reverse this to go back to your original five choices
- **If you did not use all your choices in your initial application**, you don't need to use Extra, you can just sign in to your application and add another choice, as long as it's before 30 June, and you've not accepted or declined any offers
- If you don't hold any offers after **5 July**, you will be able to add an additional choice using **CLEARING**
- You could also wait until you have your results in August and go into clearing then.



What if you change your mind?

- If you accept your offers and then change your mind
 - Within 14 days – contact Mrs Ridley she can help
 - After 14 days – you will need to contact the universities to discuss the options – they may agree to a change – then you notify UCAS
- No reply swaps are allowed after July 2024
- If you have changed your mind completely about your course or university, you can withdraw your application entirely, but please speak to Mrs Ridley before you do this.
- If you can't find Mrs Ridley in school, email:
tridley@queenelizabeths.com

Apprenticeship
Open Evening

Thurs 26 February
Time 17:00 - 21:00

TKMS

DISCOVER WHAT LIES BENEATH THE SURFACE



TKMS ATLAS UK Apprenticeship Open Evening

Be a part of something big. Join our open evening this February and learn about TKMS ATLAS UK and our range of apprenticeship roles.

- ◆ Open Evening: 26 Feb from 17:00
- ◆ Discover our apprenticeship roles
- ◆ Tour our state-of-the-art facilities
- ◆ Informal meet-up with the team



DROP US
ASUB

Instagram

Register to attend the Apprenticeship Open Evening today!
Email us at: futuretalent@uk.tkmsgroup.com

Location: TKMS ATLAS UK, Dorset Innovation Park, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset DT2 8ZB

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Careers and Apprenticeship Show 2026



Thursday 12th
March 2026 at
Bournemouth
International
Centre



Careers and Apprenticeship Show 2026 - General Admission

Free
Mar 12 · 4:00 pm GMT

Reserve a spot

By BCP Council Follow

Bournemouth International Centre · Bournemouth, England

Thursday, Mar 12 from 4 pm to 6:45 pm GMT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/careers-and-apprenticeship-show-2026-general-admission-tickets-19818528753?aff=oddtcreator>

***Bryanston School are recruiting for Housekeeping
Holiday Staff
for Easter and Summer 2026!***

***Bryanston offers a fantastic package including
free uniform, training, delicious meals when on
duty, free parking and a great working
environment.***

***Contact recruitment@bryanston.co.uk for
further details or visit our website by scanning the QR code below to apply online***



Beautiful dresses that
don't cost the earth.



Tuesday 24 March 2026
4pm - 6pm



Fair Ground Shop
Cornmarket
Wimborne



Come along and try
on a dress for your prom.

With sizes from 2 - 20 there are dresses in a
wide range of colours and styles for you to try.
Dresses are available to
rent for £5 plus a £15 returnable deposit

MUDDY DOG DASH

Volunteering Opportunity



We are looking for volunteers to help at the Muddy Dog Dash
at **Upton Country Park** on **Saturday 28th March 2026**

There are **lots of ways to get involved**, from marshalling, event
set-up and take-down to promoting the event by putting up
flyers.

Even a few hours makes a big difference!

Sign up here:



Lewis-Manning
Hospice Care
Registered Charity No. 1120193

CAREERS & COFFEE EVENT

Information session for Parents, Carers & Young People

Did you know there are 700 different apprenticeship pathways? With the changing economic landscape, more people are now turning to apprenticeships for their career next steps. Join our experts who will be demystifying any questions you may have.



Dorset
CAREERS HUB

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Dorset Careers Hub: Careers and Coffee Event



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Join us for a series of events based in community venues across Pan Dorset, which aims to demystify any questions you may have about vocational and technical qualifications. Open to Young People, Parents & Carers exploring post school options.

Locations:

[Dorchester](#) - Saturday 7th February 2026

[North Dorset](#) - Saturday 7th March 2026

[Dorchester](#) - Saturday 14th March 2026

[Bridport](#) - Saturday 28th February 2026

SEND event dates:

[Poole](#) - Saturday 7th February 2026

[Wimborne](#) - Saturday 7th March 2026