



Headteacher's Comment:

At Chase High School, the fun's begun,
The Easter Bunny's on the run!
Busy hiding eggs both near and far,
In every nook, beneath each star.

From Year 7 to Year 13,
Eager hearts are all keen,
To find the treasures, oh what a thrill,
Chocolate delights, a sweet little fill!

Whispers abound of a sneaky plot,
An accomplice on the senior team, a thought!
But proof remains a mystery still,
As we search with joy and goodwill.

Kudos to those with golden tickets bright,
For behavior and effort, you've shone so light!
An Easter egg awaits, a sweet reward,
For all your hard work, you're truly adored.

Remember, dear students, attendance is key,
To find those eggs and learn with glee.
To those at 95-100%, stand tall,
Well done to you, you're giving your all!

So let's celebrate this Easter cheer,
At Chase High School, let joy draw near!
With laughter and kindness, we'll share the day,
Happy Easter to all, hip-hip-hooray!





Year 8 Enterprise Day:

We are excited to share that our Year 8 pupils recently took part in an engaging and informative Enterprise Day, where they participated in a series of workshops throughout lessons 1-4. The day was designed to inspire and broaden their understanding of the world of work, entrepreneurship, and the economy. We were thrilled to welcome a range of professionals to deliver these workshops:



- Rich Roe Records shared their journey of creating a record label, inspiring pupils to follow their dreams and pursue their passions.
- Kieran, from Capex Currency, introduced pupils to the world of foreign exchange, explaining its role in the global economy and how it impacts financial markets.
- Hayley, from Butler's Chartered Accountancy, spoke about her career path and provided insightful information on taxes, profits, and the accounting profession.
- Gavin, from Essex Police, delivered an interactive escape room-style session and focused on the importance of cyber security in today's digital world.

We also had some Sixth Form students who volunteered to share their journey through education, encouraging our Year 8s to think carefully about their opportunities and future choices.

The Business department and careers team wrapped up the day by discussing various career options, salaries, and the essential skills needed to succeed in different industries.

The day was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 8 pupils to gain real-world insights and think about the many career pathways available to them. We are grateful to all our guest speakers and look forward to more events like this in the future!

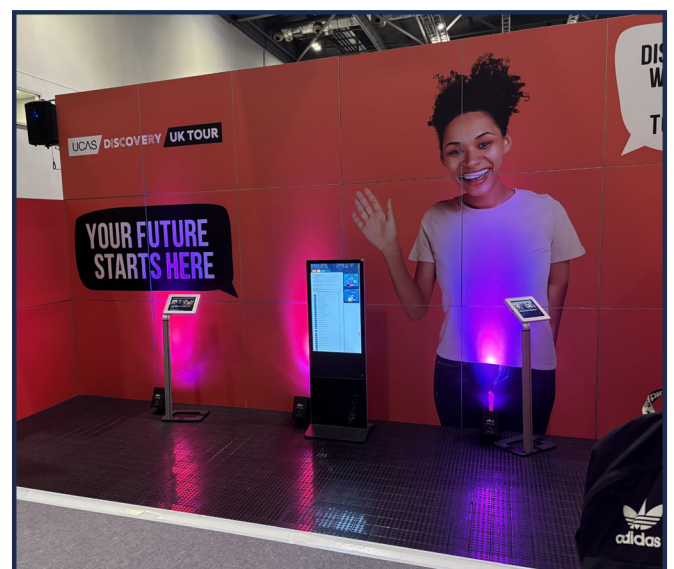


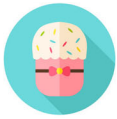
Year 12 UCAS Excel Exhibition Trip:

On Tuesday, Year 12 students visited the Excel London as they start their UCAS or apprenticeship journey.

Students were able to explore and talk to different university providers. They had the opportunity to ask questions about the different courses available and what life is like as a university student. There were also apprenticeship stalls for students to explore too.

The day was a great success and the students are excited to start choosing their universities or thinking about their next steps.





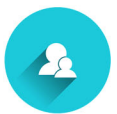
Easter Bake sale:

On Friday, the Friends of Chase hosted an Easter bake sale at break time and lunch time. Pupils from all year groups brought in their bakes to sell at this event, raising money for future events at the school. A total of £278 was raised from this event! Thank you to everyone who baked or purchased a bake from the sale.



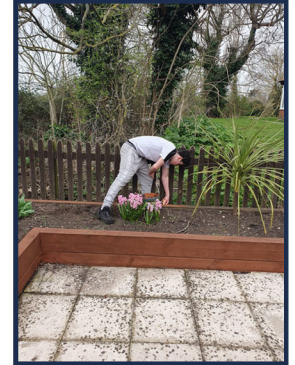
Year 10 Work Experience:

Year 10 pupils will be going out on work experience between Monday 12 May 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025. Please support your child in getting a placement and keep an eye out on Satchel One for any placements we find.



Year 9 Take your Child to Work Day:

On Tuesday, Year 9 Pupils had the pleasure of going out to work with a parent or trusted adult. The pupils got to enhance valuable skills whilst spending time with a family member, giving them a real insight in to what they do on a day to day basis.



Book of the Week!

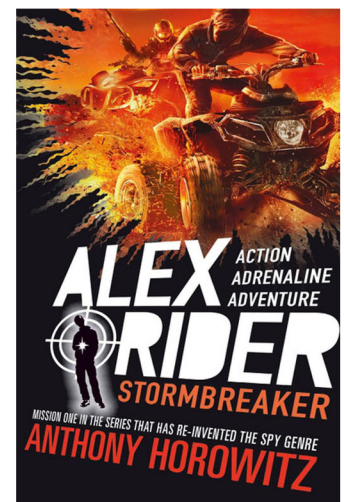
Alex Rider: Stormbreaker

Age recommendation: 12+

Short synopsis of the first book: 14 year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6. Alex is then dragged into the world of espionage and intrigue himself.

Pupil Review:

"I like how he is always on missions, and it gets really interesting and the plot twists are amazing! - Faith, Year 7.



Dates for your Diary:

31.03.25 – 04.04.25 Celebration Assemblies

31.03.25 Pop up Arts and Technology Event

02.04.25 P16 Excellence Assembly

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04.04.25 Last Day of Term. School ends at 13:30

22.04.25 Return to School on Week 1 Timetable



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Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running local catch up clinics for their routine teenage vaccinations. **

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**Leigh Primary Care Centre, London Road, Leigh on Sea
SS9 3NG**

Tuesday 15 April 2025 10am-3pm

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eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

**HPV (from Year 8)
DTP & Meningitis (from Year 9)





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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

We're not sure who decided so many national and international celebrations should take place in March - it feels like there are multiple events happening every week! Here are two celebrations that we didn't have space to mention...

National Student Money week took place from 3rd-7th March. The theme for 2025 is Survive and Thrive: Building financial resilience.

World Engineering Day took place on 4th March. The theme of this year's celebration is "Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals".



Blackbullion is the ultimate destination for students to master money management. It's the place to learn about money, find extra money, and manage your money with confidence.



Save the Student has been the resource students trust to improve their finances. We now have over 1,000 regularly updated guides. This page is a live collection of all the handy tools and resources we've created for students, from understanding your specific loan repayments to finding the best phone contract.



In careers, one of the types of finance we talk about often is Student Finance. This is the loan you get from the UK Government to fund your university studies. A good place to begin research is by reading this Guide to Student Finance.



Amazing Apprenticeships have a series of upcoming webinars running from March-June. Each webinar lasts between 30 - 60 minutes and takes place on Zoom.



Are you passionate about beauty and dreaming of a career in the industry? Join this Virtual Work Experience from 15th-17th April with the British Beauty Council and Pelham to gain exclusive insights and kickstart your future in beauty!

JOB OF THE WEEK



Nuclear Engineer

A nuclear engineer designs, builds, operates, and maintains systems that utilise nuclear energy, encompassing power generation, research, medicine, and defense, while ensuring safety and environmental sustainability. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In the UK, about 19.2% of the workforce (6.3 million people) are employed in engineering and technology occupations, earning an average of £39,163 annually, and the engineering industry is considered a vital part of the UK's economy.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@chasehigh.org



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES

Unlock the doors to your future this summer and learn more about the exciting world of engineering. Developed by The Smallpeice Trust, [this course](#) invites students aged 12-14 to discover the future of engineering in the comfort of your own home. The dates of the course are 27 May - 30 May 2025. You will learn:



- Cyber Security
- Electrical Engineering
- Space Engineering

There is a cost but you can apply for a funded place if you meet the criteria outlined in [these FAQs](#).

Born to Engineer have compiled a list of some of the best [Engineering Competitions](#) available to students in the UK. As well as being a fun challenge, they look great on your university and/or apprenticeship applications (even if you don't win, you will gain lots of skills!).



The University of Manchester offers a [range of financial packages](#) that aim to support students from the most underrepresented backgrounds, to access, and succeed at University. If you want to know more about other university's financial support offers, search the name of the uni followed by "Bursaries and Scholarships" to find more information.



Make your mark by spending eight weeks this summer working with the UK's largest publisher. Penguin book's [paid summer internship roles](#) sit across 9 different teams in our London office, with opportunities to contribute to projects in one of our publishing houses or specialist group functions. *You have to be 18 for this opportunity, if you're not old enough yet, make a note of it for future years!*



If you're considering applying to Oxbridge, any Medical course or some Law courses, you will need to complete a university admission test. To learn more about them, you can read this guide; [University Admissions Tests: Everything you need to know right now!](#)



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our apprentices are the change-makers of tomorrow. Diving straight into working on landmark projects at the heart of local communities, you'll discover that there's more to infrastructure than you expected. Earning while you learn, you'll gain practical skills and kickstart your career."

Read more about [Balfour Beatty Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At Plymouth you'll uncover new passions and dive deep into what you love. The city of Plymouth is enriched by its multinational student community, diverse University staff, and the millions of tourists who visit each year. Our undergraduate degrees are the perfect stepping stone to secure the future you deserve. It's your future. Make it count."

Read more about [University of Plymouth's Courses here](#).

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.

ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Meet Our Expert

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