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ASSESSMENTS

27th September-1st October 2021

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Assessments

Good luck to all of our Year 12 students sitting their assessments this week.

The week commencing **4th October** is the start of the assessment cycle for Year 13 students.

Your assessment calendar can be found here.

Enrichment

Many clubs will start this week. Well done to those who have already started! Check with Miss Dixon and/or the lead teacher for information on your club. If you do not intend to attend the club you signed up for please let Miss Dixon know. We make decisions based on numbers, therefore it is important we have a clear idea of attendance.

Yoga

Our external yoga teacher will be in every **Wednesday** at 2–3pm for free yoga lessons with mindfulness elements. This is a brilliant opportunity to learn the practice and relax.

Football training

As a one-off next week football training with be on **Wednesday** 2–3.10pm on the 3G pitch. Please get changed in leisure at 1.45pm.

Year 12 Mentors

Can all Year 12 students that have signed up to be a Year 7 Mentor, please meet with Mrs Worrall at break time in the library on Monday.

Anyone else that would like to sign up is welcome to attend.

Book Club

The first meeting of the Sixth Form Book Club will take place on **Wednesday** lunchtime in A114.

This will only be a short meeting

to allow us to choose our first book and talk about how future meetings will be structured.

If you want to read more great books, please come along!



WHATS ON THIS WEEK



CALENDAR

27th September–1st October

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Mentoring – Preparing for assessments	Mentoring – Preparing for assessments	Year 12 Mentors to meet Mrs Worrall – break, ILC Wellbeing team meeting – 1.40pm (S107)
TUESDAY	Life Programme – Contraception	UCAS Assembly	
WEDNESDAY	Issues and debates – Acceptable online behaviour	Issues and debates – Acceptable online behaviour	Discussion Group (A206) & Book Club (A114) - 1.15pm Yoga & Football Training - 2pm (see p.1)
THURSDAY	Life Programme – STIs and access to testing	Life Programme – Contraception	
FRIDAY	Futures – Part time work	Futures – Personal Statements	

UCAS

- Students should now have completed a
 draft of their personal statement and
 shared this with their referee. Students
 have had a number of internal and
 external-led sessions to support this both
 before the summer break and on our
 return in September.
- The UCAS Hub
- We encourage students to use the UCAS
 Hub personal statement builder, which we began in July. There are also a wealth of resources available to support students which they can find on the Year 13 Team, on the Futures channel files.
- Please can all students check their application this week to ensure they have used capital letters where appropriate, such as their names. Students must also ensure they have added each GCSE they studied and the grades awarded. For A' Level grades students should ensure they have entered pending on their grade.
- We still have a number of students who have not identified a referee for UCAS. If any student is struggling with any aspect of their application we encourage them to seek help from a member of staff.

Early entry students

 Please upload your personal statements once you have had your final meeting with Dr Dodds, then pay and send your application. This will allow us time to check your application and upload your reference before the deadline.

Predicted grades

Staff are in the process of entering predicted grades for all Year 13 students considering
the assessments they have completed to date. These will be shared during form with
students the week beginning 4th October. We encourage students to use these to make
informed choices on their final 5 institutions.

Apprenticeships

- Students who are applying for apprenticeships should be updating their CV and researching options available. They would also benefit from a careers appointment to discuss the application process as these vary with each employer.
- Students can find a range of supportive activities and documents on the Year 13 Teams group, on the Futures channel.

EPQ

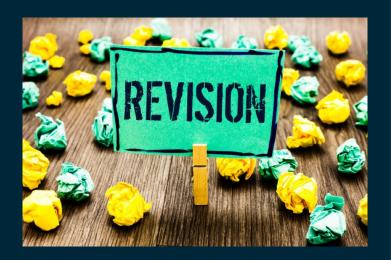
 Students completing an EPQ should email their current draft to Mrs Lowry-Johnson over the coming weeks to obtain feedback. Students will meet in two weeks and should be ready to begin the next stage of their logbook by this point. Any student who does not wish to continue should email Mrs Lowry-Johnson to inform her.

Oxford/Cambridge Testing Forms

- Please see exams for the registration forms.
- These must be returned by the **30**th **September**.

Economics revision

Wednesdays are Business &
 Economics drop-in/clinic all of lunch
 in S106. This is an opportunity to ask
 questions or complete work with a
 teacher on hand.



Help with medical school applications



Dr Amaan Din is a junior doctor planning a series of talks to offer advice and guidance to students attending schools in the Warrington area who are considering applying for medical school. Dr Din attended Great Sankey High School and went on to study medicine at Nottingham University. He graduated in 2020.

"I know first hand how difficult it is going through the medical school application process, particularly when attending a comprehensive school. I didn't realise how advantaged students attending grammar/private schools really were until I started med school and found that they made up the majority of my year group!", says Dr Din.

Getting good support and advice can make a massive difference to your chances of getting in to medical school. "I was fortunate enough to be well supported when making my application, and I've done the same for acquaintances on an informal basis over the years." Dr Din is now aiming to offer guidance to a wider audience and is planning the following online talks over the coming months:

- Personal Statement writing, Sunday 3rd October
- Interview preparation, TBC

He also hopes to offer some more individualised support to students applying this year, with feedback on personal statements and help with interview preparation. This will all be entirely free of charge.

If you are interested, please send an email to amaan.din@doctors.org.uk, with your name, year of study, and mention Lymm High School.

OxNet applications are open!

OxNet runs intensive courses, involving a mixture of Study Days, Seminar Series, Easter Conferences, Summer Schools and Twilight Talks. It is unapologetically academic and helps prepare students for applications to the most competitive university courses.

The course is separated into the following subject areas:

- Humanities
- Languages
- Philosophy
- Science
- English

To apply, you will need to complete an application form (personal details, GCSE subjects and results, A' Level subjects and what areas of study you are considering for degree level) and write a short essay (750–1000 words) on the topic required (this will depend on which programme you apply for).

"This is highly competitive and you need to make your application independently (following the instructions on their website)", says Dr Dodds. "If you are not sure what to make of the proposed essay titles or how to get started, you can probably convince a teacher to have a look and act as a sounding board! Good luck!"

All information can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>.

The deadline is 1st November 2021.

OXNET 2021/2022

OxNet is an intensive academic programme for Year 12 pupils living in the North West and North East of England and London, leading to a residential at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Applications are now open for our year-long courses in:

Humanities and Social Sciences
Philosophy and World Religions
Modern Languages
English
Science
"Cities" (an interdisciplinary course)







University of Manchester mentoring scheme



The University of Manchester Pro Bono Society are aiming to set up a mentoring scheme where University students will volunteer to become mentors. These mentors will be matched up with A' Level students from different schools and colleges who are thinking about planning for their futures or need some extra support in doing so. Mentees would be required to signup via an online form and would be matched up with a mentor currently studying a subject they are interested in. However, it is completely fine if a mentee does not yet have a preferred subject area, as all mentors will be able to provide general advice.

What are the advantages?

- UCAS application advice.
- Study tips for revision/exams/managing workload throughout the year.
- Advice on deciding which university/course to choose.
- Insight into studying certain subjects at University.
- Advice via Zoom or face-to-face depending on lockdown restrictions and preferences.
- Monthly communication with mentors.

For further information, and to apply, please contact Sixth Form Student Services. Sign up links and a parental consent form will then be sent out. The deadline for completion of these forms is **8th October**.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Cheshire and Warrington Opportunities

Visit to find out about local courses, apprenticeships or jobs

<u>Click here</u> to see this week's list of current apprenticeships in the Warrington area. For further details and to apply for any of these vacancies go to the <u>National Apprenticeship</u> Website

For more information about apprenticeships and traineeships go to find an apprenticeship or find a traineeship

<u>Health Care Assistants for</u> <u>Warrington and</u> <u>Halton</u>

Need 'gap year' work experience in a health/care setting? Full time/part time hours and permanent contracts are available.

Royal Navy

Find out what it's like to do a Royal Navy apprenticeship.

Siemens apprenticeships

Listing of opportunities worldwide.

IBM apprenticeships

Applications information.

Barclays

Information and details about latest opportunities.







Virtual school careers fair, Cavendish Nuclear 'Apprenticeships Talk'

Our team at Cavendish Nuclear have created a new virtual careers fair, which will run on dates from October 2021 to January 2022.

Please email: <u>earlycareers@</u> <u>cavendishnuclear.com</u>

to book a space in one of our sessions. We will require the following information.

Your name, email address, the school you attend, a guardians name and the your age/year group. Please also state the date you are interested in.

14th October 2021, 1800

23rd November 2021, 1800

11th January 2022, 1800

We are part of the Babcock International Group. To find out more about the apprenticeships we offer at Cavendish Nuclear please visit:

www.babcockinternational.com/careers/apprenticeships

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CAREERS



Step In, Step Up: An insight to Banking programme

Step In, Step Up is an introductory 2-day programme designed for Year 12 and 13 female students. This programme comprises of divisional overviews, case studies, panel sessions, a trading floor tour and interactive workshops. Participants will also have the opportunity to work as a team, develop their presentation skills and network with employees at all stages of their careers.

Learn more about available opportunities and how you can develop your skills.

- Programme dates: 26th and 27th October 2021
 (Programme to be hosted either virtually or in the Morgan Stanley offices. This will be determined closer to the time dependent on the COVID-19 Pandemic)
- Eligibility Requirements: You identify as a female student who is in Year 12 or 13 and are looking to learn about career opportunities in Investment Banking.

Deadline for applications: Sunday 26th September 2021

To apply, click here.

Thinking of a career in the Law?

Or thinking of applying to do Law at University?

Mrs McGahey has linked up with a local magistrate who is willing to come into school to talk about working in the legal profession. There may be a possibility that she can also arrange for some court visits so that you can experience part of a trial.



If you are interested, please sign up at Sixth Form Student Services so a date can be arranged for her visit.



STEM and medical work experience

This term, University College London (UCL) are offering students aged 12–18 immersive weekend experiences in 13 different STEM and Medicine-related careers. Learn from top doctors, engineers, psychologists, investment bankers and more. Students can attend in-person at UCL or online. Other options include the Universities of Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh.

UCL expects many of these programmes to be fully booked by **30th September**. Students can click on any career below to see full details and register.

Architecture: Use pioneering software to create 3D models

<u>Cyber Security</u>: Become a white hat hacker and pen-test a 'secure' system <u>Data Science</u>: Use big data to salvage a business on the brink of collapse

Dentistry: Practise fillings and drill into decayed teeth

Engineering: Use AI to design the next autonomous vehicle

Forensic Science: Gather evidence, match fingerprints and analyse blood

Investment Banking: Build a winning portfolio and trade stocks live

Medicine: Read patient X-rays, ECGs and blood tests

Nursing: Watch a live wound care demonstration and try it out yourself

Psychology: Advise the police during a live hostage negotiation

Software Engineering: Discover the world of full-stack engineering

Vet: Experience a live veterinary surgery simulation

Video Game Designer: Build your own spellbinding game in Unity



For further information on these career experiences, click here.

FOR PARENTS

Young Professionals parent/carers information event

Thursday 30th September, 6-7.30pm

This free virtual event provides an opportunity for your young person to ask questions directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance and Capgemini will all be available to help them navigate the job market to find work experience / internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. The organisers will also be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CVs, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your young person for the workplace or university.

Click here to book a place.



UNIVERSITIES

Saturday 25th September

Falmouth University - Virtual Open Day, 10-5.30pm

Newcastle University - Open Day



Pearson College London - Business School Open Day, online 10-12.15pm

Solent University - Undergraduate Virtual Open Day

Swansea University - NHS Careers Virtual Open Day, 9.30-1.30pm

<u>University of Cambridge</u> – Virtual Open Day

<u>University of Liverpool</u> – Student-led campus tour

Sunday 26th September

University of Cambridge – Virtual Open Day

Monday 27th September

Newman University - How to make a successful UCAS application webinar

<u>Swansea University</u> – Autumn Current News Webinar Series

Tuesday 28th September

Buckinghamshire New University - Fashion Futures, 4.30-5.30pm

Make Happen – An introduction to UCAS, 4–5pm

Swansea University – Autumn Current News Webinar Series

<u>University of Exeter</u> – Student life at the University of Exeter, 6–7pm (Zoom)

<u>University of Glasgow</u> – Playing video games at university, 4.40–5.30pm

UNIVERSITIES

Wednesday 29th September

Bangor University – Virtual Open Day

London Metropolitan University - Ask a student, 3-5pm

London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE Discovery Sessions, 4-5pm

Make Happen – Writing your personal statement, 4–5pm



Meet the Russell Group – This online and interactive experience provides students with the chance to explore all 24 Russell Group universities and chat directly to staff and students, 12–7pm. This is an excellent opportunity for students to find out more about these prestigious institutions, and get answers to any questions they may have. There will be 13 interactive webinars on the day, hosted by a variety of representatives from the Russell Group universities. Students can learn the key tips for a successful Oxbridge application and get a better understanding of student life at a Russell Group university.

<u>Swansea University</u> – Autumn Current News Webinars

<u>University of Cumbria</u> – Get into Midwifery

<u>University of Greenwich</u> – GREat Skills Referencing &

Avoiding plagiarism Webinar, 5–6pm

Thursday 30th September

<u>Make Happen</u> – Student finance explained, 4–5pm

<u>London South Bank University</u> – Making the most of an

Open Day, 5–6pm

<u>Swansea University</u> – Autumn Current News Webinars

<u>University of Hertfordshire</u> – Getting started: the UK application process, 4.30–5.15

Friday 1st October

Bournemouth University – Virtual Open Day

BIRTHDAYS

K. Birchall

G. Borthwick

H. Evans

M. Gaskell

E. Gladwin

M. Hankinson

M. Hemus-Shaw

A. Hodgkinson

E. McConville

L. Minett

L. Shaw

F. Smith

P. West

J. Williams

