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ASSESSMENTS AND FUTURES

24-28 January 2022

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

This week we are launching our UCAS process for Year 12 students. This begins with a talk from Northumbria University on **Wednesday 26th January** at 2–3pm; we expect all students to attend this please.

Year 13 UCAS

Students have had two assemblies this week to explain how to reply to their offers and how UCAS Extra works.

We recommend students and parents read this carefully so you understand how these processes work.

Edge Hill Trip

As part of our Futures
Programme we are taking all of
our Year 12 students on a trip
to Edge Hill University on
Wednesday 9th March.

Please find a <u>letter here</u> which includes full details. Students will be provided with a paper copy of this letter, which must be returned to Sixth Form Student Services by **Wednesday 2nd February**.

Gateway Sessions

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The sessions kick-off next week. For details, see p.3.

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(jdixon@lymmhigh.org.uk).

See p.5 for a selection of clubs and societies on offer. If your club isn't listed it is still being run at the regular time.

Year 13 Mocks

Year 13 Mocks are scheduled for week commencing **7th March.** Exam timetables will follow shortly.

WHATS



CALENDAR 24–28 January 2022

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Mentoring	Mentoring	Oxford Schools Debating Competition Practise, 3.30pm, N206
TUESDAY	Assembly – Allyship	Assembly – Allyship	Medicine (and related) Gateway session Period 5, E301 (see p.3)
WEDNESDAY	First Aid recap	First Aid recap	Study Day in Manchester for Spanish students *
THURSDAY	Abortion and Pregnancy	Revision preparation	Yoga, 1.15pm, N206 Humanities Gateway session Period 2, E309 (see p.3)
FRIDAY	Abortion and Pregnancy	Independent Living Preparation	

Extra Wednesday events:

Year 12 – Step into Health and Social Care Teams Training, 1.30–3.15pm

Year 12 - Introduction to Higher Education and Choosing a Course by Northumbria University, 2pm

Year 12 - Economics / Business / Finance Gateway session, Period 5, E305 (see p.3)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

The Gateway Programme is officially up and running for Year 12 students.

Thank you to all of those who came to the meeting on Wednesday to pin down timings and groups.

The sessions kick-off next week as follows:

Maths / Engineers

Week A: Monday Period 2 in E305

Medicine (and related)

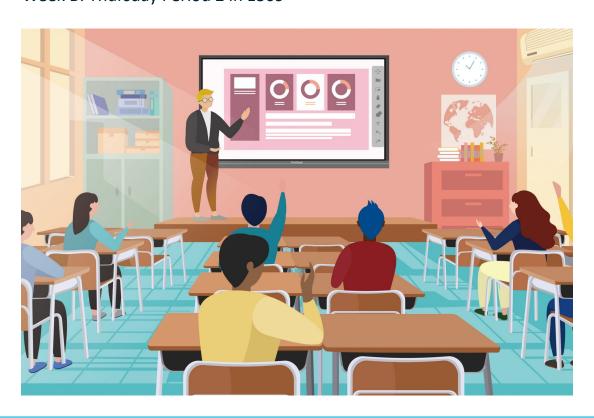
Week B: Tuesday Period 5 in E301

Economics / Business / Finance

Week B: Wednesday Period 5 in E305

Humanities

Week B: Thursday Period 2 in E309



FUTURES EVENTS SUPPORT SESSIONS

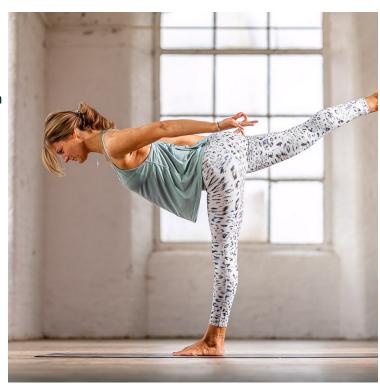
Details of the additional Futures Events we are holding this year .

Date	Topic	University/organisation
January		
Wednesday 26 th 2pm	Introduction to higher Education & choosing a course	Northumbria University NEWCASTLE
ТВС	Introduction to STEM Careers	Lancaster Manufacture University
February		
Wednesday 9 th 2pm	Applying to Russell group & competitive Universities	The University Of Sheffield.
Wednesday 16 th 2pm	Choosing a course & University	Newcastle University
ТВС	Virtual Russell Group fair with UK University Search	university & apprenticeship search
March		
Wednesday 2 nd 2pm	The UCAS cycle / process explained	UNIVERSITY of York
Wednesday 9 th	Day visit for Year 12 to Campus University	Edge Hill University
Wednesday 30 th 2pm	Apprenticeships: Applying, CVs, opportunities, and an introduction to the portal	Apprenticeships
April		
Wednesday 20 th	Making the most of Open Days	UNIVERSITY of DERBY
Friday 29 th 2pm	Personal Statement	UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
May		
Wednesday 4 th	Making the most of Open Days	UNIVERSITY of DERBY
Wednesday 11 th 2pm	Personal Statement	Lancaster University

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- **Lunch on a Loan** We have three extra spots to take part in learning how to cook tasty, nutritious meals to a budget. This takes place during Wednesday Period 5.
- **Lymm Radio** A show is produced monthly with meetings on Tuesdays. You can be involved backstage if you do not want to present.
- Year 7 mentoring One form time a week. Sign up through Miss Dixon. Help students with reading/ writing/maths (and don't worry, you will definitely be good enough to help them!).
- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold** Sign up has closed for this; however, if interested please let us know and we will see if we can still get you involved.
- **Volunteering at a Care Home** Many students are volunteering at Keates House. Speak to Miss Dixon for more information on how to sign up.
- **Book Club** Every month with the English Department.
- Yoga Every Thursday lunch time in N206.
- **Sports clubs** Various. Access the sports calendar in Sixth Form main reception.
- Talks We regularly hold talks that students attend on Wednesday during lunch and Period 5.
 - These are advertised in *The Sixth*.
- Ted Talks Students host a Ted talk and friends and peers sit in the office and ask questions. The turnout was fantastic during first term with interesting, inquisitive questions being asked on a variety of different topics.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Sutton Trust Summer Schools give students the chance to experience what university life is really like. The programmes are designed to support high-achieving students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Over 40 different courses at 13 of the UK's top universities are on offer covering arts & humanities, engineering, medicine & health sciences, science and social sciences. An <u>easy-to-use search tool</u> can help students find a programme that's right for them.

All of the costs are covered, including travel, accommodation, food and activities at any of the partner universities so students can choose a Summer School based on their subject interests at a university they'd like to explore. The partner universities offering courses include Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Imperial College London, King's College London, Nottingham, Royal Veterinary College, St. Andrews, UCL and Warwick.

The Summer School experience allows students to:

- Experience student life
- Explore one of 40 subjects at a leading institution
- Meet new people
- Develop essential life skills
- Receive applications support
- Join the Sutton Trust <u>alumni platform</u>
- Access Sutton Trust online to get advice from current undergraduate students and additional guidance for UCAS applications



If you're unsure about applying, just do it. There isn't just one type of student a university wants - if you love your subject and you're ambitious, you're the type of student universities wants. As cheesy as it sounds, believe in yourself. The only way you 100% won't get a space on a programme is if you don't apply.

Samira | University of Cambridge Summer School 2019

Applications for Summer 2022 are now open. To apply, <u>click here</u>. For further information and a <u>list of FAQs</u>, <u>click here</u>.

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



YES! Young Economic Summit Competition

YES! Bridge is a new school competition in the UK that focuses on developing a solution to a current topic in economics, politics, society and the environment.



Since 2015, the <u>YES! – Young Economic Summit</u> has been a successful and growing school competition in Germany. YES! Bridge was devised to bring the YES! competition to the UK and connect British students with German researchers to promote border-crossing cooperation in solving current issues.

Five school teams from the UK can select a proposed topic, work together with German researchers and then attend a British National Final in Summer 2022. The top two teams will then advance to the Final in Germany in September 2022. All costs are covered for travel and accommodation so that young people from all different financial backgrounds can join in. All teams will have access to the YES! learning platform with learning modules to support them throughout the competition, such as guidelines on how to define a problem, how to develop a solution proposal, and how to build a good presentation.

Teams must register on the online form on this page by 18th February 2022.

Available topics for 2022 are:

- Facing the challenges of discrimination and migrant integration
- How can we set taxes, instead of lockdowns, to reduce deaths during pandemics?
- Paris climate targets how can negative emissions and climate engineering help limit temperature rise?
- Project 100% how can we make the COVID vaccination campaign successful?
- Sharing the future growing sustainable communities
- The future of aviation sustainable flight with hydrogen?

For more information, please <u>click here</u>.

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES





Thinking of applying to Cambridge?

Cambridge University is offering a series of taster lectures and residential trips to Year 12 students to give them a flavour of what it's like to study these subjects at the university.

Christ's College Subject Taster Series
 Weekly through March (deadline: 11th February)

Subject Taster Events



Subject taster sessions are available, which are themed around the life and legacies of famous figures and alumni from the College's past. These weekly online sessions are with academics and there is also an option to visit Cambridge in April. Click the links below for information on each of the days:

- <u>Biological Natural Sciences (Darwin) Taster Day</u>
- History (Lady Margaret Beaufort) Taster Day
- English (John Milton) Taster Day
- <u>Economics (James Meade) Taster Day</u>

<u>Click here</u> for further information and to apply.

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



Religion at Cambridge



 Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion Open Day Tuesday 26th April

Interested in studying Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion? This Open Day will include taster lectures, information and advice. You will also get the chance to meet lecturers, alumni and current students, and find out more about the undergraduate degree.

To register your interest in attending the Open Day, please complete this form.

 Online Theology and Literature study evening Reading Religion and Conflict Thursday 27th January, 6–7pm

A study evening for students to explore the relationship between theology and literature in the context of violent imagery in early Christian and 17th century English literary texts, and the wars and deep religious divisions they engendered.

<u>Click here</u> for more information and to register.

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



Pembroke College



• Subject Masterclasses Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th March (deadline: 17th February)

These Subject Masterclasses allow students to explore subjects in depth, meet current staff and students, and tour the College. Subjects covered include Architecture, Classics, Geography, Law, Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Computer Science.

Applications are now open. To apply, <u>click here</u>.

Arts and Humanities Summer Residential

4-8th July (deadline: 1st June)

This event is for Year 12 students who are considering studying a course within the arts or humanities. Successful applicants will explore a number of subjects in more depth, stay in College accommodation, meet current students and staff, get a taste of life at Cambridge, and find out more about the application process and Cambridge as a city.

The summer school is relevant to anyone considering one of the following courses: Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic; Archaeology; Asian & Middle Eastern Studies; Classics; Education; English; History; History & Modern Languages; History & Politics; History of Art; Human, Social & Political Sciences; Law; Philosophy; Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion.

Applications are now open. To apply, click here.

FUTURES





Humanities Writing Competition

This annual competition is an opportunity for students to research and write beyond the curriculum, using one or more of the <u>Lawrence Room museum</u> objects, as their focus. The Lawrence Room collection comprises three major elements:

- Anglo-Saxon
- Egyptian and
- Mediterranean.

Essays or creative responses (such as dramatic monologues or short stories) are equally welcome. The organisers are looking for the ability to connect different

areas of knowledge, to think about details and to communicate clearly.



Prizes: Up to £200 cash and books to the value of £200 from Cambridge University Press, the latter to be shared between the winning entrant/s and their school/s. The prize fund may be divided between winning entrants.

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Friday 18th March.

For further information and to submit your entry, click here.







APPRENTICESHIPS

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW2022) 7–13th February 2022



National Apprenticeship Week brings together the entire apprenticeship community to celebrate everything that is amazing about apprenticeships. <u>This website</u> has lots of useful information, such as:

- What is an apprenticeship?
- What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?
- What are the levels of an apprenticeship?
- Finding the best apprenticeship for you
- Current vacancies
- End Point Assessments explained
- What is a degree apprenticeship?



There is also a selection of short <u>Apprenticeship Story</u> films that showcase the breadth and variety of apprenticeships.

Key Events

The Big Assembly NAW2022
 Tuesday 8th February, 11.10–11.40am

Parents and student are invited to join The Big Assembly in National Apprenticeship Week 2022 to hear about all things apprenticeships and traineeships with a live panel.

Moving on Up – Supporting Care Experienced Apprentices to achieve and progress
 Friday 11th February, 9.30–12.45pm

Students and employers can hear how apprenticeships have helped care experienced people earn, learn, succeed and progress.

The event will include real-life examples of how apprenticeships have changed young people's futures in addition to how businesses, training providers and local authorities have benefitted from offering apprenticeships to care experienced young people.



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP? 8 key facts you need to know



An apprenticeship is a real job

Available to individuals aged 16+ (with no upper age limit), apprentices are typically employed for at least 30 hours per week.



Apprentices are paid a salary

All apprentices will earn a salary of at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices which is currently £4.30* per hour. Many employers pay more!



Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months

Most apprenticeships take between 1 - 4 years to complete. It will depend on the level and delivery model of the apprenticeship.



Apprenticeships range from level 2 to level 7

There are apprenticeships at levels equivalent to GCSEs right up to Master's level and you can now achieve a degree through an apprenticeship.



Apprentices do not pay for their training

All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and/or the government meaning that an apprentice will never have to pay for their training.



Apprentices will receive 20% off-the-job learning

20% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent undertaking off-the-job learning, gaining valuable skills and qualifications.



Apprentices will spend 80% of their time on-the-job

80% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, working with colleagues to learn new skills and gain experience of the workplace.



There are thousands of apprenticeships in more than 170 industries

New apprenticeships are advertised each week covering a wide range of job roles. You will be amazed at the variety and breadth available!

*The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is reviewed each April.





CAREERS

PwC Flying Start Degree Programmes



If you want to go to university but you're also keen to begin your career, PwC's Flying Start degree programmes offer the best of both worlds.

You'll get to work with world-class clients and be part of a highly skilled teams. Studying

at university you'll get to experience the full-time student lifestyle but with integrated paid placements at PwC, you'll have some money to enjoy it too. You'll gain a degree, and hopefully impress the company enough to secure a graduate job after you graduate.

Flying Start degree programmes are offered in Accounting, Technology and Business Management.

Accounting

- Newcastle University, University of Manchester, University of Nottingham, University of Reading and Queen Mary University of London
- At least a 136 UCAS tariff
- 4 year degree
- 12/15 ICAEW exams completed during degree
- Degree from a leading university
- Paid work experience in Audit
- Join after university as a 3rd year on our graduate programme
- Graduate job in Audit

Technology

- University of Birmingham, University of Leeds, Queen Mary University of London and Queen's University Belfast
- Please visit the website for specific entry details
 - 4 year degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering or Data Analyst
- Oegree apprenticeship
- Degree from a leading university
- Paid work experience in a range of technology teams
- Join after university as a 2nd year on our graduate programme
- Graduate job in Technology

Business Management

- Ulster University
- At least 112 UCAS tariff
- Higher Level Apprenticeship
- Learning on the job with day release to
- Gain a BSc degree from a leading university
- Paid tuition fees and salary from day one
- O Continue career following the apprenticeship
- Graduate job in Operate, Belfast

To find out more about the Flying Start schemes, click on the links below:

- Accounting
- <u>Technology</u>
- Business Management

CAREERS

Interested in a career in Law? Wednesday 26th January, 5-6pm



This interactive event with Magic Circle Law Firm Linklaters will enable students to take part in some fantastic workshops, as well as hearing all about their summer work experience schemes. Details will also be shared about the Linklaters Making Links Schools Challenge, where students will be able to win cash prizes for themselves (£1250) and their school (£3000). They will also hear about the Making Links Discovery programme, which is an 18-month work experience opportunity. Three of the past winners of the competition will tell students about their experience with Linklaters and provide some insider tips on how best to be in with a chance of winning.

Linklaters is a leading global law firm headquartered in London, with revenues upwards of £1.5bn. With leading practices in Corporate, Finance and Dispute Resolution, they combine legal expertise with a collaborative and innovative approach to help clients navigate constantly-evolving markets and regulatory environments, pursuing opportunities and managing risk worldwide.



To sign up for this event, please click here.



Young Nuclear Engineer

Work Experience Age 15+

(Birchwood, Warrington)

Discover how men and women take on the world's most complex engineering challenges to transform the Sellafield site



Working as a project team you will experience first-hand how you use STEM subjects to work on a ground-breaking project alongside nuclear industry's experts...

Email: spoc.work.experience@sellafieldsites.com to request application form
Running weekly starting week commencing
Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Please Note: Limited Spaces Available









To apply for Sellafield work experience, please <u>click here</u> for an application form.

WELLBEING

Sexual health support – 24 hours a day

Working in partnership with the NHS, <u>this website</u> provides sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, diagnosis and treatment, oral contraception, the morning-after pill and specialist remote clinical support.

STI kits, oral contraception and emergency contraception can all be ordered direct from the website. The orders will arrive in a plain letterbox-friendly envelope by First Class Royal Mail. If you order before 3pm, you'll receive your order the next working day.

Advice is also provided on:

- Types of STIs
- Genital health
- Warts and herpes treatment
- Contraception methods
- Pregnancy, miscarriage and termination
- Local clinics and pharmacies

If you need specialist support, expert clinicians are available to advise and support you by text message, phone or email. There is also a very comprehensive <u>FAQ section</u>.







UNIVERSITIES

Saturday 22nd January

University of South Wales – Online Open Day

Monday 24th January

Falmouth University – Portfolio Advice webinar, 4–5pm



<u>Royal Holloway, University of London</u> – Geography for Schools Lecture Series: Global atmospheric and ocean circulation system, 5pm

<u>University of East Anglia</u> – Webinar: Psychology taster lecture (psycopathology), 2.30–3.30pm

Tuesday 25th January

Lancaster University - Why Lancaster?, 5-5.45pm

Royal Holloway, University of London - Biology Master Class: 10,000 years of GM food, 5pm

<u>University of Exeter</u> – Studying a degree apprenticeship, 6–7pm

<u>University of Worcester</u> – History Virtual Taster Series, 5–5.30pm

UNIVERSITIES

Wednesday 26th January

Oxford Brookes University – The Importance of Physical Activity and Health Promotion in a Covid-19 World, 4.30pm

Reading University – Archaeology at Reading: The 'Lost' Monastery of Queen Cynethryth at Cookham, 4–5pm

<u>University of London</u> – Virtual UCAS Information Wednesdays

<u>University of Southampton</u> – Personal Statements Q&A, 4.30–5.15pm

Thursday 27th January

Aston University – Student finance talks



Goldsmiths, University of London - Power Without Responsibility, 12.30-2pm

<u>University of Exeter</u> – Considering the University of Exeter, 6–7pm

University of Hertfordshire – Why go to university? Is it the right choice for you?, 4.30–5.15pm

<u>University of Oxford</u> – Oxford Women in Computer Science: Challenge Club

<u>University of Worcester</u> – Primary Teaching Virtual Taster Event, 5–6pm

UNIVERSITIES

Friday 28th January

<u>Falmouth University – Moving to Falmouth webinar, 4–5pm</u>

<u>University of East Anglia</u> – Webinar: EPQ workshop - Developing Critical Analysis, 10.10–10.55am



BIRTHDAYS



- E. Bottomley
- K. Broadhurst
- E. Ferris
- J. Joseph
- O. Littlewood
- G. Main
- J. Palombella