THE GG THIS WEEK... PREPARING FOR ASSESSMENTS

16–20 January 2023

Year 12 Assessment week is next week (week commencing **Monday 23rd January**). Make sure you know what your assessment will be on!

EXTERNAL EXAMS

Good luck to those students who are sitting an external exam this week: **Tuesday 17th January** (am) BTEC Business – B304.

Individual timetables are available from Student Services.

BEYOND EQUALITY

Based on positive feedback in previous years, Beyond Equality will visit us again on **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th January**. Year 12 and 13 boys will each receive two 2-hour workshops, split over both days. Form tutors will communicate more information about this (see p.7).

UCAS APPLICATIONS

Next week is the final week for students to complete and send their UCAS applications. Applications sent to school after **Thursday 19th January** will not be checked thoroughly and run the risk of not meeting the external UCAS deadline (**Wednesday 25th January**).





Warrington's Youth Service – Drug Support

Warrington's Youth Service visited us to discuss the support given to young people in the area and provided students with the information to make informed choices. Warrington's Youth Service visits all secondary schools in Warrington to offer 'risky behaviour' sessions and to talk to young people face-to-face about drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships and making informed choices.

Where a young person needs more specific support with drug and alcohol issues, they have a number of trained professionals as part of the Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Team who can help. This Team offers a friendly and confidential service to young people (aged 13–18) who are affected by their own drug and/or alcohol issues. The Team provides information, advice and one-to-one support. They promote the philosophies of harm reduction and recovery.

Young people can self refer to the service or can be referred by any professional or agency with the young person's consent.



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





OxNet success



Five Year 12 students were selected to apply to the University of Oxford OxNet Programme, via the Target One Cheshire Outreach initiative. This involved a two-step application process. Alongside many other students from other schools in the North West, Lucy and Thea were two of only three students to successfully secure a place.

Attainment driven, informed by evidence and unapologetically academic in its focus, OxNet runs five intensive courses. Each course includes participation in a:

- Study Skills Day
- a 6-week Seminar Series
- an Easter Essay Competition
- Twilight Talks, and
- August Summer School, otherwise known as Access Week.

Very well done Lucy and Thea!



WHATS ON THIS WEEK



CALENDAR 16–20 January 2023

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Mentoring	Mentoring	Beyond Equality
TUESDAY	Leadership Ladder	Leadership Ladder	Beyond Equality BTEC Business – B304
WEDNESDAY	Study skills – Motivation	Study skills – Academic Writing	School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm
THURSDAY	Life Talk	Life Talk	Yoga (Lunchtime)
FRIDAY	Futures Friday – Where to find apprenticeships	Futures Friday – Where to find apprenticeships	



FEBRUARY 2023

INSET Day: Wednesday 1st February Half term: Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

MARCH 2023

Year 12 Parents' Evening is Thursday 2nd March.

APRIL 2023

MFL A' Level speaking exams start. Click here for details.

MAY 2023

A' Level exams start. <u>Click here</u> for details.

JULY 2023

Year 13 Prom will take place on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

AUGUST 2023

A' Level Results Day is on **Thursday 17th August** 2023.

JULY 2024

The South African sports tour starts on **Saturday 13th July** 2024.

To view the 2022–23 Assessment Calendar, <u>click here</u>.



WELLBEING

Beyond Equality

<u>Beyond Equality</u> is a charity working to rethink masculinities and educate boys about the peer pressure they may face when growing up. Through a series of three interactive workshops, boys will have the opportunity to discuss issues facing them in a safe and open space.

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Trained facilitators will talk boys through a range of issues from mental health to sex and relationships and open up a forum for boys to discuss key issues affecting their youth. Workshops are inclusive, pupil-centred and fun. Having worked with over 25,000 boys across the UK we are excited to invite them to Lymm High.

For more information and timings, please speak to your form tutors.

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



Letting boys choose how to be boys

Conversations about 'being a man' so boys can do better by women and girls, non binary folk and each other.





Next Generation Leaders

A reminder that students should be tracking their enrichment progress using the Next Generation Future Leaders website found here: <u>Lymm High School</u>. You will need a school account to log-in.

Year 12 students should be using this tool to help them keep a track of the tangible skills they are gaining through their enrichment. This will help them when they come to apply for Apprenticeships and to University.

If you need support in selecting an appropriate enrichment activity, please talk to Miss J Dixon.

The Leadership Ladder reflects	Your Leadership Ladder the aims of Lymm High School for all KS3 students: exercising social providing cultural experiences to help broaden your horizons. $\sum_{s_1 \ s_2}$	l responsibility, developing skills and	
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REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Careers appointments are available every **Tuesday** for our Year 13 students. Email: <u>Sixthform</u> <u>@lymmhigh.org.uk</u> to sign up.

STUDENT FINANCE PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 25th January all Year 13 students will be having a student finance talk delivered by Chester University during their Life Programme session. A parent presentation will take place at 6pm. To view the letter sent home, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

SPORTS TOUR 2024

If any Year 12 student is interested in the 2-week South Africa Sports Tour then please see Mr Pickles for more information. The sports that we will be looking to take are Football (Boys and Girls), Rugby, Hockey and Netball. The tour will be leaving on **Saturday 13th July 2024.**

Some of the activities will be Table Mountain, Robin Island, Cape tour, Safari, Canopy Tour and Apartheid museum.

UCAS LETTER

Please <u>click here</u> for a letter sent regarding UCAS applications.

ENRICHMENT AND SPORTS CALENDAR

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Enrichment timetable for Year 12 and Year 13.



Year 12 Info Session: Getting Started With Oxbridge

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Oxbridge Formula

Saturday 14th January 2023, 10am

This free online session is for potential Oxbridge applicants for Economics and STEM subjects and their parents. It will involve the Oxbridge Formula team explaining the whole application process so that applicants know what the road ahead looks like.

It will cover:

- The attributes that Oxbridge look for in students they admit.
- The most effective way you can jump over the extra, potentially unexpected hurdles you're likely to face when applying for Oxbridge.
- The optimal way to prepare for admissions tests and interviews.
- Why predicted grades matter to Oxbridge.
- Why you should make sure you're doing the right work in the right way: the most important things for your application.

To register, <u>click here</u>.



FUTURES Opportunities



NMITE's Open Day

Saturday 14th January 2023, 10.30–2pm

There's still time to register for the New Model Institute for Technology & Engineering (NMITE)'s Open Day at its Blackfriars campus in Hereford.

Discover how you can become a work-ready, world-conscious NMITE engineer.

- Learn more about the innovative engineering degrees on offer.
- Look around the new state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Find out more about the admissions, enrolment process and student support services.
- Find out more about the generous scholarships and bursaries.
- Explore student life in Hereford.
- Get to know the student and academic teams.
- Light refreshments will be provided.

To book a place, <u>click here</u>.

The next Open Day is **Saturday 11th February**.









Step into Social Work Programme

Start date: Wednesday 25th January 2023, 1.30pm

This programme is to introduce Year 12 and 13 students to careers in Social Work or Social Care, prior to an application for a Social Work Programme or a Social care role. The 6-week programme will take place at University Centre Warrington on Wednesday afternoons.

Along with the introduction to careers in Social Work and Social Care, the programme will:

- Provide support for the application and interview process.
- Provide an overview of the role of a Social Worker and the learning involved to become a professional Social Worker.
- Enable potential applicants to make an informed decision about whether a Social Work programme is right for them and if not, be able to identify any other career in Social Care.

Further information and the registration form can be accessed at this link.



FUTURES Opportunities



St John's College, Cambridge opportunities

These virtual and in-person events are intended to provide students and their supporters with advice and guidance about applying to, and studying at, universities like Cambridge.

Webinar Programme

#1: An introduction to Higher Education and the University of Cambridge Thursday 26th January, 5pm

The 2023 series of applicant webinars run on weekday evenings via Zoom from January to September 2023 to support students in Year 12. The sessions provide help and guidance to high-achieving students looking to apply to academically competitive universities like Cambridge who would like to find out more. The webinars cover a broad range of topics relating to university applications and student life generally – from Q&A sessions with current undergraduates, and advice on university course choices, to workshops on effective subject exploration and personal statements. The full Webinar schedule and sign-up form are available <u>here</u>.

Year 12 Admissions Clinics

Wednesday 8th February until Wednesday 19th April, 5pm

The Admissions Clinics are weekday Zoom sessions targeted at all students who are applying to university this year, and have specific questions about St John's or Cambridge. Attendees' individual admissions-related questions will be answered during the Clinics by current students and members of the College's Admissions team. There will also be a series of subject-specific Admissions Clinics led by Directors of Studies later in 2023. More information and the Admissions Clinics sign-up form are available on the <u>College website</u> <u>here</u>.



Adams (Mathematics) Society Centenary Public Lecture

Saturday 18th February 2023, 4–5.15pm

This public lecture for Years 12 and 13 is to celebrate the Adams Society centenary. The in-person event will be held in St John's College with refreshments following the lecture. The lecture, *Climate, Chaos, and Covid: how mathematical models describe the universe,* will be delivered by Professor Chris Budd from the University of Bath. Students who would like to attend this public lecture should complete the <u>booking form here</u>.

Year 12 School Group Taster Days

13–16th March 2023, 10–3pm

St John's College are offering Taster Days for high-achieving groups of students in Year 12 accompanied by a member of staff. A St John's College Taster Day is an excellent opportunity to speak with current students and Admissions staff about applying to, and studying at, St John's and Cambridge. There will be student-led tours of the College, as well as an application workshop and interactive subject taster session. To register your interest in attending a Taster Day, <u>complete this form.</u>





University of Sunderland

First Steps to Nursing Success

Thursday 19th January 2023, 5–6.30pm

This online event will be invaluable to anyone who has applied for a Nursing course. Students will be able to find out more about the nursing interview process first-hand from the admissions tutors and current students. Together they will discuss:

- The interview day
- How to prepare
- Interview Do's and Don'ts
- Current Student Experience

To book a place, <u>click here</u>.



FUTURES Opportunities



UNIQ Access Programme for University of Oxford

Deadline for applications: Monday 23rd January 2023

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's free access programme for state school students. Places are prioritised for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. UNIQ starts in April, with academic courses in the summer, followed by university admissions support.

- UNIQ gives students the opportunity to find out if Oxford is right for them.
- Students get the opportunity to stay in an Oxford college and explore Oxford for themselves.
- UNIQ helps students prepare for University and explore subjects that interest them.
- Students get to know Oxford undergraduates and work with academics in face-to-face lectures, labs and tutorials.
- UNIQ enables students with similar interests in local regions and across the UK to connect with each other through social and academic activities.
- UNIQ students who apply to Oxford have a higher rate of success than other students.

For more information, and to apply, <u>click here</u>.





Competitions from the University of Oxford

St John's College Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition

Open to all Year 12 students, this competition invites entrants to attend a study afternoon at St John's College and submit a 2000-word essay on a Classical or Ancient subject. Students could win a £100 book token. For more information, please visit <u>St John's College website</u>.

Ancient Drama Competition

The Faculty of Classics, in partnership with the Archive of Performances of Greek and Roman Drama, is launching the Ancient Drama Prize, a <u>performance</u> <u>competition</u> for young people aged 13–18 years old. Perform a piece of ancient drama and be in with the chance of winning £100.



Language Competitions

French Flash Fiction Competition

Deadline for entries: Friday 31st March 2023

Students learning French can enter a competition to win up to £100. They are invited to send in a very short story written in French (100 words maximum). More details can be found on the <u>Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages</u> <u>website</u>.

Oxford German Olympiad 2023

This year's topic is the art of cooking, the joy of baking and the culture of eating. There are different tasks for different age groups, up to Year 13. To find out more, visit the <u>Oxford German Network website</u>.

university & apprenticeship search fairs

Event Opens 9:30am

Event Closes 2:30pm

UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

MANCHESTER SPRING

Friday 3rd February Manchester, Old Trafford Stadium, M16 ORA

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship opportunities with BP

Wednesday 18th January 2023, 6.30–7.30pm (online)



This webinar is aimed at students in Years 12 and 13, and their parents or carers, who are interested in exploring careers within Software Development, Cyber Security, HR, Trading, Shipping and more.

You'll be able to hear from inspiring people at BP about starting your professional career and the skills for success.

This virtual event includes sessions with industry experts who will provide invaluable insight and advice about starting your career journey.

You'll also gain an understanding of the apprenticeship opportunities and life at BP, including top tips from a panel of former apprentices followed by a Live Q&A.

To register, <u>click here</u>.



Government Economics Degree Apprenticeship

Programme

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 14th February 2023

The Government Economic Service's Economics Degree Level Apprenticeship programme is now open for applications.

This programme is the UK's first degree-level apprenticeship in economics, creating new routes to careers with the Civil Service and a unique opportunity to work in central government, tackling the most important social, environmental and economic issues – all whilst studying a degree in Economics!

Interested students can <u>click here</u> to hear from colleagues at the Government Economic Service giving an overview of the apprenticeship programme. This video will also explore what it's like to be an economist apprentice at the GES and give an insight into the application process.

For further information, <u>click here</u>.

To apply, <u>click here</u>.

What is the UK Civil Service?



Around 457,000 people

APPRENTICESHIPS

Solicitor Apprenticeship

Job start: Friday 1st September 2023

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (BCLP)'s network is made up of over 1200 lawyers across the globe.

With their Solicitor Apprenticeship recruiting now and Non-Legal Apprenticeships coming soon, students can make an impact in a knowledgeable and nurturing environment.

They have a rich background with their founding firm starting back in 1873. And they have been pioneers in the industry ever since, representing 30 of the world's top 50 banks. The firm is structured into three large departments: Real Estate, Corporate and Financial Transactions, and Litigation and Investigations.

They are now looking for new talent to join their Manchester team.

- £18,100 per annum
- Sector: Law
- Opportunity type: Higher Level 7

With Solicitor training delivered by BPP University, students will combine working in BCLP's successful Manchester Office with their studies. As part of one of BCLP's legal teams, you'll be working towards a nationally recognised qualification. You'll also get the opportunity to work across different depart-

ments and with colleagues across the company.

For further information, and to apply, <u>click here</u>.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship roles now open

Over the next few months, the following events with various brands are focussing on their current apprenticeship roles. Find out more about the roles, ask questions to current apprentices and hear about the application process. Some of these events are in-person days and some are virtual.

<u>Virtual Insight Event with PwC</u>

Ask Me Anything about Engineering with GSK, AWE & The Dyson Institute



- Apprenticeships at Jaguar Land Rover
- Virtual Insight Event with Lloyds Banking Group
- Virtual Insight Event with GSK
- Deutsche Bank IN PERSON AT CANARY WHARF Taster Day
- Application Clinic with Lloyds Banking Group
- Application Clinic with IBM IN PERSON (Female Focused)
- <u>Get into Apprenticeships in National Apprenticeship Week with PwC, KPMG, Google &</u>
 <u>Deutsche Bank</u>
- HSBC Virtual Application Clinic

APPRENTICESHIPS

PwC Tech Degree Apprenticeship pathway

Wednesday 18th January 2023, Manchester, 5pm Deadline for Applications: Wednesday 25th January 2023



This event for students and parents is to find out more about a fully-funded Technology Degree Apprenticeship in partnership with Ada College Manchester.

To sign up, <u>click here</u>.

Successful applicants on the Degree Apprenticeship pathway will get the chance to start developing their career as a tech specialist straight away as an apprentice at PwC from day one. They'll spend most of their time getting to work on a range of projects with the technology teams in Manchester, enhancing their skills, building their network and getting their career in tech off to a flying start.

They will also spend one week out of approximately every six at Ada College for Digital Skills in Manchester, where they will be studying towards a Degree Apprenticeship in Digital and Technology Solutions. This means that they not only get practical experience but they also get a high quality education and a degree on this 3-year programme.

Students can find out more and apply here.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Warrington Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair

Wednesday 8th February 2023, 5.30–7.30pm, Warrington Youth Zone



This event takes place during National Apprenticeship week (6–12th February 2023).

Students will be able to hear about roles, apprenticeships and training opportunities from major employers for September start dates. There will also be information and advice at accompanying seminars.

Places can be reserved on this link.

- Please <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 Website</u>
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2022 Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers.
- Further opportunities in Cheshire and Warrington can be viewed <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.
- Don't forget to use Unifrog to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!



Year out, paid engineering placements for Year 13



The Year in Industry (YINI), part of the Engineering Development Trust (EDT), is a not-for-profit organisation offering post A' Level students a free extra resource when searching for year out, paid work placements. These placements give students the opportunity to check out STEM careers, make informed decisions about which study or career path to take and can lead to sponsorship or apprenticeship opportunities. Candidates placed through the YINI scheme have access to additional mentor support, one day masterclasses and industrial accreditation.

This current placement is with a company that helps create Intelligent Companies. Intelligent companies are built on an IT ecosystem designed to amplify the potential of a business's greatest asset, it's people. It helps businesses make the best use of technology, freeing the creativity of their employees.

- Location: Sale, Greater Manchester
- Key skills: Interest in computer hardware, operating systems, security and supporting infrastructure.
- Start Date: Summer 2023
- Salary: c£15,000

The role will involve managing a number of internal initiatives in IT Managed Services and Security. The successful candidate will interact with many areas of the business and offers the opportunity to develop technical, communication and coordination skills. Internal projects include deploying new automation technologies, upgrading internal systems and security activities.

To apply, complete an online application via the YINI <u>website here</u>. Or email your interest to Lidia Harrington at <u>L.harrington@etrust.org.uk</u>





Science Work Experience Placements

Applications close: Sunday 19th February 2023 Dates of placements: 3–7th July 2023

Diamond Light Source's work experience programme gives students the chance to come and work at one of the UK's leading science facilities for a week.

Initially students will receive a day's introduction to Diamond and a look around the facility to see first hand how it operates.

The main element of the week will be a 3-day project in a specific area, which students will complete and then present to their peers and other visitors on the final day (friends and family welcome). There will also be a chance to get involved in group activities and time to meet their peers and Diamond staff.

Applicants need to apply for specific projects.

<u>Click here</u> to view the available projects and details of the application process.



"Everyone I met at Diamond was really kind and inspiring"

"The project was really fun and hands on"

"It was an amazing week and I definitely established that I want a career in chemistry"

2022 Work Experience Students





4 Skills Work Experience

Registration opens: Wednesday 1st February 2023



Fancy a career in the creative industries?

In this 5-step programme you'll be introduced to real careers and real people as you learn more about what goes into the thriving creative industry that you see around you. You'll be set real world challenges, discover what could be your creative career match and get insider information from current Channel 4 Employees on what makes for a successful creative career.

What's involved

There are five modules to complete, with five steps involved in each – all designed to give you more insight on the world of creative careers as well as insider information from people doing these jobs for real!

Each of the five modules focuses on a different team within Channel 4 that have their own unique impact on the creation of TV entertainment:

- Commissioning
- 4Studio
- Legal and Compliance
- Sales
- Consumer Insight

You'll have 6 weeks to complete the programme from the day you register. To sign up, and register, <u>click here</u>.





Engineering Design Work Experience Programme

Deadline for applications: Monday 13th February 2023

Sellafield's Work Experience Programme 2023 is now open.

This year there are summer placements available in Engineering: Design Engineering and Engineering & Maintenance. Summer placements last 10 weeks.

Any student wishing to apply should complete <u>this application form</u>.



UNIVERSITIES

Saturday 14th January

<u>Manchester Metropolitan University</u> – Manchester Met Virtual Q&A session, 10–12pm <u>University College Birmingham</u> – Online Open Day, 10–2pm University of South Wales – Open Day, 10–3pm

Monday 16th January

<u>Guildhall School of Music & Drama</u> – PGCert Performance Teaching Open Day (Virtual) <u>Middlesex University</u> – Social Work interviews: get prepared, 6–7pm <u>Middlesex University</u> – Portfolio workshop: Graphics, Illustration, Photography and Film, 5–6pm <u>Middlesex University</u> – Personal Statement workshop, 4–5pm <u>Middlesex University</u> – Nursing & Midwifery interviews: get prepared, 5–6pm



Tuesday 17th January

<u>Goldsmiths, University of London</u> – Channel Talent Spring Series: Psychology of Art: The Artist Emerges – The Psychology of Artistic Production & Appreciation, 3.35–4.20pm

UNIVERSITIES

London South Bank University – Business Subject Conference January, 3–5pm Middlesex University – Preparing for your Performing Arts Audition: Dance, Theatre Arts & Music, 6–7pm Middlesex University – Primary Education interview prep, 5–6pm Middlesex University – Portfolio workshop: Fashion, Interior and Product Design, 4–5pm University of East London – Personal Statement - How to make yours stand out!, 4.15–5pm University of Greenwich – English Literature Virtual twilight lecture: Death in Shakespeare and Jacobean Tragedy University College London – English Masterclass, 4–5pm

Wednesday 18th January

Anglia Ruskin University – Virtual Taster Day, 10–2.30pm

Anglia Ruskin University – Operating Department Practitioner Taster Days, 10–12.30pm



<u>London South Bank University</u> – Law & Social Sciences Subject Conference January, 3–5pm <u>University of East Anglia</u> – Webinar: Film Studies taster lecture – 2001: A Space Odyssey (Stanley Kubrick), 4.15–5.15pm <u>University of East Anglia</u> – Webinar: Biology taster lecture - Understanding & Tackling Cancer, 2–3pm <u>University of Exeter</u> – Support Services at Exeter, 6–7pm <u>University of the West of England, Bristol –</u> Undergraduate Open Day

UNIVERSITIES

University of Wolverhampton – It's not too late to apply, 5–7pm



Thursday 19th January

Manchester Metropolitan University – Manchester Met Virtual Q&A session, 4–6pm <u>University of East Anglia</u> – Webinar: A step-by-step guide to writing a standout personal statement, 4.20–5.40pm





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