# Year 13 Information, Advice and Guidance Evening



September 2023





## Purpose of this evening

 To ensure both parents and students receive the same messages concerning Sixth Form Life.

 To remind you of the key members of staff who will support your child throughout this year.

To provide advice and support for students' next steps.



## The Team



## THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

#### THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mrs H Jennings
Head of Sixth Form
Assistant Headteacher



Mr J Mullin Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Head of Yr13



Miss J Dixon
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Head of Yr12



Mr J Hayes
Head of Halls and Ethos

#### SIXTH FORM STUDENT SERVICES



Mrs L Hughes

PA to the Head of Sixth Form ,
Sixth Form Administrator



Miss A Lewis Attendance Officer



Mrs J Littler Student Development Officer



Mr N Brown Student Development Officer



#### We also have..



 Two school counsellors who work in sixth form – see any member of our team for a referral to this confidential service.

• Independent, impartial careers advisor – self referrals welcome.

 We are all here to ensure you have a happy and successful final year with us.



# Stepping up to Yr13 Mr Mullin



#### How is Yr13 different to Yr12?

Shorter - 28 weeks!



Pressure increases – overwhelming at times.

Teaching will finish by February half term.

Crucial decision making.





## Induction Programme – Week 1

#### **Activities**

Timetable

Assessment calendar

Expectations – student contract

Methods of communication – emails and The Sixth

Equipment

16-19 Bursary Fund

Motivation

**UCAS** and **Next** Steps



## Induction Programme – Week 2







Subject area	Enrichment elective	Frequency	Staff	Room
Drama	School play	Term 1	Mrs Richards	Hall
Careers	weekly work placement – to be organised by student	Weekly	Miss J Dixon	n/a
Oracy	Debate mate	End of Term 1	Miss J Dixon	N206
Olacy	Model United Nations	Term 2	Miss J Dixon	N206
	Help for Y8 debate club	Thursday lunch	Mr Skilbeck	A121
	Lymm Radio	Weekly	Mr Dobson	TBC
	Transition days	As calendered	Mr Hayes	TBC
	Peer Reading - Year 7s	Weekly	Mrs Mulholland	TBC Year 7 form rooms
	Makaton signing course	End of Term 1	Miss J Dixon	N206
Community	Duke of Edinburgh – run across multiple terms	All year	Miss N Dixon (PE)	n/a
Community	6th Form Library helpers	Weekly	Miss Timson	Library
	Sit and Knit	Weekly, Friday lunch and Wednesday P5	Mrs Hill	S106
	Helping to lead lower school charity club	Weekly	Mrs Bisset-Mahon	A206
	Cartoon and Anime club, Friday lunch	Weekly	S.Leung	N105
	Volunteering at a care home	As per your availability	Miss J Dixon	Keates House
Diversity and inclusion	Mental Health Champions & Mental Health working group	Termly	Miss Newton (Lower School Pastoral)	TBC
Diversity and inclusion	Pride Club	Monday Lunch	Miss Tunstall	A210
Literacy and journalism	Book club	One a half term, Tuesday lunch	Mrs Culver and Mrs Lorenzelli	TBC
Literacy and journalism	Shorthand club	Thursday lunch	Ms Peach	N205
Music	Singing Club	Wednesday 1:30	Dr McCombs	D104
iviusic	Band Practice	Weekly, Tuesday after school	Mr Gornall	Music block - see Mr Gornall
	Senior Netball	Weekly	Mrs Walsh	PE
	Boys Football	Weekly	PE staff	PE
	Gym in Leisure centre	Every lunch, girls only Wednesday	Mr Kerwin	Leisure centre
Sports	Leisure Centre after school	Weekly - Use of the leisure centre from 3:30	Induction needed. £4 a time or pay for membership	Leisure centre staff
	Friday lunch volleyball/free sport	Weekly	Mr Powell	Little gym
	Senior boys hockey	Weekly	Mr Maguire	tbc
	Yoga with Maria Kelly	Weekly	Miss J Dixon	N103
	EPQ	Start of Term 2	Mr Mullin	TBC
	MOOC	Individual	Sign up online	Home
	History newsletter	Each term	Mr McNally	TBC
Subject work	Gateway	End of Term 1	Dr Dodds	Upper Hex
Subject work	HE+	End of Term 1	Dr Dodds	Upper Hex
	Science Ambassadors	Weekly	Miss Farmer	Science office
	Arts Ambassadors/Club	Weekly	Miss Timms	Art office
	DT Ambassador	As directed	Miss Timms	DT office
	CityZen	Weekly Term 1	Miss Farmer	Science
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#### Over 40 clubs and societies

Participating helps with student wellbeing as well as standing out on job and university applications.

Participation is logged in Form via the Next Generation Future Leaders scheme where students can gain bronze, silver and gold awards

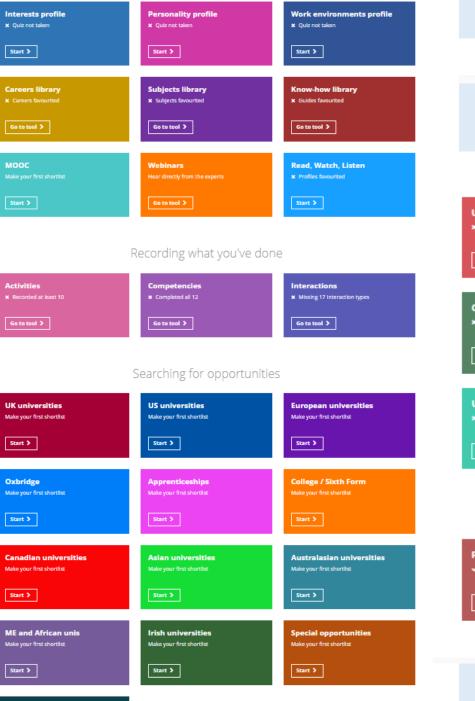
Keep an eye on 'The Sixth' for enrichment, university and career opportunities specific to your child's interest

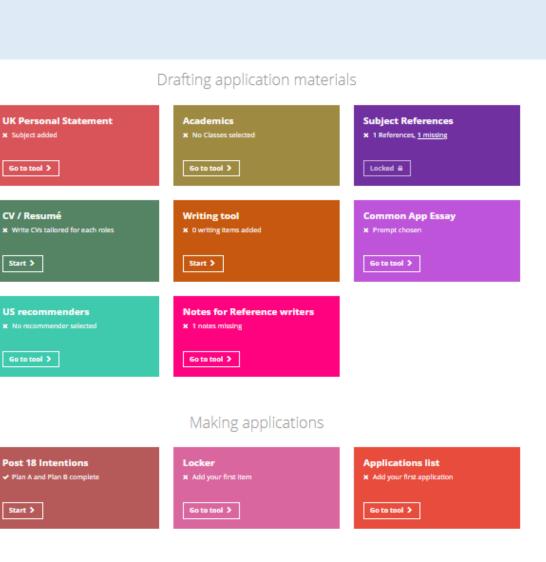


## **Sports Calendar**

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
TERM	ACTIVITIES 1.30-2PM	ACTIVITIES 3.10-4.15PM
MONDAY	Basketball sportshall KS3 (TSC) Fitness Suite (GPO/lp) Table tennis Gym (Dm) Rowing – Studio (KLJ)	GIRLS FOOTBALL 3G Y7-Y9 (HST/JSL/GP/RS) BOYS HOCKEY ASTRO (ALL YEARS, DM)
TUESDAY	FITNESS SUITE (JK/SM) NETBALL YEAR 7 (HHA/NDI) DODGEBALL (GPO)	Senior Boys Football (Years 11,12,13) 3G – JHM/SMA Girls Hockey astro (Saf) NETBALL training – 3 week Rotation Y7/Y8-9/Y10-13 (Hha/Hwa/Jfo) Year 7/8/9 Rugby (HT/Lsk/LPI/JR)
WEDNESDAY	GIRLS FITNESS SUITE (HST/LP/JSL) Netball year 7 (ndi) Table Tennis Gym (GPO)	GIRL'S HOCKEY ASTRO (KLJ)
THURSDAY	FITNESS SUITE (JHM/JK) GIRLS HOCKEY ASTRO (SAF) NETBALL YEAR 8 (HWA) SPORTS LEADERS (GYM/E1050 JSL	Year 7/8/9/10 Boys Football 3G & Grass (MDO/GPO/tsc/jk) Year 10/11/12/13 Rugby (LPI/HT/jr) Year 7 and 8 boys Indoor Hockey GYM (DM)
FRIDAY	Fitness Suite (JHM/hst) GIRLS HOCKEY (SAF / KLJ) ASTRO BASKETBALL SPORTSHALL KS4 (TSC) <u>GCSE PE ONLY</u> TABLE TENNIS GYM (SM)	SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL 3G Y10-Y13 (MD/RS) SIXTH FORM SPORTS SPORTSHALL (GP0)







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## The Yr13 Journey

#### Half term 1

- Completion of UCAS applications
  - Early Entry Deadline (school deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> October, UCAS deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October).
  - All other UCAS applications (school deadline is Monday after half term, UCAS deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 6pm).
- Assessment week 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.
- UCAS Assessments for certain subjects BMAT, LNAT etc.





## Yr13 Timeline



#### Half term 2

- Assessment week 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Near to completing courses.
- Coursework fully underway with many deadlines around December.
- BTEC Deadlines preparing for external assessment (January 2024).

#### Half term 3

Completion of courses



## Yr13 Timeline



#### Half term 4

- Mock examinations 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Revision.

#### Half term 5

- Revision and leaving date.
- External exams begin provisional dates on The Sixth.



# Curriculum Mrs Jennings



## Curriculum



All Sixth Formers will have a programme of study which includes -

Academic courses (Level 3)— A levels / BTEC subjects

Personal development programme



#### Curriculum



#### A 'level / BTEC courses –

- 8/9 hours per subject per fortnight
- Programmes of study for each subject
- Supervised study periods (4 per week)

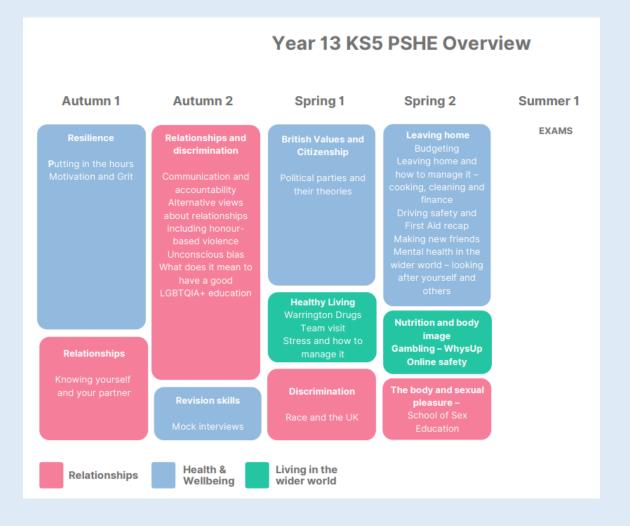
#### Personal Development which includes –

- Form tutor programme
  - Study skills
  - Assemblies
  - Issues and Debates
  - Futures Fridays Careers Education
  - Mentoring
- Pastoral curriculum
  - Life programme 45 min sessions each fortnight, additional form time sessions
- Enrichment
  - Each Wednesday afternoon



#### Personal Development - Life Programme

Apprenticeship, University and Careers information runs alongside these sessions



The Life Programme themes are relationships, health and wellbeing and living in the wider world.

Drop Down Days will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> March. They are compulsory and contribute to students' overall attendance.



## **Tutor Time**

- Each morning at 8:25-8:45am, students must attend a compulsory tutorial session.
- The structure of these will be as follows –

		Year 13		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Study Skills	Assembly	Mentoring	Issues and Debates	Futures Friday
		Year 13		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Life Programme	Assembly	Mentoring	Issues and Debates	Futures Friday



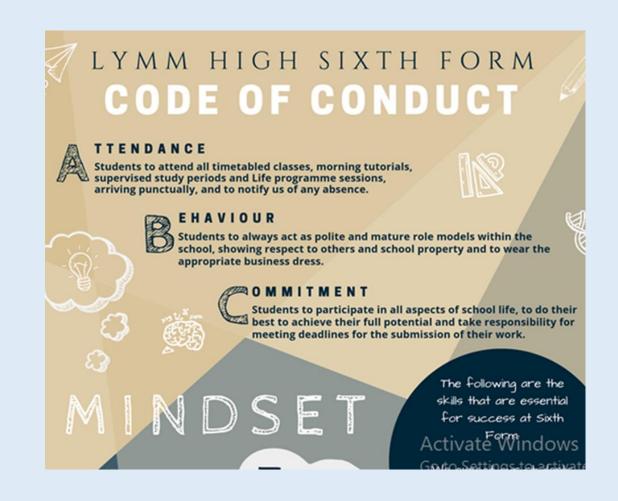
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English Lang		1Wed:1 PE SAF S107	1Thu:1 Supervised Star		2Mon:1 Supervised Stur	2Tue:1 English Lang ENV S204		2Thu:1 PE TSC A118	2Fr:1 English Lang JPE A217
1Mon:2 Geography JDI N206		1Wed:2 PE TSC E214			2Mon 2 Geography TRI A217	2Tue:2 Supervised Stu	2Wed:2 Supervised Stu	2Thu:2 Supervised Stud	2Fri:2 Geography JDI N206
	1Tue:3 Supervised Stud	1Wed3 English Lang JPE A114		1Fri:3 Supervised Stud		2Tue:3 Geography TRI A217	2Wed:3 PE SAF S107		2Fri:3 Supervised Stud
Supervised Stud	1Tue:4 English Lang ENV S204	1Wed:4 Supervised Stud	1Thu:4 Geography JDI N206	1Fri:4 English Lang JPE A217	2Mon:4 PE JHM S107		2Wed:4 English Lang ENV \$204	2Thu:4 English Lang JPE A217	
1Mon:5 PE JHM A203			1Thu:5 PE KJO S108					2Thu:5 Geography JDI N206	2Fri:5 PE KJO S108

- Each students' timetable is made up of
  - Taught lessons 8 per fortnight, per subject
  - Supervised study periods (SSPs) 8 per fortnight, compulsory
  - Non-contact periods where there is no formal lesson / SSP, these are shown by the blanks on the timetable. They are for independent study.
- Where to go when?
  - Taught lessons subject room.
  - SSP's Upper Hexagon.
  - Non-contact periods for those non-contact periods during P1-4, we have the following spaces
    - Upper Hex for silent study
    - Lower hex for group work / to socialise
    - Library for silent study
    - N block study rooms for silent study



## Our Expectations





#### Attendance



All students start at 8:25am –students go straight to tutor time, this is compulsory.

Absences – parents please inform us by 8am. 01925 755458 ext 145 or through SchoolComms.

No holidays during term time.

Medical appointments – inform us in advance, evidence will be requested.

Break time – students to remain on site.

13:15pm finish – only if there is no lesson / SSP, sign out at 6<sup>th</sup> form student services. This privilege remains under review.

Driving lessons – can only be taken when students have finished for the day, 13:15pm onwards.



#### Behaviour



- Ultimate role models.
- Uniform.
- Use of Class Charts positive and negative behaviour points.
   Students will be referred to 'Office hours' Tuesday /
  Thursday / Friday 3:10-4pm where there are concerns
  regarding work ethic / punctuality etc.
- Code of Conduct Stages.



## Commitment - Managing workload

- Satchel One homework is set through this.
- Students have approximately 13 hrs per week of 'non-contact' time. At least 4 of these will be supervised study in the Upper Hex.
- Enrichment Electives
- Paid work maximum of 8 hours per week, ideally only one day per week (weekend).
- Studies must take priority.



# Our mantra (and the secret to our brilliant results)



#### Each student should work a 40-hour week

Here's the maths ....

3 subjects x 4 hrs per week = 12 hours (lesson time)

3 subjects x 8 hrs of independent work = 24 hours (use your SSP's)

Tutor Time / Personal development = 2 hours

Enrichment = 2 hours week

Total = 40 hours

Work hard, play hard!



## Communication



## Communication

- Satchel One homework is set through this.
- ParentPay to top up your child's account.
- SchoolComms all email / text messages.
- The Sixth.
- Class Charts to follow.
- Please stay in touch!



#### Communication — The Sixth

 Each Friday both students and parents will receive an electronic copy of 'The Sixth.'

 Please do take the time to read this, it will keep you well informed.



All students will attend an Enrichment Fair this week so they can see what activities we have on offer: there is something for everyone! We will share the programme with parents as soon as this is finalised. Please do encourage your child to sign up!

#### IAG EVENINGS

Year 12 and Year 13 IAG Evenings will be held in school on **Thursday 21st September**.

- Year 12: 6pm. Click here for the letter.
- Year 13: 7pm. <u>Click</u>
   here for the letter.

#### UNIFROG PARENT CODE

Year 12 and 13 parents will have already received their Unifrog log-in code. Please email lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk if you have any issues with this. Click here for an outline of how best to use this platform.

#### FPQ MFFTING

All students who are completing the EPQ will need to meet in S201 at lunch on Tuesday 19th September. Please bring any drafts of your essay and your production log.

See Mr Mullin if you have any questions.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our first charity event of the year will be held on Friday 29th September.
Please do have a think about what cakes you can make in preparation for this. They will all need to be nut-free please. Shop bought ones are also very welcome!

#### **KEY DATES**

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Assessment calendar, which includes key dates for the year ahead.





#### Communication — The Sixth



- The Sixth also includes a copy of activities run by Universities / Apprenticeships each week.
- We encourage all students to complete ONE activity from this list each week.



## FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

#### APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS



- 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>.
- Click here 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 <u>Unifrog</u> to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!



#### **CAREERS**

Our <u>careers website</u> includes a <u>calendar of events</u>, <u>labour market</u> <u>information</u> and a link to <u>Unifrog</u>.



In Cheshire and Warrington, the industry sectors that are growing include life science, digital & technology, logistics & distribution, energy, zero carbon and clean growth. Find out more <a href="here">here</a>.

Key sectors with significant levels of employment are: chemicals, manufacturing & engineering, finance & business services, and health & social care.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Careers event with Tech Giants (see p.13)
   Wednesday 20th September, 5–6.30pm (Zoom)
- Looking ahead to your career options with PwC: Apprenticeships Wednesday 27th September, 4.30–5.30pm (online)
- Exploring your young person's options at PwC: Parent and teacher insight session

Tuesday 3rd October, 5.30-6.30pm (online)

- Discover Technology at PwC
  - Thursday 12th October, 4.30-5.30pm (online)
- Looking ahead to your PwC career options: Degree programme Thursday 19th October, 4.30–5.30pm (online)
- Army Engagement event
   Warrington, Thursday 19th October, 6.30–9pm

For details of all these events and more, click here.

#### APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY



#### To view the latest online University events, click here.

These are listed in chronological order and include Open Days (in-person and virtual), online chats and webinars. Students can browse these events and engage with higher education from the comfort of their mobile, tablet or computer.



- UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair
   Old Trafford, Manchester
   Wednesday 27th September,
   9.30–2.30pm
   For details, click here.
- Discovery Days at Wrexham Glyndwr University September and October
- University of Liverpool Open Days Saturday 23rd September Saturday 14th October For further information, click here.

For details of these events and more, <u>click here</u> to access our dedicated UCAS webpage, and click the button 'What's on this month'.



## Key Dates and Assessment Calendar

- Each child has copy of the assessment calendar, this can also be found on our website and is linked to 'The Sixth' each week.
- Assessment Weeks each half term.

	SIXTH	form key dates & as	sessment calendae	2023-2024
		ld be kept at the front of your subject file dates and also of the assessment weeks y	ou will have throughout the year.	Updated : 25/08/2
WEEK	W/C	SIXTH FORM KEY DATES AND .	NATIONAL PROPERTY AND A STATE OF THE ACTUAL PROPERTY AND A STATE OF THE ACTUAL PROPERTY AND A STATE OF THE ACTUAL PROPERTY AND	OTHER SIXTH FORM EVENTS
		YEAR 12	YEAR 13	& PARENTS' EVENINGS
A	4 Sep	WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER Y12 begin Sixth Form	THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Y13 begin Sixth Form TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER Undergraduate applications open on UCAS	
В	11 SEP			
A	18 SEP	THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Sixth Form IAG Evening Y12 6.00pm	THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Sixth Form IAG Evening Y13 7.00pm	
В	25 SEP		FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Internal school deadline for early entry UCAS applicants	
A	2 OCT (INSET day Friday 6)	Y12 DIAGNOSTIC WEEK Assessments will be carried out in lessons based on your summer transition task and work completed to date to ensure you are placed on the most appropriate courses	Y13 ASSESSMENT WEEK In class assessments & BTEC progress check	



# Futures Support Mr Mullin



#### The UCAS Process

- Online application process for UK universities
- Students have 5 choices they can apply to multiple courses at the same university.
- A range of choices with a variety of entry requirements is essential (eventually they will be asked for a 'firm' choice and an 'insurance' choice – these should have different grade requirements)
- Students should have
  - ✓ Begun their online application
  - ✓ Have a draft of their personal statement
  - ✓ Chosen a referee and met with them to provide support with their personal statement



## Choosing the right course

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different at different universities
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?



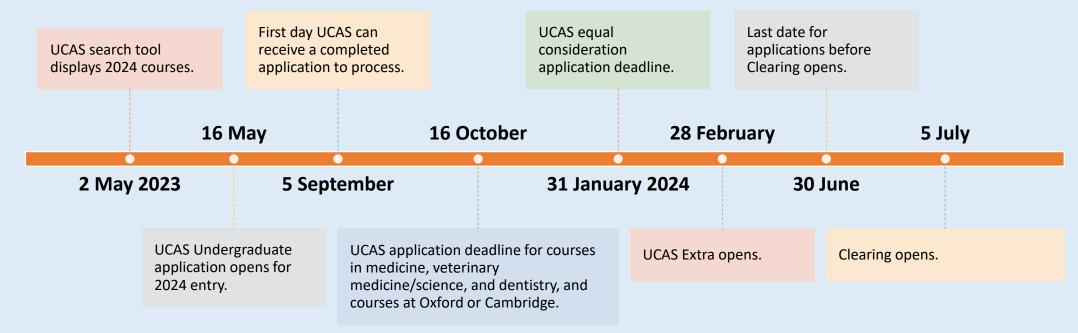
## Choosing the right course

Students should now have in mind which course they want study. Whether this be a Single Honours degree (Maths or Maths with Physics etc.) or a Joint Honours degree (Maths and French etc.)

Look carefully at the types of degree.

- Typical 3-year "Bachelor" degree (BA, BSc BEng etc)
- 4-year Undergraduate Masters degree (MMath, MPhys, MChem or MEng etc).
- It is important to note however, that the Undergraduate Masters degrees <u>SOMETIMES</u> have higher entry requirements!
- Consider placement years with your degree in your chosen field.
- Finally, one of their choices should contain a "worst-case scenario" with entry requirements that are lower than the other four choices.





Internal deadlines for UCAS applications:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Early entry applicants Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – All other applicants



## Predicted grades and references

- Always optimistic (taking everything into account and not just mock grades).
- We must be realistic.
- Students will see their predicted grades very soon.
- Students sign off their application before it is sent to UCAS.
- Honest, transparent process.



## Apprenticeship / Employment Support

CV workshops and Employability skills session.

Interview / Assessment centre practice.

• Opportunities on The Sixth, including the apprenticeships vacancies advertised each week across Warrington.

 Careers advisor – each Tuesday. Email JMullin or NBrown to arrange.









#### Warrington Careers Fair

Your Future, Your Choice, Move on

FREE and welcome to all 11 October 2023 3pm - 6.30pm









## Financial Support - 16-19 Bursary



- There is some financial assistance available to sixth form students.
- To see if you qualify, read our bursary policy <u>here</u>.
- An online application form can be found <u>here</u>.
- Please return this to Mrs Hughes <a href="mailto:lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk">lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk</a> as soon as possible if you wish to use these funds to purchase your business dress or bus pass. (NB You must include evidence of your household income, as stated on the form, to avoid delays in processing.)



