

ATTENDANCE

We encourage all students, parents and carers to review the attendance tab on Class Charts: every day really does matter! All students should be aiming for a minimum of 95% attendance. If your child is too unwell for school, please report absences on Class Charts ONLY, which should be done by 8am on each day of absence.

DofE TRAINING DAY

Students taking part in Gold DofE training on **Monday 29th** should go to N103. Please note this room is closed for the day to accommodate this.

YEAR 12 GATEWAY

Gateway students should go straight to the Upper Hex for a meeting on **Tuesday 30th** at 8.25am with Dr Dodds.

PARENTS' EVENING

Year 12 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday
7th March in school. Click here to read more about this. Students will receive appointment cards in assembly on Monday so they can begin to make appointments.

EPQ PRESENTATIONS

Year 13 students will be delivering their EPQ presentations on **Thursday 1st February**, Period 2 and 3 in N105. Please feel free to attend and support your friends and peers!

OPERATING THEATRE LIVE

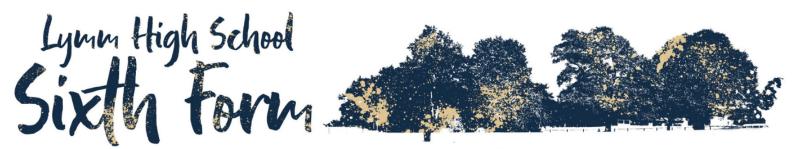
We have an excellent opportunity for Year 12 students to take part in a full day workshop (9am to 3pm) with Operating Theatre Live on Tuesday 12th March. The day is action packed and highly suited to any student interested in a medically-related field or anatomy and physiology. For further information, please click here.

YEAR 13 PROM

Year 13 Prom will be on the evening of **Thursday 11th July** at Statham Lodge. More information will be sent out soon.

ILC CLOSURE

The ILC is closed to students on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



CALENDAR

29 January-2 February 2024

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Assembly – Futures launch	The Sixth and mentoring	Gold DofE training day (see p.1) Yoga, 1.30–2pm
TUESDAY	The Sixth and mentoring	Assembly – Preparing for Mock Exams	Y12 Gateway meeting (see p.1) Careers meetings. Contact Mr N Brown
WEDNESDAY	Life Programme – Ending relation- ships (see p.9)	Life Programme – Managing stress during exams (see p.9)	Yr13 Mock Assess- ment Centre Trip School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm
THURSDAY	LGBTQ+ History Month (see p.4)	LGBTQ+ History Month (see p.4)	EPQ Presentations (see p.1)
FRIDAY	Futures – Searching for UK universities and apprentice- ships follow up	Futures – searching for Apprenticeships	

NEWS

Spanish theatre trip

Year 13 Spanish students visited London this week to attend a performance of *La Casa De Bernarda Alba* at the Cervantes Theatre. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience which will prove invaluable for the Spanish course.





Celebrating Burns

Our Year 12 and Year 13 Hospitality students served a superb 'Burns night' lunch this week in our school restaurant 'Chapters.' The food, service and overall experience was rated 5* by our staff. We cannot wait for the next event!



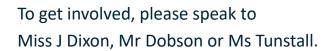




NEWS

LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month begins in February. This year, key activist groups such as Stonewall are gearing up for the chance to have their voices heard in the general election. At school we will be discussing LGBTQ+ history and the successes and challenges groups have had over time.



Pride Club takes place every Monday lunch in A210.





BIRTHDAYS

A. Caldwell A. Fraser

E. Crofts J. Hanson

L-R. Daniels B. Parkinson

L. Davies B. Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

Lymm Dickensian Photography Competition

The Lymm Dickensian Christmas photography competition challenged students from all year groups to photograph the event on **Saturday 9th December** capturing 'Christmas spirit in Lymm'.

A huge thank you to all students who attended and entered the competition. The Dickensian committee have made their decision on the winners. Huge congratulations to Year 12 Novi Ma who won the Year 10–13 category with this striking image. Novi wins a smart phone camera lens kit.



EXAMS

Year 13 Mock exam timetable

Only 3 school weeks to go!

Students will receive their individual mock exam timetables ASAP. <u>Click here</u> for an overview timetable.

The vast majority of students will receive study leave from **Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March**, meaning students will only need to attend for their examinations.

Students studying the following courses will attend their lessons as normal:

- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- BTEC IT
- BTEC Business
- BTEC Fashion
- 3D Design
- Art
- Photography.

The intervention timetable can be seen on p.7.



REVISION SUPPORT



Year 13 intervention sessions

The following intervention sessions are being run to support Year 13 in the run up to their mock exams (see p.6).



Subject	Day	Time	Room
Economics	Monday	1.15-2.10pm	S106
PE	Tuesday	1.15-2.10pm	S208
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	Tuesday	1.20–2pm	A208
Chemistry	Tuesday	1.45-2.10pm	E302
Biology	Tuesday	3.15-4.40pm	E307
Media - coursework clinic	Tuesday	3.20-4.30pm	B206
Sociology	Tuesday	3.10–4pm	S108
Media - coursework drop-in	Wednesday	1.15-1.45pm	B206
English Literature	Wednesday	3.15–4pm	S205
Music Technology	Wednesday	3.10–4pm	D203
Further Maths	Thursday	1.15-2.10pm	E103
Geography	Thursday	1.20–2pm	A217
History (Poverty and Public Health)	Thursday	3.30–4pm	A203
History	Friday	1.30–2pm	A201
English Literature	Friday	1.15-2.10pm	A120
Biology	Friday	1.15–2.10pm	E307 / E308





REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

EDGE HILL TRIP

Year 12 will visit Edge Hill on Wednesday 20th March as part of their Future Careers programme. The cost of the trip is £15 and the consent and medical information are on ParentPay. The deadline for sign up is Monday 19th February. More information can be found here.

VENDING MACHINES

The vending machines are now operational in the Lower Hex. Your biometric / school food account will not work on these, instead you can use cash to purchase items. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hughes on Sixth Form Reception.

STUDENT FINANCE TALK

On Wednesday 21st February we are holding an online Student Finance talk for Year 13 parents at 6–7pm online.

Further details to follow.

YEAR 12 EPQ

If you are considering the EPQ, you need to start thinking about possible research areas you are interested in. Mr Mullin has now set up a group on Teams with plenty of useful information for you to look at. If you are no longer interested in the EPQ, then please let Mr Mullin know as soon as possible.

TEFL

The Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) course will run in the summer term from Monday 22rd July to Tuesday 23rd July.

See p.10 for more information.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12 students should be now underway with securing a work experience placement.

<u>Click here</u> for a helpful guide of how to add this to Unifrog.

LIFE PROGRAMME

During the Life Programme session on **Wednesday 31st January**, students will focus on the following:

Year 12 Ending relationships

Tutors will discuss how to end relationships with care and how to manage the pressures that young people may face in modern society once a relationship comes to an end.



The timings of the day will
change very slightly as follows

Registration	8.25–9.10am
Period 1	9.10–10.05am
Period 2	10.05–11.00am
Break	11.00–11.30am
Period 3	11.30–12.25pm
Period 4	12.25–1.20pm
Lunch	1.20–2.15pm
Period 5	2.15–3.10pm

Year 13 Managing Stress during the exam season

Our school counsellor Ged Hindley will discuss the next set of exams facing Year 13 (mocks, see p.6). He will discuss motivation and resilience strategies and help students frame how these exams may support the next steps they take in their academic careers.

ENRICHMENT



Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July

The Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) course will run in the summer term from **Monday 22rd July** to **Tuesday 23rd July**. The cost of this course is £175. To sign up, please ask your parents to consent and pay on ParentPay. If you are not interested please ignore the sign up link on ParentPay.

More information can be <u>found here</u>.

Manchester Spring 2024 Fair

Friday 2nd February 2024, Old Trafford, Manchester, 9.30-2.30pm

This free Fair is the perfect way for students to choose which university or apprenticeship is right for them. Aimed at students in years 11–13, this event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers and local colleges.

The fair will feature a wide range of informative seminars including:

- UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice
- Why take an Apprenticeship
- Choosing a University Course
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
- Student Finance.

The event is ideal to inspire and motivate students who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices. The fair is also a great opportunity for any undecided Year 13s who need help and guidance.

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





Beyond the Frame photography competition

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 21st February

The Beyond the Frame photography competition is open to students in full-time Secondary education. You do not need to be studying Photography or a creative subject in order to enter.

The competition award categories are:

- 16–19 age category
- 'People' For people-focused imagery, such as portraiture, fashion or editorial.
- 'Places' For imagery such as culture, nature, architecture, or landscape photography.
- 'Things' For imagery such as still life, food/ product, lifestyle or fine art photography.

Entrants can submit up to three photographs and one piece of moving image (up to 1-minute in length). They can be a series on the same theme or independent images. They must all be your own work.

To see the 2023 finalists, click here.

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













National Trust Time + Space Award

Deadline to apply: Tuesday 30th April



The Time + Space Award has been inspired by what Isaac Newton called his 'year of wonders'. The award will give you the time, space and opportunity to explore your big idea in one of four areas – science, art and culture, society, and nature and climate. A panel of experts from the fields of science, creativity and culture will help you develop your idea and bring it to life.

To enter, you need to fill out an <u>online form</u> and answer one of the following:

- How can science be more accessible and relevant to everyone?
- Access to art and culture isn't equal. How can your big idea address the imbalance?
- What's your big idea that would change society for the better, for everyone?
- Nature and climate are in crisis. How can your big idea save them and help us break out of the echo chamber?

You can answer the question as a written response between 200–2000 words, a link to a video between 30 seconds and 10 minutes, or a link to an audio file between 30 seconds and 10 minutes. If you submit a vaild application for the Time + Space Award, you'll get a free National Trust day pass for two visitors to use at any of the participating places in our care.

For full details, click here.



Nottingham Summer Schools 2024

A unique opportunity for high-achieving Year 12 students to experience what life is like at university.

APPLY NOW: <u>nottingham.ac.uk/suttontrust</u>

- Live like a student for 5 days on University Park Campus
- Explore subjects and take part in social activities
- Receive ongoing UCAS support throughout Year 13
- Receive an enhanced contextual offer and a bursary of £1000 a year if you enrol at the University of Nottingham with home UK fee status





To be eligible you must:

- Be a home UK student in Year 12 or S5 in Scotland
- Attend a state-maintained school
- Be studying relevant subjects for your chosen strand
- Plus meet some of the additional entry criteria. See our <u>website</u> for more details

Applications close at midday on Thursday 7th March 2024

Check out our Summer School information talk on our website

APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Warrington Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair

Wednesday 7th February, 5–8pm, Warrington Youth Zone

This event is organised jointly by the Pledge and Warrington Borough Council. The event is free and everyone is welcome no matter what stage you are in your career. All exhibitors are local employers with either live job vacancies or apprenticeships or will be recruiting within 2024.

For further information, and to sign up, click here.

Daresbury Laboratory Open Evening

Thursday 8th February, 5–8pm.

Daresbury Laboratory Apprenticeships

Deadline to apply: 18th February 2024

Please <u>click here</u> to view the current vacancies and how to apply. .

- 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 National Apprenticeship Website.
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2023/24 Higher and Degree Apprenticeships vacancies.
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2022 Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers.
- Further opportunities in Cheshire and Warrington can be viewed here.
- Don't forget to use <u>Unifrog</u> to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!



APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Dyson Engineering Apprenticeship



Deadline to apply: Monday 29th January 2024

The Dyson Institute Engineering programme is an innovative, 4-year integrated MEng Engineering degree, which offers you the opportunity to study a rigorous academic degree alongside practically applying knowledge to real engineering problems at Dyson. You'll learn from specialist academics and Dyson engineers in world-leading facilities, all on Dyson's technology campus in Malmesbury, Wiltshire (but pays above the national average for apprenticeships for students relocating!). You'll also have on-site student support services to help you thrive during your time as an Undergraduate Engineer.

The employer-sponsored degree enables you to pursue your passion for engineering, without tuition fees, whilst earning a starting salary of £22,000.

Your learning won't end at graduation. The seamless transition to the next step in your Dyson career will build on your 4-year head start, with individual progression pathways designed to develop future leaders to drive innovation and engineering globally.

The entry requirements are a minimum of GCSE grade 4 in English and Mathematics; AAB to include A in Mathematics, A in a STEM subject and B in any other subject. If you study physics at A' level, you will need to demonstrate your aptitude for the subject through achieving a minimum of a grade B.

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



APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

National Highways Apprenticeships

Tuesday 6th February, 4–5pm Wednesday 7th February, 5–6pm Friday 9th February, 10.30–11.30am



National Highways are hosting three webinars during National Apprenticeship Week (5–11th February). Students will have the opportunity to learn about the apprenticeship pathway and how that can lead to an exciting career. Topics covered will include:

- Who are National Highways?
- Apprenticeships and what it means to do an apprenticeship with us.
 What is the offering and what are the misconceptions.
- Employee networks and how apprentices can get involved.

You will also get to hear from some current apprentices about their experience and how an apprenticeship has equipped them with skills for life. The webinars will finish off with a Q&A from National Highways Recruitment and Talent specialists.

To register and find out more information, click here.





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



Upcoming Events

- Dyson Engineering Apprenticeship (see p.16)
 Deadline to apply: Monday 29th January
- Year 13 Solicitor Degree Apprenticeships masterclass

 Tuesday 30th January, 4.30–6pm
- Apprenticeship Accelerator

 Thursday 1st February, 5–6.40pm
- IBM Apprenticeships
 Opening February 2024.
- NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience Sunday 4th February, Sunday 3rd March (9–5pm)
- Warrington Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair
 Wednesday 7th February, 5–8pm, Warrington Youth Zone
 For further information, and to sign up, <u>click here</u>.

For details of all these events and more, <u>click here</u>.





Meet you Army: Army Engagement event

Wednesday 13th March, 10–1pm, Salford Community Stadium, Salford

Meet Your Army is an event to promote greater awareness and understanding of the Army, particularly amongst those who may not have been exposed to the organisation in the past. The Army Engagement Team, led by Colonel D.P. Doherty, Commander of the Army in this region, will also provide information about the various youth teams. These teams deliver free, fun, practical activities to students to develop communication skills, foster teamwork, grow self-confidence and resilience. Did you know:

- The Army was voted the UK's Top Apprenticeship Employer for the third straight year
- There are over 200 trades within the Army, covering everything from cyber security to helicopter pilots, doctors and lawyers to chefs

To register for this event, and find out more information, <u>click here</u>.

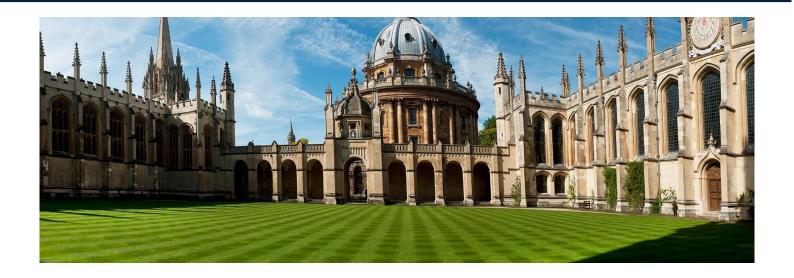








APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY



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.



- Year 12 UCL Masterclasses
 Tuesday and Thursday (4–5pm),
 January to April (online)
- Year 12 LSE online Explore
 Programme
 Deadline for applications:
 Sunday 11th February

Veterinary Science residential course 8–10th April 2024 Deadline to apply: 31st March

Christ's-King's Programme 2024
 February and March 2024 (online and in-person in Cambridge)

 For more information and how to apply, click here.

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