

Seeing things through, even when they get tough, is one of the strongest signs of reliability – a quality that employers and universities really value. Whether it's finishing a piece of coursework, showing up consistently to a part-time job, or sticking to a personal goal, being dependable builds trust and shows maturity.

To start developing this skill, set small, realistic goals and commit to completing them, even when your motivation drops. Create routines, break tasks into manageable steps, and don't be afraid to ask for help when needed.

The more you practise staying consistent, the more resilient and reliable you'll become.

STUDENT FINANCE

A reminder that the deadline for new university students to apply for funding from Student Finance England is **Friday 16th May**.

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

YEAR 12 IAG

Mr Mullin will be hosting an online IAG Evening on the UCAS process for all parents of Year 12 students. This will take place on **Tuesday 13th May** at 6.30pm. Please see Class Charts for the link.

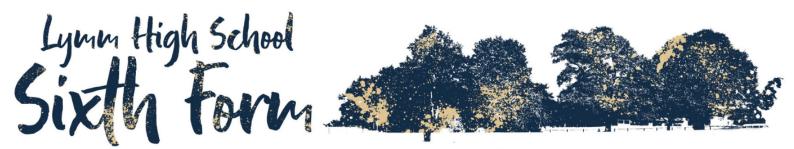
SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Enrichment activities are open for sign up. Please email Miss J Dixon to express your interest. This includes Debating Club, a Model United Nations trip to Withington Girls School, a mock law trail, a trip to Warrington Law Courts, volunteering at a local care home, and signing up for the TEFL course (see p.9).

YEAR 13 EPQ

Congratulations to all students who have submitted their final EPQ.

The standard was superb and you should all be really proud of yourselves!



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK ...



CALENDAR 5–9 May 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS			
MONDAY	Bank Holiday					
TUESDAY	The Sixth, mentoring and weekly reset	The Sixth, mentoring and weekly reset	Career Appointments Cake sale (see p.3)			
WEDNESDAY	Assembly	Revision	EPQ Lesson 1, Period 5, S201			
THURSDAY	Work experience	Revision	Gold DofE meeting with Mr Greenwood, 8.25am in N205 Year 12 Swan Lake trip			
FRIDAY	Futures Friday	Celebration Morning and Assembly	School Nurse, 10.45–11.15am			



Amor Europe empowers people and raises them out of poverty. It provides water filters that can produce clean water, which is essential. Drinking dirty water causes sickness, which keeps children out of school, and it can kill them. 1000 children die every day from diseases contracted from dirty water.

Please support our cake sale to help pay for these filters and help more people.



Bringing transformation with young people in challenging places

NEWS

Industry expert inspires future automotive designers



Sixth Form students with an eye for innovation and a passion for design were treated to an inspiring talk on **Friday 25th April**, as automotive design expert Nick McFerran visited to share insights into his career and cutting-edge work in the field.

Mr McFerrin, who works at Dassault Systèmes (a global leader in 3D design and engineering software) spoke to a group of enthusiastic students about his journey in the automotive world. He began by reflecting on his time at Bentley, where he was part of a team creating some of the world's most iconic luxury vehicles. The highlight of the session came when Mr McFerran introduced students to the high-tech tools of his trade. Using virtual reality (VR), he demonstrated the powerful design software developed by Dassault Systèmes. Students were able to explore a 3D vehicle model and see how modern car designs take shape in immersive, interactive environments.

NEWS



He also emphasised how the software isn't just a tool for modelling, but a global platform for collaboration. "Teams from across the world, whether they're in China, the USA or the UK, can work on the same model in real-time", he explained.

Beyond the tech and design talk, Mr McFerran offered practical advice for students considering a future in automotive and product design. He spoke about relevant university courses and the importance of gaining work experience.

A huge thank you to Mr McFerran for giving up his time to talk to the students.

BIRTHDAYS



- A. Allsup
- R. Ashford
- I. Boucher
- M. Main
- L. Schulz-Utermoehl
- S. Sheehy
- C. Storey

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' INFORMATION

- Year 13 Celebration Day Friday 9th May
 This celebration day, beginning at 8.25am, will include a breakfast treat, followed by time to sign shirts, ice cream and a final celebration assembly. More details to follow.
- Study Leave Phase One Week commencing Monday 12th May (Part study/lesson): Lessons as normal, unless you have a morning exam, you can take the previous afternoon off (leave at lunch); or an afternoon exam, and you have permission to take the morning off prior to the exam.
- Study leave phase two Week commencing Monday 19th May Full study leave for all.
- A' Level and BTEC Exams Week commencing Thursday 1st May

 If you wish to see an overview of the dates you can find these here. Students will be issued with their individual timetables in due course.
- Year 13 Prom Thursday 10th July
 The Year 13 Prom at Walton Hall and Gardens will allow our students to celebrate in style and say their final goodbyes. Tickets are £45, payable now on ParentPay.

 *** The deadline for payment and consent is Friday 2nd May ***



REVISION SUPPORT



YEAR 13

	Subject	Time	Room	Who
Monday	Economics (week A&B)	1.15–2pm	S106	Mrs Hill
	Maths	1.20–2pm	E103	Mrs Quilter
	Psychology (invitation only)	1.30–2pm	S109	Mrs Edge
Tuesday	Biology	1.15–2.10pm	E306	Miss Farmer / Mr O'Flynn
	PE	1.30–2pm	S208	Mr Scott
Thursday	Sociology	1.30–2pm	S109	Mrs Edge
	Economics (week A&B)	1.15–2pm	S106	Mrs Hill
	English Lit (week A)	1.35pm	A121	Miss Penketh
	English Lit (week B)	1.35pm	A117	Mrs Hartley
	History (Paper 2 India)	1.30–2pm	A202	Mrs Douglas
Friday	History (revision and exam technique)	1.30–2pm	A201	Mr Wilde



CONGRATULATIONS

Diana Talib completes her second marathon!

This past weekend, Year 13 student Diana Talib took on the challenge of completing her second marathon in Manchester – and she did it alongside her dad, a seasoned runner who was completing his seventh!

Despite unusually high temperatures, which added 15 minutes to her finishing time, Diana showed incredible determination to cross the finish line.

After the race, Diana and her dad celebrated with a well-deserved meal, though the excitement of the day quickly caught up with her, and she fell asleep soon after.

Not slowing down anytime soon, Diana is already preparing for her next goal: a half marathon in just

3 weeks' time. We wish her the best of luck!



ENRICHMENT

We have a range of enrichment opportunities starting this summer term. Year 13 are more than welcome to join even though many are after exams have finished.

Debating Club

We are proposing the following Wednesdays at 1.30pm for 1 hour: 7th May, 14th May, 21st May, 4th June, 11th June and 2nd July. If you are interested but on a different day, please email Miss J Dixon.

Run by the external organisation DebateMate, this club gives you the opportunity to practise debating over a 6-week period. Take part in mini debates with your peers such as 'should university be free?' or 'should schools run Maths education up to 18 year of age?'. For more information, please see this website.

This club would particularly suit students studying essay-based subjects and those students likely to go through job interviews in the future.

Model United Nations

Saturday 28th June, all day (Withington Girls School)

Model United Nations (MUN) is a role play debate alongside other local schools in which students act as diplomats representing different countries. They discuss and debate global issues, aiming to find solutions and agreements, just like at real United Nations conferences. We will be allocated a country and students will represent that country throughout the day.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all students and in particular Geography students who will study the United Nations in Year 13.





ENRICHMENT

Mock Law Trial and visit to Warrington Law Courts

After May half-term we will invite a Magistrate in from Warrington Law Courts to run a mock trial. You will take on the role of defendants and prosecutors and decide what outcome the trial should have. We will also go to visit the Law Courts in Warrington and you will spend a morning watching real cases being tried by a Magistrate. You do not need to



attend both the mock trial and the court visit, however you are of course welcome to do both! This is an unmissable opportunity for all students and in particular those interested in Law, Criminology, Psychology and Sociology.

Helping at a Care Home

Please contact Miss J Dixon if you would like to volunteer at Keate House.



Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) course

This fast-paced and engaging course gives students everything they need to take their first steps into the teaching of English as a Foreign Language. The course will include ice breakers, sample lessons (designed to put students in the position of English learners), a grammar recap, valuable teaching techniques, tips on finding work abroad, lesson planning and much more, through the use of fun hands-on activities. Students will even get the opportunity to plan and teach their own lessons each day. Upon completion of the course, students will be certified to Teach English as a Foreign Language abroad or privately in the UK.

Click here for more information.

What's included:

- TQUK Certificate
- Absolute TEFL Manual
- Access to jobs board
- Warmers/Ice Breakers
- Grammar and Tenses
- Foreign language lesson functions
- Teaching a vocabulary lesson
- Teaching a skills-based EFL Lesson



- Lesson planning
- Two teaching practices
- EFL Employment Review of the course

REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

YEAR 13 PROM

This will take place on

Thursday 10th July. The deadline for payment and consent is on Friday 2nd May. Please ensure parents / carers have logged in to ParentPay by this date in order to secure a place at this fantastic event.

Please click here to read the letter sent out.

Y12 WORK EXPERIENCE

All placements need to be added to Unifrog and authorised by the employer, parents and school by **Tuesday 13th May**. We recommend that students log their placements now to allow enough time for all the paperwork to be completed. Click here for a reminder of the original letter. Students can contact Mrs Hughes if they are struggling to find a placement.

SIXTH FORM DRIVERS

A reminder to let Sixth
Form Reception know
your car registration number if you're parking in the
Sixth Form car park.
Please also be a considerate driver and be aware of
students moving around
the area.

STUDENT FINANCE

Year 13 Students have received an assembly on applying for university student finance. The parental information, advice and guidance evening was held on **Tuesday 18th**March, please click here to access the recording.

YEAR 12 FUTURES

Please <u>click here</u> to read the letter regarding the Year 12 Futures Programme, which contains important information about University Open Days, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience and how to support your child.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Manchester Metropolitan University Open Days



Want to know more about studying and student life at ManMet? Chat to its student ambassadors and learn what it's like to study at Manchester Met by <u>clicking here</u>. The students also post useful information about the University, a day in the life, preparing to study, and much more.

You can find your perfect course by browsing the 38 subject areas, <u>here</u>. You can also order the 2026 prospectus, <u>here</u>.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

PlayStation Careers Summer School

15-17 July 2025, 10-3pm

The School of Digital Arts (SODA) has been given support by Sony Interactive Entertainment and the PlayStation Career Pathways Program to run a non-residential summer school for Year 12 students primarily from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds who have an interest in studying the digital arts. However, all Year 12 students who have an interest in studying the digital arts are also encouraged to apply.

The 3-day event will take place at SODA and is an exciting opportunity for students to get a taste for creative subjects at university, build confidence and creative skills, and learn from experts within their field.

For more information, and details on how to apply, click here.





PLAYSTATION CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Non-residential summer school 15 – 17 July, 10:00am – 3:00pm



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Online North West Festival of Languages

16 June – 4 July 2025

This inaugural Festival of Languages from Lancaster University, the University of Liverpool, the University of Manchester, and Manchester Metropolitan University involves an exciting line-up of activities that will spark the interest of secondary and Sixth Form students.

Sessions include Japanese, French, Portuguese, Catalan, Dutch, Italian, German, Spanish, Galician and Chinese languages. Students can register for as many sessions as they like by <u>clicking here</u>. By adding your email address, the name of your school and postcode for each session you plan to attend, you will then receive the link for each corresponding session.

To view the full programme, click here.

Only the presenters will be on camera, and students can use the chat function to share questions, answers or make any comments.



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Key Apprenticeship Links

- Current apprenticeships in the Warrington area
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies October 2024
- Cheshire and West Apprenticeship
 Opportunities
- Search for an apprenticeship GOV.UK
- A Guide to Traineeships and Apprenticeships Lymm Sixth Form
- Not Going To Uni Search for Opportunities
- Liverpool John Moores University Apprenticeships Courses
- Manchester Metropolitan University Become A Degree Apprentice
- Apprenticeships | University of Salford
- <u>Programmes Apprenticeships The University of Manchester</u>
- Search apprenticeships | UCAS
- NHS Apprenticeships
- <u>Linkedin Degree Apprenticeships</u>

Need More Help?

Our Careers Advisor, Ms Draper, is available for one-on-one support. Contact Mr Brown at Sixth Form Student Services to book an appointment (nbrown@lymmhigh.org.uk).

Register for New Degree Apprenticeship Alerts:

- Indeed
- Total Jobs
- Rate My Apprenticeship
- Prospects



FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

Set Design Apprenticeship

Skelmersdale

3D Set Co is an Events, Exhibition and Set company.

It has 20 years' experience making crafted sets, props and handmade items for business across the country such as Gym Shark, 7up and Spotify. With full focus on exemplary



delivery, 3D Set Co takes clients' ideas from concept to the live environment. From original drawings through to the research and development stage, concepts are realised right to the finalised product or set.

It also works onsite, building and installing projects. No matter the scale, it can craft everything from small one-off pieces to total show builds and stage sets using metal, mixed material carving, paint finishes, upholstery, model making and set covering.

It is offering a full hands-on apprenticeship with a day-release woodworking course. A requirement would be the ability to drive as the company is based in Skelmersdale. Not much previous experience is needed as the company is willing to invest and support the individual. This is a great chance to gain skills and travel opportunities in a dynamic environment, and may be of particular interest to DT students.

To get further information, email Madeline Walsh on mwalsh@3dsetco.com or call 0161 2738831.

For further information about the company, 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

- Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live
 Tuesday 6th May, 5–6pm (online)
- Virtual work experience with Experian
 Wednesday 14th May, 5pm (online)
- Unifrog virtual work experience week
 Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July
- Year 12 Cavendish Nuclear work experience
 Warrington, 15–19th July
 Deadline to apply: Friday 9th May
- PwC Virtual Insight Programme now open
 29–31st July
- Sellafield Engineering work experience

 July to October





Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live

Tuesday 6th May, 5–6pm (online)

Are you curious about where a future in finance could take you — and how artificial intelligence is reshaping the industry? At this exclusive virtual event with Lloyds Banking Group this is your chance to discover exciting opportunities at the intersection of finance and technology.

In this 1-hour session, you'll gain insights into:

- How AI and large language models (LLMs) are driving change within Lloyds Banking Group.
- The variety of early careers programmes, apprenticeships and training pathways they offer.
- Real-life stories from current apprentices and professionals who are shaping the future of finance.
- The skills and mindset Lloyds Banking Group looks for in the next generation of talent.

To register to attend, please <u>click here</u>.







Virtual work experience with Experian

Wednesday 14th May, 5pm (online)

This event is aimed at students in Years 10–13 and takes place outside of school hours, making it easily accessible for all students.

Get Rich Quick... or Get Caught? The Dark Side of Influencer Money Scams!

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Experian team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certification awarded on completion

<u>Click here</u> to get the full details of the career challenge.

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







Virtual work Experience week

Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July

For students who missed out on in-person placements, or those who wish to further build their employability skills, this is a great way to connect with some top employers:









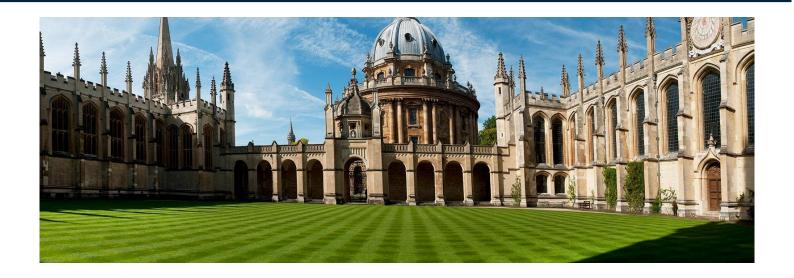


Each day will be a combination of live webinars and time for students to complete a real workplace task through the Courses tool.

Students can choose to sign up for just 1 day, a few days or the whole week. Keep an open mind and take this opportunity to experience what work might be like in different sectors or departments.

For further information, 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.

- University of Chester
 Theology and Religious Studies
 Webinars: 'Can we call God 'Mother'
 Tuesday 6th May
- Come dance at Chester!

 Wednesday 14th May, 10–2pm
- North West Festival of Languages
 16 June 4 July

- PlayStation Careers Summer School
 15–17 July 2025
- ManMet Open Days
 Wednesday 18th June
 Saturday 11th October
 Saturday 18th October
 Saturday 22nd November

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