CURIOSITY IN ACTION: BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Engaging in supercurricular activities lets you explore your subjects in depth, develop critical thinking, and stand out. It's about learning for passion, not just for grades.

YEAR 13 GROUP PHOTO

The whole Year 13 group photo is now ready. A Class Charts message has been sent to all parents and carers with details of how to purchase should you want one.

OPEN EVENING

Students can sign up to support our Open Evening event. This is a great way to represent the school and develop communication skills. Click here to register as a Subject Ambassador.

GENEVA TRIP

Mr Mullin will be hosting an online IAG for parents and carers of students who will be visiting Geneva in November. This will take place on **Wednesday 22nd October** at 7pm. Please see Class Charts for the Teams link.

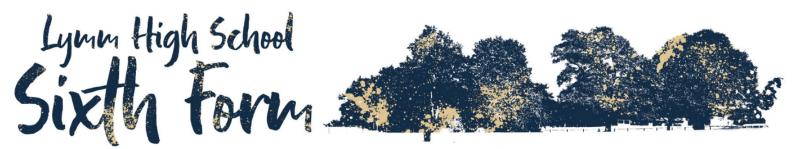
YEAR 12 AND 13 FUTURES

Year 13 need to be researching, planning and applying for apprenticeships for start in September 2026. Use the Unifrog Apprenticeships Tool to help you research. Year 12 can start connecting with employers now and building their profile using the Unifrog Talent Pool. See p.6 for more information.

PARENTS AND CARERS

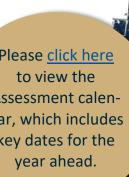
Sign up for the Unifrog Apprenticeship Webinar to learn more about supporting your child with their career planning.

See p.7 for more information.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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



CALENDAR 13–17 October 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Monday Reset – The Sixth	Monday Reset – The Sixth	
TUESDAY	Assembly	Life Programme topic – Digital sexual exploitation	Careers Advisor Geography trip
WEDNESDAY	Logging Enrichment on UniFrog	Assembly	Debate Club, 1.30pm, N103
THURSDAY	Study Skills - The Core Four – Flashcards practice	Finalising personal statements	Geography trip
FRIDAY	Futures Friday – Introduction to MOOCs	Futures Friday – Using Unifrog to find University Courses	School Nurse, 10.45–11.15am

NEWS



Maths masters

Many congratulations to the Year 12 and 13 students who took part in the inaugural UKMT Maths competition for girls on **Thursday 25th September**. The Mathematical Competition for Girls (MCG) started this year and runs alongside the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls to allow more girls to engage in mathematical problem solving.

"This was a tough competition", said Mrs Quilter.

Well done to Scarlett Kelly, Phoebe Moss and Lottie Nicholson. All three gained a Merit and were joint best in school.

All three will receive certificates soon.



BIRTHDAYS

- M. Breeze
- T. Clarke
- S. Coates
- M. Harrison
- G. Mitchell
- S. Schache
- J. Zeng

CONGRATULATIONS





Cambridge bound

Congratulations to Year 13 Emilia Franks who is a finalist in the University of Cambridge's 2024–25 HE+ project. Emilia scored over 22 points (out of 24) and has been invited to the University of Cambridge to celebrate her work in November.

The HE+ project is aimed at school-aged students looking to go beyond the school curriculum and discover their passion for a subject today.

Emilia's research focussed on microplastics in the oceans. Microplastics are tiny plastic particles (smaller than 5mm) that originate from the breakdown of larger plastics, or are intentionally manufactured for products like cosmetics. They are a major environmental concern because they do not biodegrade, accumulate in ecosystems and the food chain, and can potentially impact human health.

Emilia has kindly agreed to work with members of the Geography Club on a project initiated by Mr Elwood to promote awareness in school and take action to reduce plastics in the world oceans.

For further information on the HE+ project, <u>click here</u>.



SPORTS UPDATE



NATIONAL CUP

Round 2 of the SNS National Shield U19 vs Newcastle-under-Lyme took place at home on **Wednesday 8th October**.

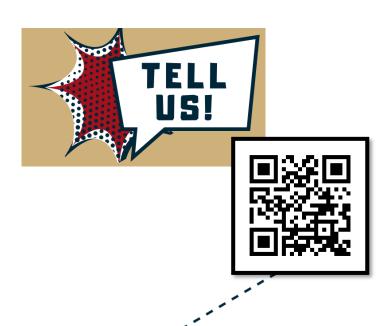
Lymm won 44/26:

- POM: Ava Kinsey
- CPOM: Jemima Klass and Zita Walsh.

"It was a great, well fought game! ", said Mrs Walsh.



- POM: Player of the match from the opposition.
- **CPOM:** Coaches' player of the match.



FUTURES

YEAR 12 YEAR 13

The Apprenticeships Tool – Year 13

To help you discover what apprenticeship opportunities are out there, Unifrog is a good place to start your research. Use the Unifrog Apprenticeship Tool to select what types of industry (known as Standards) you are interested in, the level of apprenticeship you would like (Higher or Degree) and see a list of opportunities in your selected area. Save favourites, check entry requirements and closing dates, and plan your applications.

Click on the links below to access the Unifrog guide and the Apprenticeships Tool. If you have forgotten your password, enter your school email address and click forgot password.

- Unifrog Guide
- Apprenticeships Tool



Talent Pool – Year 12 and Year 13

This is a way to connect with Unifrog's partner employers and universities, show them what you've been doing on Unifrog, and give them some extra information about yourself. The partner employers and universities can message you about opportunities tailored to your profile (like internships, bursaries, or courses). You can choose whether or not to respond.

Talent pool

FUTURES

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Parent and Carer Webinar

Apprenticeships are on the rise for school leavers. In 2024, 23% of all apprenticeships started in the UK were by young people under 19 years old. Parents and guardians are encouraged to sign up to this webinar to find out about all things apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, and how to support applications. You'll have the opportunity to get all your questions answered so you can better understand your child's next steps on the route to an apprenticeship. Click here to register. (Students and parents/carers will need to login to Unifrog to register. Please email lhughes@lymmhigh. org.uk if you need help logging in.)





Career conversations with your child

Talking about career choices doesn't have to be tricky. This free resource from Unifrog will help you to explore what interests your child, the careers they want to learn more about, and what they can do to turn their ideas into a reality.

It also provides practical next steps – like using Unifrog tools or speaking with their career adviser – to make your conversations constructive.

<u>Click here</u> to download this practical, step-by-step resource for you and your child.

REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) 2025–26
Award has officially launched. Interested students can collect application letters from Student Services. The deadline to apply is **Friday 5th December**.

SIXTH FORM DRIVERS

If you wish to use the Sixth Form car park, your car must be registered with school here. Please always drive carefully, keeping to the 5mph speed limit. Be especially mindful of pedestrians at the zebra crossing and ensure you park considerately so the space can be used safely by everyone.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIPS

The two Year 12 geography fieldwork trips going to Liverpool in October are on:

- Tuesday 14th October
 12B/Gg1 and 12D/Gg1
- Thursday 16th October
 12A/Gg1 and 12C/Gg1

To read the full details, click here.

KEY DATES AND ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

A reminder to check the Key Dates and Assessment Calendar for important dates throughout the academic year.

Please note that this link is also always on the 'What's on this week' page (p.2).





Work experience for aspiring medical students

Future Doctors Month – Free Online Programme (November 2025)

Throughout November, students can take part in Future Doctors Month, a completely free, month-long virtual programme.

- Six live sessions with NHS doctors (case studies, clinical skills, medical ethics).
- Recordings available for 60 days, so students can watch on-demand.
- End-of-programme knowledge test with an official Certificate of Completion (ideal for UCAS applications).

<u>Click here</u> to register for Future Doctors Month.

1-Day London Medicine Work Experience Events – (October 2025)

For students who would like in-person experience, there are two full-day events at University College Hospital, London:

- Saturday 25th October A&E + GP Surgery
- Sunday 26th October On-Call Doctor for a Day

These immersive days give students a realistic insight into life as a doctor, with hands-on activities and guidance from NHS professionals. These provide certificates for your future applications to medical school.

For full details of the programme, click here.





First Generation Scholarship Programme



This year, Manchester Metropolitan University is celebrating the enrolment of its 1000th First Generation Scholar.

The scholarship programme is now open for applications from Year 12 students and is aimed at students who live or study in the Northwest whose parents/guardians didn't go to university. The programme offers a series of workshops and development sessions to help build students' confidence and skills, networking, and supports them throughout the UCAS application process.

Once on the programme, scholars receive financial assistance, as well as additional course guidance and support.

Find out more about the First Generation Scholarship programme, by <u>clicking here</u>.



Tuesday 14th October, 4-6.30pm

At this virtual university fair, students can be inspired to begin their applications through live sessions with university representatives. Students can meet top UK universities including Durham, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Exeter, Oxford Brookes and Norwich University of the Arts.

Live sessions will include:

- Placement years at university
- How to ace your personal statement
- How to prepare for university
- Graduate careers
- Top tips for moving away from home

The fair is free for all students who can drop in for just one or two sessions, or stay for the full fair.

To find out more, and to sign up, click here.



LSE Springboard applications now open

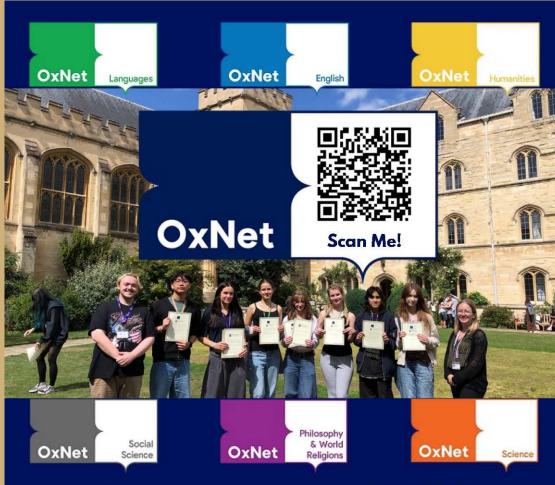
Deadline to apply: Sunday 9th November 2025

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) invites Year 12 students to join its Springboard Programme – a free, 10-month experience delivered in a hybrid format that provides a real taste of university life. By taking part in Springboard, students will:

- Experience university life first-hand through three immersive visits to LSE,
 including a final celebratory event with their fellow participants.
- Engage in academic enrichment with a specially designed online course led by LSE PhD tutors (in partnership with The Brilliant Club).
- Strengthen their future university applications with tailored personal statement support and webinars on all things 'university', from student finance to wellbeing.
- Build their confidence and community as they connect with like-minded students from across the UK.

In addition, participants who successfully complete the Springboard programme and later apply to LSE will be considered for a contextual offer!

To find out more, and apply, click here.



Year-Long
Academic Programme

6-Week Seminar Series

Weekly Seminar Teaching led by World-Leading
Academics

Easter Essay Competition

Recieve valuable feedback from an Oxford Tutor

Twilight Talks

Lecture-Style Teaching across all 6 programmes

Access Week
Oxford Residential

'A Week in the Life of an Oxford Student'

6-Day Fully-Funded Residential at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Experience the 'Oxford Tutorial'

University Application Support, Academic Sessions, Mock Interviews & much more!

Applications Close Fri 24 October 9:00 am



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



APPRENTICESHIPS

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES





Parent webinar:

understanding Degree Apprenticeships

Wednesday 22nd October, 6-7pm (online)



Manchester Metropolitan University is hosting a free webinar for parents and carers. The session includes an introduction to Degree Apprenticeships plus a live Question & Answer session with current apprentices and parents, sharing their experiences and advice.

Click here to register to attend.



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



Upcoming Events

- Parents and Guardian Careers Information Evening
 Thursday 16th October, 6–7.30pm (online)
- Parent webinar: understanding Degree Apprenticeships

 Wednesday 22nd October, 6–7pm (online)
- Cavendish Nuclear work experience

 Warrington, 27–30th October
- Virgin Media virtual work experience week 27–30th October
- October Law Work Experience
 Tuesday 28th October, 9–4.15pm (virtual)
- In-person Business and Law Work Experience Day
 Manchester, Wednesday 29th October,
 9.30–1pm (Business Session) and 1–5pm (Law Session)

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





Pathway Careers, Training and Mentorship Service

The CTM Pathway website has a range of events, opportunities, work experience and apprenticeship vacancies for students to pursue.

You can register for a free account, access free events and more by clicking here.

Once the form has been filed in and submitted, students can gain access to the Pathway CTM Programme and receive email alerts about events, job applications and work experience opportunities.



Degree Apprenticeship vacancies

Of particular interest for Year 13 students are current Degree Apprenticeship vacancies, which can be accessed by clicking here.

These include opportunities from Barclays, Lloyds, KPMG and Forvis Mazars.

Events

In addition, there is a wealth of events taking place, which can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>.





Browne Jacobson

October Law Work Experience

Tuesday 28th October, 9–4.15pm (virtual)

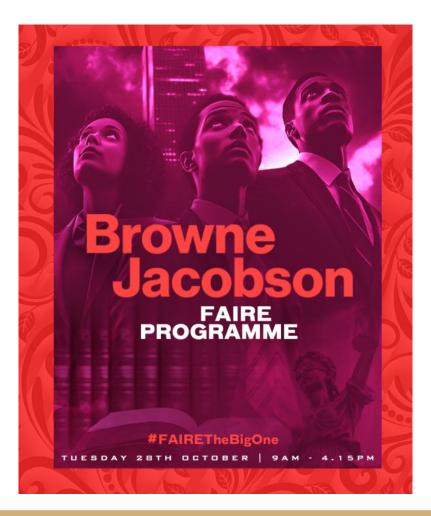
If you're an aspiring solicitor, barrister, or legal professional, this event is for you. The Browne Jacobson Law Virtual Work Experience is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible line-up of exclusive speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures in the UK. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an in-house legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers everything you need to secure the career of your dreams.

In addition, you will be the first to hear about the brand-new Barrister Apprenticeship programme. Browne Jacobson will be one of the first UK law firms to offer this route, and they will launch their applications at the event!

You'll also gain insights from a panel of SQE trainees on how to successfully tackle the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, hear from an ex-Googles DeepMind lawyer on how to navigate a legal career as a neurodivergent individual, and build a personal brand that will help you stand out.

From in-house legal advice to barristers' insights and a special personal branding session, you'll gain practical knowledge, understand what legal employers are looking for, and most importantly, it'll help you create an application which stands out in some of the UK's most competitive recruitment processes.

To reserve your space, click here.







In-person Business and Law Work Experience Day

Manchester, Wednesday 29th October,

9.30–1pm (Business Session) and 1–5pm (Law Session)

This free event takes place during the October half-term break. Students will meet with leading industry employers, take part in mock assessment centres and interview exercises, and develop their commercial awareness skills.

- Degree Apprenticeship and Graduate masterclass everything you need to know to stand out in the crowded job market.
- Mock assessment centre exercise where you will work in groups and pitch an idea to professionals.
- Interview practice and techniques to help you land an opportunity/job.
- How to craft the perfect CV.
- Commercial awareness workshop to help you stay ahead and up to date with core industry knowledge on the sectors you want to go into.
- Networking with direct hiring managers and the opportunity to do your 30s elevator pitch to industry professionals.

This conference will feature representatives from:

- Business Session: KPMG, BDO, CIMA, Wates, RAF + more
- Law Session: Stephenson Harwood, CMS, Reed Smith, DWF, Pinsent Masons,
 TLT + more

Spaces are limited, so students are encouraged to register now to secure a place. If you want to attend both sessions, you can apply via each link separately below.

Click here to register for the Business session: 9.30–1pm

Click here to register for the Law session:

1-5pm







Parents and Guardian Careers Information Evening

Thursday 16th October, 6-7.30pm (online)

This online parent/guardian event is designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school. It is an ideal opportunity to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands (mentioned below) from various sectors who will be joining the event.

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting Degree Apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

There will also be breakout room sessions with sector-specific panels and workshops that you and your child can participate in throughout the evening. Please note that to join the breakout rooms, you will need the Zoom app on your laptops or phones.

This event will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the career and work experience prospects in sectors such as Finance, Data, Technology, Law, Engineering and different Corporate Functions. The employers involved, include:

- Law: Mishcon de Reya, Clifford Chance,
 A&O Shearman, University of Law
- Business/Finance: KPMG, PwC, BDO, CIMA, RSM
- STEM: Wates, RAF, The Army, National Grid

The whole session will be led by the

direct hiring managers at these global firms, so you'll learn from the very best on how to support your child as they transition from education to the professional world with leading brands.

To sign up, and secure your place, click here.



INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE



Love creative subjects?

Discover how to turn your passion into a successful career!



Join an InvestIN weekend programme this November to:

Learn from experienced professionals working in culture, media and the arts

Gain hands-on experience in a range of mediums

Start building a stand-out portfolio of work to boost applications to competitive universities & colleges

Find out how to begin your creative career in our latest blog post



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programmes

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.

UC/\S

- University of Liverpool Open Day Saturday 11th October
- MMU Open Days
 Saturday 11th & 18 October
 Saturday 22nd November
- Unifrog University Fair
 Tuesday 14th October
- University of Chester Experience
 Week
 27–31st October: Health, Medicine
 and Society

- STEM Support from
 Cambridge University
 Saturday 10th January 2026
 Deadline to apply: Friday 31st
 October 2025
- University of Manchester
 mA*ths online programme
 October 2025 to February 2026
- Chester University Open Days
 Saturday 18th October 2025
 Saturday 15th November 2025
 Saturday 6th December 2025

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



UCAS deadlines and reminders (I)

This information sheet is to make sure you are clear on UCAS deadlines and procedures, so that your application is sent off without delay.

The Sixth Form UCAS Deadline is Tuesday 4th November 2025

Meeting the Sixth Form Deadlines

Your application will be submitted to school once you've clicked 'PAID AND SENT'.

- This does **not** send your application straight to UCAS.
- It first goes to Mrs Hughes, who checks it carefully.
- After that, it is also checked by Mr Mullin (Head of Year) and Mrs Neesam (Head of Sixth Form).
- The **checking process takes up to 2 weeks**, before Mrs Hughes sends your application to UCAS.

This Internal deadline is important so there's time to spot any mistakes and make sure everything is ready to go.

Need help? Got a question?

Speak to a member of the Sixth Form team or email Mrs Hughes

(lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk).





UCAS deadlines and reminders (II)

References

Before you submit, please make sure you've spoken to your referee about what courses you're applying for. This helps them write the best possible reference to support your application. You should already have done this, but if you haven't, your reference will not be written and ready for Mrs Hughes to send your application to UCAS.

Predicted grades

Your predicted grades are entered on to your UCAS application by Mrs Hughes after you have submitted your application to school – these will be communicated to you prior to when your application needs to be completed – more information about these will be given in assembly and to parent/carers via letter in due course.

Key things to remember

- We have over 200 applications to process, and each one takes up to 2 weeks to check.
- Your application will only be checked after you have 'PAID AND SENT' it to Sixth Form.
- Applications are checked in the order they are submitted so the earlier you submit, the earlier yours will be processed.
- Avoid these <u>Common Mistakes</u>, or this will delay your application.
- If errors are found, your application will be sent back to you to correct.
- Please do not submit your application to Sixth Form until you have completed all sections fully.

