

Managing expectations helps you focus on what you can control, celebrate your progress, and stay motivated without unnecessary pressure.

Remember, success is a journey, not a comparison.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 12 parents and carers should have received a letter home with a unique link to register and view their child's school photograph. Year 13 parents and carers have been sent a link on Class Charts to view the whole year group image.

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.

BUILDING WORKS

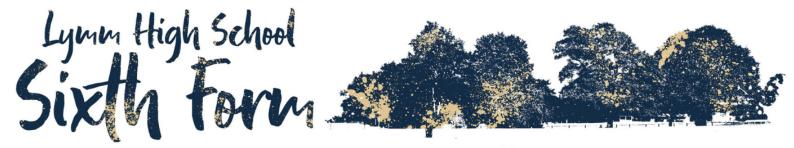
Please be aware that after the half-term break, there will be building works taking place in McCorms Yard (outside the new Drama classroom). These will finish on Friday 21st November. Please stay out of this area. Access to Drama will be through the Leisure Centre.

SIXTH FORM UNIFORM

From Monday 20th October all students are expected to have full & correct uniform (blazers, black jumpers & school shoes). Uniform will be check-ed during Form time and by staff throughout the day. If a student does not have the correct uniform, they will be sent home to retrieve it. Thank you to all parents / carers for your support in helping us maintain our high standards and expectations of our students.

UCAS DEADLINES

All Year 13 UCAS applications should be sent and paid into school by **Tuesday 4th November** (first day back after half term). Please see the back pages for reminders.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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



CALENDAR

20-24 October 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Monday Reset – The Sixth	Monday Reset – <i>The Sixth</i>	
TUESDAY	Folder check follow up. Reflection on the importance of organisation	Assembly	Careers Advisor
WEDNESDAY	Life Programme – Abortion and Pregnancy	Life Programme – Unconscious bias	Debate Club 1.30– 2.30pm, N103 Geneva IAG, 7pm (see p.1)
THURSDAY	Assembly	Diwali celebrations	Wear it Pink!
FRIDAY	Study Day	Study Day	Half-term next week



NEWS



Thursday 23rd October

Sixth Form students can pay £1 on ParentPay on the last day of this half-term and choose to wear an item of pink and nonunform in support of Breast Cancer Now. There will also be lots of fun activities happening throughout the day (see next page).

We hope you will all support our fundraising efforts for a great cause!





BIRTHDAYS

D. Barraclough

W. Chamberlain

M. Davidson

J. Hansford

C. Harrison

A. Hassett

F. Littlewood

P. Marsh

M. McCarthy

G. McCue

N. Moore

F. Richards

J. Sands

I. Smith

C. Stockton



GET INVOLVED. WEARIT PINK.

Thursday 23rd October

Join us for a fun day of fundraising in support of Breast cancer Now.

Sixth Form students can choose to wear an item of pink together with non-uniform for a £1 donation on ParentPay.

The annual game of Pink Bingo will return at breaktime in the Lower Hex. Get your teams together now. There will be lots of prizes to be won (50p entry).

Please bring cash!



For breast cancer breakthroughs. Wear it pink.

Find out more at wearitpink.org





WELLBEING

Wellbeing champions

We are now recruiting Wellbeing Champions to join our Sixth Form and the wider school community. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are passionate about supporting others and promoting positive mental health.



As a Wellbeing Champion, you will help to:

- Work as a team to raise awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing.
- Develop and lead initiatives to promote understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage open conversations about mental health.
- Support fellow students in the Sixth Form and main school who may be experiencing mental health concerns.

If you are interested, please complete the application form by **Thursday 23rd October**. The form will ask a few short questions about your ideas for raising awareness of wellbeing and mental health, and why you think you would be a strong candidate for the role. When completing it, focus on your skills and personal qualities, for example, empathy, communication, teamwork, or leadership, include examples to support your application.

To apply, scan the QR code below:



Taking part in this as an enrichment activity will not only allow you to make a positive difference in the school community but also strengthen the skills and experiences valued by universities and future employers.

Thank you for helping us build a community where every student feels supported, valued, and heard.

We look forward to reading your applications.

EXAMS

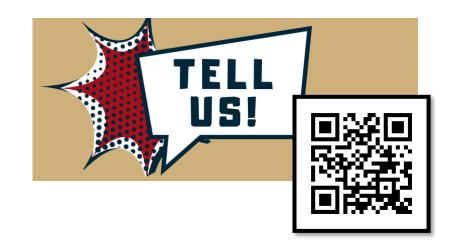
How to get 3A*s at A' Level!



A student in a social media blog has explained how they achieved 3 A* grades at A' Level in Maths, Chemistry and Biology. The blog explains the revision techniques used, including:

- 1. File organisation
- 2. Typing up notes
- Using textbooks and revision guides
- 4. Making revision cards
- 5. Testing yourself
- 6. Doing past papers
- 7. Using the specifications
- 8. Asking for help.

To read the full blog, <u>click here</u>.





LIFE PROGRAMME

The next extended Life Programme session will be on Wednesday 22nd October.

Year 13

Students will learn about unconscious bias — the automatic, unintentional attitudes or stereotypes that influence how we think and act without realising it. They explore how the brain uses mental shortcuts to process information quickly, which can sometimes lead to unfair assumptions about people based on factors (like gender, race or age). Students learn to identify different types of bias, understand how these can affect areas such as education, employment and everyday interactions; and explore ways to recognise and reduce bias through self-awareness and inclusive thinking. The aim is to help young people understand how unconscious bias shapes society and to encourage more thoughtful, fair decision-making in their future lives and careers.

Year 12

Students will learn about pregnancy and abortion from biological and legal perspectives,

building on the work they did in Year 11 discussing it from an ethical perspective. They explore how pregnancy occurs, the options available to someone who is pregnant, and the support services that exist. The lesson will cover the facts about abortion, including current UK law and medical procedures. The aim of the lesson is to help young people understand the issues in an informed, respectful and sensitive way, while knowing how to access accurate information and support if needed.

For support and guidance with this topic, please speak to our Pastoral team. External support can be given via Kooth, Childline (0800 1111) or by talking to your GP.

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

Period 3

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Period 4	12.25–1.20pm
Lunch	1.20-2.15pm

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Period 5	2.15-3.10pm

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.

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).

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are offering organisations the chance to advertise on pitch-side boards around our 3G pitch. This area is used extensively by the wider community for sport and recreation (over 10,000 spectators every year). Click here for further details and an aerial view with assigned areas for the advertisements.



Anthropology essay writing workshops

UCL Anthropology (14 Taviton Street, London WC1H 0BW)

Saturday 15th November, 11–1.30pm

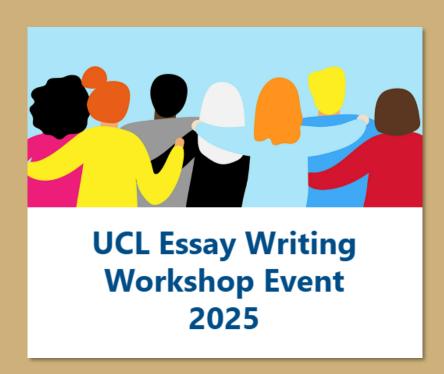
Saturday 6th December, 11–1.30pm

The Anthropology department of the University College of London (UCL) is running free in-person essay writing workshops for Year 12 and 13 students studying at UK state schools. Applications are particularly encouraged from students in groups underrepresented in higher education.

Run by academic staff from UCL Anthropology, the workshops will help attendees develop their essay writing skills. These skills will be relevant for a variety of social science and humanities subjects. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

Interested students can apply here via the online application form.

If you have any questions, please contact the organiser, Yathu Yogarajah, at anthro.essay-workshops@ucl.ac.uk.





2026 Medical & Dental summer school applications

Funded by NHS England, the Medical Schools Council (MSC) and the Dental Schools Council (DSC), summer schools provide over 500 free places across England in residential, commuter and online formats for students in Year 12. The programme focuses on supporting young people from underrepresented backgrounds and areas with limited outreach to medical and dental schools. These summer schools give students a practical taste of healthcare education and careers. Through hands-on activities, simulations and short teaching across core topics, they help students build key skills and confidence, whilst supporting them with applications and interviews.

- Experience what it's like to study medicine or dentistry
- Learn about the values and behaviours expected of medical and dental students, doctors and dentists
- Explore a wide range of careers in medicine and dentistry
- Connect with like-minded students and academics
- Advice and support on applications, interviews and admissions tests
- Enjoy social activities and build a supportive community

For further information, click here.





Read our 2024 Access and Student Success Impact Report here

IMPACT REPORT



The Manchester Access Programme (MAP)

Wednesday 19th November, 5.30–6.15pm (Zoom)

The University of Manchester's central widening access scheme for local Year 12 students will soon be recruiting its next cohort of MAP students. As such, it is running a live online information webinar that Lymm students are welcome to attend to find out more about MAP. This event is open to any students, teachers, parents and carers. To register to attend, click here.

For students who successfully complete the Programme there are three main benefits:

- Reduced entry requirements of up to two A' Level grades (or equivalent)
 below the standard entry requirements for courses at the University of Manchester.
- A supported admissions process Guidance on personal statements and UCAS applications.
- Undergraduate Access Scholarship Currently £1300 per year for undergraduate study at the University of Manchester. Further details can be found here.

For further information about the MAP and how to apply, <u>click here</u>. If students have any questions they can contact map@manchester.ac.uk.

Students can apply during the week commencing **Monday 10th November**. The deadline to apply is **Sunday 14th December**.

Key Apprenticeship Links

- <u>Current apprenticeships in the Warrington area</u>
- 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
- Programmes Apprenticeships The University of Manchester
- 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



Degree Apprenticeship Careers Fair at Manchester Metropolitan University



Thursday 6th November, 4-7pm

Visit Manchester Met's careers fair to discover degree apprenticeship vacancies with top employers and unlock exciting career pathways.

Click here to get free tickets to attend.



Hire In are advertising Degree apprenticeships for:













Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme with Linklaters

Tuesday 21st October, 5–6.30pm (virtual)

This virtual insight event with Linklaters is aimed at Year 12 and 13 students who are aspiring to enter the legal profession.



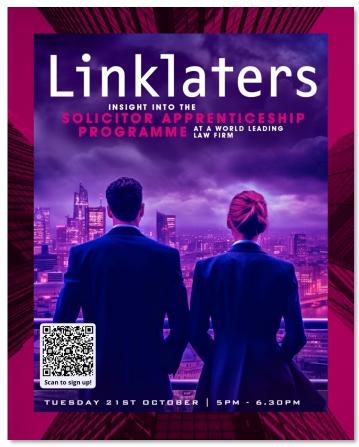
This will be a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into commercial law through workshops and activities, learn more about the flagship Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme, and network with Linklaters professionals.

Linklaters is one of the world's leading global law firms and forms part of the Magic Circle group (one of the top five firms in the UK). This insight event is designed to give you a taste of the exciting opportunities available in the dynamic law industry and show you first-hand what it's like working for a full-service corporate law firm.

During the event, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable insights, network

with industry professionals, engage in interactive sessions and uncover future opportunities
Linklaters has on offer for you. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have to top senior legal professionals, as well as helping you to kickstart your legal career. You will get to hear about their work experience schemes, internships, and solicitor apprenticeships on offer for this year and be able to apply to these if you are interested.

<u>Click here</u> to sign up.



Solicitor Apprenticeship Application Masterclass

Thursday 27th November, 4.30–6pm (virtual)
Tuesday 13th January 2026, 4.30–6pm (virtual)



Registrations are open for Legal Cheek's flagship dual-date virtual event for Year 12 and 13 students considering the solicitor apprenticeship route, in partnership with 24 leading law firms and The University of Law. It kicks off next month with a solicitor apprenticeship application masterclass delivered by 12 leading law firms' early careers teams covering:

- Researching firms and building commercial awareness
- Making a winning application
- Looking ahead to assessment centres.

There is then a virtual law fair with the firms.

Solicitor apprenticeship application masterclass, insight session and virtual fair

With 24 leading law firms

Part Two is on where current solicitor apprentices at 12 leading law firms will share what to expect on a solicitor apprenticeship, in a series of short workshops covering the following topics:

- Perception vs reality
- City living and social life
- Looking ahead to qualification

There is then a virtual law fair with the firms.

For more information and to apply, click here.



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>.



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Upcoming Events

- Solicitor Apprenticeship
 Programme with Linklaters
 Tuesday 21st October, 5–6.30pm
 (virtual)
- 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)
- Solicitor Apprenticeship
 Application Masterclass
 Thursday 27th November,
 4.30–6pm (virtual)

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





Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience

Sunday 2nd November, 8.30-5pm

This virtual work experience session focuses on Road Traffic Collisions. This programme is suitable for students in Years 12 and 13 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Upon registration, students will gain access to their dedicated virtual work experience portals. Each completed session earns a Work Experience Certificate, and those who finish the full 6-month programme receive a Highly Commended Reference. Both serve as invaluable credentials for apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

To register, <u>click here</u>. Please note that places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs. Once registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.









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

- MMU Open DaysSaturday 18th OctoberSaturday 22nd November
- 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, <u>click here</u> 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 <u>Tuesday 4th November 2025</u>

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.

