

As we begin this new term, think of it as a chance to build the year you want. The progress you make won't come from one big decision, but from the small, consistent choices you make every day, how you use your study time, how you manage distractions, and how committed you are to your goals.

This is your opportunity to take ownership of your learning, set clear priorities, and put strong habits in place that will carry you through the rest of the year. What you build now will shape your outcomes later, so be intentional, stay focused, and invest in the future you want to achieve.

#### **WELCOME BACK**

And welcome to 2026! A new year brings a fresh opportunity to refocus, set higher standards, and take purposeful steps toward your goals within your level three courses and bevond. This is a time to build on what you've already achieved, learn from last term, and move forward with confidence and maturity. Whether this year leads to exams, applications, the effort you put in now will matter. Approach the term with ambition, resilience, and a commitment to making the most of every opportunity. We wish you a focused, successful, and rewarding year ahead.

#### YEAR 12 EPQ

Parents and carers have been informed of their child's place on the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) programme.
See Class Charts for the announcement sent.
These students must attend their first EPQ workshop on Monday 5th January.

#### Y12 PROGRESS REPORTS

Year 12 Progress Reports were sent to parents and carers this week via email.

Click here to read the accompanying letter.

Please <u>click here</u> to view the end-of-term letter from Mrs Neesam.



### **WHAT'S** ON THIS WEEK

Please click here to view the Assessment calenkey dates for the year ahead.



### CALENDAR 6–9 January 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13 OTHER EVENTS							
MONDAY	EPQ launch for invited students (see p.1)	invited students INSET Day							
TUESDAY	Tuesday reset – The Sixth	Tuesday reset – Careers  The Sixth Advisor							
WEDNESDAY	Assembly – Apprenticeship focus	Study Skills –  Making flashcards  practice							
THURSDAY	Study Skills – Mind mapping	Assembly							
FRIDAY	Futures Friday – Apprenticeships	Futures Friday –  Managing Tax, NI and pension  School Nurse, 10.45–11.15am							

# NEWS

#### **Christmas cheer and charity**

The Chair of PTA, Clare Martin, wrote to us to say what a great job Evie Hughes and Lily Norton did on this year's Rotary Santa Float. The Year 12 students were there volunteering on behalf of the PTA. "This not only brings joy to the surrounding area, but helps raise money for local charities, including Lymm High PTA which goes directly to the Hall Together fund", said Mrs Martin.

Thanks to the Sixth Formers, parents and other students, 16 people collected on behalf of Lymm High School.

Miss Dixon said: "What a nice thing for them to have done. Supporting charity is a brilliant skill for our students to

be developing".



## NEWS



#### **Christmas quiz**

We ended the Autumn term with a packed Christmas quiz in the Lower Hex on **Friday 19th December**. It was a great atmosphere with both students and staff taking part.



### NEWS

#### **Christmas tree decorating competition**

Many congratulations to Year 12 for winning this year's Christmas Tree decorating



competition. Our judge, Mr Haddrell (Head of Estates) chose the Year 12 tree because of the personalised picture baubles. It was a close call though!

Well done to everyone who took part!





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J. Shaw

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### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Young Volunteer of the Year**

Evie Madgin was recently awarded
Cheshire West Young Volunteer of the
Year at a ceremony at Chester Town Hall.
The award, presented by Cheshire West
Voluntary Action (CWVA), recognises Evie's
exceptional volunteer work at Down
Syndrome Cheshire, based in Northwich.

Evie has dedicated her time to supporting individuals of all ages – from babies and young children to adults – helping them develop life skills through the chari-



ty's Learning Labs. Her enthusiasm and commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of those she works with, earning praise from both staff and participants.

We at the Sixth Form are incredibly proud of Evie for her hard work and dedication to making a difference in her community. Her achievement is a shining example of how volunteering can foster personal growth while having a lasting, positive impact on others.

CWVA also expressed their pride in Evie's accomplishments, noting her as an inspiring role model for other young people in Cheshire to follow.

Well done Evie, we are very proud of you!

### REMINDERS

#### DONT FORGET TO:

#### 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).

#### 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.

#### **UNIFROG PARENT ACCESS**

Important changes and enhancements have been announced to Unifrog access for parents. Action required if parents wish to continue using our Careers Platform. Please click here to read the letter sent recently.

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#### ILC AVAILABILITY FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM SILENT STUDY

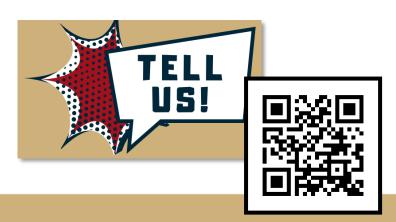
#### RED = unavailable GREEN = available ILC OPENING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM

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ADDITIONAL LESSONS & FULL DAY CLOSURES MAY TAKE PLACE THAT ARE NOT ON THIS TIMETABLE

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### FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

#### **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



#### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

# FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Apprenticeship Spotlight**





**Company:** Tenet Consultants offers a 5-year Degree Apprenticeship Programme in Design Engineering, with applications opening on 5th January 2026. <u>Click here</u> to read the full job description, which will be particularly suited to those studying engineering or other STEM-related subjects.

The programme offers a very competitive salary, structured support throughout the apprenticeship, and the opportunity to work on real-life engineering projects from year two onwards, alongside studying for a fully funded degree.

**Qualification:** After Year 3: L5 Nuclear Technician Apprenticeship and L5 Higher National Diploma (HND).

After Year 5: L6 Nuclear Engineer Apprenticeship and L6 BEng Degree in your chosen discipline (Mechanical or EC&I).

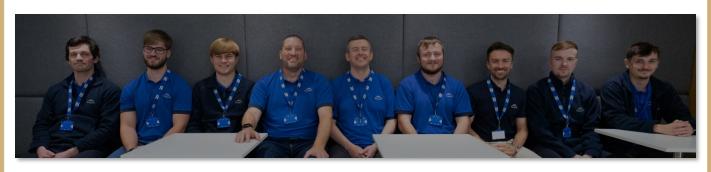
**Location:** Warrington

Degree Provider: Wigan & Leigh College

**Salary:** £21,000 with performance-based increases each year

Start date: September 2026

**Application Deadline:** Friday 3rd April 2026



# FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

#### **National Apprenticeship Week**

Monday 9th February to Sunday 15th February 2026

National Apprenticeship Week in February will focus on the theme of 'Skills for Life'.

This week is ideal for students who are not yet decided about their future career paths and are keeping an open mind about their next steps. Futures for all is offering a series of Remote Work Experience opportunities from companies including Siemens Energy, Leonardo Hotels and the NHS, as well as broadcasts from companies including Boots and Virgin Media.

They'll be covering different sectors including Energy, Engineering, Hospitality and Law. So students will get

the opportunity to engage with experts in their field, take part in challenges and find out exactly what an apprentice does from those currently doing that role.

Please click <u>here</u> to see what's available.











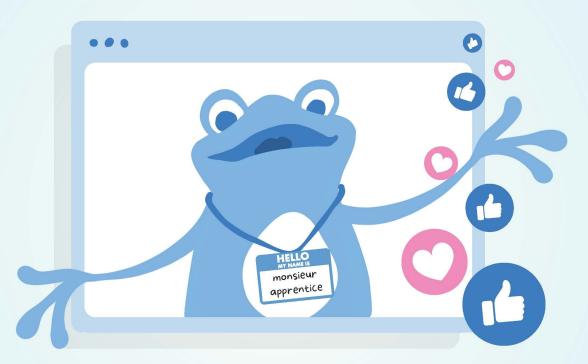






# unifrog APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Wednesday 11 February 4pm - 6pm



Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships.



scan here to sign up Get your questions answered by the experts.

Join live sessions with employers from across the UK and speak directly to their representatives to achieve your dream apprenticeship!



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



#### **Upcoming Events**

- British Airways Work Experience
   Applications open: Wednesday 7th January 2026, for an opportunity
   between April–July 2026
- STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening
  Tuesday 20th January 2026, 5–8pm
- Compassionate Careers with St Columba's Hospice 27–29th January 2026, 9.30–3pm (remote)
- Virtual Entrepreneurship experience 21–22nd January 2026, 10–3pm
- Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair
   Wednesday 11th February 2026
- Careers with Zurich Insurance (virtual)

  11–12th February 2026, 10–2pm (Deadline to apply: Tuesday 20th January)
- Explore the STEM world of defence & technology 16–18th February 2026, 10–3pm (Teams)

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





#### **Tech-driven retail careers**

Thursday 19th February 2026, 10–12.30pm (virtual)
Deadline to apply: Friday 30th January 2026

Are you curious about where a career in retail can take you – from the shop floor to the boardroom? Have you thought about how AI, Cyber Security and Sustainability play a role in the shops where we buy our groceries? Join Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for *Retail Reimagined*, a unique and inspiring virtual event designed to spotlight the exciting range of careers in the grocery retail sector.

The opportunities within retail are incredibly diverse, and most importantly exciting, offering roles you might not even be aware of! This session will give you practical insights, direct from those leading in the industry today.

As one of the world's leading technology and consulting companies, TCS partners with top UK grocery retailers such as Asda, Sainsbury's and The Co-op, using technology to solve real world challenges across the food and goods supply chain. From enhancing customer experiences with technology to improving sustainability, TCS is driving transformation across every part of the retail journey.

- Discover how technology and other innovations are revolutionising what goes
  on behind the scenes in stores and how your career could drive a more innovative and sustainable future.
- Hear from professionals and industry leaders across the sector as they share their journeys, tips for career progression, and what hiring managers are really looking for.
- Hear practical advice on how to get your foot in the door, stand out in inter
  - views, and understand the skills that matter most in today's retail world.

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







#### Careers in Architecture with 3DReid

2-3rd March 2026, 10-4pm (remote)

Application deadline: Monday 9th February 2026

Are you a young, creative mind with a passion for design and innovation? Do you dream of shaping the skylines of tomorrow? Is your passion the history and future of our evolving landscapes? Look no further! Join 3DReid for two action packed days to dive into the dynamic world of architecture.

#### You will gain:

- Hands-on experience in architectural design and drafting.
- Insight into the latest industry trends and technologies.
- Talks from our talented team of architects, designers and clients.
- Introduction to Interior design.
- Discussions surrounding sustainability with buildings.
- Project work to where you will design your own building.

Please note that full participation of both days is required.

For further information, and to apply, click here.







#### Work experience finder

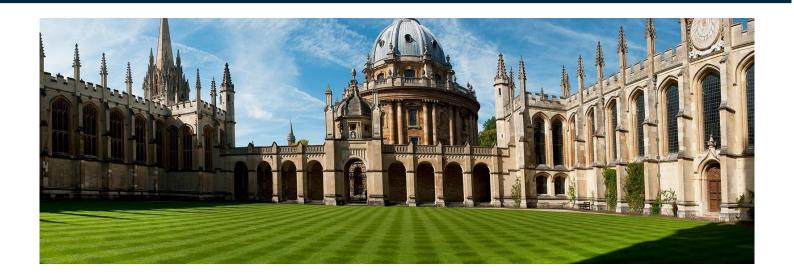
Students are invited to discover work experience opportunities using this <u>online</u> tool.

There are three steps:

- Discover work experience
   Browse, search and filter our opportunities to find what suits you.
- Register, sign in and apply
   To apply, you need an account it's quick, free and simple to sign up.
- 3. **Application review and decision**Once your application has been submitted your teacher will review it before it's sent to the employer who will let you know if you're successful!



#### **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

- STEM Support from
   Cambridge University
   Saturday 10th January 2026
- University of Manchester mA\*ths online programme
   January to May 2026

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