

# THE SIXTH

8–12 December 2025

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THIS WEEK...

RECEIVING  
FEEDBACK

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## A GIFT OF GROWTH – RECEIVING FEEDBACK WITH AN OPEN HEART

As we head towards Christmas, think of feedback like a present you unwrap: sometimes surprising, sometimes challenging, but always offering something valuable inside. Try to receive feedback positively and recognise that it's given to help you move forward, not hold you back. Look for the 'gift' in each comment, show appreciation for the support you're being offered and use that feedback to make your work shine as brightly as the Christmas lights. This is your chance to grow, refine your skills, and finish the term with confidence.

## YEAR 12 LIVERPOOL UNI TRIP

On **Monday 8th December**. Please wear appropriate home clothes and bring a packed lunch. Our itinerary includes a campus tour and workshop on applying to University. Please meet in the Lower Hex at 8.25am for registration. All students with medical concerns need to bring relevant equipment such as EpiPens and asthma inhalers.

## YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING

This will take place in the Sports Hall on the evening of **Thursday 11th December**. Students have all arranged appointments with teachers. Any questions, please email Mrs Hughes ([lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk)). [Click here](#) to read the full letter sent home.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Sixth Form Christmas Dinner will be held on **Tuesday 8th December** for students who have prebooked only. No other food will be available in the Sixth Form at lunchtime. Therefore, students who have not prebooked must either bring in their own lunch or go to the main school canteen for lunch.

## ILC AVAILABILITY

The ILC is now available for silent study Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm), according to the timetable shown on p.8. Students should also check the timetable on the door for any areas not in use.

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# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Please [click here](#) to view the Assessment calendar, which includes key dates for the year ahead.



## CALENDAR

8–12 December 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Year 12 trip to Liverpool Uni (see p.1)	Monday reset – <i>The Sixth</i>	
TUESDAY	Assembly	In the News – Supplements and Young People	Christmas lunch and tree decorating competition 
WEDNESDAY	Life Programme (see p.6)	Life Programme (see p.6)	Makaton course, 1.30–2.30pm
THURSDAY	In the News – Supplements and Young People	Assembly – Making informed decisions	BAE Systems talk (see p.7) Year 13 Parents' Evening (see p.1)
FRIDAY	Futures Friday – Using the numeracy quiz on Unifrog	Fun Friday – Christmas Film Challenge	School Nurse, 10.45–11.15am

**HALL TOGETHER ONLINE RAFFLE**

# **BIG PRIZE GIVEAWAY 1 WEEK TO GO**

**PRIZES INCLUDE:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE £1000 CASH**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE £500 CASH**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE FOR 2**

**4<sup>TH</sup> DELONGHI BEAN-TO-CUP COFFEE MACHINE**

**5<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY PORTRAIT PHOTOSHOOT**

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HIGH SCHOOL**



**HALL  
TOGETHER**

**To enter, [click here](#).**

*\*Competition open to those aged 18 and over.*

# NEWS



## Record Shoebox donations

Lymm High students have shown incredible generosity and festive spirit by collecting an amazing 172 Christmas shoeboxes for the Manchester Street Angels appeal — the highest number the school has ever achieved!

The campaign invited students to create gift-filled boxes for a wide range of categories, ensuring that everyone in the community felt the warmth of Christmas kindness. From pamper boxes for the elderly, to fun-filled parcels for children, to even special boxes for dogs, the students made sure no one was left out this festive season.

The Manchester Street Angels team expressed heartfelt gratitude for the donation, which will go directly to supporting vulnerable individuals and families across Greater Manchester this Christmas. Many thanks also to our Sixth Form team of helpers.



## BIRTHDAYS

L. Barrow

N. Jones

E. Blandy

E. Sam

I. Firth

J. Scott

A. Greenhalgh

J. Owen



# CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Tree Decoration Competition!

Get ready for some festive fun in the annual Year 12 vs Year 13 Christmas Tree Decoration Competition! This tradition is a chance for both year groups to show off their creative flair and holiday spirit by decorating their designated trees in the Lower Hex.

The competition kicked off on **Monday 1st December**, when the trees were put in place awaiting you bringing them to life with your holiday magic. From baubles and tinsel to homemade ornaments and quirky themes, this is your opportunity to go all out with your designs. Get inspired by winter wonderlands, retro Christmas vibes, or your own creative take on Christmas.

The trees will be judged by an independent adjudicator on **Tuesday 9th December**, which also happens to be Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day! The winning year group will be rewarded with a festive treat for the entire group to enjoy – a perfect way to celebrate your creativity and teamwork!

So gather your friends, start brainstorming ideas, and let the decorating begin! Whether it's a dazzling display or a cheeky, fun twist, make sure to bring your A-game and let's see which year group will reign supreme in this festive showdown!

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

*Jolly Christmas  
Jumper Day!*



# LIFE PROGRAMME

Our next Life Programme session takes place on **Wednesday 10th December**.

## Year 12

Year 12 students will take part in a media literacy session designed to help them understand how information is created, shared and interpreted in today's digital world. They will explore how to identify reliable sources, recognise bias and misinformation, and think critically about the content they encounter online – particularly on social media. The session also encourages students to reflect on how media influences opinions, emotions and decision-making. This is an important part of preparing young people to navigate an increasingly complex information landscape with confidence, independence and safety.

## Year 13

Half of our year group will continue with their mock interviews. These are a valuable opportunity to build confidence and prepare for future university, apprenticeship or job applications. The practice interviews simulate real interview settings, giving the chance to refine communication skills, receive personalised feedback, and gain insight into what interviewers are looking for.

The other half of the year group will be in Form having a session about lowering the voting age. This session encourages students to consider arguments both for and against allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote, helping them to think critically about democratic participation, civic responsibility, and how political decisions impact young people. By engaging with a range of viewpoints and evaluating evidence, students are developing informed perspectives on an important issue that continues to shape national discussion. Should it pass through government 16 and 17 year olds will be able to vote in the May 2029 election.

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



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# BAE SYSTEMS TALK

Come along to hear from  
Paul Kelly, Early Careers  
Skills Coach about Degree  
Apprenticeships at BAE  
Systems and how to apply.

1.30-2.10PM  
THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER  
N206

## Degree Apprenticeships

- Engineering
- Business Services
- Technology
- Manufacturing

YEAR 12 AND  
YEAR 13 BOTH  
WELCOME

Where purpose  
connects





# ILC AVAILABILITY

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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**

<b>WEEK A</b>	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area
Period 1	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN
Period 2	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 3	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 4	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN
Period 5	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN

<b>WEEK B</b>	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area	Computers	Desk Area
Period 1	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	RED	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 2	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 3	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 4	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Period 5	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	RED	GREEN

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

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# 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.



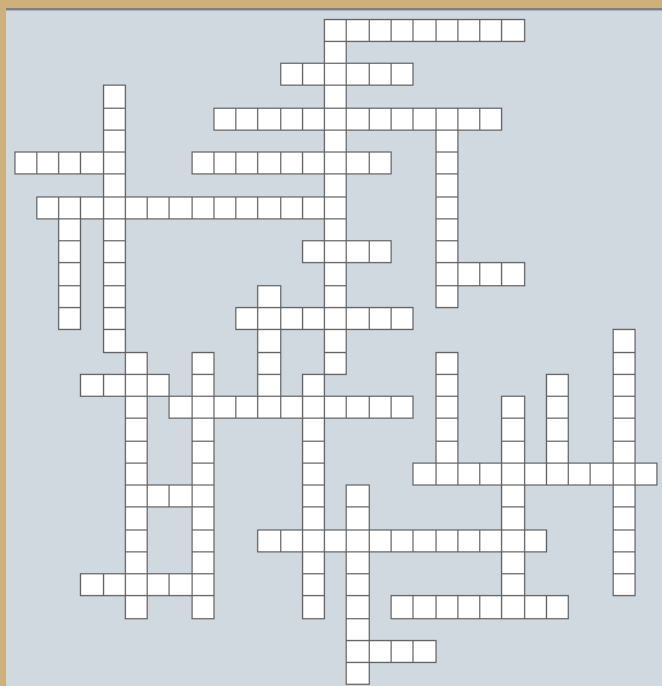


# Christmas Crossword

*Entries close on January 9th*

Why not get a team together and tackle this Christmas Crossword? You could win a [book prize bundle](#) worth over £300 for yourself and Lymm High!

The winners will be announced on the winner on **Monday 12th January**.



- [Click here](#) to download the PDF.
- [Click here](#) for the online version.

## ACROSS

1. The writer of 'Stig of the dump' (5, 4)
2. Famous wizard you might find in 'Arthur, the always King' (6)
4. Composer of the 'unfinished symphony' (5, 8)
6. Famous arctic explorer who features in 'race to The south pole' (5)
7. In Charlie Nutbrown's wonderful debut, 'the Feathered book', what has monty the fox decided to Try his hand at being now? (9)
8. French author who created inspector Maigret (7, 7)
10. The river that forms part of the border between France and Germany (4)
11. Surname of the author of 'when little mouse got stuck' (4)
13. The Greek philosopher forced to drink hemlock (8)
18. Dynasty that ruled China immediately before the Ming (4)
21. Legendary country singer who wrote 'Billy the Kid comes home for Christmas' (5,6)

CONTINUED OVERLEAF



23. 'The warden' is the first of Trollope's novels set In this fictional county (11)

24. The Shakespearean villain who declares "I am not What I am" (4)

26. Popular magazine that collaborated to create 'a Big book of even more knowledge' (3,4,6)

27. Surname of the French mathematician who helped develop of the theory of probability (6)

28. City famous for its once-a-year running of the bulls (8)

29. The Jane Austen novel that features Mr Knightley (4)

## DOWN

1. The crime writer whose nurse Matilda tales Inspired Nanny McPhee (11, 5)

3. The island nation home to the moai statues (6, 6)

5. Choose your own adventure but non-fiction triumphs in 'choose your own...'? (9)

9. The World War II German code machine cracked at Bletchley Park (6)

12. Type of writing you might find collected in 2025's 'This is not a small voice' (6)

14. American novelist of 'Beloved' (4, 8)

15. The painter associated with the 'Blue period' (5, 7)

16. Author of classic novel 'Nineteen eighty-four' (6,7)

17. Desert whose name derives from the word for 'Place without water' (6)

19. The political theorist who wrote 'The prince' (11)

20. Over 5000 things to learn in Usborne's 'Big book of ...'? (5)

22. The Italian author of 'The name of the rose' (7, 3)

25. The mountain range that forms the spine of Italy (9)

Please send your completed entry to: Crossword, Heath Books, Willow House, Willow Walk, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9QQ

Email: [orders@heathbooks.co.uk](mailto:orders@heathbooks.co.uk) or enter online at: [www.heathbooks.co.uk](http://www.heathbooks.co.uk)

## 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](#)
- [Programmes - Apprenticeships - The University of Manchester](#)
- [Search apprenticeships | UCAS](#)
- [NHS Apprenticeships](#)
- [Linkedin - Degree Apprenticeships](#)



## 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](#)



## Local Degree Apprenticeship jobs

- **Project Management Apprenticeship**  
Babcock International, Warrington  
(£21,205 a year)



For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).

Application closing date: 12th March 2026. Start date: September 2026.

- **Apprentice Quantity Surveyor**  
M Group Services, Oldham  
(£21,861 a year)



For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).

- **Degree Apprentice Quantity Surveyor – Level 6 - Rail**  
Balfour Beatty, Warrington

For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).



- **CS&A (Civil, Structural & Architectural) Engineering Degree Apprentice**  
VINCI Construction, Warrington

For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).



- **Warrington Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship – Level 5–6**  
Sellafield Ltd, Warrington  
(£23,917–£26,583 a year)

For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).



- **Mechanical Engineering Degree Apprentice**  
VINCI Construction, Warrington

For further details, and to apply, [click here](#).



## STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening

*Tuesday 20th January 2026, 5–8pm*

*Information Talks: 5.30pm, 6.15pm, 7pm*

*Last entry 7pm.*

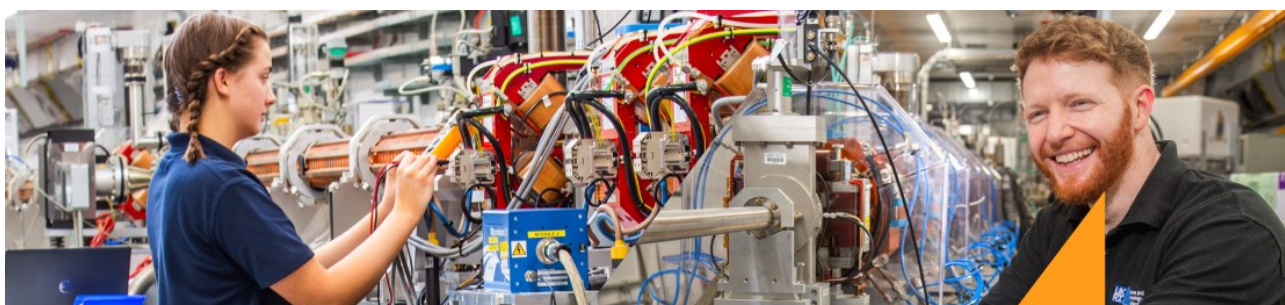


The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is home to world-class research in astronomy, physics and space science. It operates cutting-edge facilities across the UK, enabling discoveries that push the boundaries of engineering, technology and science.

An STFC gold-accredited, award-winning Apprenticeship Scheme offers you the chance to:

- Gain hands-on experience with world-leading projects
- Professional development, in a supportive, expert-led environment
- Real impact from day one
- Earn while you learn, with structured training and mentoring

To reserve a place, [click here](#).



## STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening

Daresbury Laboratory, Cheshire

**Tuesday 20 January 2026, 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

Introductory Talks at 5:30pm, 6:15pm and 7:00pm



Reserve your place now via: [bit.ly/49D3hQI](https://bit.ly/49D3hQI)

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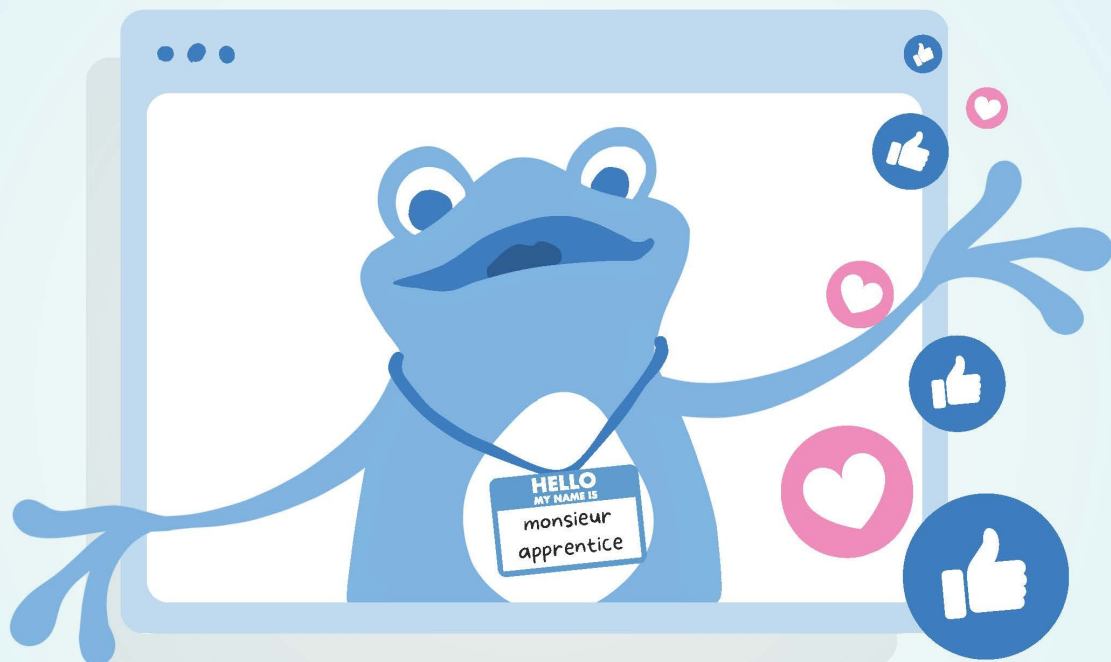
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# **APPRENTICESHIP FAIR**

**Wednesday 11 February 4pm - 6pm**



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



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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!**

# CAREERS

Our [careers website](#) includes a [calendar of events](#), [labour market information](#) and a link to [Unifrog](#).



In Cheshire and Warrington, the industry sectors that are growing include life science, digital & technology, logistics & distribution, energy, zero carbon and clean growth. Find out more [here](#).

Key sectors with significant levels of employment are: chemicals, manufacturing & engineering, finance & business services, and health & social care.

## Upcoming Events

- **Compassionate Careers with St Columba's Hospice**  
*27–29th January 2026, 9.30–3pm (remote)*
- **Solicitor Apprenticeship Application Masterclass**  
*Thursday 27th November, 4.30–6pm (virtual)*  
*Tuesday 13th January 2026, 4.30–6pm (virtual)*
- **STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening**  
*Tuesday 20th January 2026, 5–8pm*
- **Virtual Entrepreneurship experience**  
*21–22nd January 2026, 10–3pm*
- **Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair**  
*Wednesday 11th February 2026*
- **Explore the STEM world of defence & technology**  
*16–18th February 2026, 10–3pm (Teams)*

For details of all these events and more, [click here](#).





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.

# UCAS

- **University of Manchester**  
**mA\*ths online programme**  
*January to May 2026*
- **University of Chester Open Day**  
*Saturday 6th December –*  
*Chester sites*
- **STEM Support from**  
**Cambridge University**  
*Saturday 10th January 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**'.