

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 15 September



Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 17.9.25 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** - Setting expectations & student engagement / EPQ symposium
- **Year 13** – Writing effective personal statements workshop IntoUniversity / EPQ symposium / UCAS Applications

Assembly

- Year 12 - 24.9.25 – Getting Post 18 Ready - Sixth Form Library – Miss Shaw and Mr Curtis

Attendance is compulsory

Lanyards – Important

You must remember your lanyards and **wear it all the time** when you are entering and in the building. It is essential your lanyard is **visible** at all times to ensure we meet safeguarding protocols.

Year 12 Registration

Year 12 are expected in registration every day or the first three week so vital information and messages can be shared alongside student presentations. Students are also expected to be in until 2:50pm for the first three weeks so routines and good learning habits can be established. Upon a successful transition, all exeats will be awarded

Exeats Reminder

All students are entitled to exeats. Registration on Monday is compulsory for all students (regardless of free periods). You must attend registration if you have a lesson period 1 at LWD, the tutorial periods and assembly. Ensure you sign in and out and you have returned your signed permission slip. Exeats will be reviewed following the next data collection.

Study Sessions

All study / free sessions must be spent in the Sixth Form area unless you have agreed a time and space in classrooms with your subject teachers. There are plenty of rooms for quiet study – T06, T07, T08 and the Sixth Form Library. You can also use the space / desks in the Common Room.

UCAS Support Sessions

All early applicants are expected to attend an extra lesson with me on Tuesday, Period 2 in T08 if you do not have a timetabled lesson. Non-early applicants / nearly ready to apply are very welcome. Any problems, please let me know. Ms Ullah

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing sessions will run on Wednesday, week 2 during P5. The range of activities will be launched on Wednesday 24 September and your timetables updated.

1:1 Personal Statements Workshop – IntoUniversity – Wednesday 17 September, 9:30-2pm

If you would like a 1:1 appointment with an expert from IntoUniversity to support you with perfecting your personal statement, please pop into the office or email Mr Curtis so he can book you an appointment slot. We have limited availability.

Year 7 Open Evening – Ambassadors needed

The open evening is on Wednesday 17 September, 5-7pm. We need lots of sixth form ambassadors to help. See your form tutor or Mr Curtis / Miss Shaw for a letter. Thank you. **Early finish at 1:45pm. There will be no P5 lessons at Lawnswood.**

New York Trip – one place left!!!!

A place on the New York trip is available for one female student.

The trip is 15th – 19th October and the cost is £1680

We are working hard to try and fill this spot on the trip. If you are interested, please come and speak to Mrs Rushton in F42 or Mr Heaton in F43 at break or lunch today.

SIXTH FORM BURSARY

You must apply / re-apply for the new academic year.

Please remember you can claim for travel costs, food in school, books and equipment, trips, university visits, UCAS costs and anything else that supports your studies and progression through the Sixth Form bursary. If you think you may be eligible, see Mr Curtis / Mrs Shaw as soon as possible for an application form for 2024-25

Partnership Bus Timetable

Monday – Thursday

| | Lawnswood | Ralph Thoresby | Minibus RTS to LWD | Minibus LWD to RTS |
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| | | | 8:35 | 8:50 |
| Lesson 1 | 8:50 – 9:50 | 9:00 - 10:00 | | |
| Lesson 2 | 9:50 – 10:50 | 10:00 - 11:00 | | |
| Break | 10:50 – 11:05 | 11:00 – 11:20 | 10:55* | 11:05 |
| Lesson 3 | 11:10 – 12:10 | 11:20 – 12:20 | | |
| Lesson 4 | 12:10 – 13:10 | 12:20 – 13:20 | | |
| Lunch | 13:10 – 13:45 | 13:20 – 14:00 | 13:25 | 13:35 |
| Lesson 5 | 13:50 – 14:50 | 14:00 – 15:00 | | |
| End of Day | | | 14:55* | 15:00 |
| Twilight | 14:50 – 15:50 | 15:00 – 16:00 | | |
| | | | 15:55* | 16:00 |

Friday

| | Lawnswood | Ralph Thoresby | Minibus RTS to LWD | Minibus LWD to RTS |
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| Lesson 5 | 13:50 – 14:50 | 13:30 – 14:30 | | |
| End of Day | | | 14:40 | 14:50 |
| Coaching | | 14:30 | | |

School Email

You must ensure that you check your school emails regularly for Sixth Form messages and updates. Make sure your notifications are on too!!

KS5 Kitchenette

Students are welcome to make hot drinks in the sixth form kitchen but must clean up after themselves. In order to buy milk etc. We ask for a small contribution from students. There is a donation jar in the kitchen. If we don't collect enough donations, we will not be able to replenish tea/coffee/milk.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for lower school is now up and running in the KS3 diner, Monday-Friday from 8am-8.20am. If you fancy a slice of toast and helping to support younger students, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

GCSE English & Maths Resit and Home Languages (year 13) exam entries

See Ms Ullah urgently if you need to be entered for the resit exam and it is not on your timetable. Please also see Ms Ullah if you would like to be entered for a Home Language exam if you achieved a grade 9 at GCSE.

Opportunities

Free Future Leaders Programme for Year 12 & 13 Students

Future Leaders is a free programme for Year 12 and 13 students, delivered with the University of Oxford. We help students secure top university and apprenticeship places, while empowering them to challenge all forms of discrimination.

What students get

- Weekly online sessions (Nov–Jul) – just 20 minutes a week, whenever it suits them
- UCAS and apprenticeship support
- Mentoring from professionals and undergraduates
- Optional work experience with leading employers
- Optional university residentials (including Oxford)
- Optional in-person events in cities such as London, Bristol, Manchester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Telford and Birmingham – with more locations being added

How it runs

Students complete short, flexible weekly online sessions from October to July, covering practical skills such as exam prep, personal statements, CVs, interviews, LinkedIn, networking, and public speaking. Optional extras include fun trips, uni residentials, and work experience – but students can complete the full programme entirely online if they wish. Sign up directly at www.futureleaders.uk – it takes 5 minutes, and everyone gets a place!

Application deadline: **Friday 3 October**

HSBC careers

The Early Careers Team at HSBC would like to share an exciting opportunity for your students. On the 1st of October 2025, applications will open for the **2026 HSBC Degree Apprenticeship** programme, offering a brilliant alternative to traditional employment or higher education options. To apply, or find out more, about our apprenticeship opportunities, please click on the [link](#)

To help support students throughout the application window, we are running a series of **free virtual sessions** to aid student understanding of Degree Apprenticeships, alongside guidance on how to prepare for the application process.

Women in Finance – What I Wish I Knew (22 September 2025)

Pre-go-live – What You Need to Know (29 September 2025)

HSBC Apprenticeships – What You Need to Know

(14th October 2025, 27 October 2025, 11 November 2025)

Find out more about these events and others, and register at: [Events list - HSBC](#)

Virtual events for all students

Festive Finances – hints and tips on how to manage your money

Tuesday 25 November at 6pm – Please [register](#) to join the virtual event

Radiotherapy open day and Health and Care Careers

Radiotherapy Careers Open day – Saturday 27 September 2025 10am - 1pm (**event open to all**)

Are you interested in finding out what it takes to become a therapeutic radiographer, clinical engineer or radiotherapy physicist. Come along and meet our team on Saturday 27 September 2025 from 10am – 1pm

Location: St James University Hospital, Radiotherapy departments floors B2, Bexley Wing Beckett Street LS9 7TE.



Health Sciences Outreach @ Leeds - September 2025

Health and Social Care Visit Days

Our Health and Social Care Visit Days are the perfect opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students wanting to explore the various healthcare pathways in HE, as well gain practical insight into the many healthcare programmes on offer at Leeds. Booking open now!

<https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/teachers/post-16-activities/hsc-visit-days/>

Psychology Visit Days

Health Sciences isn't just about Medicine and Dentistry! Thanks to our Psychology Visit Days, students in Year 12 can have the opportunity to explore different elements of the Psychology programme at the University of Leeds. Requests are currently welcome for set dates in 25/26. <https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/teachers/post-16-activities/psychology-visit-days/>

New Admissions Test for Dental Hygiene and Therapy

The Dental School at the University of Leeds has introduced Casper (an open-response situational judgement test designed to measure social intelligence and professionalism) for applicants to BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy for 2026 entry onwards. Test dates for this academic year are:

- 12 December 25 (6pm)
- 9 January 2026 (6pm)
- 15 January 2026 (6pm)

To support students with this new approach to admissions, Casper are hosting a *Casper Office Hour* on Tuesday 16 September (6pm). This webinar will enable applicants to find out further information and ask questions. For more information, click the button below or contact support@acuityinsights.com.

<https://acuityinsights.app/casper/>

Leeds Futures- applications are now open

Leeds Futures is a national outreach programme designed for individual learners in Year 12. It provides students with the opportunity to learn more about a subject area they are interested in pursuing at university, whilst developing their study skills and careers awareness.

Students enrolling on the programme choose to specialise in a particular subject area. They will then attend a variety of subject-related activities alongside receiving advice and guidance on practical matters such as UCAS applications, accommodation choices and student finance. Students enrolling on the programme choose to specialise in a particular subject area. They will then attend a variety of subject-related activities alongside receiving advice and guidance on practical matters such as UCAS applications, accommodation choices and student finance. Applications for all other Leeds Futures programmes are open and will close on Sunday 2 February 2025. [Leeds Futures | University of Leeds](#)

October open days at the University of Leeds

Bookings are now open for our **October Open Days**, taking place on **Saturday 4** and **Saturday 18 October**.

Each student planning to attend an Open Day needs to book individually using our Open Days [booking form](#). Please note that our Open Days are popular, and sessions fill quickly so pre-booking onto sessions is advised. Details of the times and locations of activities can be found on the booking form.

Once you've booked, you'll be able to access your personal booking summary which can be used to join your sessions on the day. For more information, including what to expect on Open Days, please [visit our website](#).

BHP Work experience opportunity

BHP is a chartered accountancy firm and offers a work experience programme for students in year 11 and above who may be considering a career in finance or accountancy.

The work experience academy is at their offices in Cleckheaton so students will need to be able to travel.

It takes place between Monday 28th October and Friday 1st November 2024 - 9am to 3.30pm each day

Full details including how to apply can be found by clicking on this link [BHP's 2024 Work Experience Academy - Cleckheaton - Apply Here](#) - <https://bhplp.peoplehr.net/Pages/JobBoard/Opening.aspx?v=8400f8fe-e891-4eca-a3f8-33b6de13f573>

Please note that in order to be considered for the Work Experience Academy students must submit a formal application by the closing date of Sunday, 29th September.

Reach for Excellence programme –Year 12

The Reach for Excellence programme supports young people who demonstrate the potential to study at a top University. The programme lasts for two years and allows the opportunity to gain a taste of university life and develop useful skills to enable a successful transition. Applications will open soon. Dates TBC. RfE will be delivering a session on **Tuesday 16 October** to share the full details. See <https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/>

Pathway to Law - Sutton Trust – Year 12

Pathways to Law is a programme that looks to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in law and build essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work. All Pathways to Law students are also offered real-life experience, with a work placement, and mentoring and networking opportunities. The programme was established in 2006 by the Sutton Trust and the Legal Education Foundation, with generous support from our partner law firms and is the largest initiative of its nature. Pathways to Law was developed to widen access to the legal profession, as research by the Sutton Trust had shown that the top echelons of the professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise students' aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career.

Please register your interest below to be notified when applications open for the 2024/2025 programme - [Register your interest for 2024/5 Sutton Trust programmes \(tfaforms.com\)](#)

For further details please see <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>

Pathway to Medicine - Sutton Trust – Year 12

Pathways to Medicine was developed to widen access to the medical profession. The programme provides both academic support, so that students achieve the grades needed for highly competitive medical school places, as well as providing sector specific support – such as work placements, mentoring, networking and skills workshops. All of which build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work. The programme was launched in 2012 at Imperial College London and expanded to Hull York Medical School in 2015. The programme is funded by Health Education England. Research by the Sutton Trust has shown that the top echelons of the medical professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise student's aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career.

Please register your interest below to be notified when applications open for the 2024/2025 programme - [Register your interest for 2024/5 Sutton Trust programmes \(tfaforms.com\)](#)

For further details please see - <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-medicine/>

Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities

<https://padlet.com/foypadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990>

Upcoming Events:

- Monday 8 September – Extended Personal Statement Submission Deadline
- Wednesday 17 September – Year 7 Open Evening, 5-7pm. Early finish at 1:10pm
- Wednesday 17 September - Year 13 EPQ symposium, P3 and 5:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday 24 September - Year 12 Welcome Drop-in Evening, 4:30-5:30pm
- Friday 26 September – Deadline for Year 12 course changes.

REMINDERS

- **Hot drinks** are not permitted beyond the third floor.
- There should be no **eating** and **drinking** on the corridors.
- **Bins are provided for your rubbish in the Common Room – USE THEM**
- **Mobile Phones, airpods** and **headphones** should only be used on the third floor.
- **Lanyards must be worn at all times by all students.** If you have been using a temporary lanyard this must be returned at the end of the day to student reception. If you have lost your original lanyard please bring £2 to the sixth form office to order a replacement.
- Punctual attendance to ALL lessons is essential.
- Appropriate dress is expected from sixth formers at all times i.e. no shorts, hats (in lessons), onesies, revealing clothing. Please remember you are setting an example to our younger students.