

# Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 29 September



## Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 1.10.25 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** - Getting Post 18 Ready – UCAS Hub registration and Unifrog
- **Year 13** - Writing effective personal statements workshop IntoUniversity (F70) / UCAS Applications

## Assembly

- Year 12 – 8.10.25 – Duke of Edinburgh Launch - Sixth Form Library – Mr Rhodes

**Attendance is compulsory**

## Study Programme update

The deadline to submit your choices form was Friday 19 September. If you haven't already, you must hand in your form today.

- **Progression Module** Launch – This will take place on **Tuesday 30 September, P2 in F03**
- **Y12 EPQ** – Deadline for application forms is **Tuesday 30 September**
- **Student Committee** – Interviews to take place **w/c 29 September**
- **Internships** – Speak to Ms Ullah if you are interested.

## 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. **Supervised study sessions have now been added to your timetables alongside the study programme lessons.**

## Exeats Reminder

All year 12 and 13 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. Exeats will be reviewed following the next data collection.

## KS5 Showbie groups 2025/26

Please ensure you join your year group showbie group for all important messages, bulletins, tutorial and assembly resources. You must download showbie – put your notifications on and use your school email.

- Year 12 – Showbie code: **ZJNJA** Year 13 - Showbie code: **NCB7W**

## 1:1 Personal Statements Workshop – IntoUniversity – 1 October, 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.

## 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

## November GCSE Maths and English Language re-sit – T06/Sixth Form Library

Timetables are being processed. When you receive them, check entries carefully.

If you are missing a timetable, then an entry has not been made, and you must come and see me urgently. Ms Ullah

- Tuesday 4 November AM (9am-10:45am) - English Language Paper 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)
- Wednesday 5 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Thursday 6 November AM (9am-10:45am/11am) - English Lang Paper 2 (1 hour 45 mins / 2 hours (WJEC))
- Friday 7 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 2 (calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Monday 10 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 2 (calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)

## 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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Opportunities**

### **Medical and Dental Work Experience**

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications, and we understand the challenges your students may face while finding the right placement. Luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing, and can play a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements through structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. Our free Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic & Dental Mentor.

**Our next Get Into Medicine Conferences is on Saturday 4th October, 9am - 1:30pm**

Register here: [https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp](https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp)

**Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is on Saturday 18 October, 9am - 1:30pm**

Register here: [https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-signup/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp](https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp)

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental application process, connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry. Students and parents can register for FREE here:

Medicine: [https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp](https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=16%2F09+WEX+Teacher+Camp)

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## **Realising Opportunities**

Realising Opportunities provides students with information and support to make informed decisions about their futures. Students could receive:

- Alternative offers from the RO Partner universities which are typically two grades lower than the standard offer.
- Experiences and support to help make informed decisions about higher education and research intensive universities.
- Skills development in planning, analysis, critical thinking, evaluation and independent research.
- Online support from university students and staff at the RO Partner universities.
- A wide range of events and activities at the RO Partner universities. Travel costs may be supported.
- Additional consideration when applying to RO Partner universities through UCAS.

**Eligibility criteria applies**

[Applying to RO - Realising Opportunities](#)

## **Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day in Leeds**

Join us at the Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day taking place in Leeds on Saturday, 11th October for an unparalleled opportunity to network and discover what it's really like to be part of a leading financial institution. Taking place on Saturday this gives you the full flexibility not to miss school or university and gain something fantastic to put on your CV's. We have two time slots morning and afternoon, and you can choose which session you'd like to join. This event is designed for students to gain a real-world understanding of what happens at the UK's biggest banking groups!

### **Who are LBG:**

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal and investment banking management firm and are also the UK's biggest Bank. LBG have over 30million customers and around 60,000 employees globally as well as being a FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland as well as other financial institutions such as Scottish Widows.

### **Event Experience:**

You'll have the chance to meet and engage with professionals and apprentices who have first-hand experience in various roles at the bank, take part in workshops, career development sessions as well as lots of networking. The day will take place on Saturday 11th October and the Morning session runs from 10:00am–12:30pm and the Afternoon session runs from 14:00–16:30pm. Please click the link below to sign up and select which time slot you'd like to join. You can also bring a parent/ guardian along with you if traveling from outside of the Leeds area.

### **Application Link:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG\\_SFEST\\_Leeds](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG_SFEST_Leeds)

Apply today and secure your place for this work experience opportunity!

## **Careers in STEM Virtual Event**

Are you a Year 12, or 13 student interested in a career in the STEM industry? Join us for a virtual exclusive event with 6 of the world's leading STEM companies, designed to give you insights into the industry, work experience, and apprenticeship programmes. We will be running workshops in breakout rooms and giving you the chance to network and build up your professional network with leaders from across the industry.

### **Companies Attending:**

Spectris PLC, National Grid, NESO, BDO, Wates, RAF

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about the industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity using the registration link below. After the event, you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CVs and any job applications. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.

**Register here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8YWXYD>

## **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 – it takes 5 minutes, and everyone gets a place!

Application deadline: **Friday 3 October**

## **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](#).

## **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](mailto:support@acuityinsights.com).

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

## **Leeds Futures - applications are now open – Year 12**

Leeds Futures 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.

For Leeds Futures Health Sciences (Dentistry, Medicine, healthcare and Psychology) applications will open on Monday 6 October 2025 and close on Sunday 23 November 2025.

Applications for all other Leeds Futures programmes will open on Monday 24 November 2025 and close on Sunday 1 February 2026. [Leeds Futures | University of Leeds](#)

## **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**

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**

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/>

**See bulletin w/c 22 September for full details**

**Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities**

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Friday 26 September – Deadline for Year 12 course changes.
- Wednesday 7 October - UK Apprenticeship and UCAS Fair, Elland Road - Year 12 - See letter for full details.
- Thursday 13 October – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5-7pm

### **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.