

# Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 13 October



## Important Message - Use of the lift

Under **NO** circumstances should sixth form students be using the lift, unless they have been issued with a lift pass by the sixth form team.

## Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 15.10.25 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** - Wider Participation – Reach for Excellence and invited Year 13 Students - Sixth Form Library

- **Year 13** - UCAS and Apprenticeship applications – Tutor / Computer Rooms

## Assembly

- Year 12 and 13 – 22.10.25 – Positive Mental Health – Mrs Harris – Common Room

**Attendance is compulsory**

**Well done to all students who have submitted their early application!**

Deadline to have completed your personal statement and 'pay and submit' is **Friday 28 November 2025**. We will guarantee submission of your application by **Friday 12 December 2025**.

Ensure entry requirements for your course choices match your grade predictions.

Please alert your tutor that you are ready to pay and submit to ensure your reference is ready.

## Study Programme update

- **Progression Module** - the first lesson will be on **Tuesday 14 October, P2 in F03**. **Huge congratulations to the 13 cohort who have passed and received 12 UCAS points for Leeds Beckett and Huddersfield University!!! They will attend a graduation at LBU on 3 December.**
- **Y12 EPQ** – Lessons will commence on **Tuesday 14 October, P2 in F57**
- **Student Committee** – Congratulations to Diana, Rose, Rishi and Tarranom, who have appointed as our new Year 12 committee members. Well done!!! 😊
- **Internships** – Speak to Ms Ullah if you are interested.
- **LEAP** – Well done on the bake sale. Thursday 1:15pm F07 (with product ideas)
- **Brilliant Club** – This will take place in the Spring Term
- **Reach for Excellence, Pathway to Law/Medicine, Leeds Futures** – please make sure you have registered your interest via the links and put your form tutor, Miss Shaw or Mr Curtis as your reference.
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## Health and Wellbeing – Wednesday 22 Oct

Health and Wellbeing sessions will run every Wednesday, week 2 during. You must meet promptly at 1:50pm.

- Dance Studio (Physical activity)
- S23 (Gaming)
- G25 (Wellbeing activities – Baking muffins).
- Please ensure you are dressed appropriately for your activity.
- Movie Afternoon (Halloween Theme) – Please sign up with Marwa Sherzi

**Year 13 you are very welcome to participate but speak to the activity leader to ensure they are aware you are joining.**

## 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.**

## 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**

## **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

## **Access to Leeds –Year 13**

Students meeting certain eligibility criteria who are applying for University of Leeds are encouraged to make an Access to Leeds application at the time UCAS applications are sent off. This will mean you may receive a lower grade offer. E.g. courses requiring AAB may accept BBC predictions if your access to Leeds application is successful.

The application can be printed off the UoL website - [http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130588/access\\_to\\_leeds](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130588/access_to_leeds)

- Medicine – Wednesday 22 October 2025 at midday
- Dentistry – Wednesday 26 November 2025 at midday
- All other courses – Wednesday 4 February 2026 at midday.

## **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/>

**The final internal school deadline for applications is Friday 31 October to allow your tutors to complete and submit references by 13 November.**

## **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

## **Opportunities**

### **Dyson Engineering Club**

Do you have students interested in finding out more about engineering? We're excited to help them explore it further. Our Engineering Club is a virtual series of workshops for future engineers covering topics such as design and innovation, mechanical engineering, software and coding, renewability, and sustainability.

Sessions are held each month from October to June on Zoom, and are hosted by one of our Dyson Institute Graduates. Students can stay updated, access past sessions, and download activities via our Engineering Club portal to earn participation certificates. These sessions are designed to cover GCSE and A-Level curriculum and meet many of the Gatsby benchmarks that support students' careers education. [Engineering Club Sign up - Dyson Institute](#)

Dates for this year's Engineering Club, held online 16:30 - 18:00

- Monday 3 November
- Thursday 4 December
- Tuesday 13 January
- Wednesday 4 February
- Thursday 5 March
- Monday 13 April
- Tuesday 12 May
- Monday 1 June

## **Explore careers in Cyber and Intelligence – National Cyber Force, Student and Parent Virtual Insight Evening**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 5 November 2025 4:30 - 6:30pm

**This event is for:** Year 12 and 13 students interested in learning more about UK Government careers in STEM and Cyber, including careers with the National Cyber Force (NCF), applying to an intelligence agency and the vetting process. The NCF offers a wide range of careers including technical roles such as software developers/engineers, tech-related roles such as intelligence analysts and operations planners, and non-technical roles such as policy, HR, finance, and linguists. By joining this insight event, students will learn about how you to get involved in vital work to keep the country safe.

### **Agenda**

- Why the NCF exist and what they are responsible for
- Who works there and where they are located
- What is vetting and where can I find out more
- Wrap up & close with an opportunity for Q&A

### **Next steps**

Students can register for this online event using their Uptree account.

There are only 100 spaces available for this event. Prioritisation will begin two weeks before the event - successful applicants will receive an invitation 1-2 weeks before the event.

## **Future Doctors Month – Free Online Programme (November 2025)**

Join our FREE online Future Doctors Month to gain valuable insights and hands-on knowledge designed specifically for aspiring healthcare professionals like you from all over the world. Across November, you'll take part in live sessions with real doctors, explore medical specialties, and develop core skills such as patient history taking and ethical reasoning. Future Doctors Month is a completely free, month-long online event designed to inspire and prepare the next generation of doctors. Throughout November, you'll join live sessions with real doctors, explore different areas of medicine, and complete a knowledge test at the end to earn your official Certificate of Completion – perfect for boosting your medical school applications.

**3 - 30 November 2025, Open to students worldwide, For ages 14–18, Limited to 2,000 spaces**

Sessions are delivered live on Zoom & recorded for on-demand viewing whenever suits you best

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/future-doctors-month-november-2025-live-free-and-online>

## **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>

## **October open days at the University of Leeds**

Bookings are now open for our **October Open Days**, taking place on **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](#)

## **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 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 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/foyfpadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990>

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Break up for October half term on Friday 24 October and return on Monday 3 November (Week 1)
- Thursday 13 November – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5-7:30pm

## **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.