

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 8 December (week 2)



Assembly

Year 12 – 10.12.25 – No Assembly – Year 13 Rewards Trip

Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 17.12.25 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** - No Tutorial – Year 11 Taster Day

- **Year 13** - No Tutorial – Year 11 Taster Day

All students needed at lunch time and period 5 to support with year 11 session focused on KS5 networking. Please arrive at or before 1pm.

Attendance is compulsory

Year 11 Taster Day – Wednesday 17 December

On Wednesday 17 December, we welcome the year 11 students for their taster day. There will be no KS5 lessons at Lawnswood but lessons as normal at Ralph Thoresby. We will need you all in for period 5 to participate in the networking session with the year 11 students. Your form tutors will provide you with a list of questions the year 11 students may ask you during the rotation on Monday 8 December.

UCAS - Two weeks to go!

Please alert your tutor when you are ready to pay and send so that your reference is ready. School will prioritise all applications that were ‘submitted’ by 28 Nov and will guarantee submission to UCAS for these by 12 December. Students who declared their applications forms after the 28 Nov will be submitted at a later date and will be dealt with in order of their submission’ date.

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

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

- All other courses – Wednesday 4 February 2026 at midday.

UCAS Support Sessions

Tuesday, period 2 in T08

Study Programme update

- **Progression Module** - Tuesday 2 December, P2 in F03
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday 2 December, P2 in F57
- **LEAP** – Thursday 1:15pm in F07 – Continue to work on product details
- **Bar Mock Trial** – Saturday 29 November – Bar Mock Trial - Magistrates Court. Well done to all the year 12 and 13 students involved in the event. Thank you for collaborating with the year 11 students. Slides to follow next week with an update on the event.

Paired Reading

Paired Reading will run every Thursday registration. Ensure you are in form at 8:25am
Thank you for meeting the year 7 students last week.

- 12NLE in F62
- 12ATO in Library
- 12HRO in F11

Health and Wellbeing – 10 December

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

Dance Studio (Physical activity) – Danish Longball, Table Tennis, Fitness Suite

S23 (Gaming)

G25 (Wellbeing activities) – No baking this week – Mr Curtis and Ms Ullah are on the rewards trip

Year 13 Mock Exams – Good Luck!!

Mock exams continue this week - these will also be formal but in your subject classrooms during your timetabled lessons. **You must attend all lessons week commencing 8 December.**

Ralph Thoresby:

Year 13 mock exams at RTS will take place during 7-9 January 2026.

Date	Exam Session I (9:00am Start)
Wed 7 Jan	Biology (2hrs) English Literature (3hrs) Drama (1hr) Geography (2hrs 30mins)
Thurs 8 Jan	Maths (2hrs) English Literature Paper 2 (2hrs 30mins)
Fri 9 Jan	Economics (2hrs) Chemistry (2hrs)

January external Exams

The entries for the January 26 external exams have now been finalised and you should have received your timetable. A final timetable will be issued soon. Students have been entered for exams in:

AQA Applied Science, CTEC Sport, CTEC IT and Business, CTEC Health and Social Care

Check the entry is correct with your subject teacher and also check your name on the exam entry sheet to ensure it is your **legal name** as this is what will appear on your certificate. Any issues, discuss with your subject teacher immediately. Note the date and time of exam- timetables showing the room and seat details will be given out in December.

Year 12 January in class assessments

Internal in class assessments will take place **w/c 6 January 2025**. Please ensure you are preparing for these assessments now. Apply the useful retrieval practice techniques Mrs Gilbank shared with you during the tutorial on Wednesday 3 December

Opportunities

University of Bradford Outreach Webinars

We host webinars and live events throughout the year, giving you an insight into life at Bradford, along with useful and practical information and advice which will guide you through your journey to university.

Interview Skills – SIGN UP HERE

Thurs 22 Jan 2026 18:00 – 19:30

A repeat of our November webinar for students whose university interviews are taking place later in the academic year. This webinar will help prepare you for your university interviews with our interactive workshop. Learn what to expect on the day, how to prepare, and practice a range of interview formats. This session is for Year 13 students, BTEC students, Access to HE students, and other adult learners. It's part of our Progression Scheme, which supports applicants whose backgrounds might make them less likely to receive a standard offer.

Student Finance – SIGN UP HERE

Thurs 26 Feb 2026 18:00 – 19:30

This session will explore everything you need to know about Student Finance - Tuition Fees, Maintenance Loans, as well as looking into additional pots of money you may be eligible for. Delivered by the Money Advice team, this is a great opportunity to have your financial questions answered and who knows, you may find you are eligible for more money than you thought!!

Applications to Aon's Work Insight Programme are now open

Aon's Work Insights Programme aims to help Y12 and Y13 students understand and experience the world of financial and professional services, so that they can explore a career in this sector. We would specifically recommend this opportunity to any students who are interested in careers within the corporate world, especially in business or finance, or those who are interested in exploring apprenticeships after they finish year 13. This programme is also a social mobility programme and will prioritise students who access free school meals and/or a sixth form bursary.

Students will participate in direct mentorship with Aon employees, develop their teamwork skills by working on group projects, and engage in company-wide networking. Lunch will be provided, and travel will be reimbursed.

The programme will run from 18-20 February 2026, and applications will close on 18 January 2026.

For more information, please email aonwex@connectr.com and a member of the team will schedule a call with you.

Applications for the online Accelerate programme for Year 12 students are now open!

About Accelerate - Accelerate is a year-long academic and pastoral support programme for Year 12 students who intend to study science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine at university. Through a range of online academic tutorials, university information sessions, and additional activities hosted by Imperial College London, Accelerate aims to support you with your A Level studies and ensure that you are as prepared as possible for the next step in your educational journey. Through this programme you will:

- Develop the skills you need to achieve a top grade in A Level Physics or Chemistry;
- Build your confidence when applying to research-intensive universities like Imperial College London, which require an A/A* in your chosen subject;
- Gain an insight into undergraduate level study, and what it is like to be a student at Imperial College London.

What to expect on the programme

For 2026 entry, we will be running two strands: a Physics strand and a Chemistry strand.

Both strands will consist predominantly of fortnightly after-school online tutorials on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, plus several online university information and guidance sessions. You may only apply for one strand - Physics or Chemistry. [Accelerate | Be inspired | Imperial College London](#)

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. [Leeds Futures | University of Leeds](#)

For Leeds Futures Health Sciences (Dentistry, Medicine, healthcare and Psychology) applications are now closed. Applications for all other Leeds Futures programmes will **open on Monday 24 November 2025 and close on Sunday 1 February 2026.**

Arts and Humanities

[Leeds Futures – Creative Arts](#),

[Leeds Futures – English/History](#),

[Leeds Futures – Music](#)

Environment

[Leeds Futures – Environment](#)

Social Sciences

[Leeds Futures – Sociology](#)

[Leeds Futures – Politics](#)

STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

[Leeds Futures – STEM](#)

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 \(tfaforms.com\)](https://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:

- Wednesday 10 December - Year 13 Rewards Trip to Old Trafford Centre – More details to follow soon
- Wednesday 17 December - Year 11 Taster day
- Friday 19 Dec, Break up for Xmas Holiday – Festive Jumper Day. Early finish at 12:10. Christmas celebration at break time.
- Monday 5 January – Return to school (Week 2)
- W/C Monday 5 January - Year 12 in class assessments and January External Exams begin
- Thursday 8 January 2026 – Re-sit GCSE English and Maths Results
- Thursday 8 January 2026 – EPQ results
- Wednesday 14 January 2026 – Deadline to submit CV and cover letter to tutors

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.