

# Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 12 January (week 1)



## **Wednesday Period 3**

Tutorial Lesson- 14.1.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** – Getting Careers and Interview Ready – Phil Fraser – Sixth Form Common Room

- **Year 13** - Getting Careers and Interview Ready – Phil Fraser – Sixth Form Common Room

## **Assembly**

**Year 12 and 13** – 21.1.26 – New Beginnings – Mrs Bell – Common Room

**Attendance is compulsory**

## **UCAS**

Congratulations to all year 13 students that are now receiving offers.

If you missed the **Dec deadline**, you must 'submit' your application immediately or it may not be submitted in time for the **FINAL UCAS deadline on 14 January**.

**Accepting offers and student finance.** You don't need to worry about this for now. There will be a presentation around accepting offers and results day on **28 January** and a talk on Student Finance on **11 February**.

## **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)

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

## **UCAS Support Sessions**

Tuesday, period 2 in T08

## **Study Programme update**

- **Progression Module** - Tuesday 13 January P2 in F03 and Thursday 15 January P1 in T08
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday 13 January, P2 in F57
- **LEAP** – Thursday 1:15pm in F07

## **Paired Reading**

Paired Reading will run every Thursday registration. Ensure you are in form at 8:25am

Thank you for your participation last half term.

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

## **Health and Wellbeing – 28 January**

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)

G35 (Wellbeing activities) – Art Therapy

## **IntoUniversity 1:1 Mock Interviews / Careers Support – Year 13**

Intouniversity will be in on **Wednesday 28 January** to deliver the 1:1 sessions. Mr Curtis will email you the schedule which includes your appointment time and focus for the session. Please get back to Mr Curtis urgently if there are any issues. Ensure you are on time for your appointment.

## **Lawnswood Year 13 PCE - Wednesday 28 January, 4-7pm**

The booking systems will open **16 January**, and we expect all students to attend. Please follow the guidance in the letter, which will be emailed to your parents / carers to book an appointment next week.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

## **Ralph Thoresby Year 13 PCE - Wednesday 21 January, 4-7pm**

The booking system for Year 13 Parents' evening is now open. To book appointments please log into the schoolcloud booking system, as you will have last year. The link is just through the parent portal on the school website. There is an orange tab on the right of the home page which has the booking system link on it:

### **Exam Season**

Apologies that the study rooms will be used for the exams in January. You must be silent on the corridor. Move promptly and quietly on and off the corridor. Thank you for your support.

### **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

### **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

**Good luck to all students sitting external exams and internal assessments!!**

## **Opportunities**

### **Virtual Work Experience with Dunelm: Careers, Skills, and Opportunities**

#### **Programme overview**

Step inside Dunelm, the UK's favourite homewares retailer, and discover what it's really like to work both in-store and behind the scenes. This Virtual Work Experience programme gives you a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of careers — from retail and supply chain to tech and head office roles — all while building valuable employability skills. Through interactive activities and expert insights, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how a big business operates and what it takes to succeed in today's world of work. Whether you're interested in customer service, logistics, or digital innovation, this programme will help you find your happy place and take your first step towards a rewarding career.

#### **What's included**

This programme offers a comprehensive introduction to Dunelm, including its history, values, and strong commitment to sustainability. You'll explore a variety of career areas such as retail, head office, supply chain and logistics, and tech, gaining valuable insight into how each function supports the business. The programme also features quizzes and reflection tasks to reinforce your understanding. Finally, upon completion, you'll receive a certificate to showcase your achievement and support your future career plans.

### **Gordons LLP - Applications for Solicitor Apprenticeship Scheme now open!**

As a Legal Apprentice at Gordons, you will be employed by the firm full-time, working 4 days with your team and studying one day a week with BPP University. The route to qualification as a Solicitor takes 6 years and includes the LLB Law degree and Solicitors Qualifying Exams. During the apprenticeship Gordons will pay you a salary, provide study leave and sponsor your training fees. On completion of all stages and passing all examinations and the end point assessment, you will qualify as Solicitor and hold a Level 7 qualification.

To be eligible for our solicitor apprenticeship you must:

- Be predicted to obtain or have gained 3 or more A levels at grade ABB or above (a minimum of 128 UCAS points) in academic subjects this summer (apprenticeship offers are conditional on grades being achieved).
- A-level equivalents will be considered. Have gained 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above, ideally in academic subjects, and including English and Maths.
- Reside within easy travelling distance of our Leeds and Bradford offices
- Be available to attend the assessment days at our office in Leeds, which is part of our selection process
- Be hard working and ambitious to succeed in a legal career.

If you think you have the drive and determination to succeed as a Legal Apprentice on our award-winning programme, complete the online application form via our website, and submit this along with an email to [apprenticeship@gordonsllp.com](mailto:apprenticeship@gordonsllp.com) with a school/college reference on headed paper, your attendance record and a recent school/college report. Visit <https://www.gordonsllp.com/careers/law-apprenticeship-leeds/> for more details.

## **Celebrate apprenticeships with HSBC**

At **HSBC**, we believe apprenticeships are the future of the workforce – a gateway to valuable skills and meaningful careers. **National Apprenticeship Week** is a time to celebrate the incredible opportunities apprenticeships offer to young people, parents, and educators. We are excited to invite your students to join us for our special **Open Evening** at our regional office in **Leeds**, where they can experience the world of HSBC apprenticeships firsthand and meet the young people already thriving in their roles as apprentices.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 6.30 – 8pm

First Direct, 40 Wakefield Road, Leeds, LS98 1FD

Spaces are limited so we kindly ask the students to register by visiting [Events | Students and graduates | Careers | HSBC Holdings plc](#)

We would also like to invite you to a range of virtual events designed to inform and inspire students

### **Virtual Events for Everyone**

**HSBC & You** - Come and explore HSBC and the world of opportunity

Tuesday 10 February from 6pm until 7pm. Register [here](#)

**Be inspired by HSBC Apprentices** - Discover the experiences of HSBC Apprentices and gain insights into their professional journey. This event also offers a valuable opportunity to engage directly and pose questions to the apprentices

Wednesday 11 February from 6pm until 7pm. Register [here](#)

**Explore various career pathways and discover methods to identify potential opportunities** - An event for student and parents. Explore a range of emerging talent pathways and uncover ways to identify potential opportunities and selection methods.

Thursday 12 February from 6pm until 7pm. Register [here](#)

## **Newcastle Partners Programme – Year 13**

- What: Receive a lower offer, attend a free Academic Summer School and access dedicated support from application to enrolment.
- When: Ongoing.
- Where: Hybrid.
- Who: Students in Year 13 who meet the eligibility criteria.

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/partners/>

## **Accenture Newcastle Work Experience**

Accenture is the world's leading tech consulting company who specialise in helping top clients in their industries with finding solutions to their problems. They are inviting **IntoUniversity** students to apply to their work experience programme, which will take place during the February half term.

This 3-day work experience consists of workshops relating specifically to work undertaken at Accenture, as well as general fields of expertise provided such as programming and virtual reality.

Lunch vouchers will be provided each day.

**When:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 9:30am - 3:30pm each day.

**Where:** In-person at the Accenture office in Newcastle.

**Who:** This opportunity is open to Year 12 and 13 and **IntoUniversity** Alumni students who are living in Newcastle. **Application Deadline:** Sunday 25 January 2026, 6pm.

## **Next Steps York - Year 12**

- What: A personalised two-year programme for participants to explore university options, receive specialist support and experience life at the University of York.
- When: Ongoing.
- Where: Hybrid.
- Who: Students in Year 12 who meet the eligibility criteria.

<https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/post-16/next-step-york/>

## **Target Oxbridge**

- **What:** Free programme helping students with Black African and Caribbean heritage to increase their chances of getting into the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge.
- **When:** Nationwide.
- **Where:** Hybrid.
- **Who:** Students in Year 12 who meet the grade requirements and eligibility criteria.

[https://targetoxbridge.co.uk/the\\_programme.html](https://targetoxbridge.co.uk/the_programme.html)

## **Dental Schools Council Summer Schools**

**What:** A simulated experience of what it's like to study medicine or dentistry. You'll try out different teaching methods and learn what to expect when you move from sixth form to university. Insight into the values and behaviours of medical and dental students, as well as doctors and dentists. An overview of the wide range of careers in medicine and dentistry, including specialties in demand and non-patient-focused healthcare options.

**When:** Summer holidays in 2026.

**Where:** At universities across England. There are residential, commuter, and online places available.

**Who:** Students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in applying to study Medicine.

**Deadline:** Apply before Sunday 8 March 2026 for Dentistry.

[DSC Summer Schools 2026 - Dental Schools Council](#)

## **Free Online Courses - University of York**

- **What:** The University of York is offering free online courses (known as MOOCs) in a variety of topics. These would be valuable activities to include on your Personal Statement. If you apply to the University of York, they may also make you eligible for an alternative offer.
- **When:** Various dates and times.
- **Where:** Online.
- **Who:** Students in Years 12 & 13 and alumni students.

[Free online courses - Free online courses, University of York](#)

## **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](mailto:aonwex@connectr.com) and a member of the team will schedule a call with you.

## **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](#)

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

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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- W/C Monday 12 January - Year 12 in class assessments and January external exams continue.
- Wednesday 14 January 2026 – Deadline to submit CV and cover letter to tutors
- Wednesday 21 January 2026 – RTS Year 13 PCE
- W/C 26 January – KS5 Commitment Fortnight
- Tuesday 27 January Y12 EPQ Conference Uni of Leeds 9:30am - 3pm
- Wednesday 28 January 2026 – LWD Year 13 PCE

## **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.