

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 26 January (week 1)

Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 28.1.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** – Target setting Launch and Feeling Good; Being Me – Ms Nicholson (Library).

- **Year 13** – Student Finance – James Kennedy – Leeds Beckett University - F70

Assembly

Year 12 - 4.2.26 – ‘I’m the one you want’ – Ms Ullah – Sixth Form Library

Attendance is compulsory

UCAS

Good luck to year 13 students as they continue to receive offers and prepare for interviews!!

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

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

Study Programme update

- **Progression Module** - Tuesday P2 in F03 and Thursday P1 in T08
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday, P2 in F57
- **LEAP** – Thursday 1:15pm in F07
- **Brilliant Club** - Tuesday 27 January P1 in T06

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.

- I2NLE in F62
- I2ATO in Library
- I2HRO in F11

Health and Wellbeing – 4 Feb

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. Ensure you are on time for your appointment.

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

The booking systems opened on **Friday 16 January**, and we expect all students to attend. Please follow the guidance in the letter, which has been emailed to your parents via classcharts. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Opportunities

Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day at 3 locations (Leeds, Bristol, Birmingham)

We're excited to offer you a remarkable opportunity to step into the vibrant and ever-changing world of banking and finance! Join us at the Lloyds Banking Group offices at three different locations (Leeds, Bristol and Birmingham) for an unparalleled opportunity to network and discover what it's really like to be part of a leading financial institution. These events are for school students where you can find out about internships, work experience, and apprenticeship opportunities at Lloyds Banking Group's flagship offices.

Who are LBG:

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

Event Experience:

This day promises an exciting journey into the world of finance and digital banking, offering a unique opportunity to explore these fields through the lens of Lloyds Banking Group. Here, you will have the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops, gain hands-on experience, and network with industry professionals and potential employers.

Event Details:

Locations:

- a) [Leeds- 11 & 12 WELLINGTON PL, LEEDS LS1 4AP](#)
- b) [Bristol- 10 CANONS WAY, BRISTOL BS1 5LF](#)
- c) [Birmingham- 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3SD](#)

The events have 2 slots and will run from 10am - 12.30pm & 2pm - 4.30pm - Please only apply for ONE time slot. Dress code is smart/casual. No tracksuits or hoodies, please.

We are really looking forward to you joining us for what is set to be a fantastic event. Please come prepared with some questions ready for our experts!

Application Links (Click Below)

[Leeds - Lloyds Banking Group: Skills Fest! Leeds Survey](#)

KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar

KPMG Apprenticeship Programmes in Audit, Tax and KPMG Business Services are open now.

When: Thursday 5 February, 4pm - 5pm

Where: Online

In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset.

You'll also see what potential career paths are available after the apprenticeship, understand the network of support available, and discover what unique skills you'll gain with KPMG. Plus, there will be a Q&A at the end, so bring your burning questions.

We want to show you how a KPMG apprenticeship can set you up for success - giving you the confidence in your choice after school.

[Discover apprenticeships at KPMG: Find the right path for you - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme

Volunteers are required for the Easter and Summer holiday play schemes to support young people with moderate to severe disabilities. Speak to **Miss Darnbrough** who has been part of the scheme for many years.

Easter Scheme Dates - 7-10 April 2026 - Deadline to apply 28 February

Summer Scheme Dates - 27 July -14 August 2026 - Deadline to apply 29 May

Website: <https://wwwaireborough-scheme.co.uk/>

Email: zoe.cartwright@aireborough-scheme.co.uk or megan.hall@aireborough-scheme.co.uk

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

Wednesday 11 February 2026 1pm-7pm, Leeds First Direct Arena

Organised by Leeds City Council's Employment & Skills Service, the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF2026) provides organisations an unrivalled opportunity to promote apprenticeship vacancies and opportunities to a huge audience. At LARF2025 we welcomed over 130 exhibitors and 11,000 visitors to the event.

LARF2026 will cover every apprenticeship sector including accounting, business and administration, catering and hospitality, construction, creative design, care services, digital, education, engineering, finance, hair and beauty, health, law, protective services and many more. Visitors will be able to speak with employers and training providers and gather information, advice, guidance and find out about live vacancies.

[Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2026 - Universe](#)

Introduction to Youth Work course

Are you aged 16-18 and considering your future career path? Are you passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others and inspiring the next generation? Have you ever considered working with young people?

The look no further! Our 2-day *introduction to working in a youth setting* will allow you to explore the core principles that make youth work a unique and impactful profession! Book your place: Laura.minney@barca-leeds.org

When: Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April 2026, 9:30am-3:30pm

Where: Broadlea Community Centre.

Sutton Trust Summer School - Applications are open

What are the summer school programmes?

The Sutton Trust Summer School programmes offer students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. They will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be a competitive applicant wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers. All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

On the programme, students will:

- Experience university life - spending up to a week at one of our partner universities attending lectures, living on campus, making friends, and taking part in social and academic activities.
- Explore their future subject - students can choose from over 40 different courses, from History to Engineering. With over 15 hours of teaching, they will get the chance to explore the subjects that they are passionate about. It will also look great on their university application, should they apply.
- Make new friends - they will meet with other students from similar backgrounds to them who share similar passions throughout their week at University.
- Access university application support - our Sutton Trust Online programme will provide expert and personalised support throughout the university and apprenticeship application process, so their Sutton Trust experience does not end in the summer.

To apply for the programme, they should:

- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college
- Currently be in Year 12 (England & Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland)*
- Applications will be prioritised based on a range of social mobility criteria including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood.

Applications are now open and the deadline is Thursday 5 March 2026 at midday*. We are unable to accept any late submissions.

***Applications for a place at The University of Cambridge will close on Thursday 12 February 2026.**

[UK Summer Schools - The Sutton Trust](#)

Support for Students Exploring a Dental or Medical Career – Year 12 and 13

We are thrilled to invite students in years 12 and 13 and their parents to a FREE virtual "Get Into Medicine" conference on **Saturday 31 January, 9am to 1:30pm and Sunday 1 February, 9am to 1:30pm**

Or the FREE virtual "Get Into Dentistry" conference on: **Saturday 1st March, 9am - 1:30pm**

Medicine: https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up>

These conferences provide tailored advice for aspiring doctors and dentists, covering crucial topics such as:

- Understanding Medical/Dental Career and skills Needed in Medicine/Dentistry
- Extra and Supracurricular Activities and Accessing Work Experience
- Personal Statements, Medical/Dental School Interviews and UCAT Entrance Exam
- Application Timelines and Accessing Scholarships

Our Get Into Medicine Conferences are held nearly every other weekend, while our Get Into Dentistry Conferences take place monthly. These events provide a unique opportunity to engage live with a practising Doctor and Dentist. They offer invaluable insights into their careers and equip you with a strong foundation to craft a compelling and successful application for medical or dental school. Attendees will also receive a certificate to enhance their university applications.

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these valuable sessions.

Medicine: https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up>

Our Chief Mentor and dental/medical students look forward to welcoming your students at the conferences and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years:

<https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

BBC 'Get In' Taster Experiences

- **What:** Learn about the media industry and a professional workplace environment, find out about the wide range of job roles the BBC has to offer, develop hands-on skills, spend time in a BBC studio, and learn about the apprenticeship application process.
- **Who:** Many sessions are for students aged 16-18, but there are also Taster Days for over 18s.
- **When:** The 'Get In' Taster Experiences will run on various dates in 2026, 9:30am - 3:30pm each day.
- **Where:** Complete the expression of interest form to register your interest for the BBC location that is nearest to you. Although the BBC will make every effort to visit a base near you, they cannot guarantee that the opportunity will be held at every site.

[Get In Taster Experiences | BBC Early Careers](#)

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.
- **Who:** Students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in applying to study Medicine.
- **When:** Summer holidays in 2026.
- **Where:** At universities across England. There are residential, commuter, and online places available.
- **Deadline:** Apply before **Sunday 8 March 2026** for Dentistry.

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

mA*ths Online Programme

- **What:** Online programme where you will develop the skills you need to achieve an A* in A-level Mathematics, and build your confidence to apply to universities that require an A* in Mathematics for your chosen subject.
- **When:** Autumn to Spring term.
- **Where:** Online programme with travel to Imperial London two times a year on scheduled weekend dates.
- **Who:** Students in Year 12 or 13/ who are studying A-level Mathematics and achieved atleast a 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

[mA*ths Online Programme | Be inspired | Imperial College London](#)

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 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 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 16th - Wednesday 18th 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

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](#)

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 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
- Wednesday 11 February – Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair, First Direct Arena - 1-7pm
- Friday 13 February – Deadline for Target Setting Sheet
- Friday 13 February – Break up for half term holiday. Return on Monday 23 February (Week 2)

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.