



# Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 22 June (week 2)

## Assembly

Year 12 – 24.6.26 – Exam week – no assembly

## Wednesday Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 1.7.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- Year 12 – No Tutorial – FOYF Week – Leeds Beckett University HE Day

**Attendance is compulsory**

## Study Programme update

- **Progression Module** - Tuesday P1 in F03 and Thursday P1 in T08
- **Y12 EPQ** – Independent Study - Academic Writing

## Community Trip Update

The deadline to make your payment was Monday 25 May. This is a hard deadline!! Once this is paid your parents receive a consent form via Evolve+. Your place on the trip is not confirmed until both consent and payment are received.

## Health and Wellbeing – 24 June

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

## Work Experience

Please upload your placement to Unifrog urgently. Once uploaded, please check the progress of your placement to ensure all paperwork is signed off in time for w/c 6 July.

## UCAT 2026 - Registration opens soon

UCAT is an admissions test, used by a consortium of UK and partner Universities to help select applicants for medicine and dentistry programmes. The test is used alongside other selection criteria such as academic qualifications and interviews. The UCAT is a computer-based test, delivered in Pearson VUE test centres throughout the UK and worldwide. **UCAT registration, bursary and access arrangement applications opens on 20 May 6, bookings open 23 June and testing takes place between 13 July - 24 September 2026.**

[https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/ucat-test-dates/?UCAT Test Dates | UCAT Consortium](https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/ucat-test-dates/?UCAT%20Test%20Dates%20|%20UCAT%20Consortium)

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/test-format-and-scoring/>

## Exam Season

Apologies that the study rooms and at times the library will be used for the summer exams.

You must be silent on the corridor including at break and lunch time. Move promptly and quietly on and off the corridor. Thank you for your support.

## Year 12 Mock Exams

Year 12 mock examinations in the main hall will take place w/c 22 June at Lawnswood and Ralph Thoresby School. Timetables have been issued via your form tutor. If you do not have it please go and see them! You will have one formal exam in each of your subjects w/c 22 June and any additional papers w/c 15 June during your timetabled lessons and classrooms. You must ensure you attend all your exams, be punctual and follow all exam rules and regulations, which were shared with you before the holiday. Non-attendance to an exam will result in a U grade, unless you have medical note / evidence for your absence. Retrieval for the June exams should already be taking place. Use all your study periods and the common room effectively for retrieval and exam preparation. Lessons as normal at LWD and RTS during the exam fortnight.

Y12 Mock Week (2)	Monday 22.06.26	Tuesday 23.06.2	Wednesday 24.06.26	Thursday 25.06.26	Friday 26.06.26
P1&P2 8:50am-10:50am	<b>Block A</b> 8:50am start	<b>Block B</b> 8:50am start	<b>Block D</b> 8:50am start	<b>Block C</b> 8:50am start	No Exam – Newcastle and Northumbria Trip
Break 10.50am- 11.05am	Monday 22.06.26	Tuesday 23.06.2	Wednesday 24.06.26	Thursday 25.06.26	Friday 26.06.26
P3&P4 11.10am-1.10pm					No Exam – Newcastle and Northumbria Trip
Lunch	Monday 22.06.26	Tuesday 23.06.2	Wednesday 24.06.26	Thursday 25.06.26	Friday 26.06.26
P5 <b>All exams to start at 1:45pm</b>			<b>Block E</b> Start 1:45pm 12E/Cm1 Core Maths 1hr 30		No Exam – Newcastle and Northumbria Trip

Here are a few important instructions for your exams - all exam rooms including access rooms. You must have the following:

- Candidate and seat number and your lanyards visible
- No earphones or watches (of any kind) , phones switched off and handed to the Sixth Form team.
- Water bottles must also be clear (without measurement markings) and labels removed from plastic bottles.
- No talking when you enter or as you leave the exam hall / exam room
- You will need a **black** ink pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and a scientific calculator (for the relevant subjects) and any pencil cases brought into the exam room must be transparent without markings.
- Be present and visible in the Common Room by 8:15am for morning exams. We will take you down to the Sports Hall at 8:30am for 8:50am start time. If we do not see you by 8:20am we will call you, then your parents.
- Please remember missed exams cannot be rearranged and you will receive a U grade unless you have a GP/hospital medical note (as per exam board rules).

There will be spare equipment in the hall, but you should not rely on this. It's there in case you happen to forget your calculator or their pen stops working. You will not be allowed to borrow any equipment until after the exam has started. You will need to return anything that has been borrowed before being allowed to leave the exam room/hall. **Don't let equipment be a hindrance and ensure you are fully prepared with everything you need.**

**Please check individual timetables for start times, room numbers, candidate numbers and seat numbers for your exams. You must ensure you are on time for all exams and inform us in advance if you are going to be delayed.**

**We wish you all the very best of luck with the exams!!**

## **Focus on Your Future Programme**

Week commencing 29 June is a week of activities to help you with your decision making around your next steps after sixth form. We also have an event running on Friday 26 June. **The deadline for electronic consent is Friday 12 June. All sessions are compulsory. All costs for travel are being covered by the school.**

Day Date	Friday 26 June	Mon 29 June	Tues 30 June	Weds 1 July	Thurs 2 July	Fri 3 July
<b>Activity</b>	University Open Day	University Taster Sessions	Exploring Alternatives to University / Leadership Recruitment	Student Conference	University Taster Sessions	Training Day
<b>Times</b>	8.30am to 6.00pm	8am-4pm	8:30 to 2.00pm	9.30am to 1.00pm	8:15-4:30pm	Training Day
<b>Venue</b>	Newcastle & Northumbria Universities	University of Bradford	Lawnswood School	Leeds Beckett University - Headingley	Huddersfield University	Training Day
<b>Meeting point</b>	Main Reception	Main Reception	Common Room	LBU	Mian Reception	Training Day
					Parents UCAS Information Evening Online 5:30-6:30pm	

## **Opportunities**

### **UCAT Bookings Open This Week**

With UCAT bookings opening on **23rd June**, many students applying to medicine and dentistry will soon be making important decisions about their test dates and summer preparation plans.

Choosing when to sit the UCAT can have a significant impact on a student's preparation strategy. While some students focus primarily on securing a convenient date, those who perform strongest often approach the process more strategically, allowing sufficient time to build familiarity with the exam, identify weaker areas, and develop the speed and accuracy required under timed conditions.

To support students preparing for this year's admissions cycle, we invite students in Years 12 and reapplicants in Year 13 to attend our Free Virtual UCAT Conference, where we will explain how the UCAT is used by universities and provide practical guidance on preparing effectively throughout the summer.

Students and parents can sign up to the Free Virtual UCAT Conference on Sunday 21st or Sunday 28th June from 10am - 12pm: <https://medicmentor.org/ucat-gim/>

The UCAT Conference provides a comprehensive overview of the UCAT exam and its subtests. The conference will cover:

- How the UCAT is structured and scored, and how this impacts your overall performance
- What medical schools are actually looking for in UCAT results, including how different universities use scores in selection
- A detailed breakdown of each section: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, and Situational Judgement
- Guided question walkthroughs, so students can see how high-scoring applicants approach and think through UCAT questions
- Practical strategies for managing time pressure and maintaining accuracy under exam conditions
- How to choose an appropriate UCAT test date and structure preparation throughout the summer months
- How to use question banks and mock exams effectively to track and improve performance
- The most effective resources for UCAT preparation, and how to avoid common mistakes students make

This conference offers a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 12/S5 or reapplying in Year 13/S6 who are applying to medical or dental school this year. Attendees will gain valuable insights into how universities use the UCAT, alongside practical preparation strategies that can help maximise performance ahead of the admissions process.

Register for the Free Virtual UCAT Conference on Sunday 21st or Sunday 28th June from 10am - 12pm: <https://medicmentor.org/ucat-gim/>

We ask that students attend with a parent or guardian where possible. Many parents find it helpful to understand how the UCAT fits into the wider application process and how they can best support preparation over the summer months.

### **Swimbrite Partnership Opportunity - Swimming Support & Water Safety**

Swimbrite are currently offering work experience opportunities for students aged 16 and over at Swimbrite Swimming School.

The placement is ideal for students interested in sport, teaching, coaching, child development, health and fitness, or the leisure industry. Students will gain hands-on experience on poolside, working alongside qualified swimming instructors and learning about swimming lesson delivery, teaching techniques, pool safety, communication skills, leadership, and supporting swimmers of different ages and abilities.

We are looking for students who are enthusiastic, reliable, willing to learn, and confident communicating with both children and adults. A passion for swimming or sport is beneficial but not essential.

The placement also provides an insight into potential career pathways within swimming teaching, with many instructors beginning by assisting on poolside before progressing into qualifications and paid teaching roles.

Students can apply by emailing [hannah@swimbriteswimmingschool.co.uk](mailto:hannah@swimbriteswimmingschool.co.uk) or by calling 0113 841 1813. We would ask applicants to provide their name, age, school or college, and a brief explanation of why they are interested in the opportunity.

## **Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week- Friday from the 13th July – 17th July 2026**

The course is designed for students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine. We aim to give students real insight into their future careers, teach them what a medical career is like and advise what students need to do to secure a place in med school.

The virtual medicine work experience week is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain work experience through different daily activities, hosted by our team of practising UK NHS doctors.

Either join each session at 7.30 pm BST each day to watch live, or you are able to watch it all back for 60 days if you cannot attend live on the day. After the week, you will obtain a certificate confirming your completion of the course. Much more than that, you'll be able to confidently navigate the application, interview and work experience stage of applying to med school.

### **What to Expect:**

- Real-world simulations of emergency scenarios
- Insights into how medical professionals handle high-pressure situations
- Observation of trauma team coordination and response
- Understanding the impact of split-second decisions in medicine

### **What You'll Learn:**

- The importance of a thorough patient history in medical practice
- Key components of a successful history-taking process
- Practical examples of effective and ineffective history-taking
- Hands-on experience with provided worksheets

[Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week | Online Medical Course](#)

## **EY Y12 Work Insight Programme Invitation**

Thank you to all those already signed up to EY's upcoming **Virtual Work Insight Programme**, taking place on **Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July**. Registrations are **closing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June** and we are encouraging all students to ensure they register via the link below before the deadline.

The programme is open to **all Year 12 students**, as well as any particularly interested Year 11 students.

This engaging two-day virtual experience has been designed to give students valuable insight into careers within one of the world's leading professional services organisations, while helping them build the confidence, skills, and knowledge needed for future applications, apprenticeships, and career pathways.

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging as many students as possible to take part.

### **What students will gain from the programme:**

- Insight into careers at EY
- Understanding of finance, audit, tax, and financial crime
- Guidance on the recruitment process
- Interview and assessment centre preparation
- Employability and numerical skills development
- Exposure to AI and emerging workplace technologies
- Opportunities to engage directly with EY professionals
- Experience to enhance CVs, UCAS applications, and LinkedIn profiles

### **In addition:**

We would like to offer students the opportunity for a **face-to-face experience**. All students who fully participate in the programme will have the chance to enter a competition to **visit a local office** and take part in exclusive workshops.

To be eligible, students will need to:

- Attend both programme days in full
- Create a LinkedIn reflection post about their experience - template and instruction provided
- Complete their AI Skills Passport - online task
- Submit requested follow-up information to the EY Early Careers Team

### **Programme Dates**

**Thursday 9th July – Friday 10th July**

[EY Work Insight Programme Registration](#)

## **Healthcare Experience Before Summer Application Season Begins**

One of the biggest challenges students face is understanding what healthcare professions actually involve beyond university course descriptions. Admissions tutors are increasingly looking for applicants who can demonstrate genuine insight into healthcare careers, multidisciplinary working, and patient-centred care.

Our next NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience session takes place on Sunday 5th July and focuses on Pain Management and Mental Health, providing students with a valuable opportunity to explore how healthcare professionals support patients living with complex physical and psychological conditions.

Registration Link:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Throughout the day, students will work through realistic NHS patient cases and gain first-hand insight into how allied healthcare professionals collaborate to assess, treat, rehabilitate, and support patients across different stages of care.

Students will explore careers including:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

The session is designed to help students:

- Gain meaningful healthcare insight
- Develop a realistic understanding of healthcare careers and the skills required to succeed within the NHS
- Understand multidisciplinary patient care
- Explore how different healthcare professionals work together to improve patient outcomes and quality of life
- Build valuable reflections and examples that can support personal statements, interviews, and UCAS applications
- Explore career options with confidence, Interact directly with professionals and strengthen future applications
- Discover which healthcare professions align most closely with their interests, strengths, and aspirations
- Ask questions throughout the day and hear from healthcare professionals currently working within NHS services

Sign up here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Once registered, students will receive access to the virtual work experience portal where all joining information and session materials will be available. A certificate is awarded for every completed session, with students also able to work towards a Highly Commended Reference by completing the full 6-month programme.

Students may attend individual sessions for £10 each, or enrol onto the full programme for £50.

For students considering a future career within healthcare, this provides an excellent opportunity to gain meaningful experience and strengthen their applications before the new academic year begins.

## **The University of Law - June UG Open Day**

The University of Law is excited to invite your students to our in-person Undergraduate Open Day at our Leeds Campus on **Saturday 27 June 10-12:30**. Students will be able to see our campus (our Leeds court room!), meet our tutors and employability team, and speak to our current students about our Law, Psychology and Criminology degrees. You can sign up here: [Undergraduate Open Days at The University of Law | ULaw](#)

## **Trinity College (Cambridge) Bioscience Residential**

**What:** During this residential, you'll take part in taster sessions delivered by Cambridge researchers, meet academics and current students, and gain insight into university life.

**Who:** Year 12/S5 students interested in studying Biological Natural Sciences at university.

**When:** Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th July 2026.

**Deadline:** Register your interest ASAP.

<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/access/outreach-home/outreach-programmes/bioscience-residential/>

## **Amplify Your Summer - Anglia Ruskin University**

**What:** Free residential experience at ARU, you'll be immersed into your chosen subject and receive support from world leading academics and student ambassadors.

**Who:** Year 12/S5 students interested in Performing Arts, Business, Law or Medicine.

**When:** 28th June - 2nd July or 5th - 9th July 2026.

**Where:** In-person at ARU's Cambridge or Chelmsford campus.

**Deadline:** As soon as possible. <https://www.aru.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/amplify-your-summer>

## **University of Leeds - Biological Sciences Summer School 2026**

Are your students interested in exploring the world of Bioscience? If so, we'd love it if you could let them know about our Biological Sciences Summer School, taking place from **Thursday 25 June to Friday 26 June!**

This free, two-day residential summer school will be a perfect opportunity for budding biologists and bio-scientists, offering a series of lab activities and taster lectures over the course of an immersive, residential campus experience.

And alongside opportunities to meet student support representatives, explore Leeds' campus and begin preparing for life as undergraduates, attendees will also be able to enjoy a taste of the full student experience with a free stay in university halls of residence! [Biological Sciences Summer School | Access and Outreach at Leeds](#)

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

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

## **Upcoming Events:**

- W/C 22.6.26 – Year 12 Mock Exam Fortnight
- Wednesday 17 June – Drop Down Day
- Friday 26 June – Year 12 Newcastle and Northumbria Trip
- W/C 29 June – Focus on Your Future Week
- Tuesday 30 June – Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> draft personal statement
- W/C 6 July - Work Experience Week
- Wednesday 15 July – Community Trips
- Friday 17 July – Break up for Sumer Holiday
- Thursday 13 August, 8:30am - A Level / AS Exam / CTEC and Applied L3 Results Day
- Thursday 20 August, 9am - GCSE Exam Results Day

## **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 £3 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.