



Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 29 June (week 1)

Wednesday, Period 3

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

Year 12 – No tutorial – FOYF Week – You should now be working on your personal statements ready to submit your second draft on **Tuesday 30 June**

Assembly

- Year 12 – 8.7.26 – No Assembly – Work Experience Week

Attendance is compulsory

Year 12 Mock Exams

Well done all for getting through the summer mock exam season!! Now it's time to have some fun 😊

Study Programme update

- **Progression Module** - Tuesday PI in F03 and Thursday PI in T08 – No session FOYF Week
- **Y12 EPQ** – Independent Study - Academic Writing - No session FOYF Week

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 – FOYF Week

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. For those without placement, you will be expected to engage in virtual work experience opportunities, which will be shared with you and your parents this week.

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.

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
Activity	University Open Day	University Taster Sessions	Exploring Alternatives to University / Leadership Recruitment	Student Conference	University Taster Sessions	Training Day
Times	8.30am to 6.00pm	8am-4pm	8:30 to 2.00pm	9.30am to 1.00pm	8:15-4:30pm	Training Day
Venue	Newcastle & Northumbria Universities	University of Bradford	Lawnswood School	Leeds Beckett University - Headingley	Huddersfield University	Training Day
Meeting point	Main Reception	Main Reception	Common Room	LBU	Main Reception	Training Day
					Parents UCAS Information Evening Online 5:30-6:30pm	

Opportunities

UCAT Bookings Open

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.

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 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 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 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](#)

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

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.

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>

Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities

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

Upcoming Events:

- Friday 26 June – Year 12 Newcastle and Northumbria Trip
- W/C 29 June – Focus on Your Future Week
- Tuesday 30 June – Deadline for 2nd 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.