

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 14 September (Week 1)



Wednesday, Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 16.9.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- Year 12 - Setting expectations & student engagement / EPQ symposium
- Year 13 – EPQ symposium / UCAS Applications

Assembly

- Year 12 - 23.9.26 – Getting Post 18 Ready - Sixth Form Library – Miss Shaw and Mr Curtis

Attendance is compulsory

Lanyards – Important

You must remember your lanyards and **wear it all the time** when you are entering and in the building. It is essential your lanyard is **visible** at all times to ensure we meet safeguarding protocols. If you do not have your lanyard, you will be sent home / requested to buy a new lanyard.

Mobile Phones Sixth Form Policy

By Law the school is a mobile-free environment, therefore mobile phones, airpods and similar smart devices are prohibited in school and should not be visible throughout the school day / whilst you are on site. Sixth Form students do have the privilege of using their phones in the common room at break and lunch time only. Devices will be confiscated by any adult if visible outside of the permissible times and location.

Year 12 Registration

Year 12 are expected in registration every day or the first three week so vital information and messages can be shared alongside student presentations. Students are also expected to be in until 2:50pm for the first three weeks so routines and good learning habits can be established. Upon a successful transition, all exeats will be awards.

Exeats Reminder

All students are entitled to exeats. Registration on Monday is compulsory for all students (regardless of free periods). You must attend registration if you have a lesson period 1 at LWD, the tutorial periods and assembly. Ensure you sign in and out and you have returned your signed permission slip. Exeats will be reviewed following the next data collection.

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing sessions will run on Wednesday, week 2 during P5. The range of activities will be launched on Wednesday 23 September and your timetables updated.

1:1 Personal Statements Workshop – IntoUniversity – Wednesday 30 September, 9:30-2pm

If you would like a 1:1 appointment with an expert from IntoUniversity to support you with perfecting your personal statement, please pop into the office or email Mr Curtis so he can book you an appointment slot. We have limited availability.

Partnership Bus Timetable

Monday – Thursday

	Lawnswood	Ralph Thoresby	Minibus RTS to LWD	Minibus LWD to RTS
			8:35	8:50
Lesson 1	8:50 – 9:50	9:00 – 10:00		
Lesson 2	9:50 – 10:50	10:00 – 11:00		
Break	10:50 – 11:05	11:00 – 11:20	10:55*	11:05
Lesson 3	11:10 – 12:10	11:20 – 12:20		
Lesson 4	12:10 – 13:10	12:20 – 13:20		
Lunch	13:10 – 13:45	13:20 – 14:00	13:25	13:35
Lesson 5	13:50 – 14:50	14:00 – 15:00		
End of Day			14:55*	15:00
Twilight	14:50 – 15:50	15:00 – 16:00		
			15:55*	16:00

Friday

	Lawnswood	Ralph Thoresby	Minibus RTS to LWD	Minibus LWD to RTS
			8:35	8:20
Lesson 1	8:50 – 9:50	8:30 - 9:30		
Lesson 2	9:50 – 10:50	9:30 - 10:30		
Break	10:50 – 11:05	10:30 - 10:50	10:35	10:45
Lesson 3	11:10 – 12:10	10:50 – 11:50		
Lesson 4	12:10 – 13:10	11:50 – 12:50		
Lunch	13:10 – 13:45	12:50 – 13:30	13:10	13:20
Lesson 5	13:50 – 14:50	13:30 – 14:30		
End of Day			14:40	14:50
Coaching		14:30		

Year 7 Open Evening – Ambassadors needed

The open evening is on Wednesday 16 September, 5-7pm. We need lots of sixth form ambassadors to help. See your form tutor or Mr Curtis / Miss Shaw for a letter. Thank you. **Early finish at 1:45pm. There will be no P5 lessons at Lawnswood.**

SIXTH FORM BURSARY

You must apply / re-apply for the new academic year.

Please remember you can claim for travel costs, food in school, books and equipment, trips, university visits, UCAS costs and anything else that supports your studies and progression through the Sixth Form bursary. If you think you may be eligible, see Mr Curtis / Mrs Shaw as soon as possible for an application form for 2026/27

Study Sessions

All study / free sessions must be spent in the Sixth Form area unless you have agreed a time and space in classrooms with your subject teachers. There are plenty of rooms for quiet study – T06, T07, T08 and the Sixth Form Library. You can also use the space / desks in the Common Room.

UCAS Support Sessions

All early applicants are expected to attend an extra lesson with me on Tuesday period 2 in T808 if you do not have a timetabled lesson. Non-early applicants / nearly ready to apply are very welcome. Any problems, please let me know. Ms Ullah

School Email

You must ensure that you check your school emails regularly for Sixth Form messages and updates. Make sure your notifications are on too!!

KS5 Kitchenette

Students are welcome to make hot drinks in the sixth form kitchen but must clean up after themselves. In order to buy milk etc. We ask for a small contribution from students. There is a donation jar in the kitchen. If we don't collect enough donations, we will not be able to replenish tea/coffee/milk. Students must only use the 'Student' Fridge and not the staff fridge. Thank you for your co=operation.

Lockers

Year 12 students, you are welcome to take an empty locker if you would like one. Please bring in a padlock, add your name to the locker and it's yours.

GCSE English & Maths Resit and Home Languages (year 13) exam entries

See Ms Ullah urgently if you need to be entered for the resit exam and it is not on your timetable. Please also see Ms Ullah if you would like to be entered for a Home Language exam if you achieved a grade 9 at GCSE.

Opportunities

Newcastle University PARTNERS Programme Supported Entry Route

Applications are now open for to the PARTNERS programme supported entry route for those apply for 2027 entry. PARTNERS is for Year 13/final year students. Through PARTNERS your students could receive a lower offer, attend a free academic summer school and access dedicated support from application to enrolment.

[PARTNERS Programme Supported Entry Route | Newcastle University](#)

Help your Year 13 parents feel confident about UCAS applications

We know how intense the final UCAS stretch can feel for families - and how often schools get pulled in to answer the same questions about personal statements and university choices. To help lighten the load, we'd love to support your Year 13 parents with a **free webinar**:

UCAS Final Push: Crafting a Great Personal Statement and Choosing the Right University

Wed 16th Sept - 7pm (includes replay access)

Hosted by Paul Hughes – ex-6th form tutor with 21 years' UCAS experience

In this session, parents will learn:

- A simple structure for a strong personal statement
- How to help their teen show genuine passion (without writing it for them!)
- What admissions tutors are really looking for
- The most common mistakes – and how to avoid them
- A live Q and A

<https://parentguidetoeducation.com/reg/ucas-final-push/3092>

Get Into Business, Accounting & Finance — a free virtual insight evening- Friday 18 September 2026 | 5pm - 7pm

Accounting and finance is one of the widest doors into business — and almost nobody explains what's actually behind it. We're bringing together PwC, UBS, BDO, CIMA and S&W — with more to be announced to talk about what the work really involves: audit, advisory, tax, investment banking, wealth management, corporate finance and consulting. Whether you're at school, college or university, this is a direct line to the people who decide who gets in.

What you'll walk away with

- An honest picture of what accountants, bankers and finance professionals actually do all day — from people doing it
- The routes in explained properly — school leaver programmes, degree apprenticeships, ACA/CIMA qualifications and graduate schemes, including the ones that don't need a finance degree.
- Hands-on breakout rooms: smaller, interactive workshops with individual firms — commercial awareness, application and interview practice, and real case-study exercises.
- Live Q&A — bring every question you have to our panel of industry experts
- A certificate of attendance to add straight to your CV

Medic Mentors and Dental Mentors conference registration is open

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Saturday 19 September from 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 20 September from 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 27 September from 9am - 1.30pm

Students and parents can register for free at this link: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

- Saturday 26 September from 9am - 1:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at this link: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-signup/>

All aspiring doctors in years 12-13

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities, Personal statements and UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- National Leadership and Award Programmes
- Extracurricular activities, Work experience and Applying for scholarships

Get into Law careers event – Wednesday 16 Sept

Students interested in a career in law are invited to attend **Get Into Law**, a free virtual insight evening on **Wednesday 16 September, 5:00-7:00pm**. The event is aimed at **Years 11-13 and university students** and will feature leading international law firms, including all five 'Magic Circle' firms.

Participants will gain an insight into legal careers, take part in interactive workshops, receive application and interview advice, join a live Q&A with professionals, and receive a certificate of attendance for their CV. The event will also cover work experience opportunities, solicitor apprenticeships, vacation schemes and training contracts.

[Young Professionals Get into Law Virtual Event Survey](#)

Leeds Futures- applications are now open

Leeds Futures is a national outreach programme designed for individual learners in Year 12. It 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. Applications for all other Leeds Futures programmes Application for 2027 will be opening in Autumn 2026.. [Leeds Futures | University of Leeds](#)

October open days at the University of Leeds

Bookings are now open for our **October Open Days**, taking place on **Saturday 3** and **Saturday 17 October**. Each student planning to attend an Open Day needs to book individually using our Open Days [booking form](#). Please note that our Open Days are popular, and sessions fill quickly so pre-booking onto sessions is advised. Details of the times and locations of activities can be found on the booking form.

Once you've booked, you'll be able to access your personal booking summary which can be used to join your sessions on the day. For more information, including what to expect on Open Days, please [visit our website](#).

Reach for Excellence programme –Year 12

The Reach for Excellence programme supports young people who demonstrate the potential to study at a top University. The programme lasts for two years and allows the opportunity to gain a taste of university life and develop useful skills to enable a successful transition. Applications open on **Thursday 10th September 2026 and close at 23:59, Thursday 12th November 2026**. RfE will be delivering a session on **Wednesday 14 October** to share the full details. See <https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/>

Pathway to Law - Sutton Trust – Year 12

Pathways to Law is a programme that looks to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in law and build essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work. All Pathways to Law students are also offered real-life experience, with a work placement, and mentoring and networking opportunities. The programme was established in 2006 by the Sutton Trust and the Legal Education Foundation, with generous support from our partner law firms and is the largest initiative of its nature. Pathways to Law was developed to widen access to the legal profession, as research by the Sutton Trust had shown that the top echelons of the professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise students' aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career.

Please register your interest below to be notified when applications open for the 2026/2027 programme - <https://suttontrust.tfaforms.net/5215421>

For further details see <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>

Pathway to Medicine - Sutton Trust – Year 12

Pathways to Medicine was developed to widen access to the medical profession. The programme provides both academic support, so that students achieve the grades needed for highly competitive medical school places, as well as providing sector specific support – such as a work placements, mentoring, networking and skills workshops. All of which build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work. The programme was launched in 2012 at Imperial College London and expanded to Hull York Medical School in 2015. The programme is funded by Health Education England. Research by the Sutton Trust has shown that the top echelons of the medical professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise student's aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career.

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ADM Virtual Insight Session

 Wednesday 14 October 2026, 10:00am – 12:00pm

 Online

 Open to: students aged 16 or older with an interest in STEM

 Spaces available: 200

At this session, students will meet ADM employees, learn about careers in STEM and gain a real insight into how a global agricultural and food science business operates, from food security and nutrition through to sustainability and innovation. No GCSEs are required to attend. It is a great opportunity for any student with an interest in STEM, whatever their academic background.

How to register: Students should create a free Uptree account and register here:

<https://uptree.co/events/adm/756342383/>

Please note that shortlisting begins on 23 September, so we encourage students to register as soon as possible to avoid missing out. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at educationteam@uptree.co.

Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities

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

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 16 September – Year 7 Open Evening, 5-7pm. Early finish at 1:45pm
- Wednesday 16 September - Year 13 EPQ symposium, P3
- Friday 25 September – Deadline for Year 12 course changes.
- Wednesday 7 October - UK Apprenticeship and UCAS Fair, Elland Road - Year 12 - See letter for full details.
- Wednesday 7 October - Year 12 Welcome Drop-in Evening, 4-6pm

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.