

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 5 October (Week 2)



Assembly

- Year 12 - 7.10.26 – No Assembly – FOYF Event

Wednesday, Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 14.10.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- **Year 12** - Wider Participation – Reach for Excellence and Year 13 Students - Sixth Form Library

- **Year 13** - UCAS and Apprenticeship applications – Tutor / Computer Rooms

Attendance is compulsory

Study Programme Update

- **Progression Module** – Tuesday, P1 in S23
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday P1 in F57
- **Student Committee** – Interview date TBC
- **Brilliant Club** – This will take place in the Spring Term (please make sure you have responded to Miss Shaw's email about eligibility criteria applies)
- **Reach for Excellence, Pathway to Law/Medicine, Leeds Futures** – please make sure you have registered your interest via the links and put your **form tutor** as a referee.
- **DoFE** – Friday 9 October, 8:25am in F62 – You must be on time and attend

Health and Wellbeing – Wednesday 21 Oct

Health and Wellbeing sessions will run every Wednesday, week 2 during. You must meet promptly at 1:50pm.

- Gymnasium (Physical activity) – Mr Connolly
- S23 (Gaming) - Mr Ditta
- G25 (Wellbeing activities) - Miss Iqbal and Miss Mather
- Please ensure you are dressed appropriately for your activity.

Year 13 you are very welcome to participate but speak to the activity leader to ensure they are aware you are joining.

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. **Supervised study sessions have now been added/ will be added to your timetables alongside the study programme lessons.**

November GCSE Maths and English Language re-sit – T06/Sixth Form Library

Timetables have been distributed. When you receive them, check entries carefully.

If you are missing a timetable, then an entry has not been made, and you must come and see me urgently. Ms Ullah

- Tuesday 3 November AM (9am-10:45am) - English Language Paper 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)
- Wednesday 4 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Thursday 5 November AM (9am-10:45am/11am) - English Lang Paper 2 (1 hour 45 mins)
- Friday 6 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 2 (calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Monday 9 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 2 (calculator exam) (1 hour 30 minutes)

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.

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

UCAS Support Sessions

All early applicants are expected to attend an extra lesson with me on Tuesday period 2 in T08 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

Opportunities

Insight to Charles Russell Speechlys - Virtual Law Event – Year 12 and 13

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive, online **Insight to Law event with Charles Russell Speechlys**, giving you the opportunity to gain insider knowledge from one of the worlds leading law firms.

About Charles Russell Speechlys:

Charles Russell Speechlys is a globally recognised law firm, known for its work with clients across industries including real estate, private wealth, and technology. With a strong commitment to nurturing future talent, Charles Russell Speechlys offers some of the very best **solicitor apprenticeship opportunities** for students interested in starting their legal careers straight out of school.

What to Expect:

Exclusive insights from lawyers, current solicitor apprentices and trainees at Charles Russell Speechlys, sharing their experiences, career paths, and what it's like working in a top law firm.

Practical advice on navigating the legal profession, including information on their highly-regarded **Solicitor Apprenticeships and training contracts**, which offer a unique opportunity to qualify as a solicitor

A **Q&A session**, where you'll have the chance to ask direct questions and receive tailored advice from professionals who understand the path to success in the legal world.

Event Details:

Date: Monday, 12 October 2026, **Time:** 5pm - 6pm

Location: Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)

Register Here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rlqtj7RBRjiolL9opyHTfg#/

Insight2Uni: Mentoring for Y12 Black-Heritage Students interested in STEM and Business

Applications are now open for the Insight2Uni Mentoring Programme, a free opportunity for Black-heritage students interested in studying Business, Economics, Engineering, Maths, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Environmental Science or Geography at university.

Starting in March, students will be matched with a Black-heritage mentor currently studying at the University of Leeds. Over nine months, mentors provide personalised support to help students explore their higher education options, make informed decisions about their future, and navigate the university application process.

The programme includes:

- Monthly online mentoring sessions with a current University of Leeds student
- Guidance on choosing courses and universities
- Support with UCAS applications and personal statements
- Insights into university life as a Black-heritage student
- A visit to the University of Leeds campus
- Students will develop their confidence, build their knowledge of higher education, and be better prepared for the transition to university.

Please encourage eligible students to apply. [Applications close on 31 December.](#)

Insight to Clifford Chance - Law Insight Evening – Year 12 and 13

Event Details:

- **Event:** Insight to Clifford Chance, **Location:** Virtual
- **Date:** Friday, 9 of October, **Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Why Attend?

Clifford Chance is renowned for its dynamic and inclusive culture, delivering exceptional law services to **businesses of all sizes across the UK and internationally**. With a global network operating in **23 countries** and **34 offices** worldwide, Clifford Chance offers unmatched opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in Law. This event is a must-attend for students considering a career in law. It offers insights into life at Clifford Chance and how to join their **student programmes**, such as ACCESS, and their industry-leading **training contracts**.

Whether you're considering a career in law or already know this is the route you'd like to go down, this event offers an invaluable opportunity to explore what a career at Clifford Chance could look like and understand the pathways available to help you succeed. **Register Here:** https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Clifford_Chance_Y12

Goldman Sachs Apprenticeship Insight Afternoons for Y12 & Y13, London and Birmingham

Interested in finance, business or apprenticeships? Goldman Sachs are running two in-person Apprenticeship Insight Afternoons, in London and Birmingham. Students will learn about Goldman Sachs' Degree Apprenticeship programmes, find out how to apply, and hear directly from current apprentices about their experience. It is a strong opportunity for students weighing up university against a degree apprenticeship, and valuable to talk about in personal statements and applications. Applications are via the Young Pro app only. Please ask students to download the Young Pro app, create an account, and find the Goldman Sachs Apprenticeship Insight Afternoon to choose London or Birmingham.

London: Friday 16 October, 1:30pm–4:30pm

Birmingham: Friday 23 October, 1:30pm–4:30pm

Download links to share

iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/young-pro/id6760890339>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.youngprofessionals.yppapp>

Registration closes Wednesday 7 October. Students register their interest in the Young Pro app, then are redirected to the Goldman Sachs website to complete a formal written application, including two short motivational questions. As these are in-person events, please encourage students to apply only if they can definitely attend.

Free Future Leaders Programme for Year 12 & 13 Students

Applications are now open for [Future Leaders UK](#), an award-winning, Government-funded social mobility programme. Working with leading universities and employers, the programme builds key skills, including public speaking, critical thinking in the AI age, and study skills to excel in exams. It gives young people the confidence and leadership to progress into university, apprenticeships and employment, and to make a positive difference in their communities.

What students get

The programme is age-appropriate and runs across the school year, built around a weekly online session of around 30 minutes that students can complete at a time that suits them. In some areas, students can also attend in-person events hosted at our partner universities. The programme also includes:

- Post-18 guidance, including university, apprenticeship and technical pathways
- Employer encounters and work experience with leading employers
- Mentoring from professionals and university students
- Enrichment opportunities, including visits to Downing Street and Parliament
- Scholarships and university residencies, including at the University of Oxford
- The chance to lead a social action project in their community

How it runs

Students complete short, flexible weekly online sessions from October to July, covering practical skills such as exam prep, personal statements, CVs, interviews, LinkedIn, networking, and public speaking. Optional extras include fun trips, uni residencies, and work experience – but students can complete the full programme entirely online if they wish. Sign up directly at – it takes 5 minutes, and everyone gets a place!

Key dates

Apply by: 1 October 2026 to join from the start

Online programme begins: 5 October 2026

In-person events begin (where available): November 2026

Students apply directly at www.futureleaders.uk. See posters in the Common Room

October half term Work Experience Week with NG Bailey

[NG Bailey](#) are delighted to announce that their Work Experience Week will be running in Leeds in October half term 2026. NG Bailey are the UK's leading independent engineering and services business and our week of Work Experience will see students pitch their own engineering project and learn all about how we bring buildings to life! The week of work experience will be open to students in year 10 with hours of work experience 09:00 - 15:00 Monday-Thursday, and 09:00 - 14:30 on the Friday. The week will also include visits to our live construction sites.

Through this work experience week students will:

- Learn about the different functions of NG Bailey that make a successful project build such as design, planning, budgeting, environmental considerations, electrical and mechanical engineering.
- Understand the stages of a large-scale project.
- Work collaboratively with other students to create their own Client Tender (pitch) which they will work on throughout the week.
- Experience life in a working office as well as visit a live construction site tour (with full PPE)!

- Increase their awareness of different Apprenticeships in Engineering, both craft and technical.
- Have some fun along the way!

There will be 5 spaces in total. Students must be able to make their own way to and from work experience each day based out of White Rose Park, Leeds. This is an unpaid position and lunch will be provided on the Friday as well as snacks and hot and cold drinks each day. Students can apply [here](#).

Health Sciences Outreach – University of Leeds – Campus Visits

Health and Social Care Visit Days

Our Health and Social Care Visit Days are the perfect opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students wanting to explore the various healthcare pathways in HE, as well gain practical insight into the many healthcare programmes on offer at Leeds. Booking open now!

<https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/teachers/post-16-activities/hsc-visit-days/>

Psychology Visit Days

Health Sciences isn't just about Medicine and Dentistry! Thanks to our Psychology Visit Days, students in Year 12 can have the opportunity to explore different elements of the Psychology programme at the University of Leeds.

Requests are currently welcome for set dates in 25/26. <https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/teachers/post-16-activities/psychology-visit-days/>

Uni of Leeds Reach for Excellence applications open for 20th year

Recruitment for our flagship widening participation scheme, Reach for Excellence (RfE), has now opened for the 2026/27 academic year. We have a successful track record in supporting and stretching students who demonstrate the potential to access a top university but who may not have considered entry to research intensive Higher Education. Students on the programme receive a wide range of support throughout the completion of their Year 12 & 13 studies. Entry to Reach for Excellence is competitive. We strongly encourage all applicants to read the guidance notes thoroughly and to pay particular attention to the Supporting Statements portion of the application form. Places will be allocated to students based on information provided in their application. The Reach for Excellence programme supports young people who demonstrate the potential to study at a top University. Applications open on **Thursday 10 September 2026 and close at 23:59, Thursday 12 November 2026**. RfE will be delivering a session on **Wednesday 14 October** to share the full details. See <https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/> [Reach for Excellence | Access and Outreach at Leeds](#)

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](#)

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

October open days at the University of Leeds

Bookings are now open for our **October Open Days**, taking place on **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](#).

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/foyfpadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990>

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 7 October - UK Apprenticeship and UCAS Fair, Elland Road - Year 12 -
- Wednesday 7 October - Year 12 Welcome Drop-in Evening, 4-6pm
- Thursday 8 October – RTS Open Evening
- Friday 9 October – Better Futures with SAS and NatWest – University of Bradford
- Friday 16 October – Ahead Partnership - Girls in Tech Event - Lhasa Limited, Leeds
- Friday 23 October Break up for October half term and return on Monday 2 November (Week 1)
- Wednesday 11 November – RTS Year 12 KPMG Trip (MS – Economics)
- Thursday 12 November– Sixth Form Open Evening, 5-7:30pm
- Wednesday 25 November – MMR Conference for Y13 students applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Degrees - HGS
- Wednesday 2 December – Year 13 Progression Module Graduation

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.