

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 19 October (Week 2)



Assembly

- Year 12 and 13 - 21.10.26 - MindMate – Positive Mental Health – Sixth Form Common Room

Wednesday, Period 3

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

- **Year 12** – IntoUniversity launch / Independent Learner - Sixth Form Library

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

Attendance is compulsory

Study Programme Update

- **Progression Module** – Tuesday, P1 in F03
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday P1 in F57
- **Brilliant Club** – This will take place in the Spring Term
- **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.

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)

UCAS Update

Well done to all students who have submitted their early application!

Deadline to have completed your personal statement and 'pay and submit' is **Friday 30 November 2026**. We will guarantee submission of your application by **Friday 20 December 2026**.

Ensure entry requirements for your course choices match your grade predictions.

Please alert your tutor that you are ready to pay and submit to ensure your reference is ready.

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

Applications for Pathways to Law are now open!

A bit about the programme:

Pathways to Law is a free, two-year scheme that runs in years 12 and 13. It is a social mobility programme designed to give students from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in Law the **skills, experiences, and knowledge** they need to get a **head start in the competitive legal field**. Participants can also potentially benefit from a **two-grade reduction in their entry requirements** from participating universities.

How to apply:

Applications are open now until 2nd November; students can find all the info they need, find their nearest programme, and apply online on the Sutton Trust website - [Pathways to Law - Sutton Trust Pathways](#)

Students must live within 1.5hr commuting distance by public transport to their chosen university.

There is also an online version that students can apply for if they think that would suit them better – the application pages for the online stream are at the link above.

Insight2Uni Black heritage mentoring for Year 12 students

The mentoring programme runs from March to November and connects Black heritage students with current university mentors. Insight2Uni is delivered by With Insight Education, in collaboration with University of Leeds, and the programme offers:

- Personalised support from a trained student mentor, helping to build confidence and knowledge to successfully apply to aspirational universities.
- Expert guidance on UCAS, personal statements and university choices.
- Real insight into student life at leading UK universities, including campus visits.

For more information about Insight2Uni mentoring programme [please see their website](#).

The closing date for applications is 31st December 2026

Applications are welcome from A Level and BTEC students of African, Caribbean, and mixed-Black heritage on track to achieve ABB or the equivalent. Students studying STEM & Business-related subjects will be prioritised. With Insight is especially keen to hear from students who receive free school meals (FSM), are the first in their family to attend university, or have care experience. Year 12 students should apply as individuals [using this application form](#).

Applicants are also invited to attend an information session to learn more about the programme. [Sign up here!](#)

Date: Thursday 6th November 2026, Time: 16:30-17:30

Join the information session to:

- Hear from mentors and mentees who have taken part in the programme
- Learn how the programme works and how to apply
- Ask questions and find out how Insight2Uni can support your goals

Students can access a FREE law, engineering, medicine, vet-med or finance course with the Sutton Trust

We are currently recruiting for Pathways to the Professions and Access Apprenticeships. Subjects on offer vary by region and programme but can include Law, Medicine, Vet-Med, Engineering or Banking and Finance.

To apply, students need to register and then they will be sent a link to an application form.

[Register to apply to Pathways](#)

[Register to apply to Access Apprenticeships](#)

Application closing dates for courses do vary, but all courses close for applications between mid-October and early-November.

About the programmes:

Pathways to the Professions – free courses in Engineering, Banking and Finance, Law, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine, featuring work experience, the opportunity to be considered for reduced UCAS offers from partner universities* and a free university residential*. Pathways programmes are available online or in person at a range of locations, including Cardiff, Exeter, Leicester and many more.

Access Apprenticeships – free courses in Law, Engineering or Banking and Finance specifically designed for those interested in degree apprenticeships, and featuring visits to apprenticeship providers, tailored application support, industry insight days and more. Programmes are currently available in London and Manchester.

[Eligible applicants](#) to Pathways to the Professions and Access Apprenticeships will also get access to Sutton Trust Online, our award-winning digital platform featuring a programme of expert-led webinars, resources and more.

Course deadlines do vary, but all courses close for applications between mid - October and 2 November.

mA*ths Online Programme - University of Leeds

Are you an A level Mathematics student considering studying a maths-related degree at university? **For Year 12 A level Maths Students in the 26/27 academic year, our applications are now open.**

Through this programme, you could:

- develop the skills you need to achieve an A* in A level Mathematics
- build your confidence to apply to universities that require an A* in Mathematics

This initiative runs in collaboration with Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) and university partners (Imperial College, London and the Universities of Bath, Manchester, Nottingham and Warwick) and is intended to support students with the academic ability to achieve A/A* at A level to reach their full academic potential in their Maths studies.

The programme is targeted at pupils from communities underrepresented in Higher Education. During the programme, successful applicants receive tailored support, including online mentoring with University of Leeds students and two face-to-face masterclass days at the University of Leeds, as well as completing online modules to complement their A level learning. The programme will run from January 2027 till May 2027.

Please visit [our webpage](#) to find out more and apply, or email us at mathsonline@leeds.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Insight to Linklaters, the Solicitor Apprenticeship Route (Y12 & Y13), Tue 20 October

A **solicitor apprenticeship** lets you train and qualify as a solicitor while you work, earning a salary from day one with no tuition fees. We're taking Y12 and Y13 students inside **Linklaters**, one of the world's leading global law firms, to hear from a partner about the work and scale of the firm, meet current apprentices, try a workshop, and learn exactly how to get in. **Register as soon as you can.** Places are limited and expected to fill up, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Linklaters_Law

Careers Fair Leeds Arena

There is the 'Careers in Leeds' Fair taking place on the 3rd November at Leeds Arena. Leeds City Council has amalgamated all of the individual fairs they use to do such as the Leeds Digital Fair and SEND Next Choices fair into one event. There is a 'quiet hour' for anyone visiting with SEND, but this needs to be booked onto. You can find details of this event here [Careers In Leeds 2026 - Jobs, training and opportunities in the city - Universe](#)

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

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](https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/Reach%20for%20Excellence%20Access%20and%20Outreach%20at%20Leeds)

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

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

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

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

Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities

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

Upcoming Events:

- 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 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.