

Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 2 November (Week 1)



Wednesday, Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 4.11.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)

- Year 12 – IntoUniversity launch / Independent Learner - Sixth Form Library
- Year 13 - Money Mules – Finance / F70

Assembly

- Year 12 - 11.11.26 – Work Experience and Unifrog Launch – Mr Curtis and Miss Shaw

Attendance is compulsory

Study Programme Update

- **Progression Module** – Tuesday, P1 in S23
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday P1 in F57
- **Brilliant Club** – This will take place in the Spring Term
- **Sixth Form Committee** – Meeting on Monday 2 November, lunch time in T07
- **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 11 November

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

- Physical – Badminton – Tuesday after school and Basketball – Friday afterschool
- 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.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our open evening is on Thursday 12 November. We need you on the night to be amazing ambassadors helping during subject talks, working on the front desk, welcoming parents, tour guides. If you would like to volunteer, please collect a letter from the Sixth Form office. Thank you to all the volunteers who have returned their permission slips.

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.**

UCAS Update

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.

Access to Leeds –Year 13

Students meeting certain eligibility criteria who are applying for University of Leeds are encouraged to make an Access to Leeds application at the time UCAS applications are sent off. This will mean you may receive a lower grade offer. E.g. courses requiring AAB may accept BBC predictions if your access to Leeds application is successful. The application can be printed off the UoL website - http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130588/access_to_leeds

21 September 2026: Access to Leeds applications open.

21 October 2026 (by 12:00 PM): Access to Leeds deadline for Medicine and Dentistry.

21 January 2027: Access to Leeds deadline for all other undergraduate courses.

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

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)

Good luck to all students sitting exams this week!!

January external Exams

The statement of entries for the January 27 external exams have now been finalised and you should have received a timetable this week. Students have been entered for exams in:

- CTEC Sport
- CTEC IT
- CTEC Business
- CTEC Health and Social Care
- Digital Media
- AAQ Data Analytics

Check the entry is correct with your subject teacher and also check your name on the exam entry sheet to ensure it is your **legal name** as this is what will appear on your certificate. Any issues, discuss with your subject teacher immediately. Note the date and time of exam- timetables showing the room and seat details will be given out in December.

Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 13 Exams at **LWD** will take place w/c **30 November**. This will be a 'Reading Week', therefore there **are no timetabled A Level lessons** for students who study A Level subjects and have a mock exam scheduled below. **All lessons in vocational subjects and all lessons at Ralph Thoresby will run as normal**. Some mock exams maybe scheduled w/c 7 Dec during timetabled lessons. All lessons as normal this week. Please ensure you have collected your individual timetable from your form tutor and add any additional mock exams during w/c 7 Dec to your timetable which will be in classrooms. The timetable will be shared next week.

Ralph Thoresby:

Year 13 mock exams at RTS will take place during **4-8 January 2027**. More details to follow soon.

Opportunities

Get Into Medicine and Dentistry work experience opportunity

One essential component of the medical and dental application that universities look for is effective medical/dental work experience. These invaluable first-hand insights into medicine and dentistry are vital for aspiring healthcare professionals, and we understand how challenging this can often be to find, which is where Medic Mentor and Dental Mentor come in. Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, the Medical and Dental Virtual Work Experience Programmes provide a unique glimpse into the medical and dental fields. Participation is free and open to any UK student aged 14 and above who has attended one of our FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences is:

- Sunday 8th November from 9am - 1:30pm

Register here: https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

- Sunday 15th November from 9am - 1:30pm

Register here: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference offers a comprehensive guide to navigating the medical or dental application journey. Students gain crucial insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process, including the new focus on extracurricular activities. During this conference, myself and our team of mentors and scholars will guide students through essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- Personal Statements
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam, techniques and prep
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

Students must have a working camera and microphone for the session. Additionally, the presence of a parent or guardian is essential during these conferences, providing valuable insight and guidance to better support their success.

University of Bradford Undergraduate Open Day – Saturday 14 November - 09:00 – 15:00

Our Open Days are suitable for anyone thinking of starting university in September 2027. There are talks and tours for all subject areas plus campus and accommodation tours throughout the day.

Our support services will be on hand to answer questions and our Outreach and Recruitment Team will be delivering sessions on UCAS Personal Statements (2027 entry). We'll also be able to give information on our widening participation Progression Scheme including how 2027 entry students could potentially earn a 16point reduction on their UCAS tariff. **You can book your place at the Undergraduate Open Day [HERE](#).**

University of Bradford Post 16 Outreach Webinars

Our webinars are a great way to find out further information that will help you on your journey to university, below you can find a few of our upcoming webinars.

- Interview Skills – Thu 5th November 18:00 – **[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

You can find all webinars for the whole year **[HERE](#)** – the programme is updated all the time so keep checking for new webinars.

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.**

See <https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/>
[Reach for Excellence | Access and Outreach at Leeds](#)

Work Experience Opportunity – Labcorp

I am delighted to share with you details of the Labcorp virtual work experience programme which will be running in November. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about what is involved in the drug development process and the interesting and varied careers available in this field. Students of any age are welcome to join but the program may be particularly pertinent to:

- Students in years 12/13 who are considering future options (University / Apprenticeships / Employment).

Interested parties will need to register interest via the following link (also available on the flyer):



labcorp

Join Labcorp's **FREE Virtual Work Experience Programme** and explore careers within the life sciences industry. Hear from industry professionals, learn how new medicines and therapies are developed, and gain insight into the skills, qualifications and career pathways available, including **apprenticeships, graduate opportunities and scientific careers.**

Register Today

Scan the QR code to sign up for these free virtual sessions.

Session 1 – Introduction to Labcorp
Wednesday 11th November 2026 18.00-19.30

Learn more about Labcorp, the drug development process, career development and apprentice and graduate opportunities across the UK.

Session 2 – How Labcorp use Biology and Chemistry
Thursday 12th November 2026 18.00-19.30

Learn how science fits into the drug development process. Discover roles in Biology and Chemistry disciplines and the skills required to be successful and develop long term careers.

About Labcorp

Labcorp is a global leader in laboratory testing and drug development services, supporting drug discovery, preclinical research, companion diagnostics and commercial testing solutions. Labcorp supported over 85% of new drugs and therapeutic products approved by the FDA in 2025 through its drug development services. With nearly 70,000 employees across 100 countries and four UK sites in Harrogate, Huntington, Eye and York, Labcorp offers a wide range of careers across science and business functions.

Questions? email: labcorp-harrogate-careers.group@labcorp.com

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.

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/>

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:

- Wednesday 11 November – RTS Year 12 KPMG Trip (Economics)
- Friday 13 November Children in Need – Wear something spotty / yellow - £1 donation
- 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
- Friday 27 November – Training Day
- w/b 30 November – Year 13 Winter Mock Exams
- Wednesday 2 December – Year 13 Progression Module Graduation
- Wednesday 16 December – Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day
- Friday 18 December – Break up for Xmas – Return on Monday 4 Jan (week 2)
- January External exams begin
- Wednesday 27 January – Year 13 Parents Evening

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.