

THE SIXTH

THIS WEEK...

SAYING GOODBYE

16–20 May 2022

External exams begin

Exams are now taking place across school. Please be aware that this may mean there will be some room changes.

Year 13's assembly this week focussed on exam etiquette in preparation for their upcoming exams.

[Click here](#) to view the assembly.

Lower Hex

The Lower Hex will be out of action during the following times because of revision sessions.

- Tuesday P3
- Wednesday P3
- Thursday P3
- Friday P3

Please use the N block study rooms instead.

Year 12 Mocks

On **Monday 13th June**, all Year 12 students will be sitting their mock examinations: a timetable can be [found here](#).

Students have also received their individual timetables; they must check these carefully and ensure all access arrangements have been included.

Year 13 PROM

Monday 16th May is the deadline for returning Prom consent forms and to make payment.

Menu choices also need to be made.

Please see p.6 for more details.

Apprenticeship talks

We have two companies coming into school this week to discuss their apprenticeship opportunities.

Saica will be here on **Wednesday 18th May**, and Ofcom are running a workshop on **Thursday 19th May** (see p.10 for more details).

Year 12 tutorials

Year 12 students will attend an academic tutorial this week with their form tutor to reflect on their most recent progress report. This should prove beneficial in the run up to their mock examinations. Students should attend form as normal and bring revision for the time when their tutors are meeting with other students.

NEWS



Live online LinkedIn profile building session

Thursday 19th May, 3.30pm

According to the Department for Education, 'English state schools put their students at a significant disadvantage because they do not appreciate the significance for their students of professional social platforms.' This virtual LinkedIn session will attempt to readdress this issue.

In 45 minutes, Year 12s and 13s will learn about how to set up a World Class LinkedIn profile from the experts.

What is LinkedIn?

LinkedIn is a social network like Instagram or Facebook but it is professional. It is where 75% of 17–24 year olds already get their jobs, apprenticeships, college places.

To get set up on LinkedIn, you first need to set up a profile. This on-line session, which is exclusive to students using the World Class App will introduce students to LinkedIn and show them how to build a World Class LinkedIn profile.

Once you've set up your profile, this [YouTube video](#) demonstrates how to share your achievements from your World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM) App to your LinkedIn profile.



REVISION SUPPORT



Religious Studies – updated

Tuesday 31st May

Time	Session
8.30am – 8.45am	Hellos & Catch Up!
8.45am – 9.45am	Philosophy Unit 4 – Religious Language Re-Cap (20m Questions)
9.45am – 10.45am	Exam Technique – 10m Questions
10.45am – 11.15am	Break
11.15am – 12.15pm	Christianity Unit 2 – The Bible – Natural & Revealed Theology
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Christianity Unit 2 – The Bible – Models of Interpretation
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Ethics Unit 4 – Meta-Ethics
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Questions & Support

Wednesday 1st June

8.30am – 8.45am	Arrival
8.45am – 9.45am	Christianity Unit 3 - The Eucharist
9.45am – 10.45am	Christianity Unit 4 – Social & Historical Developments – Secularism
10.45am – 11.15am	Break
11.15am – 12.15pm	Christianity Unit 4 – Social & Historical Developments – New Religious Movements
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Christianity Unit 4 – Social & Historical Developments – Evangelism & Pentecostal Christianity
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Philosophy Unit 5 – Work of Scholars
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Questions & Support



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



CALENDAR

16–20 May 2022

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Mentoring	Subject revision	EPQ meeting 1.15pm, N103
TUESDAY	Mentoring	Subject revision	
WEDNESDAY	Mentoring	Subject revision	Apprenticeships talk 1.15pm, N103 (see p.10) School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm
THURSDAY	Mentoring	Subject revision	Ofcom Apprenticeship talk 12.15pm, N103 (see p.10)
FRIDAY	Mentoring	Last day for Year 13. See p.5 for details of Leavers' Day.	

LEAVERS' INFO

Leavers' Day

Friday 20th May will be Year 13 students' last day in school before study leave commences.

The structure of the day will be as follows:

- 8.25–8.45am
Form time as usual
- 8.45–10.30am
Attend P1/2 lessons as normal
- 10.30–11.30am
Leavers' Assembly in the Main Hall
- 11.30–12pm
Final goodbyes in the Lower Hex and shirt signing

[Click here](#) to read the original letter sent home.

Results Day

Year 13 students have had an assembly to prepare them for Results Day. Please click to view this [here](#).



YEAR 13 PROM

Year 13 Prom is on **Wednesday 13th July**.

- Venue: Statham Lodge Hotel, Warrington Road, Lymm WA13 9BP
- Starts: 7pm
- Ends: 11pm

Menu

Statham Lodge Hotel will be preparing a superb three-course meal. If you are planning to attend, please [click here](#) and enter your food choices for the evening. Please complete this form by **Friday 20th May**.

Seating Arrangements

The function room will be arranged for you to sit on tables of up to 10 people. Please can you begin to think about who you would like to sit with and let Mrs Hughes in Student Services know the names for your table by **Friday 20th May**.



YEAR 12 FUTURES

Personal Statements

A personal statement supports a student's application to study at a university or college. It's a chance for you to articulate why you'd like to study a particular course or subject, and what skills and experience you possess that show your passion for your chosen field.

Not sure what to put on your Personal Statement? Why not brush up on your subject outside of your A' Levels with a Gresham College Lecture (free academic lecture provider)? [Click here](#) for a list of topics. We recommend 'The Future of Global Health' with Chris Witty on **Wednesday 18th May** at 6pm. You can [sign up here](#).

Lancaster University visited school last week and provided a session on personal statements to Year 12.

Here are some helpful resources:

- [A library of sample personal statements](#), including feedback from admissions tutors!
- [Lancaster Personal statement session](#)



Lancaster
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Writing a Successful Personal Statement

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RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS

REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

Year 12 Work Experience

For those students without placements, you will be offered a placement with a local business organised by Warrington Borough Council, with some time spent with the employer and time spent in school working on a project. Exact details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Academic choices

Year 12 students can use the UCAS Hub to begin exploring their future academic options. You can use the [UCAS Hub](#) to explore university options as well as applying for [Degree and Higher Apprenticeships](#).

Employment options

There are lots of resources to help Year 12 think about their future career choices.

- [Click here](#) for 'Industry Guides' to different career options
- [Click here](#) for a guide to different apprenticeship employers

Work Experience resources

Please click below for the relevant resources:

- [work experience letter](#)
- [work experience self-placement form](#)
- [medical consent form](#).



WORK
EXPERIENCE

FUTURES

OPPORTUNITIES



Young Darwin Scholarships 2022

Applications close on Sunday 5th June 2022

Applications are now open for this year's Young Darwin Scholarships. This is aimed at students aged 16–25 who are intrigued and fascinated by the natural world. Or who are thinking of pursuing an environmental career but don't know where to start. Now in its 10th year, this 5-day experience is immersed in the outdoors with ongoing support. In addition, 90% of the costs are covered by the Field Studies Council. Scholars will pay the remaining 10% (£45–£90 location dependent).

What is included in the scholarship?

The scholarship starts with a 5-day residential trip, or series of days, which involves a lot of time outdoors in environmentally-engaging locations. Students will:

- Practice a wide range of field and identification skills in areas which have been selected for their variety of plants, trees and wildlife.
- Gain practical observation, planning, and recording skills through a series of real-life application tasks.
- Explore a range of landscapes and learn how these areas are managed and conserved, guided by organisations such as the wildlife trusts and rangers.
- Meet inspirational speakers and experts from different environmental backgrounds to discuss current environmental issues and projects, offer advice and answer any questions.
- Build your confidence while exploring the outdoors with like-minded people, your own age who share similar interests.

To find out more and apply, [click here](#).

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Residentials

Students are responsible for finding residentials they can attend to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh. There are many options for this. One provider you can sign up to is the Field Studies Council who run many Geography, Environmental and Biology-related experiences. You can see their [list of residentials here](#).



In-school Apprenticeship talks

Saica opportunities

Wednesday 18th May, 1.15pm, N103

We have a representative from Saica Paper coming in to discuss apprenticeship opportunities. The global company is present in ten countries and has a team of more than 10,000 customer-oriented professionals.

To find out more about the company [click here](#).



Ofcom workshop

Thursday 19th May, 12.15pm, N103

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the exciting Apprenticeship pathways available with Ofcom, starting in September 2022. With Level 4 roles available in Tech, Digital and Data and Business Administration, our interactive workshop introduces Ofcom as an organisation to you and gives you the chance to take part in the type of work you could be doing as an apprentice with Ofcom.

From this, if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity further, you'll have the chance to join Ofcom's Pathway, working towards becoming the future of Ofcom's Apprentices.

For further information on Ofcom apprenticeships, [click here](#).

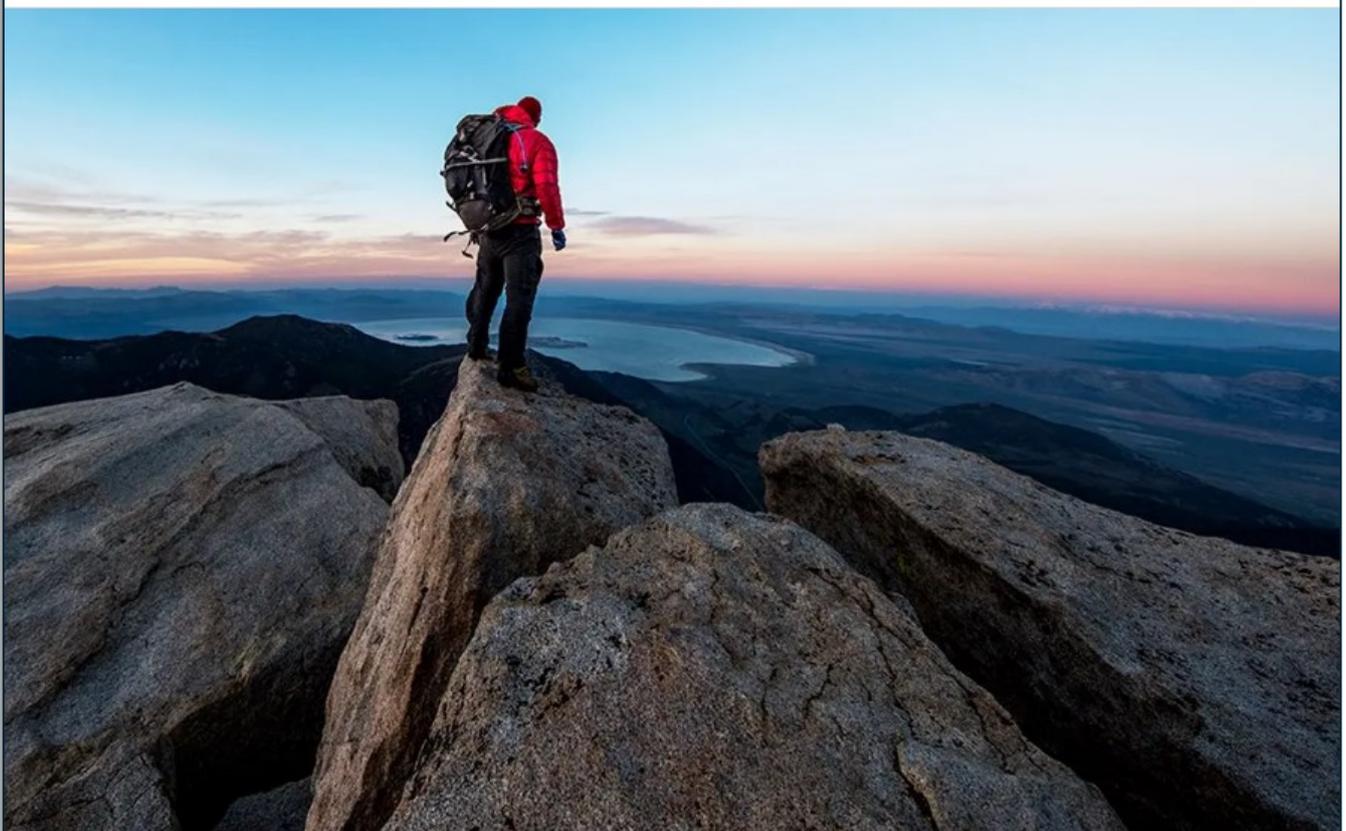


Insurance Apprenticeship Schemes across the UK

Deadline: Sunday 15th May

- Insurance Apprenticeship Programme, Manchester or Leeds - [apply here](#)
- Insurance Apprenticeship Programme, Bristol - [apply here](#)
- Insurance Apprenticeship Programme, Ipswich - [apply here](#)
- Insurance Apprenticeship Programme, Birmingham - [apply here](#)
- Insurance Apprenticeship Programme, Reading - [apply here](#)
- Payroll Apprenticeship, Ipswich - [apply here](#)
- Pensions Apprenticeship Programme, Leeds - [apply here](#)
- Pensions Apprenticeship Programme, Welwyn Garden City - [apply here](#)
- Procurement and Supply Apprenticeship Programme, Ipswich - [apply here](#)
- Actuarial Analyst Apprenticeship Programme - Retirement, Reigate - [apply here](#)

To find out about WTW, [click here](#).

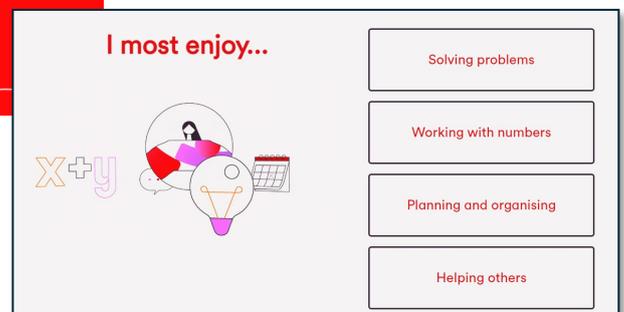
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Virgin Media Apprenticeship Schemes

Apprenticeship vacancies are now available in our area with salaries starting from £19k.

Whether you're looking for a technical apprenticeship scheme, working from the field or in one of Virgin's comfy offices, or an apprenticeship within one of its business teams, there is a broad range of apprenticeships schemes on offer.

If you're not sure what apprenticeship might be right for you, the Match Me quiz can help you see which Virgin Media Apprenticeships best suit your strengths and skills. Once you've got your results, use the links provided to find out more specific details about each Apprenticeship (location, salary, qualification etc...) and even go on to begin your application!



Practice situational judgement tool

There's also a situational judgement tool (SJT) that students can practise with. An SJT is a popular way for employers to assess candidates in lots of different industries. It uses work-related scenarios to test a candidate's behavioural decision-making and thought processes. [Click here](#) to enter Virgin Media's practice SJT, which gives you the chance to get a feel for the process and test yourself against some realistic scenarios from the world of Virgin Media. For more information, [click here](#).

To view a short video that gives a friendly overview of Virgin Media's Apprenticeship schemes, [click here](#).



Flying Start Degree Apprenticeships from PwC

Thursday 19th May, 4–6pm

BSc Digital and Technology Solutions

If you have a passion for learning about tech and are keen to get your career off to a Flying Start, then this programme offers you the chance to do both.

As an apprentice at PwC, from day one you'll get to work with world-class clients and be part of a highly skilled technology teams based in its Manchester office. Whilst studying locally at Ada, National College for Digital skills, you'll also benefit from the learning you need to succeed by enhancing your on-the-job experience with further training and development.

The Flying Start Technology Degree Apprenticeship programme lasts 3 years and will fast track your career in Technology. You'll work in the PwC Manchester Technology Centre, underpinned by a community of technologists from across the firm to interact and connect with, providing you with the support you need to develop and grow in your role. As part of this community you'll work on cutting-edge digital and technology projects to apply your apprenticeship learning, developing and delivering technology products and assets, supporting both our internal teams and our clients.

The technology teams are diverse and range from Cyber Security, Data and Analytics, Technology Consulting and Forensic Technology to name but a few. The Manchester Technology Centre is split into three areas looking at demand, supply and data.

As part of the apprenticeship you'll study towards a Level 6 degree apprenticeship in BSc Digital and Technology Solutions, specialising as either a Data Analyst, Software Engineer or Cyber Security specialist.

Applications for the September 2022 intake are now open. To apply, [click here](#).

Want to find out more?

A virtual event focused on this new Technology Degree Apprenticeship with Ada College is open to students and parents where you'll be able to meet PwC staff, as well as the team from Ada College. Come along with questions and the team will guide you on important career decisions and help you prepare for your application.

To find out more and sign up, [click here](#).



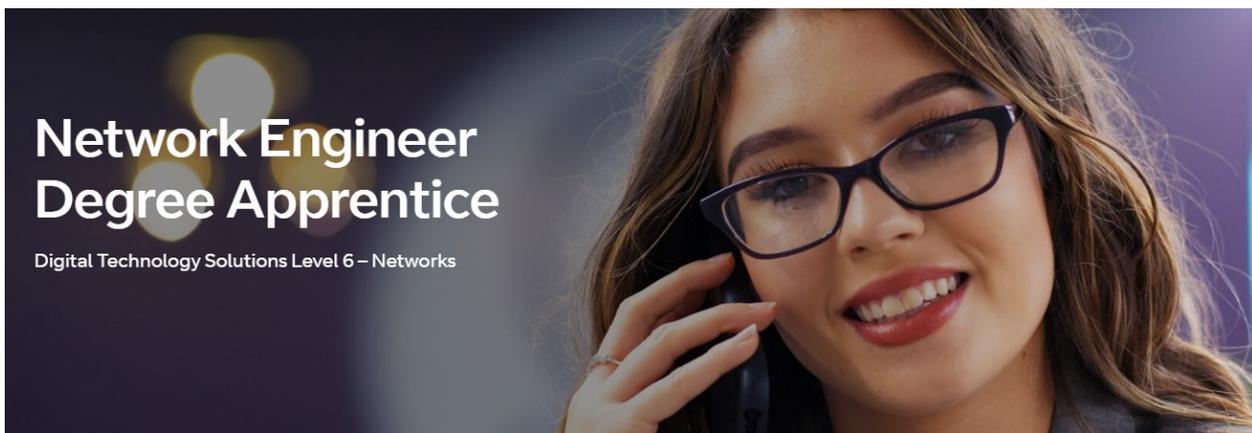
Degree Apprenticeships from BT

BT's award-winning apprenticeship programme offers students the opportunity to gain qualifications, hands-on experience as well as personal and professional development.

BT Network Engineer

As a Network Engineer, you'll study for a Level 6 apprenticeship called Digital & Technology Solutions Professional (Integrated Degree). If you complete the course successfully, you'll receive a degree from one of BT's university partners. The degree course runs for 3 years and is a work-based learning degree, which means you'll spend a minimum of 20% of your time learning and studying.

Entry requirements: You'll need to achieve three A' Levels with a minimum of BCC grades. You'll also need to have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4–9 (C or above) including English and Maths. To apply, [click here](#).



BT Project Management Degree Apprentice – Security

You will join a specialist security team and be responsible for working with project teams to ensure the success of a wide variety of Security projects. You will learn to use different methodologies such as waterfall and agile (which are much sought-after skills);l. You'll study for a Level 6 apprenticeship called Project Management and if completed successfully, you'll receive a degree from one of BT's university partners. This work-based learning degree last 3 years and you'll spend a minimum of 20% of your time learning and studying. You will gradually be assigned your own projects, building your expertise in areas such as project delivery, communication, reporting, risk management and project leadership.

Entry requirements: You'll need to achieve two A' Levels with a minimum of BCC grades. You'll also need a minimum of five GCSEs at grades 4–9 (C or above) including English and Maths. To apply, [click here](#).

CAREERS

Careers Conference

Thursday 7th July, 12–5pm, Queen Elizabeth II Centre, London

Geared towards students interested in Business, Law, Technology, Engineering and Accountancy, this event will be packed with some of the world's biggest employers running some great workshops and hosting insightful panel discussions.

Version 1 is headlining the event (a multibillion global consulting firm) with World Wide Technology, BT, PwC, Goldman Sachs, Linklaters and a whole host of other employers yet to be confirmed for the line-up.

Exams will be over by the time of the event, and you might be thinking about what more you can do to enhance your CV and start thinking about your next steps into the world of work! This is a chance to meet global employers, network with leading professionals, take part in some fantastic workshops and put something great on your CV.

In addition, there will be lots of prizes including iPads, laptops, hoodies, boxes of chocolates and more. All students that attend will also gain a certificate of attendance to add to their CV. Food and drinks will be provided.

There is a small commitment fee of £15 to ensure students don't just sign up and not bother showing up.

To purchase your ticket, [click here](#).



CAREERS

Green careers workshops

The First Steps into a Green Career Online Workshop Series is an affordable and accessible online opportunity for individuals interested in a career in the environmental sector. This series of workshops will be delivered by Field Studies Council staff from a range of backgrounds and experiences. During these workshops, students will be introduced to the opportunities within the environmental sector, how to find and apply for jobs, and how you can utilise a range of transferable skills.

The sessions will specifically focus on giving those taking their first steps into a green career the knowledge and confidence they need. Students can choose to attend one, several or all of the webinars depending on what guidance and advice they need. All five sessions are recommended for a fully submersive and beneficial experience.

- *Session 1:* Introduction to Careers in the Environmental Sector
- *Session 2:* Valuable Volunteering
- *Session 3:* Applications that Count: CVs and Cover Letters
- *Session 4:* Impressing Employers: Interviews and Networking
- *Session 5:* Developing Transferable Skills for Environmental Careers

Dates

21st June – 19th July, 6–7.30pm

10th August – 7th September, 6–7.30pm

10th October – 9th November, 6–7.30pm

All workshops will be hosted on Zoom.

The course fee is £8 for students. If you attend all five webinars, you will get a £10 discount, a digital workbook and a course completion certificate. You will also receive exclusive access to the Field Studies Council Green Career Network where you will join like-minded individuals who have completed the webinars to share advice and continue to develop your career.



Law in Action

Thursday 16th June, 10–12.30pm

This special programme is designed to show students the many varied areas in which those in the legal profession can make an impact. Discover the personal and professional journeys of the speakers and delve into some incredible case studies in an inspirational programme for those considering a legal career. There will be plenty of careers guidance along the way.

Ticket price is £5. To book, [click here](#).



Democracy in Action

Thursday 16th June, 1.15–3.45pm

Is Democracy working? Could it be improved? If so, how? This will be an in-depth and engaging look at the political landscape both here in the UK and abroad, digging deeper into what goes on during election periods, the pros and cons of different voting systems, and the day-to-day workings of those who represent us. This will be a day filled with discourse and debate, exploring the rights and responsibilities we need to take seriously in order to ensure a better and brighter future for our society, both nationally and as global citizens.

Ticket price is £5. To book, [click here](#).



Engineering in Action

Wednesday 22nd June, 10.45–3.45pm

In five inspirational sessions, a team of engineers will explore different types of engineering including civil, structural, mechanical and more. Each session also includes a Q&A session to quiz the engineers.

Ticket price is £10. To book, [click here](#).



Medicine in Action

Thursday 30th June, 10.45–3.45pm

Medicine in Action is a full day online programme for aspiring medics. The cast of speakers are from a range of specialities, all with incredible personal and professional stories to tell. Uncover the science and technology driving medicine, discuss the societal implications and find out what life is really like as a medic as we explore the field and potential career paths open to students interested in the exciting and varied field of medicine.

Ticket price is £10. To book, [click here](#).



PwC Virtual Insight Week

25–29th July 2022

If you're interested in a career in the world of accounting, business or technology, PwC's Virtual Insight Week programme gives you the opportunity to learn more about these areas and develop your employability skills so you feel confident when you start exploring your career. During this action-packed week, you'll be able to tailor the sessions you attend to your interests, hearing from their people who'll share their stories and answer your questions.

Through the interactive sessions, you'll get to experience our different business areas. Some of the technical skills sessions will be differentiated so that you're able to select either a 'beginner' or 'advanced' level based on your individual knowledge or experience of a topic. You can also take part in a variety of skills sessions on topics such as wellbeing, resilience and personal values. These sessions will equip you with the skills and knowledge to help you succeed with a future application to PwC and beyond.

In 2021, PwC welcomed around 2000 students to their Virtual Insight Week. If any students want to take part this year, they'll need to be quick. This is the last chance to apply to this year's programme.

To find out more and apply, please [click here](#).



GIVE SOMETHING BACK



PROMINENCE PROM OUTFIT RECYCLING

The River Reeves Foundation is again launching its Prom outfit recycling scheme where it will be collecting pre-loved occasion wear. These items will be redistributed to students who require them so that Prom becomes accessible where it otherwise might not be. Using the Vintage Viola shop as a pop-up Prom boutique, deserving Year 11 students – girls and boys alike – will be matched with quality pre-loved dresses, suits, shoes and accessories.

The project, conceived and developed by River Reeves Foundation trustee, Sharon Dunne – River's step mum and former secondary school teacher – alongside other parents of school leavers, is now in its third year. The goal is to help as many young people as possible have the night of their lives.

If you have any pre-loved dresses*, suits, shirts, ties, shoes, shawls, bags and other accessories, please them to the Staff Room or Reception and we will forward to the River Reeves Foundation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For details of the Prominence scheme, you can visit the website by [clicking here](#).

**Please note that dresses don't need to be Prom-specific. Any occasion wear will be welcome.*



Saturday 14th May

[University of Southampton](#) – First Look Virtual Event, 11–3pm

Monday 16th May

[Solent University](#) – Get ready to make the most of student life, 5.30pm–6.30pm

[University of Leicester](#) – A Parents and Carers guide to Student Finance, 5.30–6.30pm

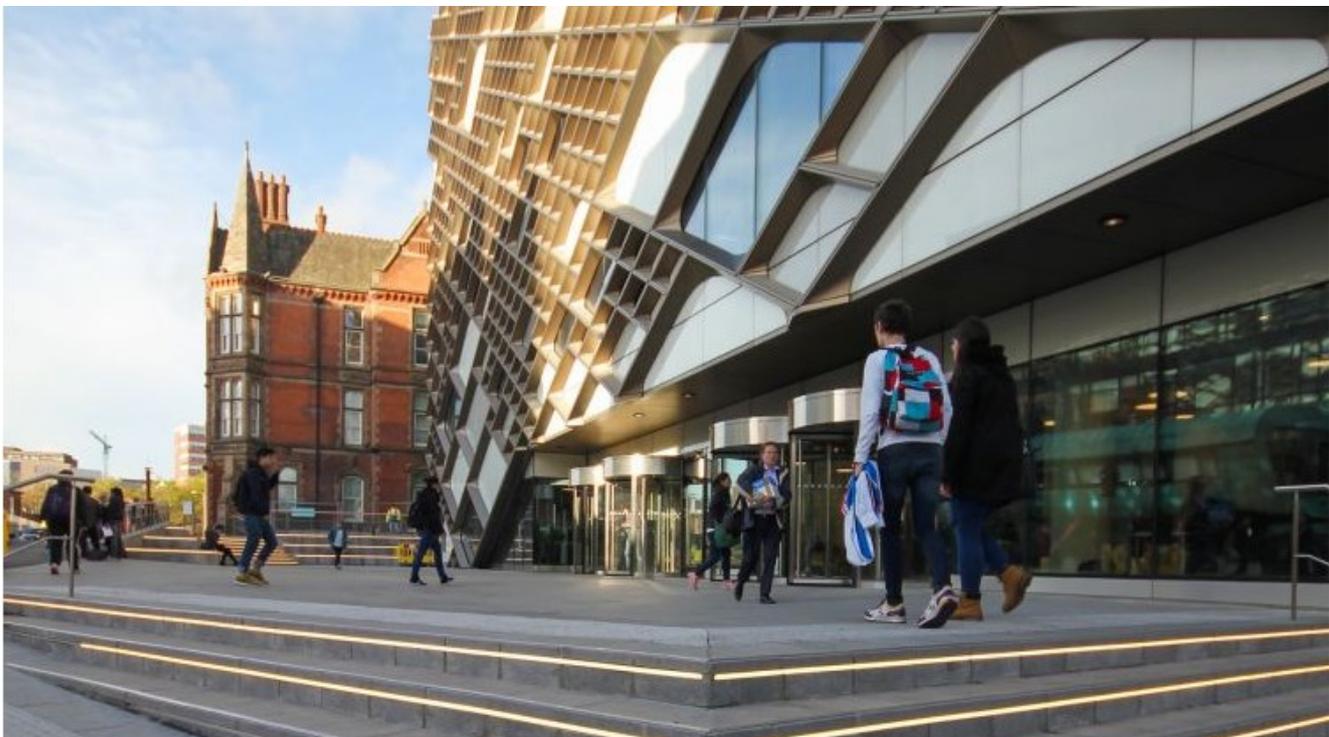
[University of Plymouth](#) – Benefits of University and Choosing a Course virtual talk, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Pathways to achieving a degree, 11.30–12.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Understanding qualification types and suitability, 3–4pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Applying to university, a supporters guide to UCAS, 5–6pm

[University of Sheffield](#) – Bioengineering Taster Session, 4.30–5.30pm



[University of Roehampton](#) – University of Roehampton Webinar –Getting to Know Roe – A Chat with Life Sciences Students, 4–4.30pm

Tuesday 17th May

[Loughborough University](#) – Why Loughborough?, 6–7pm

[University of Cumbria](#) – How does Criminology help us understand violence against Women and Girls?, 10–11am

[University of East Anglia](#) – Webinar: Politics/International Relations taster lecture (UK: State of the Union), 4.15–5.15pm

[University of Plymouth](#) – UCAS applications and writing your personal statement virtual talk, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Student Voice Panel, 12–1pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Support Packages for University, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Sheffield](#) – French Taster Session, 3.45–5.15pm

[University of Worcester](#) – Introduction to Studying Sociology: Political Sociology, 6.15–7.15pm

Wednesday 18th May

[Queen Mary University of London](#) – Journey to higher education webinar series

[Royal Agricultural University](#) – A Virtual Introduction to RAU, 5–5.45pm



[Royal Holloway, University of London](#) – The Energy Transition, 6–7pm

[St. George's, University of London](#) – Studying at a specialist university webinar, 5–6pm

[University of East Anglia](#) – Webinar: Pharmacology taster, 3.35–4.35pm

[University of Huddersfield](#) – Student Finance, 5.30–6.30pm

[University of Plymouth](#) – Student Finance and budgeting virtual talk, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Support packages for University, 10–11am

[University of Westminster](#) – Business Information Systems Online drop-in sessions, 1–2pm



Thursday 19th May

[London South Bank University](#) – Student Finance Webinar, 5–6pm

[University of East London](#) – Personal Statements - How to Make Yours Stand Out

[University of Plymouth](#) – Student Life virtual talk, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Applying to University, a supporters guide to UCAS, 11–12pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Pathways to achieving a degree, 2–3pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – There’s no ‘I’ in empathy, perfecting the art of listening with empathy, 4–5pm

[University of Reading](#) – English Literature: University Book Club - Frankenstein, or, The Modern Prometheus, 4.15–4.15pm

[University of Roehampton](#) – Live Webinar - Getting to Know Roe – A Chat with Psychology Students, 4–4.30pm



Friday 20th May

[University of Plymouth](#) – Choosing Between Your University Offers virtual talk, 4.30–5.30pm

[University of Portsmouth](#) – Understanding qualification types and suitability, 10.30–11.30am

BIRTHDAYS

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