THIS WEEK... DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS

20–24 March 2023

Tuesday 21st March is Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We are asking students to wear odd socks and bring money in to buy a sock biscuit to help raise money for Down Syndrome Cheshire. Biscuits will be sold in the

Lower Hex. See p.4.

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CAREERS ADVISOR DROP-IN

Following our apprenticeship assemblies in recent weeks, our careers advisor will be available in the Upper Hex during break time on **Tuesday 21st March**, 10.45–11.05.

Lymm High School

YEAR 13 LEAVERS

Just **30 school days** until the external exams begin! Make sure you are using your time wisely and attending all lessons, SSPs



and any relevant intervention sessions.

STUDENT FINANCE

Student finance applications are now open. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for a helpful video on understanding your student loan. <u>Click here</u> for two helpful guides.

The deadline is **Friday 19th May** to ensure funds are secured in time for courses to begin.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12's Work Experience week will take place from **Monday 26th June** until **Friday 30th June**. The deadline to complete the Unifrog placements tool is **Tuesday 25th April**.

Please <u>click here</u> to read the letter sent home.

KEY DATES

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Assessment calendar, which includes key dates for the year.

TELL

US!

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



CALENDAR 20–24 March 2023

DAY	YEAR 12		YEAR 13		OTHER EVENTS	
MONDAY	Mentoring		Mentoring			
TUESDAY	Work experience support		Assembly		Biscuits will be sold in the Lower Hex for Down Syndrome Cheshire (see p.4)	
WEDNESDAY	Assembly – York University		Exam preparation		School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm	
THURSDAY	Leadership	Leadership Ladder Logging				
FRIDAY	Futures Friday – Post 18 Intentions – first logging		Futures Friday – Confirming offers reminders			



University of Chester visit

On **Wednesday 15th March**, Year 12 students visited Chester University to gain an insight into University life. Students toured the campus and completed workshops on student life, the UCAS process and writing personal statements.

The behaviour of all students was impeccable throughout, and they were a credit to the school!

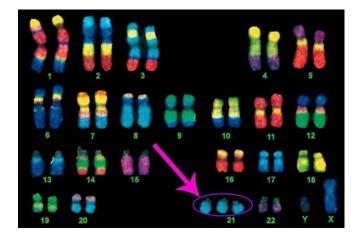




Down's Syndrome Awareness Day

Tuesday 21st March

People with Down's syndrome have three copies of the 21st chromosome, hence World Down Syndrome Day being held on **Tuesday 21st March**. Typically, we raise awareness by wearing different socks on this day as the chromosomes look like stripey socks.



Dr John Langdon Down first identi-

fied the characteristics of the condition in 1862 and it was named after him. In 1958, Dr Jerome Jeune discovered the existence of an extra chromosome on the 21st pair and Down's syndrome also became known as Trisomy 21. He later discovered the cause of many other chromosome abnormalities thereby opening the way to modern genetics.

There are approximately 40,000 people in the UK with Down's syndrome; it occurs in approximately one in every 1000 births. <u>Down Syndrome Cheshire</u> supports nearly 400 people with Down's syndrome. It provides family support and activities, education advocacy and training, professional services and therapy, life skills and employability to ensure people with Down's syndrome in the local area reach their full potential and live the life they choose.

We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits at break and lunch in the Lower Hex on **Tuesday 21st March**. These are £1 each. There is also a code to scan for people to pay via JustGiving if you prefer (see p.5).

We're supporting World Down Syndrome Day By selling

Helping our amazing Down Syndrome community to live the life they choose

£1

No cash? Why not pay for your biscuit with a **JustGiving** donation (min £2)







Next steps

Year 13 had an assembly to run through the process of confirming their offers, here is a quick reminder.

If the university offers you a place, you'll need to reply to them once you have decisions from all the universities you've applied to. Your reply by date will be listed in Track (go into your UCAS profile). There are three types of replies you can make:

- **Firm** this would be your first choice.
- Insurance this is your back-up choice if you don't meet the conditions of your firm. You can only accept an insurance choice if your firm choice is a conditional offer.
- **Decline** you'd need to decline any other offers.

This means that of the five offers you may have, you will select one as your 'Firm' choice, one as your 'Insurance' choice and decline the other three.

For more help and support, please come to chat with a member of the Sixth Form team.

Click here for more information.

<u>Click here</u> for a letter sent to parents in December about confirming offers.





Year 13 Intervention Timetable

Subject staff are running the following intervention sessions to help support students with the preparation for their external exams.

Subject	Day	Time	Room	Staff Member	Who For?
Business	Thursday	3.15-3.45	S107	J Hayes	
Business drop-in support	Monday	1.15-2.10	S106	K Hill	
Chemistry	Thursday	1.40-2.05	E302	G Mogey	
Economics drop-in support	Monday	1.15-2.10	S106	K Hill	
Economics revision	Tuesday	1.15-2.10	S106	K Hill	
English	Wednesday Week 1	1.30–2pm	A117	L Nevell	
English	Tuesday Week 2	1.30–2pm	A117	L Nevell	
English Literature	Friday	1.30–2pm	A211	L Penketh	
French essay feedback (5-minute slots)	Friday Week 1	1.15-1.50	L104	H Hurn	Invite only
French essay feedback	Wednesday Week 2	1.15-1.50	L104	H Hurn	Invite only
(5-minute slots)					
Geography	Thursday	1.20-1.50	A217	T Rigby	
History	Thursday	1.30-2.10	A201	B Wilde	
History (Paper 2 - India)	Friday	1.30–2pm	A204	N Douglas	Only up until Easter
Maths	Thursday	Lunchtime	N203	N Parsons	
Maths exam	Monday	Lunchtime	E103	A Quilter	
practice questions					
Media	Tuesday	3.20-4.30	B206	M Lorenzelli	
Music Tech	Tuesday	Breaktime	Music rooms	J Gornall	
PE	Monday	1.30–2pm	S208	T Scott	
PE	Tuesday	1.30–2pm	N or S Block	K Lowry-Johnson	
Psychology	Wednesday	Form		J Edge	Invite only
Psychology	Friday	Form		J Edge	Invite only
Religious Studies	Wed - Week 1	1.20-1.50	A208	B Barnes	Everyone
Religious Studies	Wed - Week 2	1.20-1.50	A206	F Bisset	Everyone
Religious Studies	Tue & Thurs Week 1	1.15-1.50	A208	F Bisset	Invite only
Religious Studies	Tue & Thurs Week 2	1.15-1.50	A206	B Barnes	Invite only
Religious Studies	30th January	3.10-4.10	A206	F Bisset	Everyone (compulsory for some)
Sociology	Tuesday	Lunchtime	S109	J Edge	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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October 2023 admissions test sessions



Key dates for BMAT, ENGAA, NSAA, TMUA and TSA Oxford tests.

- 1st September 2023 Registration opens.
- **15th September 2023** Deadline to apply for modified papers (e.g. enlarged print).
- **29th September 2023**, 6pm Registration closes for all tests. There is no late registration period after 29th September.
- **18th October 2023** Test date.

All tests will be paper-based this year.

For more information on individual tests, please visit the webpage for that test.



Admissions Testing

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

In²science[®]

Year 12 In2science summer programme

Monday 24th July to Friday 25th August 2023 Application deadline: Friday 31st March



The In2science summer programme offers a free in-person work experience placement, online workshops and competitions to help students boost their super-curricular activities. Through this programme, students can gain valuable insights, experience and skills, and pave their way to success in STEM.

This is an excellent opportunity for Year 12 students from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds to take the first step towards their STEM aspirations. The programme consists of:

- A practical, hands-on work experience placement.
- Online skills, employability and careers workshops.
- Public engagement competitions with prizes.

Early applications have a higher chance of success, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information about the summer programme, <u>click here</u>. U K university & apprenticeship search fairs

Event Opens 9:30am

Event Closes 2:30pm

UK **UNIVERSITY** & **APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR**

LIVERPOOL SPRING

Friday 28th April Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Rd, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 5AS

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships



SUNDAY NIGHT IS PROJECT NIGHT 😂

Are you free on a Sunday evening and fancy trying something new?

We have the following sessions starting Sunday 2nd April – 50p per session.

- Choir
- Clubbercise exercise to club classics
 - Debate club
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Dance Squad
 - 'Heels' Dance class
- Introduction to the sewing machine
 - Martial Arts
- Performing Arts rehearsals for Spring Show
 - Rock Climbing
 - Senior Band Practice

*Coming soon - Learn to speak Mandarin Chinese with Mulan Culture

For more details email <u>dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk</u> or book on the Warrington Youth Zone website

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES





Apprenticeships



- Please <u>click here</u> to see this week's list of current apprenticeships in the Warrington area.
 For further details and to apply for any of these vacancies go to the National Apprenticeship Website
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2022 Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers.
- Further opportunities in Cheshire and Warrington can be viewed <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.
- Don't forget to use <u>Unifrog</u> to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!

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FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

APPRENTICESHIPS

National Apprenticeship Webinars Programme

Thursday 23rd March, 6–6.30pm

This event aims to help parents and students explore alternative pathways onto a variety of careers. It will cover:

- Levels of apprenticeships and what they mean
- When to apply and what the process might look like
- What an apprenticeship might offer
- The various careers that an apprenticeship can lead into

It will also include guest speaker Pete Milsom from UCAS to talk about the apprenticeships and the application process, and Tia Holland and Monique Mackenzie from employer partner Virgin Media O2.

To book a place, <u>click</u> here



UNIVERSITIES



To view the latest online University events, click here.

These are listed in chronological order and include:

- Open Days (in-person and virtual)
- Online chats
- Webinars

Students can browse these events and engage with higher education from the comfort of their mobile, tablet or computer.





- A. Sidebottom
- A. Burnett
- E. Chamberlain
- T. Fowler
- M. Johnson
- M. Pollard
- K. Read
- C. Tomlinson