

THE SIXTH

THIS WEEK...

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

31 January–4 February 2022

Y12 Transition meeting

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team have invited several students to attend a short meeting to discuss your transition to Sixth Form. Please check your email to see if you have been invited to attend. These sessions will be held on **Wednesday 2nd** and **Thursday 3rd of February** in N103.
L. Tyler (Year 13)

Life Programme

Students will have Life Programme on **Friday 4th February**. Year 12 will be looking at how drugs and alcohol affect driving (or media literacy if our external speakers cannot attend). Year 13 will have a talk from a careers organisation on how to get jobs in the future, including discussions about graduate schemes and assessment centres.

Year 12 Study periods

Students have been reminded of their compulsory student study periods. Students must complete their study period in the Lower Hex. Study must be in silence. Students should not leave unless agreed with the member of staff. Students should bring paper work to do but may use a computer if there are sufficient available. Students may not leave early.

Choosing universities and courses

Northumbria University launched our UCAS programme to Year 12. [Click here](#) to view this presentation.

Students discussed the types of universities they may like to apply to. Would they prefer to be on a campus or city university?

Would they prefer a flat or shared corridor accommodation? What catering options would they like? Would they like a combined course or prefer to focus on a single subject? What facilities are they looking for?
How far away from home would they like to live?



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REMINDERS

DONT FORGET TO:

YEAR 12

Edge Hill Trip

As part of our Futures Programme we are taking all of our Year 12 students on a trip to Edge Hill University on **Wednesday 9th March**.

Please find a [letter here](#) which includes full details. Students will be provided with a paper copy of this letter, which must be returned to Sixth Form Student Services by **Wednesday 2nd February**.

Futures preparation

Please click on the image below to see details of the additional Futures Events we are holding this year.

Date	Topic	University/organisation
January		
Wednesday 26 th 2pm	Introduction to higher Education & choosing a course	 Northumbria University Newcastle
TBC	Introduction to STEM Careers	 Lancaster University
February		
Wednesday 9 th 2pm	Applying to Russell group & competitive Universities	 The University of Sheffield
Wednesday 16 th 2pm	Choosing a course & University	 Newcastle University
TBC	Virtual Russell Group fair with UK University Search	 UK University & Apprenticeship Search
March		
Wednesday 2 nd 2pm	The UCAS cycle / process explained	 University of York
Wednesday 9 th	Day visit for Year 12 to Campus University	 Edge Hill University
Wednesday 30 th 2pm	Apprenticeships: Applying, CV's, opportunities, and an introduction to the portal	 Apprenticeships
April		
Wednesday 20 th	Making the most of Open Days	 LCC UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
Friday 29 th 2pm	Personal Statement	 UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
May		
Wednesday 4 th	Making the most of Open Days	 LCC UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
Wednesday 11 th 2pm	Personal Statement	 Lancaster University

YEAR 13

Replying to UCAS

Students have had two assemblies to explain [how to reply to their offers](#) and how [UCAS Extra works](#).

We recommend students and parents read this carefully so you understand how these processes work.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

“Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you.”

CALENDAR

31 January–4 February 2022

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Assembly	Mentoring	Oxford Union Schools Debating Practice N206, 3.30pm
TUESDAY	Mentoring	Assembly	
WEDNESDAY	Study Skills – Wider reading	Revision tips	Step into Social Care 1.30–3.15pm Y12 Transition meeting, 1.20pm, N103 (see p.1)
THURSDAY	Issues and Debates – Media literacy	Issues and Debates – Media literacy	Year 12 Transition meeting, 1.20pm N103 (see p.1)
FRIDAY	Life Programme – Drugs Driving or Alcohol/Media literacy	Life programme – Getting a job in the global economy (delivered by InvestIN)	Life Programme (see pages 4&5)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Life Programme

Life Programme on **Friday 4th February** means that timings of the day change slightly to:

Form: 8.25–9:10

Period 1: 9.10–10.05

Period 2: 10.05–11

Break: 11–11.30

Period 3: 11.30–12.25

Period 4: 12.25–1.20

Lunch: 1.20–2.15

Period 5: 2.15–3.10

Year 12 and 13 we will look at how the internet can encourage some vulnerable young adults to become involved in extremism, which may lead to terrorism activity (see p.5).



LIFE PROGRAMME

Extremism and radicalisation

This week in Life Programme in Form Time, both Year 12 and 13 will be looking at how the internet can encourage some vulnerable young adults to become involved in extremism, which may lead to terrorism activity. Schools already help to safeguard students from drug abuse, gangs, neglect and sexual exploitation. Radicalisation has a similarly devastating effect on young people, families and communities. Protecting students from the influence of extremist ideas is therefore an important part of a school's safeguarding role.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to radicalisation. Many teenagers look for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging, and are in search of adventure and excitement. Extremist groups, whether Islamist or far-right, claim to offer the answers and promise vulnerable young people a sense of identity. Though instances are rare, even very young children may be exposed to extremism, both inside and outside the home, and online.

As part of our Life Programme we will discuss how to be safe online and how to spot manipulation and coercion online.

For more information for parents, please [click here](#) for the Educate Against Hate website.

Here is a list of commonly-asked questions that you can access the answers to on the [Educate Against Hate website](#).

Our school is a place that inspires and engages young minds. Our school believes in democracy and the laws of the country, where every individual has a voice that is heard and respected, no matter what their faith or belief. Our school values discussion, debate and learning from others. Our school believes that division belongs in mathematics, not the classroom. There is no place for extremism in our school.

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All Common Questions

[How do I talk to my child about extremism?](#) >

[How do people become radicalised?](#) >

[How can I keep my child safe from extremism online?](#) >

[How do we define terrorism and extremism in the UK?](#) >

[What are the warning signs of radicalisation?](#) >

[What should I do if I think my child is being radicalised?](#) >

[What is Channel?](#) >

[What can I do to protect my child from extremist influences?](#) >

[Is my child vulnerable to radicalisation?](#) >

[How is extremism relevant to me as a parent?](#) >

[Has intervention ever stopped a young person being radicalised?](#) >

REVISION SUPPORT



Revision Preparation

During the run up to Year 13 mock exams (which start on the **7th March**) we will share one tip per week on effective revision strategies.



Tip 1: How to organise your time!

Students had a session on time management (see [Study skills session time management](#)) and were encouraged to use our [Study Planner](#) to plan out their time.

Time management = study success

Your success as a student will be strongly affected by the combination of two time-related factors:

- How much time you spend in study
- How well you use that time

With only four school weeks until their mocks, and, dare I say, only 13 weeks before the external exam series starts, there really is no time to waste!

Managing exam stress

Exam stress is something that everyone experiences. On the back of this we are in the process of putting together an exam mindset group. This will help you by providing tips on how to approach exams and how to find positive ways to deal with exams stress. It will be a series of 6 workshops led by Ged with places limited to 9 but if successful another a second group will run. If you want to find out more please come to N106 every Wednesday.



NEWS



Spanish study trip

On Wednesday, Year 12 and 13 Spanish students went into Manchester to take part in a study day presented by the celebrated Carmen Herrero, Principal Lecturer in Hispanic Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, Director of FLAME and co-founder of FILTA.

The study day addressed the themes of family, friendship, multilingual life, education, and included some contextual information about Cuba (history, and past and present socio-political issues) through the medium of film.

The screening was followed by a series of exercises based on the film, including character studies, film genre analysis and discussion of the main themes; which are all relevant skills for students in preparation for the A2 exam.

Our students participated really well and found the experience to be thoroughly worthwhile.



FUTURES

OPPORTUNITIES



The Big Bang STEM Competition

From team work and getting creative, to analysing and communicating findings, The Big Bang Competition is a brilliant way to develop valuable skills for the future. It's also a great chance to get feedback from real scientists and engineers and to celebrate and share

students' achievements. Entrants will be able to:

- Build confidence and teamwork skills
- Solve problems
- Get expert feedback
- Celebrate and share their work

The Competition is free and open to all students aged 11–19 studying in the UK.

Competitors can enter one project, either on their own or as part of a team. [Click here](#) for the rules and eligibility.

If you are interested in entering The Big Bang Competition, but don't know where to start, or are looking for project ideas, [click here](#) for inspiration and advice to help you get started on your project.

Prizes range from generous cash prizes to prestigious titles.

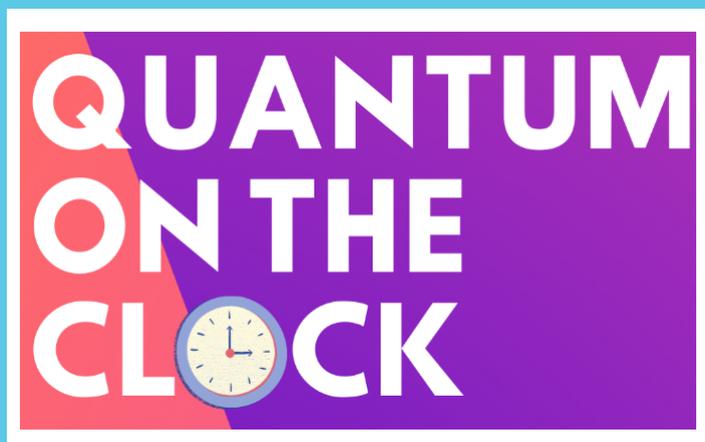
For more details, including entry guidance, prize information and top tips, [click here](#).

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Quantum on the clock

Can you explain quantum science or technology in a 3-minute video?



Physicist Richard Feynman once said "I can safely say that nobody really understands quantum mechanics". Can you help prove him wrong? This challenge for Year 12 and 13 students is to create a 3-minute video about any aspect of quantum science or technology that a High School student can understand. To apply:

- Create a 3-minute video on any aspect of quantum science or technology.
- Submit your video individually or in a team of up to four.
- Ensure the video is accurate. Mention in the video if the chosen topic is controversial or under debate.
- The video should not promote a particular company or organisation, though they can be mentioned as examples (e.g. who is implementing a quantum technology).
- The video can be in any format! It could be a single person or a group of people talking to the camera; a drama; visuals and animation; song, poetry or dance; or something else... all creativity is welcome.

To watch a video summary of the competition, [click here](#).

Entries must be submitted by **31st March 2022**. The link to the submission form will be uploaded on this [webpage](#) by February 2022.

The winners and runners-up of the competition will all receive cash prizes, with the team cash prizes being shared between the team members. The winners of 'Best individual' and 'Best team' prizes will also receive a 1-year subscription to *Physics World* and an expenses-paid invitation to a prize-giving event at the Photon 2022 conference dinner, with the opportunity to network with expert quantum researchers at a major UK conference.

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Secret Subjects Taster Day

Saturday 19th February



Cambridge University's Sidney Sussex, Corpus Christi and Trinity Hall are inviting students to attend its Secret Subjects Open Day. This free online taster event will provide students with all the information they need to pursue a degree in one of the Secret Subjects – those subjects that students are unlikely to have heard of but are actually some of the most interesting that the University of Cambridge offers!

There will be taster sessions led by Cambridge academics, Q&As with current undergraduates studying one of the Secret Subjects, and a chance to hear from graduates about what different and interesting career paths the Secret Subjects can lead to.

The subjects on offer are:

- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES)
- Archaeology
- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic (ASNC)
- Classics
- History of Art
- Linguistics
- Music
- Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion (TRPR)

Full details and registration can be found by [clicking here](#).

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UK University and Apprenticeship Search

UK University & Apprenticeship Search events are back for 2022. The following events are being run this Spring:

- Leeds (Elland Road Stadium)
Tuesday 1st March
[Click here for details.](#)
- Manchester (Old Trafford Stadium)
Wednesday 9th March
[Click here for details.](#)
- Sheffield (University of Sheffield)
Wednesday 16th March
[Click here for details.](#)
- Liverpool (Aintree Racecourse)
Friday 29th April
[Click here for details.](#)



Each event will feature a vast array of universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges ready to help students make the right higher education and career choices. The fairs offer students the opportunity to interact face-to-face with a wide-range of institutions.

The events will offer students:

- An extensive range of seminars including: How to Write a Personal Statement, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, Life at University and Student Finance.
- Expert advice and 1-2-1 discussions with representatives from leading university and apprenticeship providers.
- A wide variety of Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers.
- A free online UK University & Apprenticeship Search Options Magazine and many other promotional items around the exhibition.

UK university &
apprenticeship
search fairs

Event Opens
9:30am

Event Closes
2:30pm

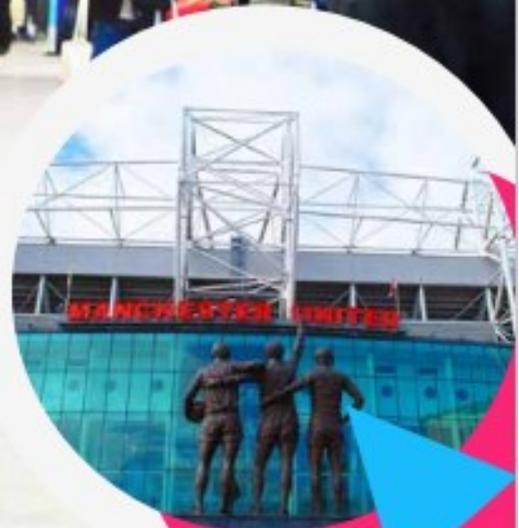
UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

MANCHESTER SPRING

Wednesday 9th March

Manchester, Old Trafford Stadium, M16 0RA

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships





National Apprenticeship Week (NAW2022)

7–13th February 2022

National Apprenticeship Week is a time to celebrate the value of apprenticeships, and there are plenty of fairs and events taking place locally throughout February.

Monday 8th February 2022, 10–12pm, Online event

Kids Planet Nursery: Building the future for early years

The event will focus on early years childcare apprenticeship opportunities. You will have the chance to take a virtual tour of one of the nurseries and speak to current and previous apprentices about their experiences.

To book, [click here](#).

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 10–3pm, Frontier House, Merchants Quay, Salford, M50 3SR

Salford City College Recruitment Session

Come along and meet the recruitment team at Salford City College and find out what live vacancies you can apply for. Please email first to make an appointment.

To book, [click here](#).

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

APPRENTICESHIPS



**Wednesday 9th February 2022, 11–8pm, SETA
Engineering Training centre, Reddish, Stockport SK4 1PQ
Seta Engineering Apprenticeship Open Day/Evening**

An opportunity to find out about Engineering Apprenticeships, training and employers, and take away an application for 2022.

For more information, contact Simon Artley (sartley@setatraining.com) or Lisa Harris (lharris@setatraining.com).

**Thursday 10th February 2022, 4–7pm, Horwich Business Park, Chorley New Road, Horwich,
Bolton, BL6 5UE**

Alliance Learning Apprenticeship Open Evening Event 2022

An open evening that will give you the opportunity to find out more about apprenticeship opportunities.

To book, [click here](#).

**Thursday 10th February 2022, 4–7pm, Kendal College, Milnthorpe Road Campus, Kendal
LA5 9AY**

Kendal College Apprenticeship Open Evening

An information evening which will provide information for parents and students on local apprenticeship opportunities and how to find an apprenticeship.

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

**Thursday 17th February 2022, 4–8pm, 17 Sedling Road, Wear Industrial Estate, Washington,
NE38 9BZ**

Seta Engineering Apprenticeship Event

This face-to-face event has been created for young people and their families to view Seta's facilities and talk to them about their apprenticeship opportunities.

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

[Click here](#) to browse apprenticeships based on interest and location.

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National Apprenticeship Week (NAW2022)

7–13th February 2022



National Apprenticeship Week brings together the entire apprenticeship community to celebrate everything that is amazing about apprenticeships. [This website](#) has lots of useful information, such as:

- What is an apprenticeship?
- What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?
- What are the levels of an apprenticeship?
- Finding the best apprenticeship for you
- Current vacancies
- End Point Assessments explained
- What is a degree apprenticeship?

There is also a selection of short [Apprenticeship Story](#) films that showcase the breadth and variety of apprenticeships.

Degree Apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeships give you the opportunity to attain a degree or professional qualification from some of the best universities and providers, whilst training in a top flight career. Your training is paid for by your employer and the government, so there is no cost to you. You will also be earning a salary from day one.

To view roles you may be interested in, visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk and head to 'Become an apprentice'.

You can also discover vacancy details from over 40 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links by [clicking here](#). This listing showcases hundreds of vacancies from various employers starting in 2022.



WHAT IS A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a degree apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are exactly what they say - an apprenticeship programme that leads to a full degree-level qualification. This could be a bachelor's or master's degree, or an equivalent professional qualification.

Who are they for?

Degree apprenticeships can be for new recruits into apprenticeships (for example, those leaving school) or they can be for an existing employee who is looking to upskill or retrain in their job role.

How long do they take to complete?

Degree apprenticeships will typically take between 2 - 6 years to complete, depending on the level and programme. The apprentice will split their time between working and studying with a training provider.

How much do they cost?

The apprentice will not be required to pay towards the cost of the training, this will be funded by the employer and/or government. The apprentice will earn a salary throughout their apprenticeship, which means they are being paid to learn and will not incur student fees.

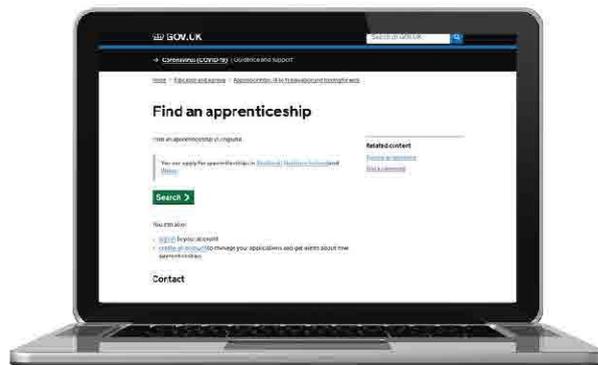
How do you find a degree apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are still relatively new and the number of vacancies is expected to increase each year. Top places to look include:

Find an Apprenticeship

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

This is the government website where you can set up an account to search, apply and receive alerts for different apprenticeship vacancies.



Higher & Degree Listing

www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships

Each year, a listing of higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies is published on the government website containing a wide selection of opportunities and links to apply.



WHAT IS A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

Frequently Asked Questions

UCAS Career Finder

careerfinder.ucas.com

The UCAS site also hosts some higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies.

What happens if I don't finish the apprenticeship? Do I have to pay the fees back?

No, the apprentice will never be expected to pay back the apprenticeship training costs.

Do employers value degree apprentices as highly as they value a traditional degree?

Yes! Employers really value degree apprenticeships because you will be applying what you learn immediately in the workplace and helping to introduce and suggest new ideas and approaches.

Do apprentices get a social life?

Of course! You get the benefits of meeting new people at your workplace and through your training provider. There are also many networks you can join as an apprentice to meet others as well as applying for an NUS Apprentice Extra Card to access fantastic discounts and benefits.

Is a degree apprenticeship a real degree?

Yes - it is exactly the same degree that you would study full-time, except it will be studied in a different way and your apprenticeship may also include additional qualifications and/or professional accreditation.

Do I apply to the employer or the university?

Firstly, you will need to secure an apprenticeship with an employer, and they will decide which training provider is best suited to the needs of their business. Depending on which training provider they are using, there could be additional applications or assessments that you will need to undertake.



Local apprenticeship vacancies

- [Click here](#) to see this week's list of current apprenticeships in the Warrington area.
For more information about apprenticeships and traineeships go to [find an apprenticeship](#) or [find a traineeship](#).
- [Cheshire and Warrington Opportunities](#)
Find out about local courses, apprenticeships or jobs
- For more opportunities go to Cheshire and Warrington Opportunities: <https://www.candwopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeships/>



Other opportunities

- [Health Care Assistants for Warrington and Halton](#)
Need 'gap year' work experience in a health/care setting? Full time/part time hours and permanent contracts are available.
- [Royal Navy](#)
Find out what it's like to do a Royal Navy apprenticeship.
- [Siemens apprenticeships](#)
Listing of opportunities worldwide.
- [IBM apprenticeships](#)
Applications information.
- [Barclays](#)
Information and details about latest opportunities.





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Please Note: Limited Spaces Available

Age 15+



To apply, [click here](#) for an application form.

Saturday 29th January

[Manchester Metropolitan University](#) – Virtual Q&A session, 10–12pm

Monday 31st January

[Swansea University](#) – The extinction of marine megafauna and the evolution of gigantism, 6–7pm



[Swansea University](#) – What if parallel lines meet at infinity? How would the space look like?, 6–7pm

[University of East Anglia](#) – Webinar: Economics taster lecture (Brexit: one year on), 4.15–5.15pm

Tuesday 1st February

[Falmouth University](#) – Performance Advice webinar, 4–5pm

[Gresham College](#) (Richard Harvey, Museum of London) – Error control coding, 6–7pm

[Royal Holloway, University of London](#) – Biology Master Class: Gene Therapy

[Swansea University](#) – Coastal engineering, 6–7pm

[Swansea University](#) – Sleep detectives, 6–7pm

[University of Exeter](#) – Exploring different learning styles at University, 6–7pm

[University of Lincoln](#) – Lincoln Live Link Up - Live Q and A Session

[University of Worcester](#) – History Virtual Taster Series, 5–5.30pm

Wednesday 2nd February

[Aston University](#) – Student life Q&A

[Gresham College](#) (Alec Ryrie, Museum of London) – Early protestant missions to the Americas, 6–7pm

[Swansea University](#) – The conscious consumer, 6–7pm

[Swansea University](#) – Medical cannabis, 6–7pm

[University of Southampton](#) – Opportunities at University Q&A, 4.30–5.15pm

[University College London](#) – UCL Scholars

**Thursday 3rd February**

[Falmouth University](#) – Presentation Advice webinar, 4–5pm

[Gresham College](#) (Leslie Thomas QC, Barnard's Inn Hall) – The Brixton riots: policing the black community in the last 40 years, 6–7pm

[London South Bank University](#) – The FUN in Funding, 5– 6pm

[Swansea University](#) – Appetite for audiology, 6–7pm

[University of Exeter](#) – Understanding the UCAS application process, 6–7pm

Friday 4th February

[University of Warwick](#) – Warwick Economics Summit 2022



Nottingham Summer Schools 2022

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- ◆ Enhanced contextual offer and a bursary of £1000 a year if you enrol at the University of Nottingham *

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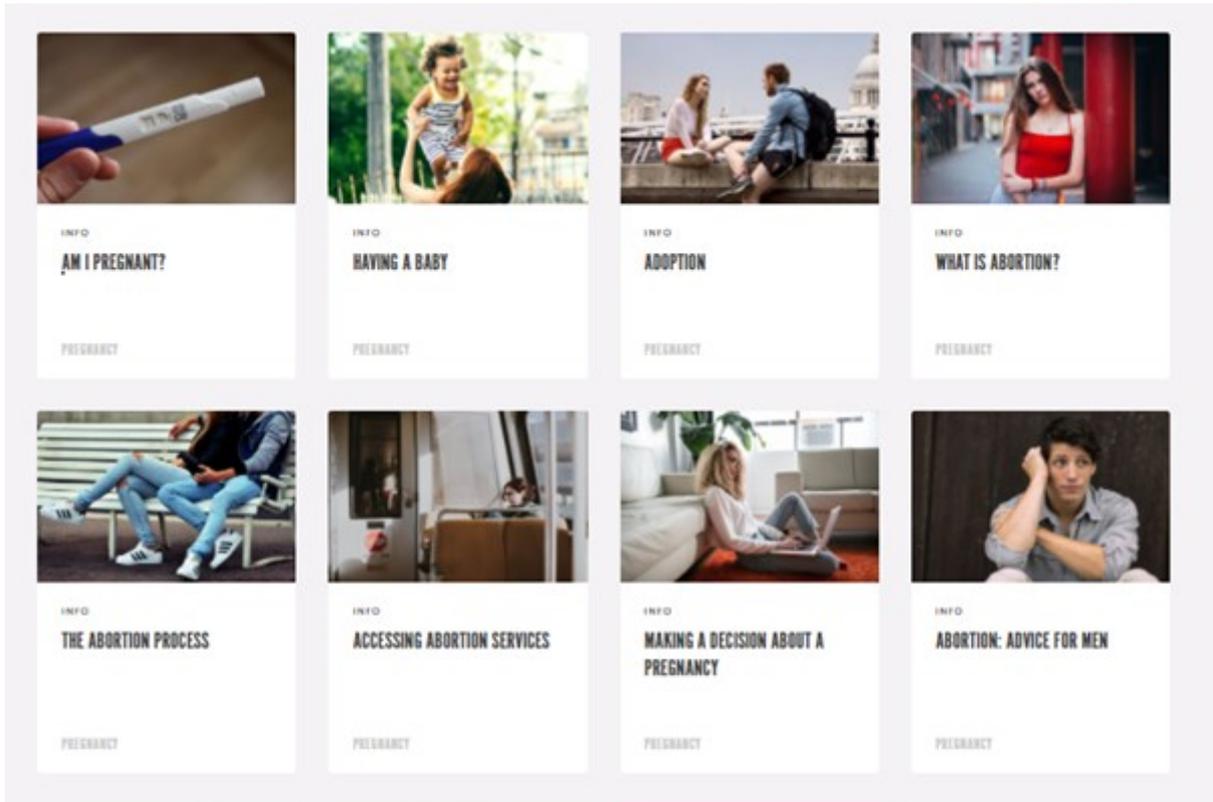
*with home UK fees status

Check out our Summer School information talk [here](#)

WELLBEING

Pregnancy and abortion

What to do in the event of pregnancy and abortion was discussed last week in Form Time with Year 12. We recommend [this Brook website](#) for more information.



We discussed abortion advice for men as well as explaining how to contact sexual health clinics and GPs in order to get a referral, should this be needed. For further in-person support, students can:

- contact the [Axess Warrington Sexual Health Clinic](#), based at the Bath Street Health and Wellbeing Centre [Leigh Street, Warrington WA1 1UG, Tel: 0300 323 1300 (Option 2)]
- visit the school nurse, Kelly Sheen, on a Wednesday breaktime (10.45–11.15) for confidential drop-in support. No appointment is needed.
- text the 11–19 Young People’s services on 07507 330101.

BIRTHDAYS



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