We hope all of our students have a lovely holiday; we look forward to seeing you return on Friday 5th January 2024!

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

CLASS CHARTS

A reminder that all parents/carers and students should be signed up to the Class Charts app to ensure that they receive messages and information about their behaviour and attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Students should aim for a minimum of 95% attendance to school. Students and parents are encouraged to check their attendance percentage on Class Charts. Every day really does count.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Parents / carers will receive their child's progress report by **Friday 12th January**. Please get in touch if you do not receive this in time.

EPQ LAUNCH

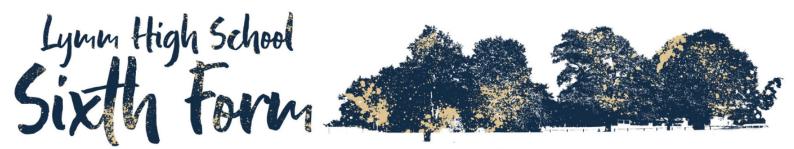
If you would like to take part in the EPQ, please attend a meeting (N105, Form time) on Thursday 11th January.

ASSESSMENT COUNTDOWN

There are only 2 school weeks until the next round of Year 12 assessments (w/c 22nd Jan) and only 7 school weeks until the Year 13 Mock exams (w/c 4th March). See p.6 for a timetable of intervention sessions to support Year 13 students preparing for their mocks.

UCAS DEADLINE

The official UCAS deadline is Wednesday 31st January 2024. Students wishing to apply MUST Have submitted their applications by Friday 12th January to guarantee we can send these in time.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



5 January 20	24				
DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS		
FRIDAY	Mentoring	Mentoring	Art Ambassador meeting (see p.4)		
8-12 January 2024					
MONDAY	Assembly – Welcome back	The Sixth and Mentoring			
TUESDAY	<i>The Sixth</i> and Mentoring	Assembly – Welcome back			
WEDNESDAY	Life Programme (see p.8)	Life Programme (see p.8)	School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm		
THURSDAY	Issues and Debates	Issues and Debates	November GCSE re-sit results. EPQ meeting (see p.1)		
FRIDAY	Futures – Work Experience – how to complete Unifrog	Futures – Final UCAS push	Chinese lantern making (see p.4)		

NEWS

Heads-up Programme trip

<u>Click here</u> for a letter about a Year 13 trip we are running in the new year.

Earlier in the year, Year 13 students had an assembly to advertise this Heads-up Programme. We were impressed by this presentation and have agreed to take a small number of students on the school minibus to attend this course.



Starting Uni soon?

Maybe an apprenticeship, or gap year?

FREE Jan & Feb courses in Wilmslow



Whatever you're doing after high school or college, let us help you start on the right foot

We teach important life skills and knowledge, to bridge the gap between school and university (or career)

A useful one day course for young adults becoming more independent

Each course includes talks from:

- Clinical Psychologists
- Financial Experts
- General Practitioners
- Police Officers (ret)

Discussing such topics as mental & physical health, time & workload management, personal safety & security, budgeting & financial responsibility, decision making, resilience, social wellbeing, exam prep, nutrition, problem solving, communication, exercise, protective factors...and many more.







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The one day course for life skills

Resilience | Knowledge | Safety

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NEWS

Chinese New Year

In celebration of this year's Chinese New Year (10.02.2024), students of all years are invited to join Miss Simms in E208 to make Chinese lanterns.

Sessions will run at lunchtime from **Friday 12th January**. Please arrive at 1.30pm and eat lunch before you arrive.





NEWS

Christmas Jumper Day

Sixth Form supported the 'Wear something Christmassy' day before we broke up.

Miss Bletsoe and Emily Kershaw were spotted twinning!

SPORTS UPDATE

1st XI hockey team played Wellington School on **Wednesday 20th December**. We lost 3–1 but it was a great game to finish the term.





BIRTHDAYS

C. Baker

T. Blackwell

D. Evans

L. Kay

A. Kinsev

E. Scobie

F. Scott

A. Shaw



REVISION SUPPORT



Year 13 intervention sessions

The following intervention sessions are being run from January to support Year 13 in the run up to their mock exams.



Subject	Day	Time	Room
Economics	Monday	1.15-2.10pm	S106
Media	Tuesday	3.20-4.30pm	B206
PE	Tuesday	1.15-2.10pm	S208
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	Tuesday	1.20–2pm	A208
Biology	Tuesday	3.15-4.40pm	E307
Media coursework clinic	Tuesday	3.20-4.30pm	B206
Media coursework drop-in	Wednesday	1.15-1.45pm	B206
English Literature	Wednesday	3.15–4pm	S205
Further Maths	Thursday	1.15-2.10pm	E103
Geography	Thursday	3.20-4.30pm	N105
History	Friday	1.30-2pm	A201
English Literature	Friday	1.15-2.10pm	A120
Biology	Friday	1.15-2.10pm	E307 / E308



External exams this week

Wednesday 10th January

8.45am - BTEC Sport

Friday 12th January

1pm – BTEC Health and Social Care



November re-sit exams Results Day

Thursday 11th January.

Students can collect their results from Sixth Form Student Services from 9am.

LIFE PROGRAMME

Voting and the democratic process

During the Life Programme session on **Wednesday 10th January**, students will focus on voting and the democratic process.

With a general election on the way, Year 13 will be able to use their voting power to make changes to their UK government.

Year 12 will soon be able to vote and we hope this Life Programme session will help explain their rights and responsibilities. The timings of the day will change very slightly as follows

Registration8.25-9.10amPeriod 19.10-10.05amPeriod 210.05-11.00amBreak11.00-11.30amPeriod 311.30-12.25pmPeriod 412.25-1.20pmLunch1.20-2.15pm

2.15-3.10pm

Period 5

Click <u>here</u> to register to vote.







ESSAY COMPETITION

<1000 WORDS | 1 ENTRY PER PERSON

DEADLINE 4 MARCH 2024

£250 PRIZE

for winners'
schools +
commendation
certificates

Entrants can approach the essay question from various perspectives and are not limited to a legal one.

This year, we are inviting essays addressing the following statement:

"Whether autonomous, nonhuman animals have rights that ought to be 'recognized by law' is precisely the question [courts] are called upon to answer ... The immensity of that question does not place it exclusively within the domain of the legislature".

Taken from the judgement of Judge Jenny Rivera, New York Court of Appeals, in Nonhuman Rights Project (Happy) v James Breheny, No 52, 14 June 2022

Learn more and submit entries at animalrightslaw.org/essaycompetition





Youth in Mind

If you need help and support over Christmas, the Youth Zone offers a programme called 'Youth in Mind', which is designed to support your mental health and wellbeing. They can offer support in person to help you face any problems that you may have. <u>Click here</u> to access their website, which provides more information.



Delivered at Warrington Youth Zone, Youth In Mind is a free and discrete drop-in service for young people aged 7-19 (up to 25 with additional needs) who are experiencing problems relating to their emotional wellbeing.

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The service will be delivered 7 days a week, alongside our Universal programme

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday – 3.30pm – 7.30pm Saturday and Sunday – 3:30pm – 7:30pm

No appointment or referral is necessary. Young people do not have to be members to attend this.

An initial 15-minute session will focus on an Assessment of Need, followed by the co-design with the young person of a bespoke Support Plan, which will draw on a range of projects and support services within the Youth Zone and external agencies.

The service is commissioned by Cheshire & Merseyside NHS as part of 'Warrington Place' Starting Well plans to support 'Children and Young Peoples Emotional and Mental Health & Wellbeing'. The project delivery is a partnership between Warrington Youth Zone and Merseycare 'Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS).

FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

APPLYING TO 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 <u>National Apprenticeship Website</u>.
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2023/24 Higher and Degree Apprenticeships vacancies.
- <u>Click here</u> for the 2022 Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers.
- Further opportunities in Cheshire and Warrington can be viewed here.
- Don't forget to use <u>Unifrog</u> to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!



APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprentice application masterclass with BP

Tuesday 9th January 2024, 6.30-7pm

At this virtual event you'll hear from inspiring people at BP about starting your professional career and the skills for success.

It will include sessions with industry experts from BP who will provide invaluable insight and advice around BP's Exploration Day (Assessment Day), the final stage of the recruitment process.

You'll also gain an understanding of the apprenticeship opportunities at BP, including top tips from a panel of former apprentices followed by a Live Q&A.



To register, click here.

APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

The British Army: Apprenticeships and Scholarships

Tuesday 16th January 2024, 6.30-7.30pm

This insight webinar for parents and carers aims to answer all the questions you may have about your child starting their career with the British Army.

The webinar will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. It will offer valuable insights into educational and career opportunities within the Army, providing a holistic understanding of the benefits, financial support, and quality training available to young people. By participating, parents can better guide young people in making informed decisions about their future, helping them explore the diverse pathways, gain financial assistance, and develop skills that will benefit their military career and beyond.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask, answer this <u>short survey</u> and join the event to have all your questions answered within the Q&A session.

To register, click here.



APPLYING TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Real Estate Apprenticeships with CBRE

Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 6.30-7.15pm

Students in Years 12 and 13 who are interested in exploring a career at the World's largest Commercial Real Estate & Investment services firm should register for this webinar.

Hear from the Head of Next Generation Recruitment at CBRE alongside two current apprenticeships about the different opportunities available. There is a wide range of career paths and opportunities that await you in this industry that is focused on people above everything else.

- 6.30pm: An introduction from Success at School
- 6.35pm: Presentation on Apprenticeships at CBRE from Hannah Twelvetrees
- 6.50pm: Hear from two of CBRE's current apprentices
- 7–7.15pm: Live Q&A session hosted by Success at School

To register, click here.



Apprenticeship opportunities in digital with Google

Tuesday 30th January 2024, 6.30-7.15pm

At this webinar, students can hear from the Head of Apprenticeships at Google alongside two current Apprentices about the different opportunities available.



Apprentices become part of our mission to build great products for every user, and their different experiences help ensure that our products are as diverse as our users. Apprenticeships contribute towards the development of digital skills by providing opportunities for work and study. They can serve as part of your journey to a meaningful career. During the programme, apprentices get exposure to different areas and teams at Google, while receiving external training and developing their professional skills on the job.

To register, <u>click here</u>.



Our <u>careers website</u> includes a <u>calendar of events</u>, <u>labour market</u> information and a link to Unifrog.



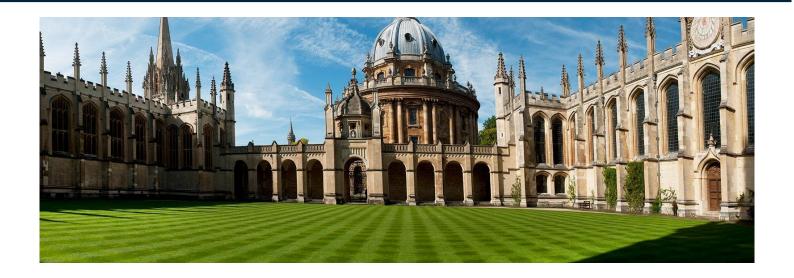
Upcoming Events

- Apprentice application masterclass with BP (see p.12)
 Tuesday 9th January 2024, 6.30–7pm
- NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience
 Sunday 7th January, Sunday 4th February, Sunday 3rd March (all 9–5pm)
 For further information, click here.
- The British Army: Apprenticeships and Scholarships (see p.13)

 Tuesday 16th January 2024, 6.30–7.30pm
- Open Evening at Waterside Training
 Wednesday 17th January
- Real Estate Apprenticeships with CBRE (see p.14)

 Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 6.30–7.15pm
- Nuclear Careers Evening
 January 24th January
- Year 13 Solicitor Degree Apprenticeships masterclass
 Tuesday 30th January, 4.30–6pm
- Warrington Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair
 Wednesday 7th February, 5–8pm, Warrington Youth Zone

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY



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

UC/\S

- Year 12 UCL Masterclasses
 Tuesday and Thursday (4–5pm),
 January to April (online)
- Year 12 Ambition Nottingham
 programme
 January 2024 and throughout Year 13
 Applications close: Sunday 3rd
 December 2023

More information, the application form, and the full entry criteria can be found here.

Christ's-King's Programme 2024
 February and March 2024 (online and in-person in Cambridge)
 For more information and how to apply, click here.

For details of these events and more, click here to access our dedicated UCAS webpage, and click the button 'What's on this month'.