# THE C THIS WEEK... DROP-DOWN DAY

### 7–11 November 2022

On **Tuesday 8th November**, we have the first of our Drop-Down Days (see p.4). In preparation for this, all students need to bring in their subject folders. We expect to see all of the work you have completed since September in a well-organised folder for each subject; these will be checked by your form tutors. You will make good use of your notes during the day as the revision session will cover some useful revision strategies.

### SELF-GENERATED IMAGES

Students will receive an assembly about 'self generated images' and how to safeguard themselves online. Watch the video from the <u>Lincolnshire</u> <u>Police here</u>.

If you have been a victim of online abuse or you're worried about somebody, <u>click here</u>.

To report and try to get an image removed, <u>click here</u>.

### OPEN EVENING

The Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 10th November (5– 8pm). If you are willing to help us on the evening, please complete this <u>online form</u> by **Monday 7th** November. Pizza will be provided!

### PWC CAREERS TALK

On Wednesday 9th November PWC are delivering an assembly on their <u>school leaver pro-</u> gramme. <u>Click here</u> to reserve a place.

### MAKATON COURSE

We will be running three Makaton courses on **16th**, **23rd** and **30th November** from 2.10–3.10pm. Rooming will be confirmed. Students will sign up to either 16th or 23rd and then will also attend on the 30th November for an (early) Christmas special. See p.6 for more information.

### GCSE RE-SITS

Well done to those students who sat their GCSE English and Maths papers last week. Good luck to those who have their final GCSE Maths exam on **Monday 7th November.** 

### GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Following on from Dr Dodds' launch to Year 12 in assembly last week, the link is on SMHW if you wish to be included.

### Please give us your Feedback!

We would like to hear both student and parent feedback on *The Sixth*. Please spare 5 minutes to complete this <u>short questionnaire</u>.



## Year 12 scoops Zoological Award

The Zoological Society of London (ZSL)'s Scientific Awards Committee has awarded a Certificate of Commendation to Year 12 Rhea Sanderson for her project submitted to the Prince Philip Award and Marsh Prize. Rhea's project focused on encouraging pollination activity by bees in domestic gardens in an attempt to reverse their declining numbers.

Called *Buzzed Off: A Study into Methods of Mitigating the Effects of The Declining Bee Populations,* Rhea's research suggested that the number of pollinating insects attracted to a plant can be increased by spraying it with a solution of honey. In this way, the impact of a declining bee population on pollination could be reduced by artificially encouraging insects to visit selected plants.

Amazing work Rhea! Well done.



## **Cambridge finalist**

Congratulations also go to Oscar Bode-Hey whose entry into the HE+ Poster competition run by Cambridge University has made it into the final!



# WHATS ON THIS WEEK



# CALENDAR

7–11 November 2022

Hall Assemblies week will focus on Kindness.

	DAY	HALL	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
~	MONDAY	Moreton	Preparation for Drop-Down Day		
	TUESDAY	*Walton Hall assembly will be scheduled for next week	Drop-Down Day (see p.4 for details)		
	WEDNESDAY	Dunham	Sexting		PwC Assembly (see p.1) School Nurse, 1.15–2.10pm
	THURSDAY	Tatton	Mentoring		Open Evening (5–8pm) Can you help? (see p.1)
	FRIDAY	Arley	Remembran	ce Assembly	



On **Tuesday 8th November** students will take part in a full day of activities. The timings of the day will change very slightly to allow for extended sessions with the external speakers. The timings will be as follows

Registration	8.25–8.45am		
Period 1/2	8.45–10.05		
Break	10.05–10.30		
Period 3	10.30–11.50		
Period 4	11.50–13.10pm		
Lunch	13.15–14.10		
Period 5	14.10–15.10		

### Year 12

We are delighted to welcome Claire Salih who will run interactive sessions on consent and the law (see her website here <u>About Us — Clarity One UK)</u>.

Students will also attend sessions from the School of Sex Ed who will cover identities, what's the difference between sex and gender, and Allyship and inclusive spaces. See their <u>website here</u> for further details.

Students will also attend a session covering revision strategies to help prepare them for their upcoming assessments.

### Year 13

Students will have an interactive session from The School of Sex Ed on Relationships: Communication, accountability, break-ups, boundary-setting and 'romantic scripts'.

Students will also take part in a mock interview from an employer, to help prepare them for any future interviews, as well as a revision strategies session to prepare them for their upcoming assessments.

# REMINDERS

# DONT FORGET TO:

### JUNE EXAM TIMETABLE

Following the DfE/Ofqual announcement about the arrangements for summer 2023, the awarding bodies have now published their provisional A' level exam timetables for next summer. These can be found at:

- <u>AQA</u>
- <u>OCR</u>
- Pearson
- Eduqas / WJEC

A' levels Results Day will be **17th** August 2023.

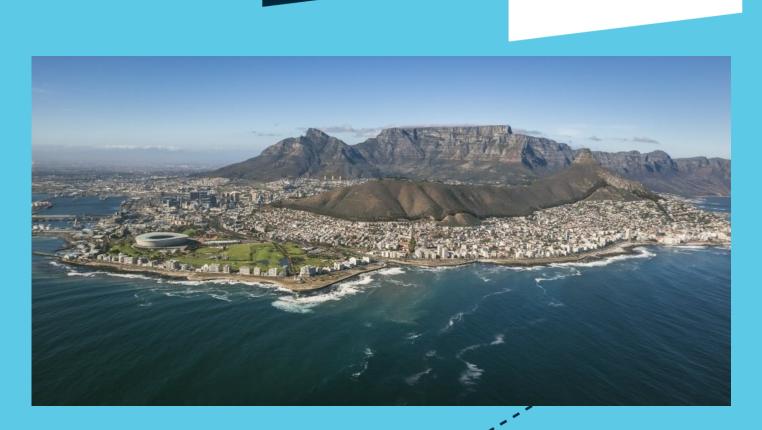
### ENRICHMENT AND SPORTS CALENDAR

Please <u>click here</u> to view the Enrichment timetable for Year 12 and Year 13.

### **SPORTS TOUR 2024**

If any Year 12 student is interested in the 2-week South Africa Sports Tour then please see Mr Pickles for more information. The sports that we will be looking to take are Football (Boys and Girls), Rugby, Hockey and Netball. The tour will be leaving on **Saturday 13th July 2024.** 

Some of the activities will be Table Mountain, Robin Island, Cape tour, Safari, Canopy Tour and Apartheid museum.





### Makaton

Makaton is a unique spoken and non-verbal language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to, sign.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton really can help. Makaton takes away that frustration and enables individuals to connect with other people and the world around them. This opens up all kinds of possibilities.

This course will suit any student interested in being an inclusive school community including those wishes to work in caring and education professions in the future.

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### The School of Journalism

## **School of Journalism Open Days**

Journalism Masterclasses and Open Days are for those students wishing to dip their toe in the water before taking the plunge and applying for a journalism degree. Both types of event are free and there will always be a chance at the end of each session to ask questions about anything and everything to do with the courses and getting into journalism.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday 9th November, 6–7.30pm (remote)
  School of Journalism Open Day
- Tuesday 15th November, 7–9.30pm (remote)
  News journalism workshop
- Monday 12th December, 7–9.30pm (remote)
  News journalism workshop
- Wednesday 4th January 2023, 7–9.30pm (in person, London) News journalism workshop
- Tuesday 7th February 2023, 7–9.30 (remote)
  News journalism workshop

Students can sign up and get more information by clicking here.





## **Army Officer Internships**



An Army Officer Internship offers the chance for students to experience the role for 6 to 18 months before, during or after university.

This will provide students with an unrivalled insight into the life of an Army Officer, with plenty of support from the team. Whilst this is not an active service role, students will still experience the range of training and opportunities available to a young Army Officer.

- Apply by **31st December** for Internships starting in September 2023
- Anyone seeking a place at a university or college can apply
- Army Officer Interns will be paid £18,000/year (£1500/month)
- Once the internship has been completed you can elect to remain in the Army, as a Reservist or regular Army Officer

To find out more, <u>click here</u>.

# •••••• OXNET SUBJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS

# 1ST - 8TH NOVEMBER ONLINE VIA ZOOM

In year 12? At a state school in the North West? Want to explore your subject? Want to live a week in the life of an Oxford undergraduate? Oxnet may be the programme for you!

Join us for a Q&A with the programme administrator and course director to find out more.

Register here:



# FUTURES Opportunities



# International Summer Science School

### Application deadline: Monday 13th February 2023

The Dr Bessie Lawrence International Summer Science Institute is a unique opportunity for Year 13 students to spend a month working as part of a research team alongside leading scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science. As well as getting the chance to conduct real scientific experiments, students produce reports and present their findings to their peers before spending a week in a field school where they experience the diverse ecosystems, wildlife, and archaeology of the region.

Outside of lab time, students get the opportunity to visit different parts of the region including Jerusalem and the North of Israel whilst forging lifelong friendships with over 80 like-minded participants.

Each year Weizmann UK has ten scholarship-funded places for UK students to participate in this programme. However, students are asked to give a minimum contribution of £600 towards flights and Insurance.

Students can read blogs about what it is like to be on the programme from previous participants by <u>clicking here</u>. To see examples of projects completed by past participants, <u>click here</u>.

To find out if you are eligible and for more details, please email scienceeducation@weizmann.org.uk





# WHAT ARE TRAINEESHIPS? Pre-employment programmes for 16-24 yr olds

A Traineeship is a fully-funded education and training programme for 16-24\* year olds (\*25 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan) to build employability skills and gain valuable sector-based experience through a work placement.

### How long is the programme?

Traineeships can last from 6 weeks to a maximum of 1 year, although most will be up to around 6 months. The duration of the programme will be decided with your training provider, once they have spoken with you and assessed your needs.

### What does the programme involve?

Trainees will receive a wide variety of skills and personal development, including:

- A work experience placement with an employer.
- Work preparation with your training provider.
- English, maths and digital skills development (if required).

#### How does the programme work?

A traineeship can start at any point in the year. You will need to find a training provider in your local area who is offering the programme, and then make contact with them to get started.

They will work with you to understand your future plans, and to put the correct level of support in place to help you to move towards further employment or education, as well as organising a valuable work experience placement.

> To discover more about traineeships and to hear about other



example journeys, please scan the QR code with your phone or visit: amazingapprenticeships. com/traineeships

Discover more about apprenticeships: www.amazingapprenticeships.com





# WHAT ARE TRAINEESHIPS? Pre-employment programmes for 16-24 yr olds

### Where will I be learning?

Traineeships combine a mix of classroom-based learning with a work experience placement with an employer. You will be supported to work towards qualifications in English, maths and digital (if required) as well as receiving support to prepare your CV.

### Do trainees get paid?

Work experience placements through traineeships are unpaid, however employers are encouraged to support trainees with expenses such as transport and meals, depending on personal circumstances. If you are in receipt of benefits, please speak with your local Jobcentre Plus adviser or Work Coach who will be able to confirm that your benefits can continue.

### What happens at the end of the programme?

Traineeships require the employer to carry out an exit interview, or a new job interview if appropriate. Your training provider will offer you support and guidance with your job search and help you feel confident in applying for and securing an apprenticeship, employment or further training.

### Why is a traineeship a great opportunity?

A traineeship provides you with the opportunity to:

- 🥖 Increase your confidence and understand what employers are looking for.
- 🖌 Gain new skills and achieve qualifications.
- Build your experience of the workplace, meet employers and develop practical skills.

Find a local training provider by scanning the QR code or visiting



gov.uk/government/ publications/traineeshipproviders.

Discover more about apprenticeships: www.amazingapprenticeships.com



# **APPRENTICESHIPS**



## **HSBC Opportunities**

### Foundation/Modern Apprenticeships Applications close: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Positions are now open within HSBC's branch network with full-time, permanent apprenticeship opportunities across various UK locations.

There are also opportunities for Financial Support Manager Apprentices within Commercial Banking, based in Leicester. Throughout the programme, individuals will get to know the product and services and be part of a team to deliver exceptional customer service.

The projected start date for these positions is **13**<sup>th</sup> **February 2023**. To find out more about apprenticeships with HSBD, <u>click here</u>.





Live Webinar: When I grow up I'm going to be... *Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 5.30*–6.30pm

During this session, you can look at the career opportunities open to you and how you could find out which pathway to take. To register for this webinar, <u>click here</u>.

# **APPRENTICESHIPS**



## **HSBC Degree Apprenticeship launch events**

To find out more and to meet colleagues and Degree Apprentices, HSBC is holding two Degree Apprenticeship virtual events.

- Commercial Banking *Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022,* 5–6pm To register, <u>click here</u>.
- Wealth & Personal Banking *Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022,* 6–7pm To register, click here.



### Degree Apprenticeships available now Applications close: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Degree apprenticeships offer an alternative to the full-time university route providing you with full-time employment alongside studying towards a BSc (Hons) in Financial Services Management, fully funded by HSBC.

Positions are available now, with full-time, permanent opportunities across various UK locations. These positions are within Wealth and Personal Banking, Commercial Banking, Asset Management and Private Banking.

These positions will be starting in **October 2023** so if you are deciding on your next stage after Sixth Form, this could be your next step!

To find out more about apprenticeships with HSBD, click here.

# APPRENTICESHIPS

### How to find apprenticeships webinar

Wednesday 9th November, 3.30pm

Suitable for teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers, the next webinar in the ASK learning and development programme shares useful tips on how to locate a range of apprenticeship opportunities. To book your place, <u>click here</u>.





The latest edition of the Parents' and Carers' Pack is now available, which shares useful information about:

- the difference between apprenticeships, traineeships and T Levels
- support for your child with dyslexia
- insights into post-16 and post-18 options.

Please <u>click here</u> to download the Pack.

- 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 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 Unifrog to search for Apprenticeship opportunities too!



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#### About Cavendish Nuclear

Cavendish Nuclear is a core part of Babcock International Group's Nuclear Sector. We provide a comprehensive range of critical nuclear solutions across the markets of Clean Energy, Defence and Civil Decommissioning, both in the UK and internationally.

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From decommissioning redundant nuclear facilities, through supporting the Continuous at Sea Deterrent, to supporting the operation and build of nuclear power plants, our role in Cavendish Nuclear is to clean up the nuclear legacy and create a world where nuclear plays a key contribution in protecting our nation, ensuring security of energy supply and meeting our net zero commitments.

#### Apply now by visiting:

www.babcockinternational.com/careers/ apprenticeships

Closing date for applications is 26 March 2023. \*Please note popular roles may close earlier than date advertised.

# We offer a variety of apprenticeships in a range of disciplines:



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  Engineering
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- ʃ 🕠 Pipefitter
- > Project Controls
  - Science

# A world of opportunities for everyone

# **APPRENTICESHIPS**

## **Network Rail Apprenticeships**



The following roles are available at various locations:

### Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeship

An Engineering Apprenticeship with Network Rail is the first step into an exciting career in the Rail industry. As part of the team, you'll help shape national projects, embrace the latest tech and learn the skills to succeed. The entry requirements are: at least GCSEs in English Language and Science at Grades 9–4, Maths at Grade 9–5, and one other subject at Grades 9–4. Or you'll need an NVQ or BTEC Level 2 or above in an Engineering subject or equivalents.

### Level 6 IT and Business Services Degree Apprenticeship Scheme

On this IT Apprenticeship, you'll gain experience across a broad range of activities that will develop your key employability and industry-specific skills. You'll earn while you learn, on this structured yet flexible scheme, that allows you to set the pace and drive your own development and gain broad experience within IT. The entry requirements are 5 GCSEs Grade 9–5 (including Mathematics and English) and 3 A' Levels which should include 1 STEM subject. (BCC or 104 UCAS points equivalent). BTEC equivalent qualifications at Distinction\* are also acceptable.

To find out more about apprenticeships at Network Rail, click here.







### PortSwigger's Women in Tech opportunities

Applications close: Monday 20th March 2023



PortSwigger is a market-leading cyber security business based in Knutsford. Following a hugely successful first intake of scholars, it is again opening applications for internships and scholarships. Both of the scholarships and internships aim to encourage young women to kick-start a career in tech.

The scholarship scheme offers generous support throughout university: a financial reward package over the course of your studies of around £70,000, including a paid placement year and summer internship work at PortSwigger, as well as a tailored personal development programme and the potential to work for the company after graduation.

The paid internships offer 4+ weeks of hands-on experience of real software development at the company office in Knutsford. This opportunity is perfect for students whose university courses do not offer a placement year as part of their curriculum.

To apply and find out more about PortSwigger's Scholarship and Internship opportunities, <u>click here</u>.





### Step into Social Work January 2023



#### Programme Purpose:

- To introduce a career in Social Work or Social Care, prior to application for a Social Work Programme or a Social care role.
- To provide support for the application and interview process.
- To provide an overview of the role of a Social Worker and the learning involved to become a professional Social Worker.
- To enable potential applicants to make an informed decision about whether a Social Work programme is right for them and if not, be able to identify any other career in Social Care.

Aimed at: Year 12 and 13 pupils Start Date: January 2023 Location: University of Chester, Warrington Campus

#### Proposed Outline of Online Programme

(1 hour 45 mins over a period of 6 weeks)

:	n 1 Introduction and launch The aims and purpose of the SIS12 programme What do you think a good Social Worker looks like? Role and responsibilities of a Social Worker	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan
•	eet a Social Worker – Q and A one from adults and one from children and families and learn about their irney to be a Social Worker,	1.30-3.15
Sessio	n 2 Potential Employers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
÷	Overview of Children's/Adults Services Overview of teams and what they do Journey of a referral	1.30-3.15
Sessio	n 3 Work-based experiences	
:	Children's and Adults An overview of a case scenario- what are your immediate concerns- checklist, what are the strengths with this family/person, genogram Adults – strengths, abilities and social network	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1.30-3.15
Sessio	n 4 Overview of learning to be a Social Worker and Reflective Review	
:	What the learning entails on a Social Work Degree programme How can you take this learning forward, including working in the PVI sector?	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 1.30-3.15
Sessio	n 5 Overview of a range of roles in Social Care	9th March
:	Hear from people who are currently doing these roles Hear from Service Users and People with Lived Experience about the impact a Social Worker had on them and their lives.	1.30-3.15
Session 6 Next Steps		16 <sup>th</sup> March
:	Tips and useful advice on how to complete a UCAS form if applying to a Social Work programme of a Social Care Programme, Draft UCAs form and Review your own draft UCAS form Applying for a job in an LA/Trust Planning for an Interview- do's and don'ts	1.30-3.15
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# GIVE SOMETHING BACK

## Wear it Pink

Well done to Year 12 and 13 students who wore pink to school on **Friday 21st October** for the Breast Cancer Now charity. A total of £304.15 was raised thanks to a cake sale, a boys vs. girls netball game and other fundraising activities throughout the day.

"Everyone had an amazing day dressed up in pink to support and raise money for breast cancer awareness day! The highlight has to be the annual netball match where some of the rugby lads took on the challenge of playing the girls netball team. Both teams looking pretty in pink!!", said one of our Charity Reps Esther Compton.

"Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise funds and awareness for this important cause."



# GIVE SOMETHING BACK

## **Manchester Street Angels Shoebox Appeal**

We are again supporting the Manchester Street Angels Shoebox Appeal to support those who are homeless and struggling in Manchester. Students have been informed about this during Form Time.

If you'd like to contribute to this collection, items to include in the Christmas wrapped shoebox, and the different groups to support, can be found on <u>these</u> <u>attached slides</u>.

### **Steps involved**

- 1. Students can decide whether to donate a box individually, as a group, or as a Form.
- 2. Decide which group you want to fill a box for (young adult, the elderly, children or dogs).
- Wrap a shoebox in Christmas paper – wrap the lid and box separately so you can fill it and take the lid on and off.
- Start filling your box with the required and accepted items.
- Bring your box labelled (sticky note) with the intended recipient and £1 into school before Wednesday 23rd November.

Students can speak to Miss Sykes for more details or if they have any questions.



### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Norwich University of the Arts – Open Day (online)



<u>Royal Holloway, University of London</u> – Open Day <u>Solent University</u> – Virtual Open Day

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Goldsmiths, University of London – University Book Club: The Great Gatsby, 4.15–5.15pm

Lancaster University Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: (Un)sustainability and busi-

ness, 4–5pm

<u>Lancaster University</u> Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: Something fishy! The trouble with salmon markets and the role of marketing, 5–6pm <u>Royal Veterinary College</u> – RVC Biology Stars Programme: Immunology (with Brunel University)

University of East Anglia – Sociology Taster Lecture (culture and identity) (online), 2–3pm

University of Sheffield – History Taster Session (online), 3.45–5.15pm



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### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

<u>Goldsmiths, University of London</u> – Skills & Insight – Focus on Legal Reasoning, 2.15–3.15pm <u>Lancaster University</u> Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: Business analytics to solve transport problems, 4–5pm <u>University of Greenwich</u> – History Virtual Twilight Lecture: Decolonising the First World War, 5pm <u>University of Sheffield</u> – Landscape Architecture Taster Session, 4.20–5.30pm University of Sheffield – Economics Taster Session, 4.30–5.30pm



<u>University of Wolverhampton</u> – Make your move into Physiotherapy <u>University of Worcester</u> – Top Tips on Making Your Nursing Application, 5.30–6.30pm

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

<u>Imperial College London</u> – BSc Economics, Finance and Data Science Information Webinar, 10–11.30am and 4–5.30pm

Lancaster University Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: Discover LUMS & Personal
Statement Tips, 10–11am
Lancaster University Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: Discover LUMS & Personal
Statement Tips, 5–6pm
University of East Anglia – Webinar: Politics/International Relations taster lecture (NATO), 4.15–5.15pm
University of Reading – Spanish: Language and Cultures insights taster, 4–5pm
<u>University of Sheffield</u> – Chemistry Taster Session, 4–5.45pm
University of Sheffield – Geography Taster Session, 4.20–5.45pm
University of Sheffield – Journalism Taster Session, 4.20–5.30pm



University of Wolverhampton – The Journey to Safety Careers that Change Lives

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

<u>Lancaster University</u> Management School – Undergraduate Masterclass Week: A Green Career, 4–5pm <u>University of Sheffield</u> – Biosciences Taster Session



University of Wolverhampton – Sport Business Management Industry series – English Squash Challenge

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

University of Sheffield – Adult Nursing Taster Day,

10–1pm





- A. Case
- R. Hill
- C. Papy
- A. Vizard
- R. Whitehead
- A. Wilkinson
- B. Williams
- K. Wilson