

THE SIXTH

“ THIS WEEK... ”

ENRICHMENT!

13–17 September 2021

It has been lovely welcoming students back into school, there is a real buzz in the air and students seem to have really enjoyed themselves!

This week we are launching our Enrichment Programme during Form time. Please see p.2.

Uniform

For students who choose to wear skirts, these must not be made of stretchy material or Lycra. If this has been raised as a concern by your form tutor this week, then you must purchase a correct skirt ASAP. Students will be sent home next week if uniform is incorrect. Please read our uniform policy which can be found in our Behaviour Policy [here](#).

Assessments

The assessment weeks will run as follows this half term:

Year 12: w/c **27th September**
Year 13: w/c **4th October**

A reminder that your assessment calendar can be found [here](#).

IAG evenings – change of date!

We will hold an Information, Advice and Guidance Evening (IAG) for all Year 12 and Year 13 parents on **Wednesday 15th September**. The timings of these are as follows

- Year 12: 6.00pm
- Year 13: 7:00pm

This will be a virtual event, for further details please see here:

- [Year 12 letter](#)
- [Year 13 letter](#)

Awards Evening

This is taking place on **Thursday 16th September** in the main school hall.

A letter has been sent to those students who will be receiving an award.

Year 13 UCAS

The Personal statement session hosted by Lancaster University on Wednesday was a timely reminder that students should now have a first draft ready to show their referee.

The presentation delivered can be found [here](#).

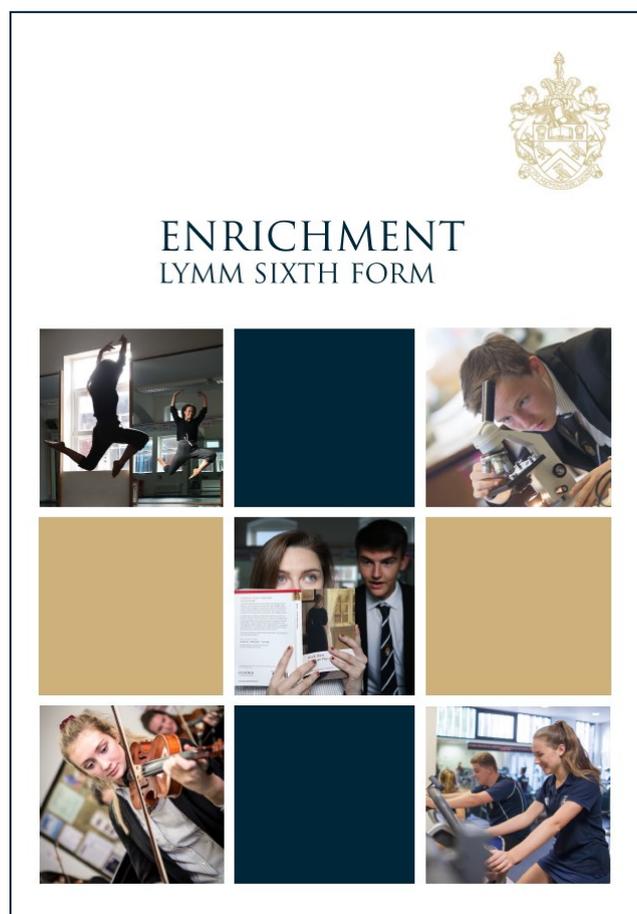
ENRICHMENT

Students will attend the enrichment fair in the Upper Hexagon after they have registered in their form room (see timetable for when your form will attend).

This year we have over 40 clubs running across a range of academic and pastoral areas. These include crochet and drama plays in the arts, 'Lunch on a Loan' sessions with the catering faculty, Debating and Philosophy clubs in the Humanities, and sign language, Makaton courses and Lymm Radio under our 'community' groups.

The Mental Health Wellbeing Team will meet again this year, as will Pride Club, book club and yoga (with Maria Kelly, external teacher). Subject-specific groups will meet to listen to external speakers and run events with lower school. Science, engineering, medicine, humanities and law have well-established programmes. Alongside this our Sports Teams regularly meet to play and compete.

Each student will be expected to complete 'credits' in enrichment. Wednesday Period 5 will be devoted to enrichment activities in order to give them time to complete an activity, or to give them back time if they need to complete activities at lunch. Each activity, per half term will be 5 credits and we expect students to complete 30 credits (20–25 for Year 13) across the Year.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 12AL | 12AH | 13AL | 13MH | 12TL |
| 12DL | 12DH | 13DL | 13TH | 12WL |
| 12ML | 12MH | 13ML | 13WH | 12TH |
| | | 13TL | 13WL | 12WH |

NEWS

- The Upper Hexagon will be out of use on Thursday and Friday next week due to building works.

YEAR 12

- Thank you to all of the Year 12 students who have signed up to be Year 7 Mentors. The students and form tutors are really looking forward to working with you next week!
- Year 12 students can complete their SSPs in the Lower Hexagon while the Upper Hexagon is out of use next week.

YEAR 13

- Please can students check their email and reply to Mrs Lowry-Johnson regarding their plans after Sixth Form and UCAS referees. Those who have not completed the online form before summer have been emailed directly by Mrs Lowry-Johnson.
- **Early Entry students** – The internal deadline is approaching. Please ensure meetings with Dr Dodds take place to discuss personal statements.
- **EPQ** – If students are completing an EPQ, they should now have drafted an introduction and literature review. The student's logbook should have the initial ideas section and part A fully complete. A meeting will take place for these students on Monday lunch time.
- **Year 13 Form Groups** – We have now added an additional form to the Year 13 tutor team. If your form has changed, we will communicate this to you.
- **Oxford/Cambridge Testing Forms** – please see exams for the registration forms. These must be returned by the 30th September.
- Economics Revision begins next week:
 - ⇒ every Monday in S106 (bring your lunch)
 - ⇒ Wednesdays are Business & Economics drop-in/clinic all of lunch in S106. Opportunity to ask questions or complete work with a teacher on hand.
 - ⇒ 13th September 2021 Economics revision is Elasticities.

WHATS ON THIS WEEK

CALENDAR

13–17 September 2021

| DAY | YEAR 12 | YEAR 13 | OTHER EVENTS |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| MONDAY | 911 Remembrance 12AL, 12DL, 12ML – Enrichment Fair | | EPQ meeting N101 1:20pm |
| TUESDAY | Life Programme – Abortion Laws in Texas 12AH, 12DH, 12MH – Enrichment Fair | | |
| WEDNESDAY | Mentoring 13AL, 13DL, 13ML, 13TL – Enrichment Fair | Mentoring | 6pm – Year 12 IAG 7pm – Year 13 IAG |
| THURSDAY | Issues and Debates – Democracy in football 13MH, 13TH, 13WH, 13WL – Enrichment Fair | Issues and Debates – Democracy in football | Awards Evening |
| FRIDAY | Futures Friday – Aspirations after 6 th Form 12TL, 12WL, 12TH, 12WH – Enrichment Fair | Futures Friday – UCAS and Apprenticeships | |

FUTURES

OPPORTUNITIES

London School of Economics essay competition

This competition from the London School of Economics' Undergraduate Political Review (LSE UPR) aims to act as an opportunity to allow A' Level students the chance to explore the field of politics and other closely related fields. It motivates students to engage in university-style writing assignments and develop a familiarity towards them. In addition, it presents an ideal piece of experience and name recognition for students wishing to apply to university to include within their UCAS personal statements.

This year the essay question is *'To what extent have emerging social movements caused politicians to respond with effective social change?'* and the **deadline is 1st October 2021**. The essay should be no more than 1000 words long.

[Click here](#) for further details and specifications regarding submissions.



THE LSEUPR ESSAY COMPETITION 2021



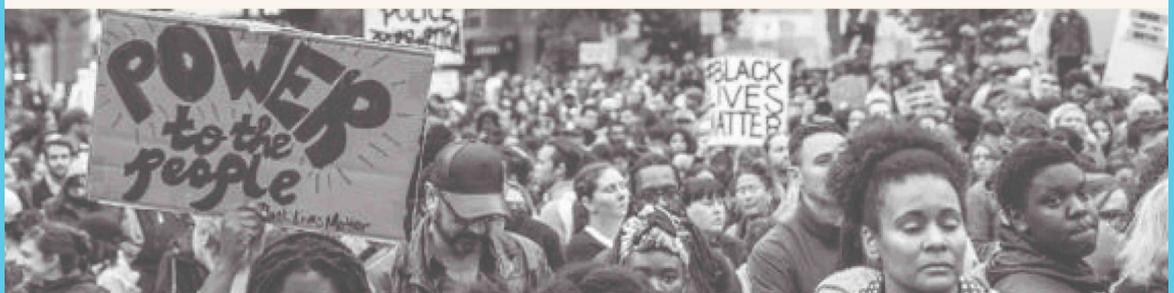
To what extent have emerging social movements caused politicians to respond with effective social change?

Details

- 1000 words
- Independent piece
- Evidence-based
- A-Level or equivalent students only

First Place Prize

- £100 Amazon voucher
- Certificate signed by Head of the LSE Department of Government
- Essay published in LSEUPR Blog
- Opportunity to present the work in The LSEUPR Annual Conference



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OxCam Webinar Series

20–30th September

These sessions are designed for students who are likely to apply to Oxford or Cambridge this year, and would like to find out more about the interviews. The sessions themselves will be delivered by academics from Oxford and Cambridge.

These workshops will be interactive, encouraging attendees to get involved, and will provide them with a better idea of what to expect at interview, and how they might be able to prepare. They will take place at on zoom at 4.30– 5.30pm (you can stay in school to join them if you need to).

Monday 20th September

Biology; Biological Natural Sciences; Computer Science; Geography; Land Economy;

Tuesday 21st September

Chemistry; Biological or Physical Natural Sciences; Law

Wednesday 22nd September

Psychology; Psychological and Behavioural Sciences; Physics; Physical Natural Sciences; Human, Social, and Political Sciences

Thursday 23rd September

Economics; Medicine; Veterinary Medicine; Chemical Engineering; Engineering

Friday 24th September

Law; Music; Medicine; Veterinary Medicine

Monday 27th September

Architecture; Engineering; Chemical Engineering; History of Art

Tuesday 28th September

Archaeology; Classics; Philosophy; Theology; Medicine; Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday 29th September

Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Modern and Medieval Languages; Linguistics; English; Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Thursday 30th September

Maths; Education; History; History and Modern Languages; History and Politics



YEAR 13/S6 OXBRIDGE INTERVIEW WEBINARS

When?

20th - 30th September 2021
16:30-17:30

FREE

What?

Subject specific Zoom webinars to de-mystify the Oxford and Cambridge interviews

Who for?

State school students actively thinking of applying to Oxford or Cambridge

Apply:

<http://tiny.cc/interviewswebinar2021>

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Pathways to Law

Applications for the Pathways to Law programme at The University of Manchester, in partnership with The Sutton Trust, are now open at <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>

The aim of this programme is to increase the educational opportunities for young people from certain under-represented backgrounds who are interested in a career in law. For more details, please [click here](#).

This is an 18 month package of advice and opportunities to young people, starting at the beginning of **Year 12**. The programme is available to state educated school/college students only, and in identifying potential candidates we will be looking for talented students who have the ability to progress to and succeed in higher education. Please note that events will be held virtually, at least up until the New Year, so it is crucial that students have access to a device and reliable internet connection.

Applications are now open until Monday 4th October. The Sutton Trust Website above provides full eligibility criteria and information on how to apply.

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The University of Manchester

Saturday 11th September

[Edge Hill University](#) – Open Day

[University of Roehampton](#) – On-campus undergraduate open day, 9–3pm

[University of South Wales](#) – Online Open Day

Monday 13th September

[Newman University](#) – Student Finance Webinar

[University of Bristol](#) – Virtual Open Week

[University of Cambridge](#) – Virtual Open Day

Tuesday 14th September

[Lancaster University](#) – Preparing for University: Developing your Study Skills

[Lancaster University](#) – Preparing for University: Maintaining your Wellbeing

[The School of Journalism](#) – News journalism workshop, 7–9pm (online)

[University of Bristol](#) – Virtual Open Week

[University of Cambridge](#) – Virtual Open Day

Wednesday 15th September

[Edge Hill University](#) – Making your application stand out, 5–6pm

[Falmouth University](#) – Future Proof: Introducing Creative Careers webinar, 4–5pm

[Lancaster University](#) – University Research: Preparing a personal statement for Architecture, 4.30–5.15pm

[Queen Mary University of London](#) – Applying to a Russell Group University, 4.30pm

[The School of Journalism](#) – Open Day (Manchester), 6–8pm (in person)

[University of Bristol](#) – Virtual Open Week

[University of Cambridge](#) – Virtual Open Day

Thursday 16th September

[Edge Hill University](#) – Medicine Taster Day, 4.30–5.30pm

[Queen Mary University of London](#) – Studying in London, 5pm

[The School of Journalism](#) – Open Day (London), 6–8pm (in person)

[University of Bristol](#) – Virtual Open Week

[University of Cambridge](#) – Applying to Cambridge live event

Friday 17th September

[University of Bristol](#) – Virtual Open Week

[University of Cambridge](#) – Choosing a College live event

[University of Cambridge](#) – Virtual Open Day

[University of Wales Trinity Saint David](#) – Find out more about our Business and Management courses at UWTSD Swansea, 3–4pm



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www.studentstream.co.uk

[Cheshire and Warrington Opportunities](#)

Visit to find out about local courses, apprenticeships or jobs

[Click here](#) 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](#)

For more information about apprenticeships and traineeships go to [find an apprenticeship](#) or [find a traineeship](#)

[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.



The logo for Journey First features a stylized 'J' and 'F' in purple and blue, followed by the text 'Journey First' in a bold, sans-serif font.



Tailored 1-2-1 support across Warrington

Journey First is a supported employment programme. If you are unemployed and not in education or training, we can help. Journey First offers:

- ➔ **Work placements and work experience** to explore career paths
- ➔ **Access to education** regardless of your current level
- ➔ **Qualifications and training** to help you to find paid employment
- ➔ **1-2-1 wraparound support** to unlock your potential

If you are over the age of 16, unemployed and not in education or training and would like to find out more about the specialised support Journey First can offer, we would like to hear from you.

Email: journeyfirst@warrington.gov.uk

Telephone: 01925 443080



The Journey First project is supported by the European Social Fund

CAREERS

Business, Accounting & Finance Evening

Tuesday 14th September, 5–7pm

If you are interested in business, accounting, or finance, this evening next week will provide students with a great opportunity to hear about the latest work experience and apprenticeship opportunities from some of the biggest companies around the world, including PwC and HSBC. There will also be mini workshops and activities throughout the evening, as well as a certificate of completion at the end for all attendees.

- Hear from senior leaders and partners from Grant Thornton, PwC, CIMA, HSBC, St James's Place and many others.
- Workshops and mini-insight sessions to the industry
- Opportunities to gain work experience over the school holidays
- Certificate awarded after the event

If you'd like to apply to this event, please click on the registration link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Business-Insight-Evening>

**YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS**

**BUSINESS,
ACCOUNTING
& FINANCE
EVENING**

14TH SEPTEMBER, 5PM - 7PM

Grant Thornton **pwc** CIMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants HSBC UK ST. JAMES'S PLACE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

MORE COMPANIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

CAREERS

Virtual Work Experience

Below is a list of firms that currently offer virtual work experience opportunities for students. Placements are available across several sectors including accountancy, law, marketing and the veterinary sciences.

[Allied Healthcare Mentor \(paid\)](#) – A live Virtual Work Experience Programme created and delivered by healthcare professionals for those interested in a career in healthcare. Prices start from £10 a day.

[Barclays LifeSkills](#) – An excellent website to help young people develop the skills they need for a better future.

[Barclays LifeSkills - virtual work experience with a 'digital transformation' agency](#) – An excellent opportunity for those interested in design to actively work with different departments on one exciting project, helping them solve problems and complete real-life tasks.

[Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#) – Suitable for those looking to apply to medical school, this virtual work placement introduces students to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists.

[Career Days](#) – click to search a range of career days online. Please note, there is a charge to attend these. If you are eligible for the bursary, we can reimburse you.

[Cyber Discovery](#) – A chance to learn from industry experts and take part in over 200 free cyber security challenges. Registration is currently closed, but there is an opportunity to register interest for the next intake.

[Doc Talk \(paid\)](#) – A 5-day virtual work experience, which has been designed to simulate a clinical hospital placement. Here you will learn what it is like to be a doctor, covering all the key parts of the job.

[Future Learn – exploring the Veterinary profession](#) – A 2-week, 6-hour course that enables students to learn more about what it takes to become a vet and whether it's the right career choice for them.

[Halliday Fraser Munro](#) – An online work experience programme for those interested in architecture and design.

[Hunter Bevan](#) – A remote virtual work experience with a twist. Suitable for anyone interested in developing their design or marketing skills. Feedback will be given plus a chance to feature on Hunter Bevan's website.

[InvestIn \(paid\)](#) – Aimed at students between 14 and 18 years old, InvestIn offers an impressive array of virtual work placements involving real life work and contact with professionals. This is a paid service, and placements range from one day to one week. Prices start from £90.

[Leonardo – engineering placements](#) – A range of programmes that provide an invaluable insight into the varied career options that can be explored from studying STEM-related subjects.

[National Cyber Security Centre](#) – A website dedicated to helping the UK's next generation of cyber professionals through a variety of free courses for 11–17 year olds and exciting competitions.

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[Operation Wallacea \(paid\)](#) – A range of week-long internships with live online mentoring, a daily schedule, regular deadlines and constant contact with managing staff. Prices start from £100 for 5 days and run throughout August and September.

[Royal College of General Practitioners \(RCGP\)](#) – Organised, by the RCGP, Observe GP is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.

[Speakers4Schools](#) – Recently launched, Speakers4schools aims to provide a level playing field by connecting young people to high quality virtual work placements. Register to stay up to date with their latest developments.

[Springpod](#) – An excellent list of free virtual work experience placement ranging from teaching to marketing.

[The Careers and Enterprise Company](#) – A regularly updated and comprehensive list of virtual opportunities containing links to virtual work placements and training opportunities for students in years 9–13.

[The Lawyer Portal](#) – A list of law firms offering virtual work experience.

[Young Doctor - 31 Jul – 4 Aug 2021 \(paid\)](#) – Experience the real-life work of a doctor, with opportunities to observe patient consultations and work in a ward. Time will also be dedicated to medical school application coaching, with doctors training participants on personal statements, applications and interviews.

[Young Investment Banker - 31 Jul–4 Aug 2021 \(paid\)](#) – A 5-day placement where participants are given the opportunity to work with top Investment Bankers.

[Young Psychologist Programme – 19–20 June 2021 \(paid\)](#) – The Young Psychologist Programme gives students aged 15–18 an immersive experience of Psychology through a series of role-plays, seminars, simulations and Q&A sessions led by a group of experienced psychologists over 2 days.

[Youth Opportunities](#) – An online platform providing a range of virtual work experiences including workshops, fellowships and internships. External companies are free to post opportunities, so we strongly recommend you encourage your child to research all options thoroughly before applying.

BIRTHDAYS

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| R. Carter | J. Dobson | L. Stephens |
| M. Craig | A. Holme | J. Tomlinson |
| A. Dusara | T. Lea | |
| L. Deasey | J. Lee | |
| L. Ellis | H. Scott-Herron | |

