



Monday 19th January 2026

Priority updates	<p>Sixth form open event – Wednesday 21st January Support needed from 5pm – 6:30pm We'd like as many sixth formers as possible to support. Please bring folders, examples of work, things from societies etc.</p> <p>Barrier duty volunteer still required – speak with KAS/JW if you wish to volunteer for a lunchtime duty</p> <p>A reminder about expectations for Sixth Form uniform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoes should be black• Jumpers / sweatshirts should not be branded – plain black or DJCS Hoody• White shirts should be worn in addition to black jumpers / sweatshirts. No T-Shirt style tops should be worn <p>Y12 Subject drops – W/C 19th January. Forms can be collected from the sixth form area from tod. These can be handed in from Tuesday 20th onwards.</p> <p>Y12 Destination Durham open now! https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_87UeMSxeKQEpheS</p> <p>Work experience opportunities and new essay competitions below</p>
Monday	<p>Y11 mentoring begins – see timetable at the end - 1pm Chamber Choir lunch time MedSoc SC3 lunch time Y12 parents' evening Monday evening</p>
Tuesday	<p>Wind Band Jazz 3pm Debating History department 3pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>Committee – lunch time in SS3 Senior choir 3pm Sixth Form Open Event 5.30-6.30pm</p>
Thursday	<p>Extended Form time Senior orchestra 3pm</p>
Friday	
Sport and Wellbeing	<p>Sports clubs on each night after school: support with KS3 and KS4 students welcomed. Please volunteer: find out more at PE office.</p>
University admissions	<p>Support with STEP webinar (Saturday 31st Jan or Wednesday 11th Feb) For Y13 students preparing to take the STEP this year, or Y12s interested in taking the STEP. Scroll down to the bottom of this page and click on the 'calendar' https://www.vantageadmissions.co.uk/course/sixth-term-examination-paper</p>
	<p>Leeds Uni Summer Schools Our 2026 Leeds Summer Schools will open for applications soon. Please share with students who may be interested and encourage them to complete the Expression of Interest form to be notified when applications go live. Click here for the form. Register your interest for 2025/6 Sutton Trust programmes How to apply - Sutton Trust</p>
	<p>Destination Durham - Durham University https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_87UeMSxeKQEpheS UCAS launches scholarships tool to help students find funding for study and living costs UCAS</p>

Durham University Work Experience

'We are offering a one-week programme for sixth form students interested in careers within the world of museums and collections. Participants will have the opportunity to meet professionals from Durham University's Library and Collections department, finding out what they do and taking part in tasks relating to their work. The dates for the week will be **Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2026**.

If you have any questions about completing this form, please do email us at: 4schools@durham.ac.uk

We will be giving prior consideration to applicants who attend schools or colleges that meet the University's Widening Participation guidelines. Please note, support may be available to those successful applicants who meet our criteria to enable everyone to attend our Work Experience Week.

This is just a quick reminder that applications to Durham University Library and Collections' Work Experience July 2026 **will close at noon on Friday 30th January**. Do please remind any of your students who may be interested to apply via the form available at this link: [Work Experience Week July 2026 - Application Form – Fill in form.](#)

More details can be found on our website at: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/learn/schools-and-home-education/work-experience-and-placements/>

Imperial University Work Experience Programmes

- [Bioengineering](#)
- [Biomedical Research](#)
- [Chemical Engineering](#)
- [Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment](#)
- [Materials](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [National Heart and Lung Institute](#)

[Year 12 Work Experience Programme | Be inspired | Imperial College London](#)

Online student Law conference Wednesday 4th February 08.55 to 12.25

The list of speakers includes;

1. **Will Liebrecht**
Will is a solicitor at Taylor Wessing in London working in immigration law.
2. **Caroline Watson**
Caroline Watson trained and qualified as a solicitor in a commercial law firm, Ward Hadaway
3. **Emma Dogra**
Emma is a Solicitor-Advocate with rights of audience in both the civil and criminal courts.
4. **Joanna Stewart**
Joanna studied politics at Nottingham University before converting to law. She trained at Allen & Overy LLP (now AO Sherman) and qualified there as a property solicitor before moving to Farrer & Co
[Oxford High School Law Conference: Sign-up](#)

BDO Finance

Are you ready to explore a career with one of the world's leading accountancy and business advisory firms? Curious to see what makes BDO stand out in the industry?

We're excited to invite students to an exclusive, virtual insight event with BDO on **Tuesday, 20th January 2026, from 5pm - 6:30pm**. This event is designed for students eager to learn more about **business** and **accounting**.
[Insight to BDO Virtual Event Survey](#)

Y12 – deadline 20th February [Scholarship Scheme – InvestIN Education](#)

Exploring Law Course: Studying Law at University | Faculty of Law

<https://www.stem.leeds.ac.uk/physics/workexperience/>

[The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#)

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships/>

[Law and legal studies apprenticeships | UCAS](#)**[Degree Apprenticeships \(Level 6-7\) | Best Apprenticeships](#)**

Read about [Admissions tests | University of Oxford](#)
 Programme begins in February for prospective applicants (Y12)

MedSoc

[Medical Schools - Medical Schools Council](#)

Leeds Uni 'So You Want to Be A Doctor' Webinar – sign up now

[Leeds Access to Medicine Society Webinar - 'So You Want To Be A Doctor' | Health Sciences Outreach Team](#)

Super-curricular

Dukes Plus Essay competitions

Open to ages 15-17, £1800 in prizes

Submissions are **now open** for our new 2026 Essay Competition! Your students are invited to answer one of the following questions encompassing themes in education, healthcare sciences, and law/politics:

- 'The role of a university is not to create 'well-rounded' individuals; it is to effectively teach students an academic subject.' Discuss.
- 'Effective government cannot rely on unspoken rules and the good behaviour of rulers. All rules of government must be written down and consistently followed in all cases.' Discuss.
- 'What is the greatest healthcare challenge in the world at the moment, and what steps can we take to solve it?'

Maximum Word Count: 1,500 words

Deadline: 27th February 2026

Prize: £300 cash prize, plus a coveted place on our [Oxbridge Research Scholars programme](#).

[Dukes Plus Essay Competition 2025-2026 | Dukes Plus](#)

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/online-blended-learning/moocs/>

<https://www.coursera.org/partners/manchester>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/partners/university-of-manchester>

Subject	Sixth form	Day	Room
Computing	Rowan Cooper	Monday	Reading Room
Geography	Shakthi Sasikumar	Monday	Reading Room
English	Gaby Richardson, Heshaya De Silva	Monday	Reading Room
Maths	Tai Harding, Kleon George	Monday	LA4
Maths	Samiha Miah, Dami Adisa	Monday	LA4
Chemistry	Aya Abdelrahim, Sam Jordan	Monday	LA5
Biology	Zia Cheers, Katie Dawson	Monday	LA5
Maths	Samuel Tunde-Adebayo	Monday	LA5
Business	Alex Myers, Eloise Tomlinson	Tuesday	Reading Room
English	Lola Moor, Fearne Abbott	Tuesday	Reading Room
History	Leo Bruce, James Ormerod	Wednesday	Reading Room
History	Alexandra Shackleton	Wednesday	Reading Room
English	Robin Boothroyd, Leonard Lee	Thursday	Reading Room
Physics	Michael MacDonald	Thursday	Reading Room
Maths	Carys Robson, Lily Stobart	Thursday	Reading Room