



Monday 16 February 2026

PHE Week 7

Priority updates

Year 13 subject drop-in:

[Drop in rota availability subjects KS5 26.docx](#)

Year 13 – submit photographs for the yearbook

Year 13 – ensure you collect a letter about mocks, leavers' ball and leaving date from your tutor

Year 13 – Borderline Books visit Friday 6th March (afternoon) to collect free books for KS5 super curricular. Need students from a range of subjects. Please see Miss Simpson if you want to attend.

Year 12 – AS and summer exam entry form circulated on Teams. All Y12 students must complete this. Please see Miss Simpson if you are unsure what to complete an AS level in.

Monday

Chamber Choir lunch time
MedSoc SC3 lunch time

Tuesday

Y13 Gap Year meeting SFA Form Time (8.25)

Wind Band Jazz 3pm

Debating 3-4pm Hi 3-4pm

Wednesday

Committee – lunch time in SS3
Senior choir 3pm

Thursday

Senior orchestra 3pm

Friday

School musical James Hall 3pm

Sport and Wellbeing

[Sports Bulletin 9th Feb.docx](#)

Careers

Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 11 or 12 (S4.5 or Y13 in NI) searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world

This one-day virtual programme is designed to help ambitious students like you develop key legal skills, learn from leading solicitors, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, 19th February

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

For: Year 11 and 12 students (S4.5 and Y3 in NI)

Certificate of completion at the end to use on CV's, applications and LinkedIn

[Clifford Chance: Work Experience Insight Day Virtual Event Survey](#)

Y13 Degree Apprenticeships

[Development Woodland Officer \(Degree Apprenticeship\) - Yorkshire and North East Area Team - Civil Service Jobs - GOV.UK](#)

Northern Powergrid is offering a tailored programme to become a fully qualified Electrical Power Network Engineer. Funded by us, you will also work towards achieving a two-year Foundation Degree in Electrical Power Engineering at Aston University.

Programme duration: Three years

Starting salary: £26,000 increasing to circa £44,500 on successful completion

[Apply by 1st March](#)



Lidl Degree Apprenticeship – Retail Management. Vacancies in the North East.
<https://careers.lidl.co.uk/early-careers/degree-apprenticeship>

Oxbridge DJ Y12 Oxbridge programme launch TBC soon.
National changes to Oxbridge admissions:
[Admissions tests | University of Oxford](https://admissions-tests-university-of-oxford.ac.uk/)

MedSoc

Super-curricular **Sheffield University subject tasters – a whole range of subjects.** All Year 12 students thinking about studying these subjects at uni (not just at Sheffield) should sign up and access them.
<https://sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters/book>

Arts and Humanities - Subject tasters

Department	Title	Date	Time
English Literature	The many loves of Jane Eyre	Wednesday 11th March	17:00-18:30
Philosophy	Manosphere and misogyny - an illustration of engaged philosophy	Wednesday 11th March	17:00-18:30
English Literature	Adaptation: Interrogating Austen's novels onscreen and onstage	Tuesday 17th March	17:00-18:30
History	Britain in the 60s: A Decade of Change	Wednesday 18th March	17:00-18:30
Languages, Arts and Societies: German	Freud on Mind and Society	Tuesday 24th March	17:00-18:30
Music	Mozart's Requiem: Facts, Fiction and Legends	Thursday 23rd April	17:00-18:30
Philosophy	Are We Morally Obliged to be Poor?	Wednesday 29th April	17:00-18:30
Languages, Arts and Societies: East Asian Studies	The Rise of Game Survival Narratives in East Asian Cinema & Television	Wednesday 29th April	17:00-18:30
History	King of the United States? Monarchy and the American Republic	Wednesday 6th May	17:00-18:30

Engineering - Subject tasters



Department	Title	Date	Time
Chemical Engineering	Optimizing your future with Chemical Engineering	Tuesday 24th March	17:00-18:30
Computer Science	Machine Learning and Data Science	Tuesday 21st April	17:00-18:00
Materials Science & Engineering	From Engines to Atoms	Tuesday 28th April	17:00-18:30
Biomedical Engineering	What is Biomedical Engineering?	Tuesday 5th May	17:00-18:00
Civil & Structural Engineering	Strengthening against Earthquakes	Wednesday 6th May	17:00-18:15
Electrical & Electronic, Mechatronic & Robotic and Computer Systems Engineering	From discrete components to intelligent systems	Wednesday 13th May	17:00-18:30
General Engineering	General Engineering: Where All Disciplines Meet	Thursday 21st May	17:00-18:00

Health - Subject tasters

Department	Title	Date	Time
Orthoptics	Orthoptics: Why Do We See Double?	Wednesday 11th March	17:00-18:15
Nursing	The Kidneys - Why they're so great	Tuesday 17th March	17:00-18:15
Pharmacy	More than counting tablets	Wednesday 18th March	17:00-18:15
Speech and Language Therapy	Clinical Voice Disorders	Wednesday 22nd April	17:00-18:15

Science - Subject tasters

Department	Title	Date	Time
Maths	The Mathematics of Monopoly	Wednesday 11th March	17:00-18:30
Chemistry	Designing two-dimensional nanomaterials	Thursday 12th March	17:00-18:30



Psychology	Psychology In Action	Thursday 19th March	17:00-18:30
On campus: Physics	Physics taster day: Find a particle at the LHC	Wednesday 1st April	09:00-16:15
Physics	Quantum Computers	Wednesday 6th May	17:00-18:30
Bioscience	Cystic fibrosis and small molecule treatments	Tuesday 12th May	17:00-18:00

Social Sciences - Subject tasters

Department	Title	Date	Time
Journalism	What Would You Do? Ethical Dilemmas in Journalism	Wednesday 15th April	17:00-18:15
Landscape			
Architecture/Urban Studies and Planning/Geography	Creating a Sustainable City	Tuesday 21st April	17:00-18:15
Economics	Environmental Economics: What is the right amount of pollution?	Wednesday 22nd April	17:00-18:15
Sociological Studies/Management/Data Science	How can we better understand and impact people's health and wellbeing?	Thursday 23rd April	17:00-18:15
Politics	What is capitalism?	Thursday 30th April	17:00-18:30
Architecture	Communicating Architecture and Design	Wednesday 6th May	17:00-18:15

Newcastle Uni - Bitesize Uni Residential Summer School

Applications are now open for our Year 12 Summer School! On the event, students can:
explore a subject area via academic led sessions
join in with fun social activities
experience staying residentially on the University's Campus
speak to current staff and students.

Please share the opportunity with your students. Applications close on Friday, 27 March 2026. Please note that we reserve the right to close applications early in the event of an exceptionally high volume of sign ups.

[Bitesize Uni Summer School | School and College Outreach | Newcastle University](#)

Leeds Uni - Are you studying A-level French, Spanish or German?

Experience what it's like to study languages at university on our free residential for Year 12 languages students!

Join us for the Linguastars residential on 23-25 June 2026.

[Linguastars Languages Residential | Access and Outreach at Leeds](#)



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](#)

Northumbria University Lecture series – Lit and Phil Newcastle – free evening lectures

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 3 | Permafrost & Zero Emission - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 4 | Wireless Web of Invisible Currents & Hidden in Plain Sight - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 6 | Staying safe in a fake world & Pain, Immunity, and the Preservation of Autonomy in Robots - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 7 | The James Webb Space Telescope & Bringing Microwave Light Out of the Cold - The Lit & Phil](#)

[Suggested Subject Resources | University of Oxford](#)

[super-curricular suggestions.pdf](#)

[HE+](#)

[Oxplore | The Home of Big Questions](#)

<https://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate/outreach/students/super-curriculars-and-resources/>

[Super-Curricular Challenge - Hertford College | University of Oxford](#)

[Staircase12 - University College Oxford \(Univ\) \(Univ\) - Staircase12](#)

[Guide-to-Super-curriculars.pdf](#)