



Monday 16 February 2026

PHE Week Z

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Priority updates | <p>Year 13 subject drop-in: Drop in rota availability subjects KS5 26.docx</p> <p>Year 13 – submit photographs for the yearbook</p> <p>Year 13 – ensure you collect a letter about mocks, leavers' ball and leaving date from your tutor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
|-------------------------|---|

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 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 | <p>Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |
|----------------|--|

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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](#)

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 23th April | 17:00-18:30 |
| Philosophy | Are We Morally Obligated 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 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+](#)

[Explore](#) | [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](#)