



Monday 27th April 2026

PHE – Week Z

Priority updates

Year 12 mock exams W/B 15th June. Study Leave for that week. If you are sitting an AS examination, you can have study leave the morning of a PM exam, or the previous afternoon of an AM exam. You must fill in a blue form and hand in to Mr Howells to state where you are taking study leave for AS examinations.

All welcome: SSU lecture in History breakout 3-3.45pm Thursday 30 April: *When is a knot knotted and when is a knot not knotted?*

Year 13 students – all students need to complete the contact details/destinations form before they leave on 7th May. This is so we can contact you about things like exam remarks and collecting exam certificates after you have left and your school email address is no longer in use. [Contact details and destinations 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Year 12 – UCAS Discovery Day – get your QR ticket, pay via ParentPay and you/parents complete the EV4 form (emailed to parents via Class Charts) and found here: [EV4 Parental Consent Form - UCAS Discovery Day – Fill in form](#)

Year 12 – University of Leeds open day – Friday 12th June – Places are limited, so you will need to submit the digital EV4 form here [EV4 Parental Consent Form - University of Leeds Open Day – Fill in form](#) and pay the £15 via ParentPay in order to secure your place, allocated on a first come first served basis. Payment live now on Teams and will close May 1st.

Year 13 – a reminder that all locker keys must be handed in to Mr Howells by 7th May (can be handed in that day, but no access to the SFA after break time). Please make sure you give him your name and locker number when you hand in the key.

Year 13 – if you wish to purchase a Yearbook, payment is £10 and live on ParentPay. Deadline 30th April.

Monday

Chamber Choir lunch time
MedSoc SC3 lunch time

Tuesday

Wind Band Jazz 3pm
Debating 3-4pm Hi 3-4pm

Wednesday

Extended form time
Full committee – lunch time in SS3
Senior choir 3pm

Thursday

Y12 Assembly – head student application process/mock exams.
Senior orchestra 3pm

Lecture in History breakout 3-3.45pm: *When is a knot knotted and when is a knot not knotted?* (All welcome!)

Friday

Sport and Wellbeing

Careers



Y13 Degree

Apprenticeships **Solicitor Apprentice (application closes soon)**

Location: Bulkhaut Limited, Brignell Road, Riverside Park Industrial Estate, Middlesbrough, TS2 1PS

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:30pm

Duration: 6 years

Training Course: Solicitor (Level 7)

This Solicitor Apprenticeship offers the opportunity for a sixth form or college leaver to begin their career in law without the expense of the traditional university route. This opportunity is funded through the government's apprenticeship levy and is open to applicants who meet the funding eligibility criteria.

Essential:

3 A-Levels (Grade C or above) or equivalent

<https://bulkhaut.com/job-advert-solicitor-apprentice/>

Laboratory Analyst - Degree Level Apprenticeship – Northumbrian Water

Working hours *Full time 37 hours per week*

4 year Apprenticeship – *Commencing September 2026*

Salary *£25,878 per year*

Location *Howdon Laboratories, Wallsend, North Tyneside*

About the role

We have an exciting opportunity to join Northumbrian Water's Analytical Laboratory team as an Apprentice Analyst. This is a key role focusing on analysing water according to Drinking Water Inspectorate and Environment Agency regulations, to maintain our industry leading standards.

If you have an enthusiasm for science and using a variety of analytical techniques to confirm the water in our region is the quality we expect, then this opportunity will hit the mark.

During the course of the apprenticeship you will complete the Laboratory Scientist (Chemical Science) Degree Apprenticeship where you will obtain a BSc (Hons) Chemical Science degree as well as a Level 6 degree apprenticeship

You will be over 18 and have 104 UCAS points (equivalent of grades BCC) – with one being in Chemistry, ideally have Maths and English at grade C/4 or above and must be willing to travel to Manchester for up to 1 week stays during the apprenticeship for course delivery.



<https://northumbrianwater.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/4151467?cid=782&t=Laboratory-Analyst-Degree-Level-Apprenticeship>

Level 6 Digital & Technology Solutions Professional Apprenticeship - MHT (Software developer)

MHT Technology Limited

This is a fantastic opportunity to join MHT Technology as a Software Developer Degree Apprentice, gaining hands-on experience while working towards a fully funded degree.

Essential qualifications

GCSE in:

- English (grade 4)
- Maths (grade 4)

A Level in:

STEM subject (grade Pass)

Closes 30th April

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/VAC2000025436>

WSP 2026 Degree Apprenticeships now open

What if you could do the kind of work the world needs?

At WSP, you can access our global scale, contribute to landmark projects and connect with the brightest minds in your field to do the best work of your life. You can embrace your curiosity in a culture that celebrates new ideas and diverse perspectives. You can experience a world of opportunity and the chance to shape a career as unique as you.

A little more about your role....

As a paid, full-time, permanent employee, you will join a global community of talented engineers, scientists, and advisors. You will receive full training combined with real, on the job learning.



You will work with dynamic teams on a variety of projects across multiple sectors from day one. You will ask questions, look at problems from a different angle and help find solutions that break concepts.

As an apprentice you will aid shape the communities of tomorrow, embrace change and achieve excellence.

What we will be looking for you to demonstrate...

- 5 GCSE's Grade C/Level 5 or above (or equivalent) including English, Maths and Science.
- Achieved or predicted A Level grades BBC (or equivalent) are typically required, although certain apprenticeship programmes may specify BBB or higher.
- To study Engineering subjects a grade C minimum at A level in Maths or further Maths is essential.

https://emit.fa.ca3.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_2001/job/73933/?utm_medium=jobshare&utm_source=External+Job+Share

Oxbridge

MedSoc

SC3 Monday lunch

Reaching Research 2026 – for students interested in biomedical research

Reaching Research is a virtual event for Y12 and Y13 students interested in biomedical research.

Dates: Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August 2026

Times: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Online

Are you interested in finding out more about future study and careers in biomedical research?

You will hear from researchers working at the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, learning about their career paths and what they currently research. You will also be taught an experimental protocol by PhD students.

- **To apply for a place at this event, please complete this form [Reaching Research Application Form 2026 – Fill in form.](#)**

Super-curricular

University of East Anglia/Leeds Beckett Think Tank

Think Tank – The UK Prison System – Cutting Edge University Perspectives & Debate with Bill Davies from Leeds Beckett University & Helen Arnold from University of East Anglia



DURHAM JOHNSTON
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
DARE TO BE WISE

April 27 @ 16:15 - 17:15

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/think-tank-the-uk-prison-system-cutting-edge-university-perspectives-debate-with-bill-davies-from-leeds-beckett-university-helen-arnold-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

Leeds University Summer School

Applications are now open for the Social Sciences Summer School, a free three-day, two-night residential programme running **Tuesday 23 June – Thursday 25 June 2026**.

[Apply Here!](#)

[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](#)