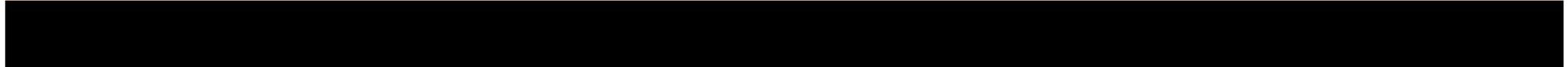




Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**PHE Paused for most groups – only Thursday PHE lessons are on (A and Z) to catch up on missed ones**

<b>Priority updates</b>	<p><b>Year 12 exam entries – please let Miss Simpson know if you want to withdraw from any exams by end of the day Thursday. If you are uncertain about any exam issues, see her during form time.</b></p> <p><b>Super-curricular magazine – Year 12 students especially should be writing for this. If you are unsure or need some guidance, see Miss Simpson. Extension until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</b></p> <p><b>Year 13 Leavers' Ball</b> – payments to be made on ParentPay. We cannot take your food choices or place you on the seating plan until you have paid.</p> <p><b>Year 12 – UCAS Discovery Day</b> – get your QR ticket, pay via ParentPay and you/parents complete the EV4 form (emailed to parents via Class Charts) and found here: <a href="#">EV4 Parental Consent Form - UCAS Discovery Day – Fill in form</a></p> <p><b>Year 12 – University of Leeds open day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Places are limited, so you will need to submit the digital EV4 form here <a href="#">EV4 Parental Consent Form - University of Leeds Open Day – Fill in form</a> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<b>Monday</b>	Chamber Choir lunch time MedSoc SC3 lunch time
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wind Band Jazz 3pm Debating 3-4pm Hi 3-4pm <b>Year 6 open evening – sixth formers supporting in Atrium 4:15-6:00. Let Miss Simpson know if you can support</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Paired reading – form time in SFA Full committee – lunch time in SS3 Senior choir 3pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Assembly James Hall – Year 13 – student finance, exam protocols</b> Senior orchestra 3pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>



**Sport and Wellbeing** Ensure you have balance over Easter – sport, exercise, healthy eating and plenty of sleep as well as revision/school work!



**Careers** **Computer Science and Tech Degrees at University - Virtual Hack-a-thon Event**  
**Tuesday 14th April, 5pm - 7:00pm**

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive **virtual event** designed specifically for Year 11, 12, and 13 students interested in computer science and tech-related careers or degrees at university on Tuesday, 14th April, 5pm - 7:00pm.



### **What to expect:**

- Discover the possibilities a Computer Science degree can open up.
- Hear directly from our Head of Computer Science, experienced academics, and current students.
- Take part in high-energy, hands-on activities that spark ideas, encourage collaboration, and test their skills.

### **Session activities will include:**

- Mini hackathon challenge to brush up on Python coding skills
- Cyber skills challenges via HackTheBox
- Developing web applications with Python and Django
- Exploring vite coding and no-code programming

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 14th April 2026
- **Time:** 5pm - 7pm
- **Location:** **Virtual** via Zoom (Link provided upon registration)

**Spaces are limited, register below to secure your place:**

**Apply now**

### **Insight into PwC**

**PwC Flying Start Business Management**

**Tuesday 31st March 5pm - 6pm**

We have an exciting virtual event coming up with one of the world's biggest professional services firms, PwC.

Are you ready to gain new skills that jump-start your career? Over this one-hour session, you'll gain exposure to PwC and their flagship Flying Start Business Management Programmes! You'll earn a degree from a top university, guaranteed placements at PwC across your studies, and a job offer once you have graduated! It's a fantastic fast track to a career at PwC.



If you are curious about business, passionate about solving problems, and ambitious, then this session is for you.

### What to Expect

- Learn about PwC's Flying Start Business Management, and gain a head start into professional services
- The Business Management Flying Start programme, you'll step into a full-time role within the Operate business in Belfast.
- You'll also engage in structured study sessions with Ulster University Business School, organised in eight-week learning blocks. This approach lets you blend academic insights with practical business experience, setting a strong foundation for your future.
- Hear from professionals and ambassadors about their experiences and career journeys
- PwC offers a Flying Start Business Management degree programme based at Ulster University Business School.
- You'll be paid a highly competitive salary of £27,800 per annum from day one.
- Your tuition fees are fully funded for the degree programme.

**[Click here to sign up now!](#)**

Y13 Degree

Apprenticeships **Business Impact /Data & Analytics Degree Apprenticeship**

**Oliver Wyman is seeking an Apprentice to join our Business Impact /Data & Analytics team in Newcastle Upon Tyne**

#### **About the role:**

The Europe Business Impact Team (BIT) supports the growth of Oliver Wyman Europe by seamlessly enabling business development and management activities.

As a Business Impact Apprentice, you will embark on an enriching journey that offers a comprehensive learning experience operating within a global consulting firm while gaining industry-recognised qualifications.

You will gain exposure to various business disciplines, including project management, operations, and finance, while working closely with senior management daily. This role is not just about completing administrative tasks; it serves as a pivotal stepping stone into careers in Project Management,



Operations, or Finance. You will develop essential skills, build professional relationships, and gain insights that will benefit your career trajectory. By the end of your apprenticeship, you will be well-positioned to explore future opportunities within Oliver Wyman.

The Business Impact Apprentice is an exciting new role critical for the rapid growth and continued acceleration of the Data & Analytics Specialist Business Unit.

**We offer two pathways, delivered in partnership with QA and Northumbria University:**

- **For A-level leavers** - Level 4 Associate Project Manager, progressing to Level 6 BSc Project Management (total duration 44 months)
- **For Graduates** – Level 5 and Level 6 Project Manager, obtaining a BSc Project Management (total duration 26 months)

<https://higherin.com/jobs/42443/marsh/business-impact-data-analytics-degree-apprenticeship>

**Audit Assistant - School / College Leaver - Newcastle - September 2026**

**Make an Impact at RSM UK – External Audit**

Envision pursuing a career path where each day presents unique challenges, a chance for growth and is filled with possibilities.

Our school leaver programme not only equips you with the necessary skills to thrive but provides the support to unlock a future packed with opportunities and intriguing experiences. You'll have access to the latest technology to enhance your work - there has never been a more exciting time to pursue a career in audit at RSM.

You'll start studying towards your Chartered Accountant qualification immediately and within the first couple of months you'll have taken your first exams - But don't worry—you won't be alone; we'll be with you every step of the way.

As a member of our audit team, you will conduct a thorough, risk-focused review on a range of client's financial records, processes, and controls. You'll play a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy of financial statements, whilst building trust and confidence among stakeholders.

**What we are looking for:**

- We think passion, personality and originality are important to thrive at RSM. If you're looking for a role where you can grow, collaborate, and make an impact, here's what you'll need to be considered:
- A minimum of 112 UCAS points across 3 A Levels or an equivalent level 3 qualification or 104 UCAS points across 4 Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers or Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher Level).

<https://higherin.com/jobs/42008/rsm/audit-assistant-school-college-leaver-newcastle-september-2026>



## 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](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

Super-curricular

**Goldsmiths University – writing or podcast competition – must register interest by 17<sup>th</sup> April**



**Our writing competitions for young people aged 16-18 aim to uncover the next generation of writing talent.**

Enter any or all of our three creative competitions:

- **Young Writer**

A thousand-word short story competition, supported by academic staff in [Literary and Creative Studies](#).

- **Young Anthropologist**

A thousand-word essay competition, supported by academic staff in [Anthropology](#).

- **New for 2026: Young Podcaster**

A three to five minute podcast competition, supported by academic staff in [Education and Lifelong Learning](#).

**The deadline to register for all three competitions is 17 April 2026.**

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/young-writer-competitions/>

### **University of Law - Virtual Criminal Investigation Day: Stephen Lawrence**

**Tuesday 21st April 4pm - 5:30pm.**

In honour of Stephen Lawrence Day, we will be taking a look at the case that contributed to major changes within policing, the law and society as a whole.

This virtual session will allow students to discover what happened and consider the impact of institutional racism on the legal system.

If you're a sixth form student, join this virtual event to discover what happened and consider the impact of institutional racism on the legal system.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/77230/virtual-criminal-investigation-day-stephen-lawrence>



### **University of Law - Real World Lecture: Is Prison an Effective Form of Punishment?**

Wednesday 15th April 4pm - 5pm

Join us as our expert criminologist and lecturer critically examines prisons through criminological theory, lived experiences, and real-world data. You'll explore arguments for and against imprisonment, including rational choice, abolitionist perspectives, and reform debates, alongside case studies drawn from women's experiences of prison.

The session challenges you to think critically about prisons, power, inequality, rehabilitation, and whether prison really works.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/77229/virtual-real-world-lecture-is-prison-an-effective-form-of-punishment>

### **University of Reading subject tasters**

#### **Space junk**

- Thursday 9 April 2026, 14:00 to 15:00

Space is an hugely valuable resource that is increasingly threatened by the accelerating growth of "space junk".

Low Earth Orbits (LEO), Geostationary Orbits (GEO) and Mid-Earth Orbits (MEO) are all resources that are exploited extensively for the benefit of humankind, and they are under increasing threat from satellite constellations of many spacecraft.

This talk will examine the science of the production of space debris and how it can be cleaned up, while also examining the frontier mentality driving the overuse of near-Earth space and the risks it poses to future space activities.

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/visiting-and-open-days/taster-sessions>

#### **Previous subject tasters also available to watch:**

Arts and Communication Design

- [History of UX design when did the principles take root and how they changed since](#)



Biological Sciences

- [Discovering the Science of Animal Health and Welfare](#)

Construction Management and Engineering

- [Building a sustainable future through Surveying, Construction Mgt and Architectural Engineering](#)
- Education

- [BA Primary Education: How to prepare for your interview](#)
- [Subject spotlight: BA Education Studies and BA Education and Psychology](#)

English Language and Applied Linguistics

- [How AI is made to sound human and linguistic stereotypes](#)

English Literature

- [Understanding 'The Gaze' in The Gruffalo, Frozen, and Beyond – BA English Literature](#)

History

- [Religion in Britain during the First World War](#)

Meteorology

- [Great Auroral Events](#)

Modern Languages

- [Travelling Words: How and why European languages borrow from each other](#)

Pharmacy

- [From Light to Sight: A Journey into the Human Eye - MPharm Pharmacy](#)

Sociology

- [Fear and loathing in the city: The media's role in the production of marginalised places](#)

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/visiting-and-open-days/taster-sessions>



### University of East Anglia taster lectures

Religious Studies/Philosophy: The Existence of God with Dr Philip Wilson from University of East Anglia

April 21 @ 13:35 - 14:20

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/religious-studies-philosophy-the-existence-of-god-with-dr-philip-wilson-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

English Literature: The Handmaid's Tale – The Power of Language and Communication with Dr Clare Connors from University of East Anglia

April 23 @ 09:10 - 09:55

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/english-literature-the-handmaids-tale-the-power-of-language-and-communication-with-dr-clare-connors-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

### 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

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!**

This summer school is designed to help students explore a variety of social science disciplines, including Environment, Geography, Sociology, Education, Politics and International Studies, and Business, while experiencing life as a university student.

#### **What the summer school offers:**

- A series of academic workshops themed around "**Creating Change**"
- Experience of university-level teaching through lectures, seminars, and interactive sessions
- Overnight accommodation in university halls
- Social activities supported by Student Ambassadors
- Insight into extracurricular and wider student life
- Follow-up online sessions to support UCAS applications and the transition to university

#### **Who should apply?**

We welcome applications from all Year 12 students, but priority will be given to those who live in areas of low progression to higher education and/or who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Parents or carers did not attend university
- Household income of £25,000 or below
- Attending/attended a school below the national average Attainment 8 score
- Studies disrupted due to personal circumstances
- Eligible for Free School Meals (past or present)
- Care experienced
- Estranged from parents or guardians

#### **Travel Support:**

Eligible students may receive up to **£100** towards travel costs. They will be notified of eligibility when we confirm the outcome of their application



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[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](#)