



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

PHE – cancelled until after mocks

**Priority updates**

Single lunch starts today 12-12:45. Home study and lunch exit returns to usual times through the green gate with Mr Howells. Any Y12s who are free period 3, please go to lunch early.

Psychology taster day – please return your EV4 forms to Mrs Nixon ASAP.

Year 6 Induction Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We need some sixth form students to support across the entire day – please message Miss Simpson on Teams or see her in the office to express your interest in helping.

WEXP – this must be all on Unifrog and approved by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July (unless you are on WEXP earlier than this, in which case you need to have it all approved a week before you go). **Please see Miss Simpson if you have questions about WEXP or cannot find a placement.**

If you are struggling to get face to face WEXP, look at the Unifrog virtual summer school offer in the careers section below – 3 days virtual sessions 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July – sign up to either business/economics, biomedical sciences, criminology/psychology/law, engineering or arts/humanities.

**Complete the Future Skills Questionnaire**

W/B 15<sup>th</sup> June: Study leave for mock examinations all week.

24<sup>th</sup> June 3-4pm: Oxford University in school to lead applications workshop for all Oxbridge applicants.

26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 12 off timetable all day for Open Day visits; Y11 Induction Day held at DJ that day.

UCAS PIP James Hall 7<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-6.30pm (Sixth Form Team, Durham and Newcastle University).

Oxbridge PIP James Hall 7<sup>th</sup> July 6.30-7pm (Richard Petty, Oxford University).

**Monday**

Chamber Choir lunch time  
MedSoc SC3 lunch time

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

Senior choir 3pm

**Thursday**

Senior orchestra 3pm

**Friday**

University of Leeds open day trip – arrive 7:45 for an 8am departure  
Lunchtime football supervised by Mr Howells (go out to the green gate via the main yard)

**Careers**

**WEXP week: Unifrog Virtual Summer School, 13–15 July**

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-virtual-summer-school-2026>

We're excited to invite Y12 students to Unifrog's first Virtual Summer School, a three-day programme designed to give a realistic taste of university-level study!

Students can choose from one of five subject strands, each led by a different university, to participate in live academic sessions, skills workshops, and a structured project:



DURHAM JOHNSTON  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
DARE TO BE WISE

- Criminology and law
- Biomedical sciences
- Business and economics
- Engineering
- Arts and humanities

This is a great opportunity for students to develop key academic skills, engage with university academics, and strengthen their personal statements with a meaningful supercurricular activity.

> **Get students to apply to Virtual Summer School** (deadline 6 July)



### Virtual Summer School: Business and Economics

Students Virtual

Experience studying business and economics at our Virtual Summer School! These subject sessions will be delivered by the University of Derby.

> Mon 13 Jul @ 10:00 UK time - 5hrs - [sign up](#)



### Virtual Summer School: Biomedical Sciences

Students Virtual

Experience studying biomedical sciences at our Virtual Summer School! These subject sessions will be delivered by the University of Aberdeen.

> Mon 13 Jul @ 10:00 UK time - 5hrs - [sign up](#)



### Virtual Summer School: Criminology, Law and Psychology

Students Virtual

Experience studying criminology, law and psychology at our Virtual Summer School! These sessions will be delivered by the University of Huddersfield.

> Mon 13 Jul @ 10:00 UK time - 5hrs - [sign up](#)



### Virtual Summer School: Engineering

Students Virtual

Experience studying engineering at our Virtual Summer School! These subject sessions will be delivered by the University of Liverpool.

> Mon 13 Jul @ 10:00 UK time - 5hrs - [sign up](#)



### Virtual Summer School: Arts and Humanities

Students Virtual

Experience studying arts and humanities at our Virtual Summer School! These subject sessions will be delivered by the University of Birmingham.

> Mon 13 Jul @ 10:00 UK time - 5hrs - [sign up](#)

[Careers Advice](#) | [Apprenticeships and Jobs Advice](#) | [UCAS](#)

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

Oxbridge

**Oxford letter to be collected; Cambridge letters available later in week. Watch notice updates on Oxbridge Team**

#### **Robinson College Arts and Humanities Summer Residential**

The Robinson Arts and Humanities Residential includes subject taster sessions, admissions information, and exploration of the College and the wider University.

Deadline: 11:59pm, 7th June

Date: 1st-3rd July

Open to: students in Year 11 (S4 – Scotland, Y12 – N.I) and Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I)

Location: Robinson College, Cambridge



Find out more and apply here <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-access-and-widening-participation/outreach-events/arts-and-humanities>

### **Robinson College STEP Prep Day**

The STEP Prep Day is a one-day event for students who are in Year 12 and are interested in studying Mathematics at the University of Cambridge.

**Deadline:** 11:59pm, 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Open to:** students applying to Cambridge in 2026

**Location:** Robinson College, Cambridge

[Find out more and apply here](#)

[Applications now open for Trinity College Summer Residentials](#)

[Oxford for North East parent/carer workshop 2025-26 registration | Jisc Online Surveys](#) **Parents need to sign up ASAP!**

[2026 Oxford and Cambridge Admissions Tests Workshops](#) **Students need to sign up ASAP!**

---

## MedSoc

### **St. Catharine's College Medicine Taster Day**

This event is aimed at students who are considering studying medicine, veterinary medicine, or biomedical sciences at university. The day will involve sessions with academics, talks on admissions, and the chance to talk to current students and staff at the university. Lunch is provided for all students, and a full travel bursary is available for any students who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals, or who have been eligible for Free School Meals at any point over the past 6 years.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Open to:** UK state school students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.)

**Location:** St. Catharine's College, Cambridge

[Find out more and apply here](#)

### **Reaching Research 2026**

The Cambridge Institute of Medical Research (CIMR) is running an online event called Reaching Research aimed at students interested in studying medicine, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, biology, and similar subjects at university.



Reaching Research will consist of:

- Several talks from biomedical scientists at different stages of their careers.
- A lab experiment carried out in CIMR.
- Information about university admissions.

Speakers include PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and group leaders. Scientists will discuss their career background, current research topic and advice to students considering careers in science.

**Deadline:** 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August

**Open to:** UK students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I) and Year 13 (S6 – Scotland, Y14 – N.I) attending state schools

[Find out more and apply here](#)

### **Emmanuel College Medic Mentoring Scheme**

The Medic Mentoring Scheme, spearheaded by Emmanuel's Medical and Veterinary Society, pairs aspiring medical students with current clinical medics at Emmanuel. Through regular support via our mentoring platform as well as webinars on topics such as interviews, sitting the UCAT, and personal statements, participants are supported in making competitive applications to UK medical schools.

Taking place between July and December 2026, the Medic Mentoring Scheme is open to Yr 12s attending state-maintained schools in the UK who are applying for medical courses at UK universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

**Deadline:** 5pm, 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Open to:** UK state-school students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I)

[Find out more and apply here](#)

### **MediCafe Webinars**

#### **Preparing for a Medicine Interview**

Tuesday 7 July 2026

17.00 - 17.45

#### **Being a Medical Student**

Tuesday 14 July 2026

17.00 - 17.45

<https://preview-hullyorkmedicalschoo-uni-hull.cloud.contensis.com/medicine/open-days-and-events/medicafe.aspx>

### **Leicester University Online Talks**

#### **Virtual UCAT talk**

22 June 2026, 6.00pm-7.30pm

<https://le.ac.uk/medicine/outreach>



[UCAT Question Bank - Improve Your Performance - The Medic Portal](#)

**Super-curricular Unifrog University Mini Masterclasses**

**Mini-masterclass: business and mastering entrepreneurship in an AI world**

Ever wondered what studying business and entrepreneurship at university is really like? Join us for three mini-lectures that give you an inside look!

Mon 15 Jun @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Mini-masterclass: thinking like a psychologist**

Ever wondered what studying psychology at university is like? Join us for three mini-lectures that give you an inside look at the latest topics!

Mon 15 Jun @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Mini-masterclass: explore the latest in law and legal studies**

Ever wondered what studying law at university is like? Join us for three mini-lectures that give you an inside look at the latest trending topics!

Tue 16 Jun @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Mini-masterclass: exploring the theories that shape education**

Ever wondered what studying education studies at university is like? Join us for three mini-lectures that give you a look at the latest topics!

Tue 16 Jun @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Mini-masterclass: from stage to studio, exploring opportunities in creative and performing arts**

Ever wondered what studying the creative and performing arts at university is like and which careers it can lead to? Join this session to find out!

Wed 17 Jun @ 16:30 UK time - 45 mins

**Mini-masterclass: how engineers shape the world around us**

Join us for three mini-lectures that give you an inside look at the latest trending topics and cutting-edge research in engineering.



DURHAM JOHNSTON  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
DARE TO BE WISE

Wed 17 Jun @ 17:30 UK time - 45 mins

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/series-university-mini-masterclasses>

**Sport/Sociology: Closing the Gap? Gender Inequality in Sport with Dr Kate Russell from University of East Anglia**

**June 9 @ 14:15 - 15:00**

Sport/Sociology: Closing the Gap? Gender Inequality in Sport - UEA (16+)

[Find out more »](#)

**Psychology: Child Language Acquisition – Babies vs Chatbots: Language & The Learnability Problem with Dr Nadja Althaus from University of East Anglia**

**June 11 @ 11:10 - 11:55**

Psychology: Child Language Acquisition - UEA (16+)

[Find out more »](#)

**English Literature: Jane Austen, Big Brother and The Handmaid's Tale – Surveillance and Control with Dr Lucy Thompson from Aberystwyth University**

**June 11 @ 12:45 - 13:30**

English Literature: Jane Austen, Big Brother & The Handmaid's Tale - Surveillance & Control - Aberystwyth (16+)

[Find out more »](#)

**Mathematics/Computer Science: Quantum Computing & Cybersecurity with Dr Mike Pound and Dr Xavier Carpent from University of Nottingham**

**June 11 @ 16:15 - 17:00**

Computer Science/Mathematics: Quantum Computing & Cybersecurity - Nottingham (16+)

[Find out more »](#)



## Channel Talent Online Progression Day 16th June 2026

### Showcasing Exciting Degrees from Diverse UK Universities

We invite you to join us for our online Progression Day for students applying for university entry from 2027. The Day brings together 24 subject talks from 6 leading and diverse UK universities (Edinburgh, Warwick, Surrey, Southampton, Aberystwyth, UAE)

Each 35 minute talk covers a subject or group of closely related subjects offered at university and will be live, online and interactive. You can book onto one or multiple sessions.

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/progression-day-2026/>

#### Session 1 9:10-9:45, choose from:

Studying Law  
Studying Computer Science  
Studying Modern Languages  
Studying for Allied Healthcare Professions

#### Session 2 10:10-10:45, choose from:

Studying English Literature  
Studying Biosciences  
Studying Economics  
Studying Archaeology

#### Session 3 11:10-11:45, choose from:

Studying History  
Studying Engineering  
Studying Criminology  
Studying Media

#### Session 4 12:10-12:45, choose from:

Studying Business/Management  
Studying Politics/International Relations  
Studying Chemistry  
Studying Classics



**Session 5 1:10-1:45, choose from:**

Studying Psychology  
Studying Geography  
Routes to Medicine  
Studying Physics

**Session 6 2:10-2:45, choose from:**

Studying Sociology  
Studying Mathematics/Statistics  
Routes to Zoology  
Studying Applied Linguistics

**Online lecture from the School of Divinity at The University of Edinburgh**

Religious Studies/Politics: Trump, God & The Idea of America as a Christian Nation: Understanding White Christian Nationalism in the USA  
Today with Professor Gordon Lynch

Details <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/112937>

Date: June 9

Time: 12:45 - 13:30

**Entrepreneurship Essay Competition**

The 2026 Entrepreneurship Essay Competition, run by the [King's Entrepreneurship Lab](#) (E Lab) is now open.

Students are invited to submit a 1,000-word essay in response to one of four questions:

- How do personal experiences and social context shape entrepreneurial thinking?
- Can failure can be a strength in entrepreneurship?
- What responsibilities do entrepreneurs have beyond profit?
- How do constraints shape entrepreneurial creativity?

**Deadline:** 9pm, 5<sup>th</sup> August

**Open to:** UK students in Year 11 (S4 – Scotland, Y12 – N.I) to Year 13 (S6 – Scotland, Y14 – N.I)

[Find out more and enter here](#)

**Young Historian Awards 2026**

The purpose of these Prizes is to encourage you to think, research and frame your own questions that you will answer from further reading and research. This might be the result of a piece of work your teacher has set you to do at home, or it may be a piece of research you are carrying out for your own interest. It is also an opportunity to perhaps tell some of the untold stories around the themes.

**Deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Open to:** students aged from 11-19



[Find out more here](#)

### **Royal Geographical Society's School Essay Competition with the Financial Times**

Students are asked to write an essay answering the following question:

*What factors drive migration, how are patterns shifting and what are the consequences?*

**Deadline:** 5pm, 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Open to:** Geography students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) and Year 13 (S6 – Scotland, Y14 – N.I.)

[Find out more and enter here](#)

**Sunderland University – On Campus Subject Events. Students can sign up individually to these. If you sign up to attend one, make sure you put in a blue absence form.**

#### **Understanding Stalking**

**When:** Wednesday 10 June 2026 – 9:30am – 2:30pm

**Where:** St Peter's Campus

**Web page:** [Understanding Stalking | The University of Sunderland](#)

**Booking Link:** [University of Sunderland On-campus Subject Events](#)

#### **Engineering your Future**

**When:** Wednesday 17 June 2026 – 9:45am – 2:30pm

**Where:** St Peter's Campus

**Booking Link:** [University of Sunderland On-campus Subject Events](#)

#### **ByteBuilders: Your Future in Computer Science**

**When:** Wednesday 17 June 2026 – 9:45am – 2:30pm

**Where:** St Peter's Campus

**Booking Link:** [University of Sunderland On-campus Subject Events](#)

#### **MediaHub Experience Day**

**When:** Thursday 18 June 2026 - 10am – 3pm

**Where:** St Peter's Campus

**Web page:** [MediaHUB experience days | The University of Sunderland](#)

**Booking Link:** [University of Sunderland On-campus Subject Events](#)

Please share this with your students to book as this is for individual bookings only

#### **Exploring Education**

**When:** Tuesday 23 June 2026 – 10am – 2pm



**Where:** St Peter's Campus

**Web page:** [Exploring Education | The University of Sunderland](#)

**Booking Link:** [University of Sunderland On-campus Subject Events](#)

**Cambridge University Subject Masterclasses** (not just for those interested in Cambridge - anyone interested in the following should book onto them) - zoology, history, cardiovascular physiology, chemical engineering and biotechnology, psychological and behavioural sciences, genetics and biochemistry, geography and music.

**<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>**

**Computer Science Scholars Year 13 Programme** is designed to support **female and non-binary students** in making strong, competitive applications to Computer Science degrees. The programme combines university application guidance with academic mentoring to help students feel confident and well prepared for undergraduate study in Computer Science.

**How to sign up?**

Students can apply for a place on the programme by completing the application form here by **26th June 2026**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/d5kKRPD2H6>

**The University of Law (sign up in advance)**

**Virtual Criminal Investigation Day: The Anna Delvey Case**

30th June 4pm - 5:30pm

Step inside the world of Anna Delvey, the notorious socialite who fooled New York's elite with a carefully crafted false identity.

Delivered Online

<https://www.law.ac.uk/events/event-booking/?id=6b8e4c65-b03c-f111-88b4-70a8a5760196>

**Psychology of Crime: Forensic Psychology**

15th July 16:30 - 18:00

If you cannot attend, please do still register so that you can receive the recording. Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Delivered Online

<https://www.law.ac.uk/events/event-booking/?id=10ade9e8-e73f-f111-88b4-70a8a54e3531>

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

**[super-curricular suggestions.pdf](#)**

**[HE+](#)**



DURHAM JOHNSTON  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
DARE TO BE WISE

[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](#)

---