



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

PHE – Week Z

Priority updates

**New timetables start from today – see Mr Howells if you have not received yours.**

**PHE** - if PHE was cancelled for you last week due to UCAS event/Y13 leavers, A and Z weeks should attend this week's sessions. However, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May period 3 session with Miss Simpson is not on, please attend next week instead.

**Head student applications** should be sent to Miss Simpson [k.simpson@durhamjohnston.org.uk](mailto:k.simpson@durhamjohnston.org.uk) by 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you to those who have already applied. [Head student application form 2026.docx](#)

**Library support.** If there are any Y12 students who are on private study period 4 and could support in the library 12:15-12:45 on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, please let Miss Simpson know. As a thanks, we will allow you first to lunch either at 12 or 1.

**Students sitting AS exams** – please make sure you are down in the Atrium cafe at least 15 minutes before the start of your exam. Ensure you have your exam ID card with you – see Mrs Doy in the SF Office if you misplace it.

**Changes to lunch** - sixth form will be served first at the Atrium Cafe every day – but after Y9 and 10 at the servery. You will be able to be served early if you are on private study. To leave for lunch/home study, see Mr Howells at the main reception door.

**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). In PHE and tutor time we will be supporting you with this, but you need to organise this ASAP.

**W/B 15 June: study leave for mock examinations all week.**

**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

Extended form time  
Senior choir 3pm

Thursday

Senior orchestra 3pm

Friday

Lunchtime football supervised by Mr Howells (go out to the green gate via the main yard)



**Sport and Wellbeing**

[Sports Bulletin 11th May \(1\).docx](#)

**Careers**

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

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

**Construction quantity surveyor degree apprenticeship**

Banks Homes Ltd  
County Durham (DH7 8XL)  
Closes Monday 18 May 2026

Starting as a Commercial Trainee, you will gain hands-on experience whilst working towards the Construction Quantity Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship to further develop your skills and knowledge. In partnership with Northumbria University and throughout your apprenticeship programme, you will engage in on-the-job training, coursework and assessments, attending Northumbria University 1-3 days per semester. This will support your development to set you on the path to becoming an exceptional Quantity Surveyor.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/VAC2000030177>

**Oxbridge**

[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!**

**24<sup>th</sup> June 3-4pm Oxbridge application support in school. Venue TBC.**

**MedSoc**

**MediCafe Webinars**

Really useful webinars from Hull York MediCafe regarding medicine applications and interviews. Sign up below:

**Top Tips for Preparing for UCAT**

Tuesday 19 May 2026  
17.00 - 17.45

**Choosing a Medical School**

Tuesday 2 June 2026



DURHAM JOHNSTON  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
DARE TO BE WISE

17.00 - 17.45

### **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 Applying to Medicine Talk**

13 May 2026, 6.00pm-7.30pm

#### **Virtual UCAT talk**

22 June 2026, 6.00pm-7.30pm

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

#### **Pharmacy Online Talk – University of Sunderland**

27<sup>th</sup> May (sign up by the 26<sup>th</sup>)

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/pharmacy>

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

**Super-curricular**

**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.

**Programme overview (October 2026 – April 2027, all online):**

- **University application support:**

Two small-group sessions led by a PhD tutor, focused on the Computer Science application process. Students will receive tailored advice on choosing courses, writing personal statements, and navigating university applications.

- **Academic mentoring:**

Eight small-group sessions with a PhD tutor, focused on developing the Maths knowledge and skills needed for Computer Science at university.

- Sessions will run **1–2 times per month**, usually **after school**.

**Eligibility criteria**

Students must:

- Be in **Year 13** in the 2026-27 academic year
- Attend a **non-selective state school**
- Identify as **female or non-binary**
- Be studying **A Level Maths**
- Be interested in studying **Computer Science at university**

**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>

**University of Sheffield online subject tasters (not just for students interested in Sheffield):**

**Biosciences: The Cardiovascular System - Not Just a Transport System**

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2026

**Electrical & Electronic, Mechatronic & Robotic and Computer Systems Engineering: From discrete components to intelligent systems**

Date: Wednesday 13 May 2026

**General Engineering: Where All Disciplines Meet**



Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

<https://sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters/online>

**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+](#)

[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](#)