



Monday 18th May 2026
Thursday period 3)

PHE – cancelled until after mocks (except

Priority updates

PHE – there will be no PHE lessons until after mocks due to exams and intervention. However, both group A and group Z need to attend this Thursday period 3 with Miss Simpson to catch up on the last session. You must be organising WEXP and university application prep in form time.

Y12 intended future destinations – this week in form time you will need to complete a form that indicates to us what you intend to apply for next year. Do not worry if you later change your mind – and you can also put more than one option in there. There will also be space for you to add in any extenuating circumstances information, as discussed in PHE.

Students sitting AS exams – if you are planning on dropping the subject after you have sat the AS exams, you must let Miss Simpson know if you have not done so already.

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

WEXP – this must be all on Unifrog and approved by Monday 6th 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.

Year 11 Leavers’ celebration – Friday 22nd May. Lower school will not be bringing bags into school next week on this day. This does not apply to Sixth Form students. Bags can be brought in on this day.

Public lecture – Our next public lecture will be delivered by Mr Bray on Tuesday 2nd June in James Hall. He will be speaking about the meaning behind our school motto, Sapere Aude (Dare to be Wise). It will be a fascinating discussion of Kant’s ethical philosophy and what it means to think independently and live wisely.

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

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

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

Oxbridge PIP James Hall 7th 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	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](#)

Trainee Quantity Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship

United Infrastructure

Washington (NE37 1HB)

[Trainee Quantity Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

Laboratory Assistant (CR2601 & ID4079) Apprenticeship

Animal and Plant Health Agency

Newcastle Upon Tyne (NE12 9SE)

[Laboratory Assistant \(CR2601 & ID4079\) Apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK](#)

Oxbridge

[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!**

24th 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

27th May (sign up by the 26th)

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

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

Super-curricular **Imperial Life Sciences Scholars** is targeted at students interested in studying in Biology or Biochemistry at university. It will take place online from 27-31 July. Further eligibility criteria can be found on the application form. Students can apply [here](#).
Applications close on Thursday 22nd May at 12pm.

[About Imperial Scholars Summer Schools](#)



These summer schools offer students an enriching academic experience designed to support their progression into highly selective STEM degrees. Successful applicants will:

- Attend a series of tutorials with a researcher from Imperial
- Produce a written final assignment on a cutting-edge area of research
- Meet current students in the department
- Attend a research seminar on a ground-breaking scientific area
- Learn how to showcase your experiences on a UCAS application
- Prepare for the transition from Year 13 to university

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.

Business Boardroom Battle

When: Thursday 4 June 2026 – 9:30am – 2:30pm

Where: St Peter's Campus

Web page: [Business Boardroom Battle | The University of Sunderland](#)

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

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](#)

Queen Mary London Subject Taster Sessions

English Taster – Introducing Literary Theory

Monday 22nd June 2026

Film Taster – Decoding Cinema and Cultural Iconography

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Comparative Literature Taster – Fairy Tale Fashion

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Modern Languages Taster – Learning/Writing/Drawing French Poetry

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Modern Languages Taster – Discover Russian

Thursday 25th June 2026



Register here: [Taster sessions - School of the Arts](#)

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):

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 - Herford College | University of Oxford](#)

[Staircase12 - University College Oxford \(Univ\) \(Univ\) - Staircase12](#)

[Guide-to-Super-curriculars.pdf](#)