

Monday 2nd February

PHE Y12 Week Z

Priority updates	<p>PHE begins for Y12 – Week Z students. Attendance compulsory – see the lists on the wall in the corridor.</p> <p>A reminder that students should not be congregating at the end of corridors during lesson time. Please be mindful that lessons will be taking place during these times.</p>
Monday	<p>Meeting in SFA during form time – anyone interested in podcast Chamber Choir lunch time MedSoc SC3 lunch time</p>
Tuesday	<p>Y13 students meeting SFA form time 8.25am start – we will register you there – any Y13 students who are interested in applying for apprenticeships Wellbeing survey Wind Band Jazz 3pm Debating History department 3pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>Paired reading – both groups in SFA/Cafe6 Committee – lunch time in SS3 Volleyball competition – lunch time Senior choir 3pm</p>
Thursday	<p>Extended Form time Senior orchestra 3pm</p>
Friday	<p>Y12 and Y13 assembly James Hall</p>
Sport and Wellbeing	<p>Sports clubs on each night after school: support with KS3 and KS4 students welcomed. Please volunteer: find out more at PE office.</p> <p>Volleyball competition – Wednesday 4th February. Sign up outside of the office – no food to be taken, make sure you have trainers.</p> <p>Use of gym after school for sixth form. Only one night a week – will change each week dependent on PE staffing. This week, Tuesday 27th January. Maximum 16 students. Must s</p>
University admissions	<p>Support with STEP webinar (Saturday 31st Jan or Wednesday 11th Feb)</p> <p>For Y13 students preparing to take the STEP this year, or Y12s interested in taking the STEP.</p> <p>Scroll down to the bottom of this page and click on the 'calendar'</p> <p>https://www.vantageadmissions.co.uk/course/sixth-term-examination-paper</p> <p>Leeds Uni Summer Schools Our 2026 Leeds Summer Schools will open for applications soon. Please share with students who may be interested and encourage them to complete the Expression of Interest https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=qO3qvR3lzkWGPllypTW3yyi4m_Xdd_pAhpcLjasZ2opUQVVHSUIHRjREV09aNEVFQ1JRUjhQT05aQy4u&route=shorturl</p> <p>Register your interest for 2025/6 Sutton Trust programmes How to apply - Sutton Trust</p>

Destination Durham - Durham University

https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_87UeMSxeKQEpheS

[UCAS launches scholarships tool to help students find funding for study and living costs | UCAS](#)

Careers Insight

Apprenticeship Fair Sunderland

Friday 13th February

Range of apprenticeships/vacancies on offer. Sign up here [Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2026 - MySunderland](#)

Get into Business & Accounting

Hear from Several Global Industry Leaders

Thursday 12th February 5pm - 6.30pm

Are you a Year 11, 12, 13 or at university looking to start a career in business, finance, or accounting? Join us for an exclusive virtual event on Thursday, 12th February.

Date: Thursday 12th February 2026 Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12 & 13 students interested in STEM careers

Employers Leading the Event:

KPMG – One of the 'Big Four' professional services firms

BDO – An international accounting firm offering diverse apprenticeship routes

Grant Thornton – A global leader in finance, tax, and advisory services RSM – Leading audit, tax, and consulting adviser for mid-market business leaders worldwide

CIMA – Discover how professional qualifications can boost your career

Fidelity – Offering investment management, retirement solutions, and brokerage service

Register here:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoung-professionals.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D40f3de5366f8028a7560bb6a0%26id%3D2b7f9614f9%26e%3D7d03af8c3b&data=05%7C02%7Ck.simpson%40durhamjohnston.sch.uk%7C02%7Cm3fBK4laKJQd11%7C&sdata=m3fBK4laKJQd11%7C&reserved=true>

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Get Into Law Workshop Evening, a special event where you will hear directly from **leading law firms and legal experts** about the different pathways into the legal sector.

This event is designed for students exploring options such as **legal apprenticeships, solicitor training contracts, and university pathways**. Whether you are looking to start your legal career or just want to learn more about the legal sector, this event is for you.



Event Details:

Date: Monday 9th February

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

For: Year 11, 12 and 13 and University students interested in law (S4, 5 and 6)

Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Meet Leading Law Firms & Institutions

You will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from some of the most prestigious law firms in the UK (**Slaughter and May, Browne Jacobson, Chancery Lane, DWF, Eversheds Sutherland, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Herbert Smith Freehills, KPMG, Latham & Watkins, Norton Rose Fulbright, Pinsent Masons, Squire Patton Boggs, TLT, and White & Case**).

Register Here

Durham University Work Experience

We are offering a one-week programme for sixth form students interested in careers within the world of museums and collections. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with professionals from a range of organisations and learn about the skills and knowledge required for these roles. The programme will be held at Durham University from **Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2026**.

If you have any questions about completing this form, please do email us at: 4schools@durham.ac.uk

We will be giving prior consideration to applicants who attend schools or colleges that meet the University's Widening Participation guidelines. Please note, support may be available for students from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

This is just a quick reminder that applications to Durham University Library and Collections' Work Experience July 2026 **will close at noon on Friday 30th January**. Do please remember to apply as soon as possible.

More details can be found on our website at: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/learn/schools-and-home-education/work-experience-and-placements/>

Imperial University Work Experience Programmes

- [Bioengineering](#)
- [Biomedical Research](#)
- [Chemical Engineering](#)
- [Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment](#)
- [Materials](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [National Heart and Lung Institute](#)

[Year 12 Work Experience Programme | Be inspired | Imperial College London](#)

Online student Law conference Wednesday 4th February 08.55 to 12.25

The list of speakers includes:

1. **Will Liebrecht**
Will is a solicitor at Taylor Wessing in London working in immigration law.
2. **Caroline Watson**

Caroline Watson trained and qualified as a solicitor in a commercial law firm, Ward Hadaway

3. Emma Dogra

Emma is a Solicitor-Advocate with rights of audience in both the civil and criminal courts.

4. Joanna Stewart

Joanna studied politics at Nottingham University before converting to law. She trained at Allen & Overy LLP (now AO Sherman) and qualified there as a property solicitor.
[Oxford High School Law Conference: Sign-up](#)

Y12 – deadline 20th February [Scholarship Scheme – InvestIN Education](#)

[Exploring Law Course: Studying Law at University | Faculty of Law](#)

<https://www.stem.leeds.ac.uk/physics/workexperience/>

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

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships/>

[Law and legal studies apprenticeships | UCAS](#)

[Degree Apprenticeships \(Level 6-7\) | Best Apprenticeships](#)

Oxbridge

Think Cambridge series – online sessions talking you through the application process. The series runs from 4 February to 13 February 2026. **Must register here:** [Think Cambridge | Undergraduate Study](#)

Christ's-Trinity Women in Maths Programme

Women in Maths targets potential female applicants to Mathematics and adjacent highly mathematical courses at top universities. The programme will next take place from TBC. Applications are now OPEN. Please read the full information on this page prior to applying. https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0lnky45Aklklat8

Murray Edwards College's Webinar Series 2026 (begins 27th January)

The aim of these webinars is to give students who are considering applying to the University of Cambridge an insight into the breadth of the degree programmes we offer; the

Arts, Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences Season (STEM will take place in summer)

We begin our series with a 10 webinar focus on Arts, Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences.

This includes -

Law

History



Economics
HSPS
English
Modern and Medieval Languages
Find out more here: [Webinars | Murray Edwards College](#)

Outreach Webinar Series

Magdalene College is hosting several outreach webinars throughout the year to inform students ranging from Year 10 to Year 13 (or equivalent) about various topics relating to university life.

Whilst the webinars will be recorded, we encourage students to attend live, so they can have their questions answered.

Please sign up using the links below and register for our newsletter to receive more information and sign-up links when they are available.

- Choosing a University Course
3 February 2026, 5 pm
- Introduction to UCAS
24 February 2026, 5 pm
- Finances at University
17 April 2026, 5 pm
- Preparing to Apply to Cambridge University
21 April 2026, 5 pm
- Personal Statement
5 May 2026, 5 pm
- Introduction to Magdalene College
19 May 2026, 5 pm

[Online Events | Magdalene College](#)

[Why Cambridge | Undergraduate Study](#)
[An exceptional education | University of Oxford](#)

Read about [Admissions tests | University of Oxford](#)
Programme begins in February for prospective applicants (Y12)

MedSoc

[Medical Schools - Medical Schools Council](#)

The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications' Maths in Medicine and Health Poster Competition

The Brief: Make a poster to help Young People find out about how Maths is important in Medicine and Healthcare. Focus on one possible career or topic.

Deadline: 28th February



Open to: students from Year 7 (P7 – Scotland, Y8 – N.I) to Year 13 (S6 – Scotland, Y14 – N.I)

Find out more and enter here

Leeds Uni 'So You Want to Be A Doctor' Webinar – sign up now

[Leeds Access to Medicine Society Webinar - 'So You Want To Be A Doctor' | Health Sciences Outreach Team](#)

Super-curricular

Dukes Plus Essay competitions

Open to ages 15-17, £1800 in prizes

Submissions are **now open** for our new 2026 Essay Competition! Your students are invited to answer one of the following questions encompassing themes in ed

- 'The role of a university is not to create 'well-rounded' individuals; it is to effectively teach students an academic subject.' Discuss.
- 'Effective government cannot rely on unspoken rules and the good behaviour of rulers. All rules of government must be written down and consistently
- What is the greatest healthcare challenge in the world at the moment, and what steps can we take to solve it?

Maximum Word Count: 1,500 words

Deadline: 27th February 2026

Prize: £300 cash prize, plus a coveted place on our [Oxbridge Research Scholars programme](#).

[Dukes Plus Essay Competition 2025-2026 | Dukes Plus](#)

Gresham College lectures

Find the list of upcoming lectures [here](#). These can be watched both online and in-person.

Find playlists of past lectures [here](#).

Open to: GCSE and A Level students

Featured lecture: Alien Earths: What Makes Us Special?, 4th February



Fitzwilliam College Year 12 Competitions

This year Fitzwilliam College is holding eight essay competitions, two translation competitions, and an architectural design competition.

Deadline: 6pm, 27th February

Open to: students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.)/equivalent

Find out more and enter here

Cambridge Future Museum Voices

This innovative programme invites 30 young people from across the UK to spend a week in Cambridge co-curating a public exhibition on the relationship between undergraduate accommodation, explore behind the scenes at the University's museums, and meet world-leading researchers.

Deadline: 5pm, 6th February

Date: 7th April-11th April

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

Find out more and apply here

Homerton College Design Programme

Are you a budding designer, architect or engineer? The Homerton College Design Programme will help you to develop crucial university-level skills and the design solution to any environmental problem that we are facing. After this, those who meet certain criteria will be invited to Homerton College's free study programme.

Deadline: 9am, 5th February



Date: Programmes launches in April, and the in-person conference will run in August

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

Find out more and apply here

Homerton College Essay Programme

Are you interested in learning the skills to plan and write essays in the style of a university student on a topic you are passionate about? The Homerton College Essay Programme is for you. You will receive feedback on your own essay in response to a choice of questions. After this, those who meet certain criteria will be invited to Homerton College's free student Health & Sustainability Conference in August.

Deadline: 9am, 4th February

Date: Programmes launches in April, and the in-person conference will run in August

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

Find out more and apply here

University of Cambridge's Exploring Law Course

Aspiring law students are invited to join our free online course: [Exploring Law: Studying Law at University](#)

This online course has been developed by the University's Faculty of Law to help students decide whether law is the right course for them.

They'll learn the basics of law, explore fascinating issues in depth, develop key skills, and hear first-hand from university law students and inspirational figures in the legal profession.

Deadline: enrolment will be open between 26th January and 9th March, and learners will have access for 6 weeks



DURHAM JOHNSTON
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
DARE TO BE WISE

Open to: designed primarily for 16 to 18-year-olds who are considering studying law at university in the UK

N.B: This course is offered through the platform FutureLearn, which offers some paid options. We would not recommend paying for any of these services

Find out more and enrol here

Northumbria University Lecture series – Lit and Phil Newcastle – free evening lectures

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 3 | Permafrost & Zero Emission - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 4 | Wireless Web of Invisible Currents & Hidden in Plain Sight - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 6 | Staying safe in a fake world & Pain, Immunity, and the Preservation of Autonomy in Robots - The Lit & Phil](#)

[NU Ideas | Season 4 Talk 7 | The James Webb Space Telescope & Bringing Microwave Light Out of the Cold - The Lit & Phil](#)

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/online-blended-learning/moocs/>

<https://www.coursera.org/partners/manchester>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/partners/university-of-manchester>