

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 1st December 2025



PT Time

PT Time	
Monday	Inset
Monday Launchpad	Inset
Tuesday	Notices & Week Ahead
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 & 13 (Atrium) : Work / life balance

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What's on this week

**Monday 1st
December**

Inset Day

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Upcoming

Tuesday 9th December	Exam Workshops (P1&2): Managing exam stress, coping strategies, building resilience and everything in between - run by Daisy who is our mental health in school practitioner
Thursday 11th December	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Tuesday 16th December	Exam Workshops (P1&2): Managing exam stress, coping strategies, building resilience and everything in between - run by Daisy who is our mental health in school practitioner
Tuesday 16th December	A Level Certificate Evening for our previous Year 13 cohort - sixth form will close at 5.15pm
Thursday 18th December	Sixth Form closes for Christmas 
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 5th January	Return to Sixth Form
Monday 2nd February	Oxbridge Entry Session with Jonathan Padley - <i>more details to follow</i>

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Student Notices:

Silent Study: The Silent Study Space is just that. **Silent.** If you wish to collaborate, work together and discuss then we support this. But not in the Silent Study Space.

Areas available for collaborative work:

- Classroom (if booked)
- ICT suite
- Atrium
- Refectory
- Landing study space upstairs

iPads are always available for you to use should you need access to the internet, these can be booked out at the office.

As you can see, we have many more spaces to work together. Use them if you need to talk. It is vital you get this right for each other. It is unfair to your peers to not respect this.

Core and Further Maths Certificates: Year 13, your Core and Further Maths certificates are available for collection from the Sixth Form office. You **MUST** sign the sheet when collecting your certificate.

Interviews and Entrance Exams: Year 13, please make sure you are completing an Absence Request Form for all Interviews and Entrance Exams taking place off site. If your interview is online and taking place while you are in Sixth Form, please inform Mrs Gill and Mrs Roberts so we can ensure you are supported.

The 16-19 Bursary: The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help students facing financial hardship to continue in full time education after Year 11. We would encourage all students to read the information [here](#), or to see Mrs Gill for further advice. The bursary is discretionary and you do not always need to meet the criteria outlined.

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Undergraduate Virtual Open Day

Tuesday 9th December.

The event gives you the opportunity to speak live with our staff and current students and is open to everyone who is interested in studying an Undergraduate degree with us.

The event will be held across two sessions and you only need to attend one session:

- 10am to midday
- 5pm to 7pm

At the event you can:

- Explore our subjects and speak to experts
- Ask our students about life in Aberdeen
- Take a virtual tour of our campuses
- Find out about finance and funding

We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

[Register for Undergraduate Virtual Open Day](#)

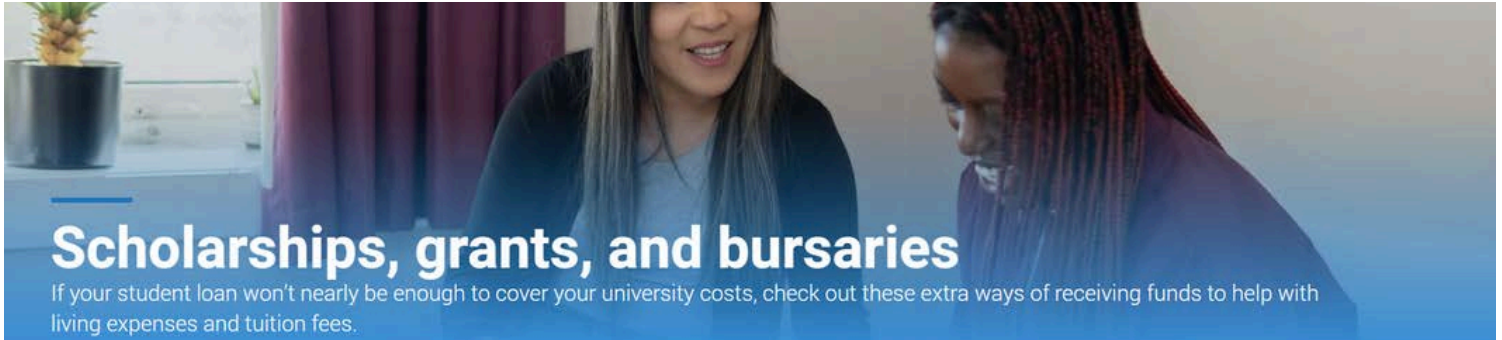


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UCAS



Scholarships, grants, and bursaries

If your student loan won't nearly be enough to cover your university costs, check out these extra ways of receiving funds to help with living expenses and tuition fees.

Once you've applied for student finance and you know how much you're entitled to in maintenance support, you'll probably discover a cash shortfall, which you'll need to make up to cover all your living costs (e.g. accommodation, food, books).

Fortunately, there are extra sources of financial support available in the form of scholarships, bursaries, and grants – we explain the differences between these. Unlike student loans, you don't have to pay these back – they're essentially free money.

But you need to put in some work – there's no one place to find this additional funding and apply. Scholarships, bursaries, and grants are offered by lots of different providers, and all work a little differently (including who's eligible, how much is up for grabs, and what you need to do to apply).

On top of the cash in your pocket, an award might come with additional benefits – e.g. internship spots, networking opportunities, accommodation.

Further Information

Find scholarships, bursaries, and grants

You could be eligible for more funding than you think. Explore scholarships, bursaries, and grants matched to your background, achievements, or chosen course, and get support for your study and living costs.

Search for funding

[Search for funding](#)



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**Baker
McKenzie.**



Are you aspiring to a career in law? Join us for a Virtual Insight Event with Baker McKenzie, one of the world's leading global law firms. This exclusive opportunity will provide you with invaluable exposure to the legal profession and help you explore potential career pathways within the firm.

Event Details:

Event: Baker McKenzie – Virtual Event

Date: Thursday, 4th December 2025

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom (Link provided upon registration)

What to Expect:

This event is carefully structured to give you a comprehensive understanding of the legal industry, Baker McKenzie's operations, and how to build a successful legal career.

Why Attend?

Exclusive Access: Get an insider look at life in one of the world's most prestigious law firms.

Career Development: Gain practical advice on career routes, applications, and how to stand out as a future legal professional.

Networking Opportunities: Build connections with Baker McKenzie's lawyers and recruitment team.

First-Hand Insights: Understand the skills and attributes valued by a global law firm and discover more about vacation schemes and training contracts.

BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie: Learn about the Firm's social mobility development programme, which includes a summer work experience placement for Y12s.

Apply Now – Spaces Are Limited!

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain and build a strong foundation for your legal career. Applications will close once we are full.

We look forward to welcoming you to this Insight virtual event and helping you take the next steps towards a successful career in law.

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The Langton Language Centre - Christmas Lectures 8 -19 December

A series of lectures to enculturate and to provide useful language content for year 13 students - French, German, Spanish, Linguistics and Japanese topics.

[Sign up using this LINK](#)

Date	Time		Speaker	Institution	Link
Monday 8 December	18:00 – 19:00	La Haine	Dr Aude Campmas	Southampton University	LINK
Monday 8 December	19:00 – 20:00	Memory in German Culture post 1989	Dr Helen Finch	Leeds University	LINK
Tuesday 9 December	18:00 – 19:00	L'idée de la France	Dr Emily Butterworth	Kings' College London	LINK
Wednesday 10 December	18:00 – 19:00	La vida de Frida Kahlo	Mr Stalley	Langton Language Centre	LINK
Thursday 11 December	18:00 – 19:00	The plastic mind: What Language Learning Does to the Brain (and How to Harness it)	Dr Lorenzo Dias	Kings' College London	LINK
Thursday 11 December	18:00 – 19:00	Spanish – Las raíces afrocubanas de la salsa	Dr William Rowlandson	University of Kent	LINK
Thursday 11 December	18:00 – 19:00	Art and Revolution in France	Dr Paul Smith	Nottingham University	LINK

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Tuesday 16 December	18:00 – 19:00	The Spanish Civil War	Professor Stephen Roberts	Nottingham University	LINK
Tuesday 16 December	19:00 – 20:00	Japanese Spirited Away	Mrs Claire Kuriishi		LINK
Wednesday 17 December	18:00 – 19:00	La verdad de los estereotipos (?)	Dr Marta Crosby	Southampton University	LINK
Wednesday 17 December	19:00 – 20:00	From Latin to the World: The Colonial Journey of Spanish	Dr Manuel Lagares	Nottingham University	LINK
Thursday 18 December	19:00 – 20:00	Chinese Cuisine and the Culture Entails	Miss ZhenshenZhu	Kent University	LINK
Thursday 18 December	19:00 – 20:00	The Spotter's Guide to Language	Dr Laura Bailey	Kent University	LINK

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Manchester Lit&Phil

Tour of Santiago Yahuarcani Exhibition: The Beginnings of Knowledge

Experience Santiago Yahuarcani's first international solo show

Date and time

12 December 2025

10:15am-11:00am

Location

The Whitworth

The University of Manchester,
Oxford Road,
Manchester
M15 6ER

Price - £12

[Book now](#)

Overview

Working from Pebas, a remote town in northern Peru, Santiago Yahuarcani creates large-scale, narrative-rich paintings using natural dyes on llanchama — a bark cloth made from the ojé tree native to the Amazon. Yahuarcani's work exists outside of Western art history, instead harnessing ancestral memory, the sacred knowledge of medicinal plants, and the sounds of the jungle, to create artworks that are urgent acts of education and resistance.

The Beginning of Knowledge, Yahuarcani's first international solo exhibition, brings together key works from 2010 to the present day, showcasing his profound visual storytelling over the last fifteen years. From portrayals of Uitoto origin stories to memories of the enslavement of the Uitoto people during the Putumayo genocide (1879-1912), the works honour and preserve intergenerational legacies and invite us to consider how Indigenous knowledge can shape a more just and interconnected future.



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STUDENT CABINET - Christmas Charity Drive 🎄

Hello everybody!

As we enter the festive season, our sixth form will be supporting a Christmas charity (Manchester Christmas Relief) to help bring joy to families in need. We kindly ask each student to consider bringing in a small gift to donate. Every contribution, big or small, will have a meaningful impact.

To make things fun, we will be awarding a prize to the form group that collects the most gifts and they will be officially crowned the 'Winning Form'. Let's work together, spread kindness, and show the true spirit of giving.

The wish list of gifts MCR has asked for is below, however everything donated must be new, unopened, and unwrapped for hygiene purposes:

- colouring books
- colouring pencils
- backpacks for girls/boys
- cosmetic sets for young teens
- arts and crafts products/sets
- fluffy socks
- stationary
- blankets

Any other donations would be great! Any other gifts or things such as bags for life or wrapping paper will be greatly appreciated.

Charity gifts due in before 12th of December.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



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Christmas Bake Off



GET READY TO WHISK, MIX AND SPRINKLE
SOME FESTIVE MAGIC...
THIS CHRISTMAS, THE CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF
IS COMING TO HGSF!

ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN
A SEASONAL BAKING CHARITY EVENT. THIS WILL
CONCLUDE WITH A FESTIVE BAKE SALE ON THE
18TH OF DECEMBER 2025. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TO CHARITY, SO YOUR BAKING WILL SPREAD JOY
IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

HGSF STAFF WILL BE JUDGING YOUR CREATIONS
AT BREAKTIME OF THE 18TH. THE SALE
ITSELF WILL KICK-OFF AT THE LUNCHTIME!

REQUIREMENTS:
CHRISTMAS THEMED
MUST BE 1 CAKE OR 6 CUPCAKES MINIMUM
MUST BE HOME-MADE!

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMES EVEN IF
YOU'RE NOT COMPETING! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT
YOU COME UP WITH AND GOOD LUCK!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE SPEAK TO
JACK WALKER & HGSF CABINET

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November 2025



Stockport Road Safety News

Don't put drugs in the driving seat

Drugs affect your reaction time, focus and judgement – all the things you need to drive safely. Even if you feel fine, your body and brain will say otherwise. Drugs can stay in your system for longer than you think, sometimes for days.

The consequences of drug driving can be life changing – loss of life, serious injury, fines, licence endorsement, a criminal record and, in the case of causing death by careless driving, a life prison sentence. Drugs, like alcohol, don't mix with driving. Unfortunately, young drivers, particularly young male drivers, are overrepresented in collisions due to drug impairment.

Think of alternatives to using the car – taxis and public transport for example. Plan ahead, use a designated driver who will stay drug free or arrange to stay at a friend's rather than driving home.

Look out for the Think! road safety campaign 'Don't put drugs in the driving seat'. This will be put out on social media platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, Reddit, Instagram and online gaming.

Messages will also appear on video platforms such as YouTube, gaming apps, roadside digital posters and digital screens in bars and stores.

Remember, keeping yourself safe helps to keep others safe as well. We all need to look out for one another.



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Child Trust Fund

Background

In 2000 Gordon Brown's government created Child Trust Funds – every child born between 1 Sept 2002 and 2 Jan 2011 received a £250 voucher (it did reduce to £50 in 2010) that parents could invest. Many have morphed into a Junior ISA. At 18, the child gets access to it. The £250 could now be worth £1900 so can pay for driving lessons, university support etc. When parents had done nothing with the £250 by the child's 1st birthday it was invested by HMRC. It is estimated that there are 2 million young adults who this applied to resulting in £2bn of "disconnected accounts" – the children or young adults do not realise they have one. Equally even if parents did invest in something, they may have forgotten about it.

Action for YOU!

Please ask your parents/carers if they know where your CTF is.

If they don't remember, or never invested it, or if you want to find out yourself: visit <https://findctf.sharefound.org/> or <https://www.gov.uk/child-trust-funds/find-a-child-trust-fund> to find the money – they will do a check against the CTF Register.

You will need your National Insurance number. Always seek appropriate financial advice if you are unsure about the best option for your situation.

CTF Maturity

18

Before reaching age 18 the individual will be informed of their options and outline next steps



Instruction Received

TRANSFER INTO AN ISA

And/or

TAKE CASH

No Instruction Received

MONEY PLACED IN A PROTECTED ACCOUNT
(maybe called either a Matured CTF or Protected ISA)

NOTES:

1. Will not use up ISA allowance. Will use up LISA allowance
2. Normal proof of identity will be required

NOTES:

1. Can be full or partial Withdrawal
2. Only an instruction covering the full proceeds will be accepted
3. Normal proof of identity will be required

NOTES:

1. Held in the account until Instruction received and then as above
2. No further payments allowed
3. No significant change to investments, charges or other terms and conditions
4. If it remains unclaimed could be paid to charity as a dormant account, although could still be reclaimed later.