

# HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 7th April 2025



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## PT Time

**Monday**

Key Messages

**Monday  
Launchpad**

Year 12 (Atrium) : UCAS - Personal statements

Year 13 (SF8) : Exam Protocols, Firm Offers, Results Day and Clearing

**Tuesday**

Notices

**Wednesday**

Year 12 : The Big Conversation

Year 13 : The Big Think

**Thursday**

PT Quiz

**Friday  
Extended PT**

Year 12 and Year 13 (Atrium) : End of Term Review

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## What's on this week

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Gold DofE Catch up during PT time - *not all DofE students, students involved will be invited*

**Friday 11th April**

Sixth Form finishes for Easter

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## Upcoming

<b>Monday 28th April</b>	Sixth Form re-opens after Easter
<b>w/c 28th April</b>	A Level Practical Exams begin - <a href="#"><u>Timetable</u></a>
<b>Tuesday 29th April</b>	UCAS Information Evening - <i>further details to follow</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th April</b>	Y13 STEP Prep at CHSF - <i>Students involved have been advised</i>
<b>Thursday 1st May - Saturday 3rd May</b>	Gold DofE Practice Expedition
<b>Friday 2nd May</b>	Year 13 Leavers Assembly - Atrium P5
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	Year 13 Study Leave begins
<b>w/c 12th May</b>	A Level Written Exams begin, this includes Year 12 Core and Further Maths - <a href="#"><u>Timetable</u></a>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Voice and Confidence Workshop with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved will be advised in due course</i>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Voice and Confidence Workshop with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved will be advised in due course</i>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip - <i>further details to follow (this will not impact the Core Maths Exam)</i>
<b>Thursday 22nd May</b>	Year 12: Imperial College, London - visiting speaker, P6 in the Atrium

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## Upcoming

<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	Sixth Form finishes for Half Term
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sixth Form Dragon Boat Race, Salford Quays - <i>more details to follow</i>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Sixth Form re-opens after Half Term
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 Apertura Conference
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip - <i>further details to follow</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 STEM day at Liverpool University
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Inset Day - <b>Please note we do have A Level Exams taking place on this day</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<p>Year 12 Internal Exams - All Year 12 are on study leave.</p> <p>You are very welcome to make use of the Sixth Form building and facilities during study leave and you may be invited in for revision sessions with your teachers.</p>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip - <i>further details to follow</i>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	A Level Exam contingency day - all Year 13 students should be available up to and including this date
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sixth Form finishes for Summer

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## Student Notices:

**Exams:** Please see all Exam Timetables [here](#). If you have any questions or are unsure about anything please come to the office or contact Mrs Divall on [exams@hazelgrovehigh.co.uk](mailto:exams@hazelgrovehigh.co.uk).

**Private Study:** Please make sure you are using your private study periods effectively to maximise your learning and academic progress. Private study periods are for independent, self-directed learning outside of your scheduled classes. For example, this time can be used to complete PP&R or to delve deeper into subjects and reinforce understanding.

**Class Room Use:** If booking a classroom please note this is for private study purposes only, whether this be independent or group work. Classrooms are not to be used as social spaces either at lunchtime, during the school day or after school. **All classrooms must be booked.**

**Year 12 Apertura:** There will be no supervision on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Instead all Apertura students should go to the refectory after school to vote on the yr 10 ARP projects and meet some of the students.

**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.

## Room Changes:

SF5 Wednesday 9th April  
P3 – 13E/Ge1 to SF6

SF5 Thursday 10th April  
P2 – 12B/TE1 to SF9  
P3 – 12E/Ge1 to SF6  
P5 – 12C/EP1 to SF1

## Year 13 Revision Sessions:

**Media:** Every Thursday 3:30-4:30 in W5

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## Medics Elective - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

You will have the unique opportunity to hear directly from Year 13 students who have successfully navigated Medicine interviews.

They will share:

- Personal experiences from their interview process
- How they prepared and top revision tips
- Common interview questions and what to expect
- Techniques for MMIs and traditional interviews

**Where:** SF4

**When:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, P5



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## NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience

### Completely Unique Experience

Follow multiple patients over a 6-month period, as they go from their initial injury to recovery. It is amazing how many different healthcare professionals are involved in a patient's care. This incredible opportunity showcases a variety of professionals in one day. It gives students a chance to see them in action in various settings from the ward to the community. It is also a fantastic opportunity to see them work together in a multidisciplinary team.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community. For this reason we recommend that students attend one work experience a month for 6 months to not only gain a deeper knowledge of multidisciplinary teams in general but also their chosen careers.

[More Information](#)

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## Sunday 6th April: Communication & Fractures

We will be meeting Aizah who is now pregnant and has been diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes.

She has some mild Learning Difficulties and is a patient of Asian ethnicity with refugee status. With English as a second language it is causing some difficulties that can be rectified with support when it comes to speaking to understanding the medical advice she is given. She has no extended family here in the UK besides her husband.

Dominic suffered a leg injury while playing football, first responder Kate arrives on the scene to assess the situation and administer primary care. Further assessment confirms a fracture and Dominic will require physiotherapy to recover full mobility.

Register [Here](#)

## Upcoming Session Agendas

- [Pain Management & Mental Health](#)
- [Paediatric Pathway](#)
- [Road Traffic Accident](#)
- [Geriatrics & Recovery](#)
- [Communication & Fractures](#)
- [Recovery, Rehabilitation & Therapy](#)

[Register Today](#)

**Once registered**, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months:

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## Free Subject Taster Sessions

### Engineering - Subject tasters

[Civil and Structural Engineering: Strengthening against earthquakes](#)

Tuesday 29 April 2025

5 to 6pm Online

[Computer Science: Machine Learning and Data Science](#)

Thursday 1 May 2025 or Wednesday 21 May 2025

5 to 6pm (01/5) or 12 to 1pm (21/5) Online

[Mechanical Engineering: We need robots in our sewers](#)

Thursday 8 May 2025

5 to 6pm Online

[Electronic and Electrical Engineering: Virtual Arduino Lab](#)

Tuesday 13 May 2025 or Tuesday 20 May 2025

12pm to 1.30pm (13/5) or 5pm to 6.30pm (20/5) Online

[Materials Science and Engineering: From engines to atoms](#)

Tuesday 13 May 2025

5 to 6.30pm Online

[Mechatronics, Robotics & Computer Systems Engineering - How can we shape our future with robots?](#)

Wednesday 14 May 2025

5 to 6pm Online

[Chemical Engineering: Optimising your future](#)

Thursday 15 May 2025

5 to 6.30pm Online

[Biomedical Engineering: What is Biomedical Engineering?](#)

Wednesday 21 May 2025

5 to 6pm Online

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## Free Subject Taster Sessions

### Health - Subject tasters

[Pharmacy: More than counting tablets](#)

Wednesday 7 May 2025

4 to 5.15pm Online

### Arts and Humanities - Subject tasters

[French: Understanding gender and society in the French-speaking world](#)

Tuesday 29 April 2025

12 to 1.15pm Online

### Science - Subject tasters

[Psychology: Why are we always distracted?](#)

Wednesday 9 April 2025

5 to 6.30pm Online

[Biosciences: Animal reproduction and conservation](#)

Thursday 10 April 2025

5 to 6.30pm Online

### Social Sciences - Subject tasters

[Architecture: Communicating Architecture and Design](#)

Tuesday 15 April 2025

1 to 2.15pm and 5 to 6.15pm Online

[Applied Social Sciences, Journalism, Education: Fostering Inclusive Societies](#)

Wednesday 14 May 2025

5pm to 6.15pm Online

[Landscape Architecture, Urban Studies, Planning/Geography: Creating a Sustainable City](#)

Wednesday 21 May 2025

5 to 6.15pm Online

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**Deadline  
Extended**

**11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Free for any Year 12 & 13 students**



Supporting Year 12 and Year 13 students in securing competitive university and apprenticeship places and empowering them to advocate for equality and diversity.

Future Leaders UK is a FREE government-funded initiative delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford, with support from UCAS. We support Year 12 and Year 13 students in securing competitive university and apprenticeship places and empower them to advocate for equality and diversity.

**Interested students should apply directly on our website [www.futureleaders.uk](http://www.futureleaders.uk) before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.**

## REACH YOUR POTENTIAL: WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Join our free 4 month development programme for Year 12 & 13 students starting May 2025. With 2 in-person sessions, 12 online sessions, & fun trips, we'll help you unlock your potential and achieve your goals. **Everyone who signs up gets a place!**

**BE A FUTURE LEADER**

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- Access Provided Scholarships**
- Learn From Mentors**
- Build Cohesive Communities**

**Check us out!**

[www.futureleaders.uk](http://www.futureleaders.uk)  
Application Deadline:  
Friday 28th March

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## Chemistry Opportunities at Huddersfield

For any of your students considering Chemistry, we'd love to invite them to one of our upcoming Open Events on Wednesday **9th April** or Saturday **26th April**. These events will provide a great opportunity to:

- Hear from our academic team about the course and career opportunities
- Speak with current students about their experiences
- Tour our specialist facilities and explore the campus

Our Open Events typically begin between 9:00 and 10:30 am and run until 1:30 pm, depending on the activities students choose to take part in

[Register Here](#)

If you would like to attend you can register here and we'll be in touch with further details and timings for the day.



## Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory

Want to know what goes on at open days? Check out the [advice](#) section for helpful tips and advice

Search to find out all that you need to know about open days at the university or college of your choice

[University/College open day directory](#)

Alternatively, browse the university and college open day calendar

[Open Day Calendar](#)

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## Explore thousands of higher & degree vacancies

Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the January 2025 edition of the Higher & Degree listing.

Discover vacancy details from over 80 employers, including:

- Vacancy locations
- Salary information
- Direct application links
- Download the Higher & Degree listing in PDF format or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it in our FAQs below.

The Higher & Degree Listing is a bi-annual publication, with the next release planned for October 2025!

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## You may also like:

Rapid Read: What is a degree apprenticeship?

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Rapid Read: Finding the best apprenticeship for you

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## 2025 ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITIONS



### Languages and Cultures Essay Prize

For students in Year 12. Candidates are invited to submit an essay on one of a number of topics.

#### Questions for the 2025 competition:

1. 'Culture is a place where solidarity and community are made possible.' Discuss
2. 'Language makes us more than we make language'. Discuss.
3. 'Poetry is speech confronting the limits of speech itself'. Discuss.
4. 'Play should be taken seriously. It is intrinsically related to culture.' Discuss.
5. 'Nothing is ever truly "lost in translation"'. Discuss.

**Prize: The competition carries a First Prize of £600**, to be split equally between the candidate and his or her school or college (the school or college's portion of the prize to be issued in the form of book tokens), and a Second Prize of £400, which again is to be shared equally between the candidate and his or her school or college. Winners will be announced in September, and will be invited to visit the College to meet some of the teaching staff.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

### Linguistics Essay Prize

This annual Essay Competition aims to raise awareness of the systematic study of language as an interesting and multifaceted subject in and of itself. It is hoped that the Prize will encourage students with an interest in linguistics to explore this further and to apply for a University course in this subject. In addition, the Prize aims to recognise the achievements of high-calibre students from whatever background they may come, as well as the achievements of those who teach them.

The topic for the 2025 competition can be found [here](#)

**The competition carries a First Prize of £600** and a Second Prize of £400, which are to be shared equally between the candidate and his or her school or college. In addition, up to three further essays of a high quality will be commended.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

Essays must be submitted by 12 noon on Friday 1 August 2025

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## 2025 ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITIONS



### Philosophy Essay Prize

For students in Year 12. Candidates are invited to submit an essay on one of a number of topics. The aim of the Prize is to encourage able sixth formers to pursue their interest in Philosophy, with the hope that they will be encouraged to read this or related subjects at University.

#### The topics for the 2025 competition are:

1. 'The majority wins but the truth prevails.' Is this true?
2. Would it be better to dispense with good and evil?
3. Does everything have an explanation?

**The competition carries a First Prize of £600** and a Second Prize of £400, to be split equally between the candidate and his or her school or college. All candidates will be notified with the results of the competition around the end of August.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

The deadline for entries is Friday 30 May 2025.

### R.A. Butler Prize for essays in Politics and International Studies

The objectives of the R.A. Butler Prize are twofold. Firstly, it aims to encourage students with an interest in modern politics and world affairs to think about undertaking university studies in Politics, International Studies or a related discipline; it is not limited to those already studying these subjects or indeed other social sciences. Secondly, its intention is to recognise the achievements both of high-calibre students and of those who teach them.

The questions for the 2025 competition can be found [here](#)

**The competition carries a First Prize of £600** and a second prize of £400 to be split equally between the candidate and his or her school or college. We award on average 8 special commendations each year and 40 additional commendations.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

The deadline for entries is Friday 1st August 2025.

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### The Robert Walker Prize for Essays in Law

The Robert Walker Prize has three objectives:

To encourage students with an interest in Law to explore that interest by researching, considering and developing an argument about a legal topic of importance to modern society;

To encourage those interested in Law to apply for a university course in Law; and

To recognise the achievements of high-calibre students, from whatever background they may come.

#### **The topic for the 2025 competition is:**

“Should governments provide a publicly funded legal service, free at the point of use, in the way that many governments provide a publicly funded health service?”

**It is anticipated that first prizes of £300** and second prizes of £200 may be awarded in each Division; the prizes may be shared.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

The deadline for entries is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### The Robert Robson Prize for Essays in History

The objectives of the Robson Prize are to encourage school students with an interest in modern politics and world affairs to think about undertaking university studies in History or a related discipline. It further seeks to recognise the achievements both of high-calibre students and of those who teach them.

The questions for the 2025 competition can be found [here](#)

**The competition carries a First Prize of £600** and a Second Prize of £400, which are to be shared equally between the candidate and his or her school or college. In addition, further essays of a high quality will be commended.

[Further details and to apply.](#)

The deadline for entries is Friday 1st August 2025.

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## What's on



### **Manchester Sharston Materials Recovery Facility Tour**

From Bin to Begin Again: Witness Recycling in Action

See the first stages of the recycling journey - from mixed to sorted

[Click here for more information](#)



### **The Problem of Evil**

One of the biggest challenges to Christian faith is a seemingly simple question: If God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and perfectly good, why does evil exist? This Lit & Phil Philosophy Forum explores this fundamental question and examines how Christian thinkers have tried to answer it.

[Click here for more information](#)



### **Exploring Immigration: A Dialogue on Building Our Shared Future**

Join us for an illuminating evening of honest conversation about one of the most significant forces shaping our society. As Manchester continues to evolve into an increasingly diverse metropolis, we're bringing together remarkable community leaders to explore how immigration enriches our city while thoughtfully addressing the challenges of creating a truly integrated society.

[Click here for more information](#)



### **How Can We Create a Good Food Future?**

In this session, Dr. Mitchell invites us to explore our power as both consumers and citizens to shape a new future for food and farming. Together, we'll navigate the complex challenges facing our food system and discover how we can create our own "good food future"—one that helps restore nature and climate while ensuring healthy food is available to all.

Join us on this journey of exploration as we reimagine our relationship with food!

[Click here for more information](#)

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## What's on



### Engels in Manchester: Past Meets Present

Step into the footsteps of Friedrich Engels and discover Manchester's hidden histories through fresh eyes. What happens when a descendant of Angel Meadow's residents retraces one of history's most influential urban walks?

[Click here for more information](#)



### Green Hydrogen: Unlocking a Clean Energy Future

Curious about how we can power our world sustainably? While solar and wind power are making great strides, some industries need additional solutions to eliminate their carbon emissions. That's where green hydrogen comes in. Join us to discover how this promising technology works and why it matters.

[Click here for more information](#)



### How They Built the Atom Bomb: The Manchester Connection

Manchester's Atomic Legacy

What connections does our city have to one of humanity's most transformative scientific developments? Manchester's scientific legacy holds surprising links to the development of atomic energy and ultimately, the atomic bomb.

[Click here for more information](#)

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**Year 12 Apertura:** Monday after school in SF8. Please let Mr Vickers or Miss Lambert know if you cannot attend your group's supervision.

**The topic this week is Basic Logic.**

24th and 31st March - Objects and Essences

7th - all Apertura students should go to the refectory after school to vote on the yr 10 ARP projects and meet some of the students.

28th April - Basic Logic

12th and 19th May - Logic Puzzles

2nd and 9th June - Lying



Objects and Essences



Logic Puzzles



Basic Logic



Lying

'Truth is entirely and absolutely a matter of style'.  
Oscar Wilde

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