

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 3rd February 2025



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PT Time	
Monday	Key Messages
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 (Atrium) - Visiting Speaker from The Bank Of England Year 13 (SF8) - Visiting Speaker from Lancaster University - Making the most of university life
Tuesday	Notices
Wednesday	Y12 The Big Conversation Y13 The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 (Atrium) : What role does faith play in medical decisions? Year 13 (SF8) : UCAS Extra

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What's on this week

**Wednesday 5th
February**

Sixth Form Football Match (Y12 and Y13) at Didsbury Sixth Form - *leaving school at 1.30pm*

**Thursday 6th
February**

Y12 HE+ Conference at CHSF - *Students involved have been advised*

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Upcoming

**Wednesday 12th
February**

Y13 - Deadline to complete UCAS Next Steps Microsoft Form

**Friday 14th-Monday
17th February**

Y13 Trip to Rome

W/C 17th February

Half Term

**Monday 24th - Friday
28th February**

Y13 Mock Exams - Study Leave for all Year 13

Year 12 Mock Exams - Core and Further Maths

**Monday 3rd - Friday
7th March**

Y12 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 4th March

Y12 UCAS Discovery Manchester, 9.30-11.30 - *details have been sent*

**Wednesday 5th -
Thursday 6th March**

ELITE Pathway Residential - *Students involved have been advised*

**Wednesday 19th
March**

Y13 STEP Prep at CHSF - *Students involved have been advised*

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Student Notices:

Silent Study Centre: The Study Centre is available all day during Sixth Form opening hours. This area must be used for silent study only.

Year 13 Study Leave: Year 13 Internal Mock Exams will be taking place between Monday 24th February and Friday 28th February and our normal Year 13 teaching timetable will be suspended during this period. Study leave for Year 13 will start on Monday 24th February; however, Sixth Form will be open as normal and you are welcome to make use of the study facilities. Teachers may also wish to use this time to invite you in to look at work in a 1:1 or small group setting. Our normal timetable will resume on Monday 3rd March. Business dress for our workplace, including a lanyard, should be worn when you come into school for exams or to study and you should remember to sign in and out when entering and leaving site. The Sixth Form refectory will remain open as normal during this period.

Open Day Visits: You are encouraged to attend University Open Days, up to a maximum of three on week days in any half term during school time. (Most universities now have Open Days at the weekend). You must complete an Absence Request Form; have it approved by parents/carers and your subject teachers and submit it to Sixth Form Reception at least three days before the visit takes place. (If an alternative Open Day is available at the weekend, permission to miss a day of lessons will not be given). Failure to submit this form will result in the absence being unauthorised.

Child Trust Fund: The £250 you received could now be worth £1900 so can pay for driving lessons, university support etc. 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. See last weeks Newsletter for further information.

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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Whether you want to study around the corner or move miles away, there are over 350 UK universities and colleges to choose from. Head to the UCAS Hub to discover more about different UK cities, regions, universities, and colleges.

WHERE COULD YOU STUDY NEXT? UK UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES



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UCAS

University Open Days

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**Sutton Trust UK
Summer Schools**

Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools

Giving you the chance to experience what university life is really like

The Sutton Trust Summer Schools are week-long residential programmes that offer successful applicants a taste of undergraduate life at participating universities (including Cambridge). They are completely free, including the cost of travel to and from participating universities as well as accommodation and food.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be studying in Year 12 or equivalent at a UK state school. There are also some additional requirements, depending on the subject applied for.

More information about the application process and participating universities can be found here: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

IMPERIAL

Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer School

This four-day residential summer school is designed to give Year 12 students a taste of what it's like to study at Imperial.

You'll spend your time on campus immersed in the academic department of your choice, allowing you to explore the subject you're passionate about while gaining practical skills relevant to your future studies.

[Click here for more information](#)

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Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer School

5 day, subject-specific residential held here in Cambridge. The programme aims to give you the full Cambridge student experience (including academic teaching and social life) whilst also providing you with information and advice to support you during the application process.

[Click here for more information](#)



Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer School

Durham University's Sutton Trust Summer School is designed to give bright students from under-represented backgrounds the chance to experience what it is like to be a student at a leading university.

The summer school is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about applying to university, to meet some of our current students and work with one of our 25 academic departments. Durham is one of the [Sutton Trust's](#) partner institutions, and as such, students will have access to support and resources from the Sutton Trust too, including the Sutton Trust Online platform and the Alumni network. This programme is available for Year 12 students from UK state-maintained schools.

Applications for our summer school programme Sutton Trust are now open.

Deadline: Thursday 6 March 2025

Apply directly through the [Sutton Trust UK Summer School](#) website.

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Space to Explore Potential 2025

Applications for [Space to Explore Potential \(STEP\)](#) 2025 are now open!

Our programme offers a dedicated space for Year 12 Black-heritage students to explore their own potential as well as what Durham has to offer them as a university destination. Students will experience what it's like to be an undergraduate student here at Durham on a five-day summer school. They'll also receive online information throughout Years 12 and 13.

If you have any questions, you can get in touch with our STEP team at step@durham.ac.uk.

What happens on the programme

Our STEP five-day residential summer school runs from Monday 18 August 2025 to Friday 22 August 2025. In the lead-up to the summer school, students will also attend online events.

During the summer school, you'll experience student life by staying in one of our 16 undergraduate colleges, participating in academic taster sessions, exploring various extra-curricular activities, and meeting current Durham students.

If you successfully finish the programme, you'll receive a guaranteed alternative offer from Durham if you apply in Year 13.

How to Apply

Applications are open until Thursday 3 April 2025 at 11.59pm (GMT).

Students apply through our online application form. For more information on the programme and to check out our entry criteria, visit our [STEP webpage](#).

Interested in a career that shapes the UK's economy and financial policies? Join us for an exclusive virtual insight event with HM Treasury on Wednesday, 12th February (5:00pm - 6:00pm) and discover the exciting apprenticeship and graduate and career opportunities available in the heart of government.

HM Treasury is the UK government's economic and finance ministry, responsible for public spending, economic policy, and sustainable growth. This event is a must-attend for Year 12 and Year 13, who want to explore a career in business, finance, policy, or economics while earning a salary through an apprenticeship or graduate role.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 12th February

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

For: Year 12, Year 13, gap year and university students

Why Attend?

Explore Apprenticeships and Grad Roles at HM Treasury – Learn about opportunities in business administration, finance, HR, management, and policy. Discover the Government Economics Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GES DAP) – A unique opportunity to earn a degree in economics while working in government.

Gain Insider Insights – Hear directly from HM Treasury professionals about their work and career journeys.

Get Application Guidance – Learn how to stand out in the recruitment process and secure a role in a competitive sector.

Live Q&A Session – Ask your questions and receive tailored advice from the HM Treasury team.

Why HM Treasury?

HM Treasury is at the heart of government decision-making, driving policies that impact businesses, individuals, and the economy. As an apprentice, you'll gain hands-on experience, work on real government projects, and develop skills that will set you up for a successful career in public policy, finance, and economic strategy.

If you're considering a career in economics, finance, or government affairs, this event will provide you with the knowledge, connections, and opportunities to take your first step into the sector.

Register Now!

Secure your place now and invite your friends!

Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMTreasury-Insight>

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IMPERIAL

Year 12 Work Experience Programme

The work experience programme is designed to give students an insight into life as a researcher and other careers in higher education. Students will experience working life, from the daily commute to managing their time and navigating a professional environment, all whilst gaining a fantastic insight into the exciting world of research at Imperial. [Click here for more information](#)



Year 12 Work Experience Placement – Molecules to Medicine (Chemistry)

AstraZeneca

Macclesfield SK10 2NA

About AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca is a global, science-led biopharmaceutical company that focuses on the discovery, development and commercialisation of prescription medicines in Oncology, Rare Disease and Biopharmaceuticals, including Cardiovascular, Renal & Metabolism, Respiratory & Immunology, and Vaccines & Immune therapies.

STEM based Work Experience (Molecules to Medicine)

AstraZeneca have an exciting opportunity for 2 x one-week unpaid work experience placements based at their Macclesfield site.

Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July 2025

Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July 2025

Application closing date – 28th February 2025 - [Click here for more information and to apply](#)



Upcoming Sessions: You can view upcoming online sessions on the HE+ portal coming interactive calendar: [Student Portal | HE+](#)

To create an account, you will need to register using your unique school code: **2045** - Please note that logins are only available to those on the HE+ programme

Next week, our first round of lectures will take place online and lots of students have signed up already. Also coming up next week, we will be advertising our first round of Mock Seminars via our weekly newsletter, so participants should look out for that!

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Enrichment Talks

The talks will take place online in Teams, starting at 4.30pm prompt on Wednesdays. To join us for the 2025 programme, fill in the form at [Trinity Beyond The Classroom](#) and we'll send you the link to each session in the 24 hours before it starts.

MARCH

- 5th Launch: Why Enrichment matters, introduction to the programme and some key resources
- 12th Trinity Talk - Talk With Anyone: How to Deepen your Thinking, Form Ideas and Get Them Heard with live Q&A
- 19th Trinity Talk - Physics: Nuclear Energy with live Q&A
- 26th Trinity Talk - Social Policy & Law: Governance in the British Drugs Trade with live Q&A

APRIL

- 2nd Study Skills with Jennie James: revision
- 23rd Trinity Talk - Philosophy: Science and Accidental Things in Aristotle's Philosophy with Q&A
- 30th Study Skills with Jennie James: managing stress

MAY

- 7th Trinity Talk - Undergraduate special, English Literature & Language, with live Q&A
- 14th Trinity Talk - Undergraduate special, Law: the Defence of Necessity in Criminal Law with Q&A
- 21st Oxplore: The Home of Big Questions - session 1

JUNE

- 4th Trinity Talk - Engineering: Engineering a Greener Future with live Q&A
- 11th Applying to Competitive Universities
- 18th Oxplore: The Home of Big Questions - session 2
- 25th Study Skills with Jennie James: Building an argument

JULY

- 9th How to write a Great Personal Statement for university applications

Year 12 Extension Programme

- A free academic enrichment residential at Trinity during the Easter Holidays Thursday the 10th to Friday the 11th April 2025;
- Online mini tutorials in your degree subject of interest;
- Suggested reading and other subject enrichment material;
- Enhanced guidance and support with your application.

Applicants for the Extension Programme must be in Year 12 and have at least 6 GCSEs at grade 7 or above. They must also satisfy the [minimum entry requirements](#) for the degree subject, which includes being predicted the minimum A Level Grades for our courses - usually between AAA-A*A*A. Applicants for the Extension Programme must fill in this [registration form](#) by 5pm on Friday 31 January 2025.

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Leeds Futures English/History

Are you interested in studying English and/or History? Join our free Leeds Futures programme to find out more about life as an undergraduate student!

What's involved?

- An on-campus taster day experience in the spring term at the University of Leeds
- In-person and online taster lectures and seminars reflective of the diverse course offering
- The opportunity to meet academics and current students
- A range of online sessions to help you prepare your UCAS application and more!

Applications close Sunday **2nd February**

[For More Details And To Apply Click Here](#)

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Manchester City of Literature

Manchester will celebrate the week of International Mother Language Day 2025 with a programme of 20 events across libraries, museums and language centres whilst welcoming new local partners to the celebrations for 2025 including community group Fuse Manchester who are holding a Multilingual Open Mic at Castlefield Viaduct and The Portico Library who are holding a screening of Mat Lingard's 'Mother Tongues'.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



[THE WRITING SQUAD](#) are currently recruiting for new writers aged 16-22 to be part of the next cohort. The deadline is 31st March and you must live in the North of England.

The Writing Squad exists to help motivated writers develop. We welcome writers of any format – from poetry and prose, through film, stage and radio scripts, to games and graphic novels.



The Portico Library's [SADIE MASSEY AWARDS](#) are open for entries across 3 competitions for 7-18 year olds: Short Story, Art of the Book and Book Review. Deadlines in February and March to take part.



Future Everything are hosting [PROTO: CREATIVE NETWORK MEET-UPS](#) in Stockport and Leigh in the first week of February as a great way to connect with fellow artists interested in digital work.

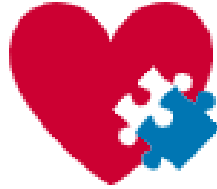


The [NEXT GENERATION SHORT STORY AWARDS](#) are open until 27th February.

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CHOSEN CHARITY



Little Hearts Matter

Little Hearts Matter is the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting and empowering anyone affected by the diagnosis of a single ventricle heart condition – or half a working heart. They support families along every step of their journey, from initial diagnosis, through treatments and into life at home.

[Here is the link for the Little Hearts Matter charity so you can learn more about what your donations will help achieve](#)



To raise money for them, students and staff will be able to gift each other a Valentines Rolo for a suggested donation of £1. During form time over the next week, a group of students will come round for you to anonymously write on a gift tag who you would like to give a Valentines Rolo to alongside an optional message. There will also be a member of the cabinet in the refectory for the first 10 minutes of lunch every day for the next week for you to fill out a gift tag.

These Valentines Rolos will be a gift-wrapped chocolate heart and Rolo with your written gift tag as shown.

You have until Friday 31st January to order these by and make your donation and they will be given out on Thursday 13th February.

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CALLING KEEN PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

SHOW TIME

Would you like to be responsible for taking the headshots for the programme for Bugsy? We would provide the camera.



We are also looking for volunteers to support backstage in the green room on show nights (18th/19th/20th March). This would involve supporting the younger students with any costume changes, encouraging them to keep calm etc and make their cues. If we had a few people we could work out a rota so SF students could watch the show one night.



If interested please email Miss Hopkin
emily.hopkin@hazelgrovehigh.co.uk

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THE BRIEF

Theme: Imagining Tomorrow

Creativity is a great way to use your imagination to change the world around you—we want you to design an outfit that shares your vision for the future.

THE WORK

Submit a two-page competition entry. It must include one research page and one page showcasing two fully designed outfits.

ONE research page you should showcase:

Your vision for the future and how that inspires you

Reference images

Colour palettes, patterns, and fabric swatches

100-200 words explaining your research and what you have learnt

ONE design page should include:

Two fully designed outfits

Make it as colourful and detailed as you want, with labels and notes.

Fabric and/or texture samples

100-200 words to explain your outfit elements and details

THE PRIZES

1st Prize:

Your winning design will be professionally made and showcased at Graduate Fashion Week 25 on the catwalk on Monday 16th June 2025

You will be presented with a trophy and a fashion starter pack.

Tickets for you, your teacher, and your family to attend GFW25 and watch the show

Your entry will be shown throughout the four-day event in London.

Opportunity for a GFW Ambassador visit to your school

Runner-Up Prizes:

Your design illustrations will be professionally printed and displayed within the GFW exhibition throughout the four-day event in London.

Tickets for you, your teacher and your family to attend GFW25 to watch a catwalk show on Monday 16th June 2025

Your work will be digitally showcased on the catwalk screen during the show

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

12 p.m Friday 21st March 2025 - ***please show your work to Mrs Browning before 14th March***

Submissions must include both the research and design page, labelled with the student's name.

Winners will be announced Friday 11th April 2025. Entries submitted after this time will not be considered.

Please click [here](#) for more information or see Mrs Browning if you have any questions.

