

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 24th February 2025



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PT Time

Monday

Key Messages

**Monday
Launchpad**

Year 12 Careers Briefing (Atrium) - Dan Ovens, Head of Strategic Alliances at Inciper

In the digital age, modern businesses demand measurable results and continual improvement. These evolving needs have brought with them a new era of Microsoft Business Application implementation.

Inciper is a new breed of company, created to deliver fast results to our clients in this digital age. Instead of long, expensive and resource-heavy implementations that disrupt your whole business, our approach using Microsoft Dynamics 365 and the Power Platform delivers value to your business at internet speed. We call this RAPID.



Tuesday

Notices

Wednesday

Year 12 The Big Conversation

Thursday

Year 12 - PT Quiz

**Friday
Extended PT**

Year 12 (Atrium) : Discussion about UCAS and your personal statements, advice on how to get the most out of your WEX placement and how to evaluate and reflect on your week.

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What's on this week

**Monday 24th
February**

School re-opens after half term

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

Y13 Mock Exams - Study Leave for all Year 13

Year 12 Mock Exams - Core and Further Maths

**Wednesday
26th February**

Y13 Spanish Laberinto Lecture Trip - *Students involved have been advised*

**Saturday 1st
March
10am to 12pm**

Offer Holders Morning for Y11 External Applicants - ***thank you to all Y12 and Y13 students who have volunteered to help at this event***

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Upcoming

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March

Y12 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 4th March

Y12 UCAS Exhibition, 9.30-11.30 - *details have been sent*

Wednesday 5th - Thursday 6th March

ELITE Pathway Residential - *Students involved have been advised*

Wednesday 12th March

Visiting Speaker: Edwina Currie former MP, Politician, Writer and Broadcaster

P5 - Y12 & Y13 Atrium

Please prepare questions.

Thursday 13th March

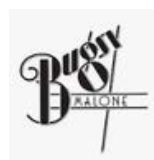
Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip to National Trust Longshaw - *more details to follow*

Friday 14th March

Staff Vs Student Dodgeball - *more information to follow*

Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th March

School Production



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Upcoming

**Wednesday 19th
March**

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

**Wednesday 26th
March**

Y12 (Atrium) at 1.30pm - Visiting Speaker Professor Bill McCaffrey

The session will take place during a time you can all attend. Professor Bill will be speaking to you about the common narratives of success and then focusing on some approaches for navigating the uncertainties that commonly confront young people. The session will be part lecture, part workshop focussing on an article by the philosopher A C Grayling.

Y13 are welcome to join.



Professor Bill McCaffrey

Profile

I hold a BA in Geology from Oxford (1987) and a Ph.D. from Leeds (1991). I joined the University as a Research Fellow in 1993, was promoted to Professor in 2007, and took up an Emeritus Chair on my retirement in 2022.

Thursday 27th March

Y12 and Y13 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 1st -
Wednesday 2nd April**

Year 12 Trip: HE+ Residential Cambridge - *Students involved have been advised*

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Student Notices:

Year 13 Study Leave w/c 24.02: Sixth Form will be open as normal and you are welcome to make use of the study facilities.

Year 12 Work Experience w/c 03.03: We hope that everything is smooth sailing for you during your work experience week, but we also know that there may be times when you need our support. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns. Sixth Form will be open between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 8am to 5pm on Wednesday and Friday. You can call Sixth Form anytime between these hours on 0161 549 7700, ext 7770 to speak to someone. Outside of these hours, you can email sixthform@hazelgrovehigh.co.uk.

Lockers: Please do not leave papers/files on top of the lockers, as the lockers are on an evacuation route and this is against fire regulations. Anything left will be removed.

Locker Keys: Please ensure you lock your locker. If you no longer have a key for your locker please report this to the sixth form office. If you forget your key you are able to borrow a spare from the office, in these circumstances, please make sure your locker is locked at the end of the school day.

Room Changes: There are a lot of room changes taking place this week due to the Year 13 Exams and SF7 /SF8 will be out of use for the full week. If you would normally have lessons in these rooms please see the notice boards for all room changes for the week.

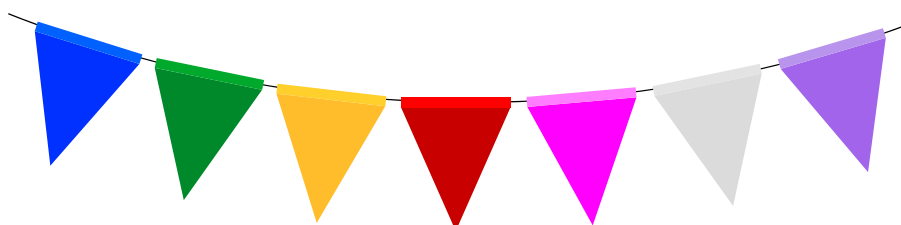
Eating in classrooms: There must be no food eaten in any of the classrooms or the study centre. Where possible, please consume all food in the sixth form refectory.

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.

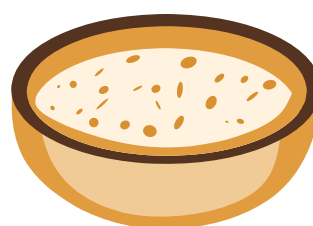
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New Opening Hours

**From Monday 24th February
the Sixth Form Refectory will
open for breakfast from
8:15am every day.**



This is on a trial basis to see if there is a demand for breakfast service before registration.

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Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience for Year 12 Students

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 12 searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

This one-day virtual programme is designed to help ambitious students like you develop key legal skills, learn from leading solicitors, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

Why You Should Attend:

- Law work experience is rare – secure this now to strengthen your future applications
- Explore Clifford Chance's practice areas and take part in interactive legal case studies.
- Practical workshops to develop your legal skills
- Learn about the ACCESS & SPARK Programmes on offer– a direct route into law with Clifford Chance
- Advice from professionals on securing top legal opportunities
- Boost your applications for law programmes and university with real experience

Event Details

Date: Friday, 21st February

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

For: Year 11 and 12 students

[Register Your Interest Here](#)

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The In2STEM 2025 Student Application deadline has now been extended to **3 March at 5pm**.

The In2STEM programme is a free summer programme for 16-19 years old (Year 12 or S5/S6/college), consisting of a 1-2 week in-person work experience placement, live online workshops, competitions and events. By taking part in the programme, you will gain hands-on STEM experience and expand your personal and professional skills.

We're particularly looking for students interested in the following subjects:

- Earth & Environmental Science in Lancaster
- Earth & Environmental Science in Leeds
- Physics in Edinburgh
- Chemistry & Earth & Environmental Science in Glasgow
- Computer Science & Chemistry in Birmingham
- Medicine & Biosciences in Oxford & Cambridge
- Medicine in Exeter

[Click here to apply](#)

Other STEM Opportunities



Career Compass is a social mobility charity aimed at improving employability amongst ambitious state educated sixth form students in the UK. They empower students to pursue the career of their dreams and equip them with the necessary tools to succeed in that career. Sign up to their career skills workshops using the button below.

[Find out more](#)



Engineering's Big Bang Competition is still open for entries! Inspire students to work together, problem solve and get creative with science, engineering and technology. Celebrate your students' inner innovator with technology prizes, supported by Siemens. Entries will close on 26 March at 5pm.

[Find out more](#)

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Uni Guide Podcast

Uni Guide Podcasts cover topics including:

- Why and how do students apply for university?
- How much does university really cost?
- How can students select a university course or institution?
- How can they prepare for exams?
- What do they need to know before starting their course?

[Click here for more!](#)

University support for students in one place - From event discounts to university event searches, a Jargon Buster and video guides, there's plenty to explore. Visit the student support page.

[Visit the student support page](#)

University event discounts and rewards



Brunel University London is offering to reimburse travel costs for eligible students who would like to attend their open days.



Edge Hill University is offering a free lunch to those who attend their open days.



The University of Aberdeen is offering a travel bursary of up to £150 for eligible students attending their open days.



Arts University Plymouth is offering travel expenses of up to £80 for eligible students attending their undergraduate open days and campus tours.

[Click here to see more](#)

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STEM Outreach

Maths Summer School 2025

Date: Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 June 2025

Year 12 Maths Summer School designed to give students a sneak preview of university life plus an insight into how mathematics develops at degree level. This residential will take place on campus at the University of Leeds
Applications open until: Sunday 6 April 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Applications open until: Sunday 6 April 2025: [Apply Here](#)

Biological Sciences Summer School

Date: Thursday 27 to Friday 28 June 2025

The Faculty of Biological Sciences hosts FREE a summer school for year 12 students who are interested in exploring biological sciences at the next level and finding out where it can lead.

[Find out more](#)

Applications open until: Sunday 6 April 2025: [Apply Here](#)

Engineering Our Environment Summer School

Date: Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 July 2025

Delivered in partnership with The Smallpeice Trust, this year's engineering summer school invites year 12 students to explore Civil, Chemical & Process, Electronic & Electrical engineering as well as Chemistry. Experience life as an undergraduate engineer for three days, two nights with access to the student union and campus accommodation.

[Find out more](#)

[Apply Here](#), bursaries are available

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STEM Outreach

Year 12 Physics Work Experience Week

Date: Monday 14 to Friday 18 July 2025

The Physics Work Experience week is back in person this year. The objective of the project is to present a research poster at a conference-style event at the end of the Work Experience Week. It's a relaxed, fun, low pressure experience that's open to everyone studying Maths and Physics at A-level.

[Find out more](#)

Applications open until Sunday 23 March: [Apply Here](#)

Food Science and Nutrition Summer School 2025

Date: 12pm 30th June - 3pm 2nd July

Join us for an exciting journey into the world of food science and nutrition at our Y12 Summer School! This program offers a unique opportunity for students to explore the science behind food, understand nutritional principles, and engage in hands-on experiments.

Whether you're passionate about food, interested in a career in nutrition, or simply curious about the science behind it all, this summer school is the perfect place to expand your knowledge and skills. Don't miss out on this deliciously educational experience!

[Find out more](#)

[Apply Here](#)

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Foundation Year

Durham University's Foundation Programme has been delivering high quality academic preparation for undergraduate study at Durham University since 1992. It provides entry to a wide range of degree subjects for learners from some under-represented groups in higher education (check Eligibility), who need a year 0 course in order to be prepared for undergraduate studies.

Foundation Programme courses are fully integrated elements of Durham University degree programmes and students are full members of the university. This means they become members of a college and enjoy full access to the extensive extracurricular opportunities within the university right from day one.

Students who successfully reach the progression standard by the end of the foundation year automatically gain entry to year one of their registered degree course without the need for a further UCAS application.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



[Eligibility](#)



[How to apply](#)

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Become a Member of Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

Help shape our services!

As a member of our Trust, you would have an opportunity to shape our future and ensure services are developed that best meet your and your family's needs. Membership is completely free, and open to anyone over 16 years old.

What would I have to do?

Membership doesn't mean you have to do anything if you don't want to – we just want your support. You can choose how much you want to be involved; this can range from simply receiving our quarterly newsletter which keeps you informed about our latest news. Or as much as standing for election as a governor during the election process, attending members health events or completing short surveys.

What are the benefits?

Membership gives you the opportunity to provide feedback and ideas on the health issues that matter most to you. In addition, as a Foundation Trust Member you can sign up for discounts at the free to join online discount scheme site www.healthservicediscounts.com, offering discounts, cashback and vouchers across a wide range of retailers.

Join us for free

To become a member, complete our [online membership form](#). Make sure you include your email address as this is how we communicate with our members.

Contact Us

For further information or if you have any questions, email the Membership Office: membership@stockport.nhs.uk You can also find out more on our website.

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Stockport Road Safety News

Think! - Is pushing it worth it?

@THINKgovuk are relaunching their speed campaign which calls on young drivers to rethink their speed and highlights the risks of driving too fast for the road conditions. #IsPushingItWorthIt

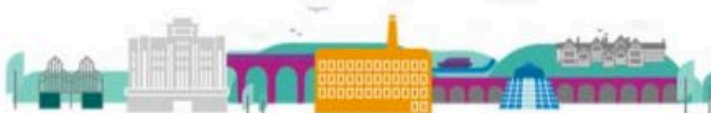
Keep a look out across social media, Youtube, radio & digital audio and the cinema.

Driving too fast increases risk and is a key factor in speed related casualties. The higher the speed the greater the consequences of a collision are likely to be.

Don't over-estimate your driving ability. Collisions can happen to anyone, no matter how good a driver you think you are. You only have to lose control once.

The faster you go the less time you have to react. Speed limits are not a target - know your limits.

It's within your control to keep yourself and others safe.



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Internal Y13 Exams February 2025



		9am		1.15pm
Week 2	Monday 24 February	English Lit/Geog 2hrs		Biology/Physics 1hr 30mins
	Tuesday 25 February	Psychology 2hrs		Chemistry/Business Studies 1hr 30mins
	Wednesday 26 February	Media Studies/ Further Maths Yr13 2hrs 30mins / 1hr15mins		Core Maths (Yr12) 1hr 30mins
	Thursday 27 February	Maths 2hrs		French/Spanish 1hr 45mins
	Friday 28 February	English Lang / History / PE 2hrs 30mins / 2hrs		Further Maths (Yr12) 1hr 15mins

Internal Exams and Protocols

Exam Protocols

- Arrive at 08.30 ready for a 9am start.
- Arrive at 12.45 for a 13.15 start.
- Ensure you have left your phone and belongings in the relevant room as directed by exams staff.
- Ensure you have bottled water, clear pencil case, no phone/watch and all of your equipment

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The Cabinet Summary

What have we done?

- Raised money for charity through the valentines day collection.
(More info on next slide)
 - Organised a Secret Santa.
 - Started production of a school magazine (coming soon).
 - Organised an assembly delivered by some of the year 13s.
 - Increased the number of gluten free and veggie options in the refectory.
 - Introduced Smoothies, yoghurts and fruits to the break time menu.
 - Got cream and marshmallows for the hot chocolates.
 - “Amazing” - Daisy
- And much more...

What's to come?

Staff Vs Student Dodgeball on Friday 14th of March.

- Wider range of guest speakers.
- A SharePoint folder in which students can share revision materials.
- Opportunity to volunteer to run an escape room with Mrs Lambert.
- Opportunity to be apart of a student panel for future Y12s.
- Date to be confirmed for Year 13 Leavers do.

Small notices:

- Please keep the atrium tidy – pick up litter left by yourself or others.
- If you use something from a room or the silent study, please return it to where you took it from.
- There is a suggestions box below the laptop in the atrium.

As we approach a new half term, we will continue to listen to your recommendations and help make the sixth form a better experience for everyone.



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Valentines Rolos

- Thank you to all the staff and students who ordered a Valentine's Rolo and helped donate money for the Little Hearts Matter charity.
- All your donations have added up to an amazing £210!
- This money will go towards calls on their support line for familys who need it most, help preparing and supporting a child through their Fontan operation and buying enough spoon packs to help 8–11-year-olds understand their limited energy levels because of their condition.



Little Hearts Matter
Half a heart, not half a life

