

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 10th March 2025



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PT Time	
Monday	Key Messages
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 (Atrium) : Work Experience Debrief Year 13 (SF8) : UCAS Clearing & Results Day
Tuesday	Notices
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 & Year 13 (Atrium) : Email Management - tips on how to stay on top of and organise your emails

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What's on this week

**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 - *Students involved have been advised*

**Friday 14th
March**

Staff Vs Student Dodgeball - Please sign up below if you'd like to participate (you'll need to wear active wear/gym stuff).

[Fri 14th March staff v HGSF dodgeball STUDENT.docx](#)

**Tuesday 18th -
Thursday 20th
March**

School Production



**Wednesday
19th March**

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

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Upcoming

**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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Upcoming

Friday 11th April	Sixth Form finishes for Easter
Monday 28th April	Sixth Form re-opens after Easter
w/c 28th April	A Level Practical Exams begin
Tuesday 29th April	UCAS and Gold DofE Information Evening - <i>further details to follow</i>
Thursday 1st May - Saturday 3rd May	Gold DofE Practice Expedition
Friday 2nd May	Year 13 Leavers Assembly - Atrium P5
Monday 5th May	Year 13 Study Leave begins

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Student Notices:

Year 12 Work Experience Evaluation Form: Please ensure you have completed this form by Friday 14th March. This was emailed to you on Friday 3rd March, if you need it resending please come to the office.

Parents Evening, Thursday 27th March: Please make appointments directly with your subject teachers, you can get an appointment sheet from your tutor or from the office.

Gold DofE Year 13: Please login to your edofe and assess what you still need to do to achieve your Gold DofE Award and complete any outstanding sections.

Gold DofE Year 12: Please login to your edofe and ensure all sections are now started. Remember to keep track of and upload all your evidence.

Book Tokens: To celebrate World Book day there are some book tokens in the study centre. Please help yourself, just one per person.

Refectory: The refectory is now open from 8:15am every day. This is a trial to see if there is a demand for breakfast service.

Study Facilities: If you wish to make use of our study facilities after lessons have finished for the day, please note the following:

- Please use the silent study centre or IT suite only
- If you are working as a group and require a classroom you **MUST** book this out at the office as you would during the day
- Only classrooms that have been pre-booked are available to use

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.

Year 13 Revision Sessions:

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

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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.

The 200 selected students will engage in a 16-week leadership programme that builds their confidence, develops their skills and increases their access to ambitious post-18 pathways.

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!**

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- Secure Top Universities**
- Access Provided Scholarships**
- Learn From Mentors**
- Build Cohesive Communities**

Check us out!

www.futureleaders.uk
Application Deadline:
Friday 28th March

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Dr Hugh Munro - Admission Tutor, University of Oxford:

"This programme provides a fantastic range of academic and enrichment opportunities making students strong candidates for Oxford."

Our programme provides:

- Two in-person sessions held after school at Manchester Metropolitan University
- 12 online sessions that will develop skills and build confidence
- Support with university admission/UCAS
- Work experience opportunities
- Apprenticeship support from leading corporate partners

Student Testimonial:

"Having just accepted a place at Oxford, I am so grateful I was on the Future Leaders Programme as it gave me the confidence, skills, and experiences I needed to get in!"

Student Testimonial:

"I visited Amazon when I was on the Future Leaders Programme, and I have just accepted a degree apprenticeship role starting in September!"

For more information view the PowerPoint [here](#)

Here is a [60-second video](#) about our work

Interested students should apply directly on our website www.futureleaders.uk before Friday 28th March at 5pm.

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Free Subject Taster Sessions

Science - Subject tasters

[Maths: What is Calculus?](#)

Tuesday 18th March 2025

5.30pm to 7pm Online

[Physics: Particle Physics - Find a particle at the LHC](#)

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 9am to 4.15pm

On -campus

[Psychology: Why are we always distracted? Lessons from cognitive psychology about attention in everyday life](#)

Wednesday 9th April 2025

5pm to 6.30pm Online

[Bioscience: Animal reproduction and conservation](#)

Thursday 10th April 2025

5pm to 6.30pm Online

Arts and Humanities - Subject tasters

[English Literature: The many loves of Jane Eyre](#)

Tuesday 11th March 2025

5pm - 6pm Online

[Languages & Cultures - German: Freud - Mind and Society](#)

Tuesday 18th March 2025

5pm - 6.15pm Online

[East Asian Studies: The Rise of Game Survival Narratives in East Asian Cinema and Television](#)

Thursday 20th March 2025

5.30pm - 6.45pm Online

[Linguistics: Linguistics and Social Justice](#)

Wednesday 26th March 2025

5.30pm - 6.45pm Online

[Languages & Cultures - Catalan: Catalan Taster Session](#)

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

5pm - 6.15pm Online

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Free Subject Taster Sessions

Health - Subject tasters

[Orthoptics: Why do we see double?](#)

Wednesday 12th March 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Nursing: The Kidneys - Why they're so great](#)

Wednesday 26th March 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Human Communication Sciences: Speech and Language Therapy Taster Session](#)

Tuesday 1st April 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Pharmacy: More than counting tablets](#)

Wednesday 7th May 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Nursing: Preparing a Patient for a Procedure](#)

Thursday 17th April 2025

1.30pm to 3pm On -campus

Social Sciences - Subject tasters

[Social Sciences: How can we better understand and impact people's health and wellbeing?](#)

Wednesday 12th March 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Economics: What is the right amount of pollution?](#)

Wednesday 26th March 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Politics: The new 'crisis of masculinity' and the future of gender politics in Britain](#)

Tuesday 1st April 2025

4pm to 5.15pm Online

[Architecture: Communication Architecture and Design](#)

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Social Sciences Outreach

Social Sciences Summer School

Are you interested in business, sociology, politics or geography but are struggling to decide what to study at university? Do you want to explore the social sciences? Apply for the Social Sciences Summer School!

Our three-day, two-night Social Sciences Summer School, running from Tuesday 24 June - Thursday 26 June 2025, is the perfect opportunity for Year 12 students to explore a variety of social sciences subjects (including Environment, Geography, Sociology, Education, Politics and International Studies and Business) and live life as a university student.

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

Applications close at 23:59 on Sunday, 6 April.

Leeds Summer Schools 2025

Opportunity for Year 12 students to explore a chosen subject area and experience what it's like to live in and learn at Leeds:

- Biosciences: 26–27 June
- Engineering: 15–17 July
- Food Science & Nutrition: 30 June–2 July
- Languages – Linguastars: 24–26 June
- Social Sciences: 24–26 June
- University Mathematics in Perspective: 24–26 June

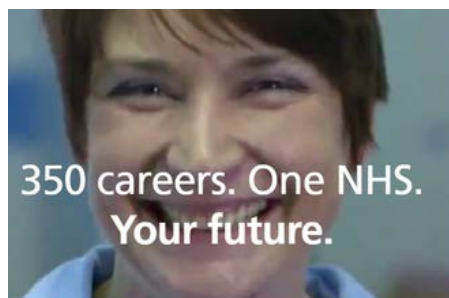
Applications for all summer schools close on 6 April 2025.

There may be a contribution towards travel costs for eligible students. **Visit the website to find out more.**



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Explore roles

There are over 350 different NHS careers and everyone makes a difference every day.

Whether you're still in education or thinking about changing careers, you'll get the information you need. You'll also find real-life stories and films of our staff and students.

You can also use our [compare roles tool](#) to compare bite-sized information on the skills and qualifications for a role, pay and conditions and where a role can take you in the future.

If you're not sure where to start, try our [Find your Career quiz](#) and discover the NHS careers that match your interests.

[Click here to explore more roles](#)

NHS apprenticeships

Earn, learn and make a difference with an NHS apprenticeship. Our apprenticeships offer routes into many of the more than 350 NHS careers through a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning.

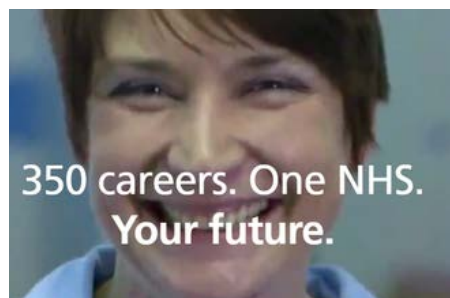
What you need to know about NHS apprenticeships

- many NHS employers will pay you more than the minimum wage
- if you are aged 16 to 18 or 19+ and in your first year of an apprenticeship, the minimum you should receive is £6.40 an hour (the National Minimum Wage for apprentices)
- apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete
- anyone over the age of 16 can do one
- over a week, you're likely to spend the equivalent of four days on work placement and one day at a training centre or college
- you'll develop your skills, including English and maths
- you'll gain a competence qualification (based on what you can do in the workplace) and a knowledge qualification, or a qualification combining both

[Click here for more information](#)

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Getting experience

Get some work experience ideas, how to find them and how to make the most of them.

Getting experience can put you on the road to an NHS career. Many NHS jobs and training courses, such as university degrees and apprenticeships, need some level of experience. While for others, you need to demonstrate that you've looked into the role you're interested in and have some understanding of what it involves.

Ways of getting experience

Getting some experience can be really important in finding an NHS career. Here are some of the different things you can do.

- **work experience placements.** The placement could be a day or two, a week or fortnight or a few hours each week. It is worth remembering that during and since the COVID-19 pandemic, you might find it more difficult to find them.
- **volunteering.** Volunteers work alongside staff doing worthwhile tasks. Although you're not paid, any expenses may be reimbursed. You don't have to volunteer full time. It could be a one-off project or a weekly commitment that you could fit around your work or studies. It could form part of your gap year either in the UK or overseas.
- **paid part- or full-time work.** Any paid experience in the right sort of environment can be valuable, particularly if you receive training.
- **a supported internship.** Supported internships (such as with Project Choice) provide a mix of work placements and study days at college, usually for people aged between 16 and 24
- **other ways** in which you can gain relevant experience include caring for a friend or relative who is sick or disabled

The greater and more varied the experience you have the better, so you could, for instance, do a placement as well as some volunteering.

[Click here for more information](#)

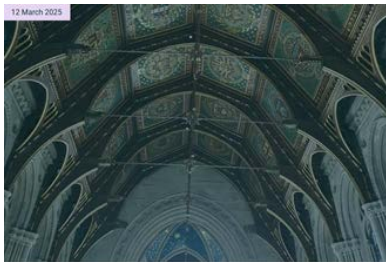
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Manchester
Lit & Phil

What's on this month?

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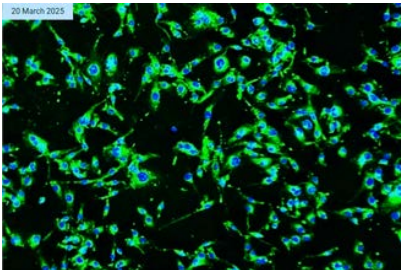


Manchester Town Hall: The Revival of a Gothic Revival Masterpiece **A talk by Jamie Coath, Technical and Conservation Advisor**

Step inside the fascinating story of how Manchester's architectural crown jewel is being transformed for future generations. Our Grade I listed Town Hall, one of Britain's finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture, is undergoing an ambitious restoration that blends heritage conservation with 21st-century innovation.

[Click here for more information](#)

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Small Particles, Big Impact: Revolutionising Drug Delivery **A talk by pioneering pharmaceutical scientist Professor Dame Ijeoma Uchegbu**

Imagine a future where medicines work better and cause fewer side effects. Join us to hear from pharmaceutical pioneer Professor Dame Ijeoma Uchegbu, President of Wolfson College, Cambridge, as she explores the future of medicine through nanotechnology.

Ijeoma and her team are developing groundbreaking nanoparticle technology that delivers drugs precisely where they're needed in the body. It's a fascinating breakthrough that anyone interested in technological innovation needs to hear more about.

[Click here for more information](#)

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Overcoming the challenges of global decarbonisation

A talk by Chris Goodall, author and climate technologies specialist

The global drive toward decarbonisation has reached a pivotal moment. While we've made impressive progress in some areas – particularly in renewable energy and electric vehicles – we now face our greatest challenges. This talk by specialist Chris Goodall explores how we can tackle the most difficult aspects of decarbonisation: from transforming heavy industry and modernizing our infrastructure to ensuring a fair transition for all.

[Click here for more information](#)

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Upcoming Webinars for HE+ (Oxbridge Elective Students)

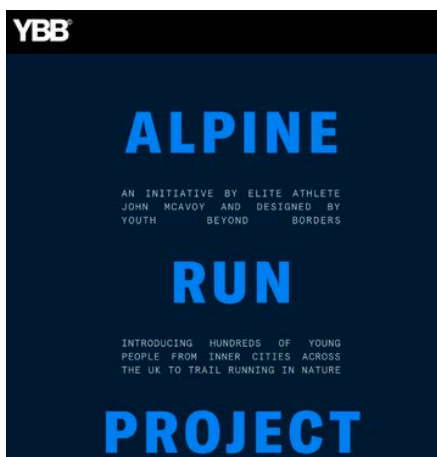


Only accessible to registered participants
Please ask at the office if you require our unique school code

11, 13 March (5-6PM)	Module 1: Student Roundtable - Bridging the Gap
24 - 28 March (5-6PM, 6-7PM)	Module 2: Lecture Series Week
01, 03 April (5-6PM)	Module 3: HE+ Project - Choosing a topic
08, 10 April	Module 1: Applying to Cambridge with Apply: Cambridge
28 April - 02 May (5-6PM)	Module 2: Mock Seminar Week

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An amazing opportunity for young people aged 16-23 who are passionate about exploring the outdoors and want to get fitter to participate in Year 3 of the Alpine Run Project.

The Alpine Run Project is an initiative that helps young people to build community, connect with nature and feel fulfilled through the sport of trail running.

This project is aimed at young people who live in cities and just want to get out into nature, go on some adventures and meet a community. Absolutely no previous running experience is required, just some enthusiasm to give it a go.

Please sign up [here](#) . The deadline to sign up is the 23rd of March.

Please find some links below about the project.

Website - <https://www.ybb.agency/alpine-run-project>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/alpinerunproject/?hl=en>

Year 1 Documentary - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQZEcywnYok>

Year 2 Documentary - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alxeBpBx4bA>



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Mindfulness and Meditation

All it takes is 10 mindful minutes

Following our session on Mindfulness and Wellbeing, please find the link below to the video we shared.

[All it takes is 10 mindful minutes](#)

