

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

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HAZEL GROVE
SIXTH FORM

PT Time

Monday

Reading Strategies

Monday Launchpad

Year 12 (Atrium) : Degree Courses and next steps with Mrs Roberts followed by MAP Talk from the Manchester Access programme

Year 13 (SF7/8) : UCAS Offers - what do I do now? with Mrs Lambert followed by Visiting Speaker Ayesha Akram from Leeds University 'Insights from the Inside'

Tuesday

Notices & Week Ahead

Wednesday

Year 12 : The Big Conversation

Year 13 : The Big Think

Thursday

PT Quiz

Friday Extended PT

Year 12 (Atrium) : Visiting Speaker from Mosaic - What are the current drug trends in Greater Manchester?

Year 13 (SF7/8) : AI and its place in study, work and life followed by revision plans for Common Assessments and dealing with exam stress

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What's on this week


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Tuesday 11th November	UCAS Creative Future Trip - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Wednesday 12th November	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Wednesday 12th November	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) Event at CHSF - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Thursday 13th November	Manchester University Engineering Challenge at Etihad stadium - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Thursday 13th November	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - students involved have been advised

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Upcoming

W/C Monday 17th November	Year 13 Common Assessments
Thursday 20th November	Spanish Exchange visiting Students join us at HGSF, the students will stay with us until Tuesday 25 th November
Friday 21st November	History of Art Lectures at Didsbury Sixth Form - <i>Year 13 students involved will be advised in due course</i>
W/C Monday 24th November	Year 13 Common Assessments
Monday 1st December	Inset Day
Thursday 11th December	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved will be advised in due course</i>
Friday 19th December	Finish for Christmas 

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Student Notices:

Silent Study Centre: Silence Required at All Times. This space is dedicated to silent study only. To maintain a focused and respectful environment, we ask that you remain silent at all times while using this area. If you need to collaborate or talk, please use a collaborative study space. Thank you for respecting your fellow students and helping us preserve a quiet atmosphere for everyone.

Electives: Please be reminded that attendance at your Electives is mandatory.

Classroom use/Food in classrooms: We are noticing an increase in food and drink waste in classroom bins. Please note, we do not allow food and drink in classrooms so this should not be happening. Please adhere to this request and ensure all food and drink is consumed in the refectory where possible. If using a classroom at lunch you **MUST** book this out via the Room Booking sheet.

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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Bank of America Apprenticeship Event

Date: Tuesday 12th November

Time : 5.00 to 6.00pm

We are pleased to announce that we will hold an online Bank of America Apprenticeship event on Tuesday 12th November from 5.00 to 6.00pm for 6th Form/College students, teachers, and parents/guardians interested in finding out more about the Apprenticeships and the Banks offering.

This one-hour session will include

- An overview of the apprenticeship programme and some hints and tips for people who are thinking of applying.
- Meet the Apprentices - Apprentices sharing their own background and experiences, why they chose an apprenticeship, what's it's like doing an apprenticeship and what an apprentice does in Bank of America.
- Questions and Answers - your chance to find out more by asking the apprentices directly about their experiences

If you would like to join us for the on-line event, please complete the form following this link -

[Application form](#)

Once you have submitted the form, we will be in touch with a link to join the event and more details about the session.

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MANCHESTER
1824
The University of Manchester

mA*ths
Online
Programme

Supported by
The Hg
Foundation

mA*ths Online Y12 Programme

If you are an A-Level Maths or Further Maths student thinking of applying to University, the mA*ths Online Programme can offer qualifying students the following:

- Complete tailored online modules covering the challenging elements of the A-Level Maths curriculum.
- Regular online mentoring sessions with University of Manchester students.
- Face-to-face masterclasses on our University campus.
- And, the programme is completely free!

This initiative runs in collaboration with Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) and Imperial College London and is intended to support students with the academic ability to achieve A/A* at A-level to reach their full academic potential in their Maths studies. The programme is targeted at pupils from communities underrepresented in Higher Education. During the programme, successful applicants receive tailored support, including online mentoring with University of Manchester students and two face-to-face masterclasses at The University of Manchester, as well as completing online modules to complement their A-Level learning. The programme will run from January 2026 till May 2026.

[Please visit our website to find out more and to apply.](#)

Applications are open until the 30th of November

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YEAR 12 - Virtual Work Experience

This programme is suitable for students who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Register [here](#) and more Information

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using this link.

Next Session

7th December: **Paediatric Pathway**

Upcoming Session Agendas

PAIN
MANAGEMENT &
MENTAL HEALTH

PAEDIATRIC
PATHWAY

ROAD TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT

GERIATRICS &
RECOVERY

COMMUNICATION
& FRACTURES

RECOVERY,
REHABILITATION
& THERAPY

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Introducing Next Step York

This two-year programme introduces Year 12 students to the skills and learning methods needed to thrive at university, through online and in-person activities and events. Students will take charge of their experience by choosing their own modules based on their interests and ideal university course. The end result? Well-equipped students who are prepared to make informed choices about their next steps.

Students can benefit from:

- Understanding how to choose the right course
- Insight into student finance, accommodation, and student life
- Academic taster sessions
- The opportunity to receive a guaranteed interview or reduced offer to study at York

[Application form](#)

Black Access for full access

Taking the plunge and thinking about life beyond the classroom can be scary for most students. But with Black Access, Year 12 students aren't alone. With this student-led initiative, you'll have the opportunity to join a community of other talented Black students to find out more about what it's like to live and learn at university.

By signing up you will:

- Connect with like-minded students before officially stepping foot through the doors of higher education
- Hear from others on the Black student experience
- Receive honest and authentic advice about university life
- Have the chance to receive a guaranteed interview or alternative offer at the University of York

[Application form](#)

Applications for both programmes close on **Friday 21st November at 9am**

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STOCKPORT BATTLE OF THE BANDS & SINGER/SONGWRITER COMPETITION 2026

WINNERS PERFORM AT BAND ON THE WALL

Once again, working with our partners across the Great Manchester Music Hub, we are planning to hold a Stockport "Battle of the Bands" (BOTB) and Singer/Songwriter event, where pupils have the opportunity to perform a short set of their own choice and the winners go forward to represent Stockport in the Greater Manchester Rock and Pop Showcase event at Band on the Wall in Manchester on Sunday 1 March 2026.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

For the BOTB event, bands can perform their own material, covers, or a mixture of both and all the bands that have taken part in previous years have had great publicity and exposure, with many of them getting additional gigs from the evening.

The Stockport event will be held on Monday 26 January and/or Monday 2 February 2026, depending on the number of groups. The event(s) will start at 6.30 pm and be held at The Spinning Top in town. There will be an online booking form for bands to complete and we are giving you the choice of entering the band as a teacher or passing the responsibility to parents, whichever is better for you.



SINGER/SONGWRITER

The singer/songwriter event is designed to give the same opportunities to those artists who aren't in bands but have the same passion for writing and performing their material. As with the BOTB event, entries will be online using the links below.

At the inaugural singer/songwriter event last year, our Stockport entrant went on to win the GM event at Band on the Wall so hopefully we can keep this going!

I hope you can encourage as many of your pupils as possible to take part and I'm sure it will be another exceptional year with high standards throughout.



Application Deadline Monday 5th January

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**Manchester
Lit&Phil**

A Tour of Manchester Art Gallery's Remarkable Collection

The Pre-Raphaelite Movement: quaint but inconsequential Victoriana - or the very Spirit of Contemporary Art?

Date and time:

2 December 2025

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location:

Manchester Art Gallery
Mosley Street,
Manchester M2 3JL

Price: £10

Overview

A Tour of Manchester Art Gallery's Remarkable Collection of Pre-Raphaelite Paintings

Pre-Raphaelite paintings have a way of striking you, even from a distance. They are often bejewelled with luminous colour, redolent of some beautiful dream world and indeed, many evoke the same sense of a lost past that can be found in poetry. The human figures seem almost too real, whilst the trees, grasses, leaves and flowers appear possessed of a vibrant living force.

Manchester Art Gallery has some of the very finest examples but of course, like much else in the art world, they tend to divide opinion. Gallery visitors come from far and wide to see them but there are also detractors who find the works overly sentimental.

Join volunteer guide John Ward in a quest to determine whether or not these world famous masterpieces speak as powerfully to us as they once did to our forebears.



[Book now](#)

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Manchester Lit&Phil

When The Canary Stops Singing

Living in an Age of Consequence

Date and time:

12 November 2025

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location:

Lecture Theatre, Renold Innovation Hub

81 Sackville Street

Manchester M1 3NJ

(Access via Altrincham Street Entrance)

Price:

£15.00 General Admission / £6.00

Students / Members book for

FREE

Overview

Thirty years ago, climate change was denied by the media. Twenty-five ago, the threat was only to tree frogs or polar bears and, 20 years ago, to 'future generations'. Fifteen years ago, the Lancet Commission described it as 'the greatest threat to human health of the 21st century'. But none of us took any heed. Now, every one of us is threatened and soon, it will be too late. So say not just climate scientists, but ecologists, agronomists, the food industry, the military, healthcare professionals, bankers, actuaries and economists.

The latest data (January 2025) suggest that we are on track for >4.2oC, and we are warned that, "At 3C or more of heating by 2050, there could be more than 4 billion deaths, significant sociopolitical fragmentation worldwide, failure of states (with resulting rapid, enduring, and significant loss of capital), and extinction events.'

Prof Hugh Montgomery will discuss how we came to be here, the nature, gravity and immediacy of the threat, and what we must all do in our lives if we are to save ourselves and our families.

The presentation will include time for questions and discussion. Booking is essential.

[Book now](#)



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Stockport Road Safety News

Autumn/Winter Driving - Be Safe & Be seen

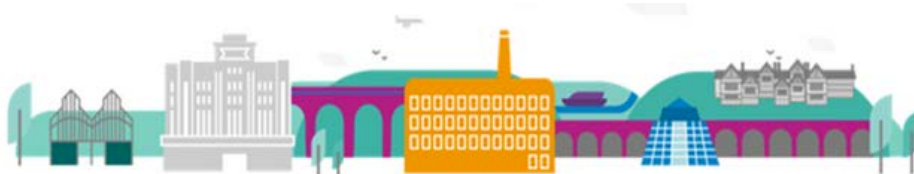
As daylight hours are getting shorter it's ever more important for you as a driver to take care on your College journey and when out and about outside of College.

In the dark and poor weather, pedestrians and cyclists can be difficult to spot especially if they have dark clothing or no lights on their bike.

Avoid doing anything which may distract your attention from driving safely. It can be too easy to miss something. Be mindful of your speed and the road conditions.

Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy. Regularly check that all your lights are working so you can see and be seen. Check that your tyres are in good condition and inflated correctly and your brakes are working efficiently. Check the condition of your windscreen wiper blades and replace if necessary.

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



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GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE

ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

ActionFraud

Report Fraud & Internet Crime

actionfraud.police.uk



TO STOP FRAUD

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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.