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PT Time	
Monday	Key Messages
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 : (Atrium) : What is University?
Tuesday	Week Ahead and Notices
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 (SF7/8) : How can I look after my mental health during transitional periods in my life? Year 13 (Atrium) : UCAS - what should I be doing now?

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Welcome Year 12 to your first newsletter!

We hope you find the information here useful over the next two years in supporting you to make choices about your future and providing you with guidance on how to reach your goals. Please read this each week and make a note to follow up on any super-curricular opportunities that interest you.

Welcome back Year 13!

Make sure you use the next few weeks to make the most of any remaining super-curricular opportunities available to you and also to check out any Open Days or online access courses for your chosen next steps.



Mr Alexander



Mrs Roberts

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What's on this week	
Monday 14th September	Myles Gould - University of Leeds Guest Speaker (Teams), 3.30-4.00pm in SF1. Relevant to all Geogrpahy students, everyone else welcome.
Friday 18th September	Deadline for Cabinet Applications

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Upcoming	
Monday 21st September	Y13 - Royal Literary Fund academic writing workshops, 9.15-11.15am - *students involved have been advised*
Tuesday 22nd September	UKMT Maths Comp for girls - *see Mr Wood for further details*
Wednesday 23rd September	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Streeet Primary School - *students involved have been advised*
Thursday 24th September	Y13 Medics The Nightingale Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital - *students involved have been advised*
Monday 28st September	Y13 - Royal Literary Fund academic writing workshops, 9.15-11.15am - *students involved have been advised*
Wednesday 7th October	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Streeet Primary School - *students involved have been advised*
Thursday 8th October	Careers Fair - *more information to follow*
Thursday 8th October	Year 13 Parents Evening

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Student Notices:

Absences: If you won't be attending school due to sickness or if you need to leave sixth form during the school day for an appointment, your parent/carer must notify us of this via the MCAS app or by sending an email to sixthform@hazelgrovehigh.co.uk.

Appointments: Only urgent medical, dental and other appointments should be made during school hours, preferably out of lesson time. Routine appointments, including driving lessons and driving theory tests, must not be made during school hours.

University Open Days: 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 (available on the white unit in the Atrium); 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.

Important Docs: Please make sure you have read the following documents:
Responsible Use Agreement for ICT Sixth Form
Sixth Form Learning Contract
Secondary Home School Agreement

PC's: When working on the computers in the Study Centre or IT Suite, ALWAYS make sure you lock your screen if stepping away from the PC.

Emails: We use your school email to communicate with you. We would advise that you keep your school email for school communications only, to ensure you do not miss important information. You are able to 'categorise' messages and create folders to allow you to organise your emails, we will run a 'how to' session on this, however in the meantime, if you need assistance please come to the office. When signing up to access courses, universities, etc, please use you personal email address where possible to assist with keeping your school email inbox organised. If you are having any issues with logins/emails please see Mrs Gill.

Business Dress: Please follow the link to revisit the Business Dress expectations. Hoodies and trainers are not part of business dress and should not be worn around the building.

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Student Notices:

Early Closes: Sixth Form will be closing early on Thursday 17th September due to an event. Please make sure you have vacated the building by 5pm.

Locker Keys: Please take care of your locker key, there is a charge to you of £5.50 for a new key if yours is lost.

Lanyards and ID Badges: Please take care of your ID badge, if you lose your badge, it is important you report this to Mrs Gill straight away so we can cancel access to the building. There is a charge of £2.50 to replace your lanyard and ID badge.

Signing In/Out: Please remember to sign in and sign out.

Student Vehicles: A reminder to let us know your vehicle details if you are now driving to school and parking on site or on the surrounding roads. https://forms.office.com/e/AsCg54cGk6

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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Sixth Form - Financial Information

16-19 Financial Bursary

The16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help students facingfinancial hardship to continue in full time education after Year 11.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

- Students must be aged between 16 and 19 on the 31st August at the start of the academic year in which they begin a full time study programme
- Students should satisfy the residency criteria as specified in the EFA Funding Guidance

Free School Meals

Free school meals are still available to qualifying students in the Sixth Form. As this is a new phase of education, you will need to reapply for free school meals for your child to receive them when they start sixth form in September. This applies to both students joining us from Hazel Grove High School and from other schools.

If you believe you are entitled to FSM then please apply using this online form.
If you are unsure whether you qualify, we would encourage you to enter your details to check.

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Year 13 UCAS Applications

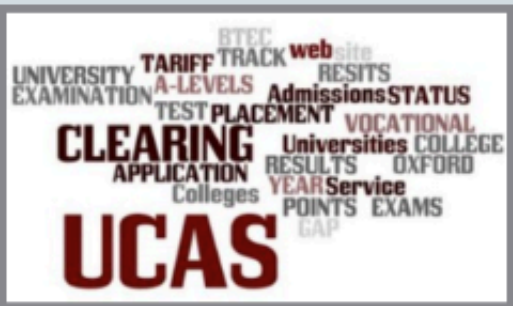
You should have…

- Research into degree courses and apprenticeships
- Attended Open Days
- Research into universities and apprenticeship providers
- Wider Reading to demonstrate passion for your subject
- Career, Subject and Personality Profiling
- Started/Completed the draft of your Personal Statement

1. Be clear, confident and enthusiastic about your chosen course. Universities want to see evidence of a real *critical engagement* with the subject.
2. Know the grades/UCAS Tariff points needed.
3. Check the course Entry Profile - what is the university is looking for in their students?

THE UCAS APPLICATION FORM

1. Personal details
2. Education history
3. Complete your employment history
4. Select your course choices
5. Write a personal statement



Deadlines

Early Entry:

24th September

All other entries:

6th October

University Open Days

10 Reasons to Attend an Open Day

- Get a feel for the campus
- Talk to the teaching staff
- View specialist facilities
- Meet current students
- See where you'll live
- Explore the local area
- Find out more about finance
- Learn about student support services
- Meet other people
- Confirm your future



UCAS

HAZEL GROVE
SIXTH FORM

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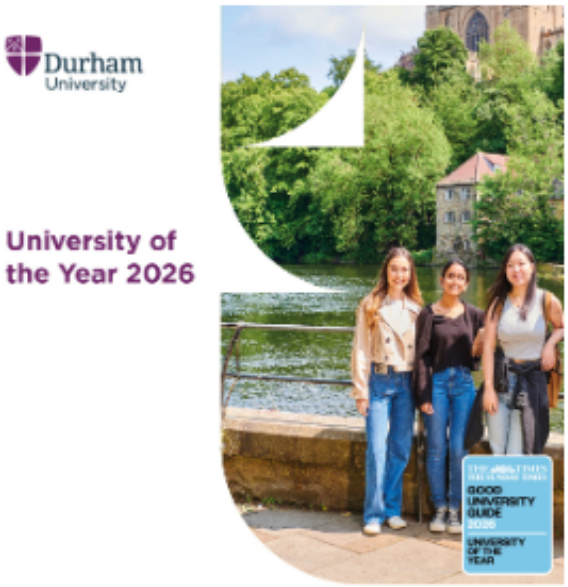
Undergraduate Open Days

18 September or Saturday 19 September

- Learn about our courses and the academic departments that teach them
- Visit our colleges and their communities, facilities, and accommodation
- Find out about our student support and wellbeing and careers and enterprise services
- Discover our wider student experience, including societies and sports teams.

Learn more about our upcoming Open Days.

About our Open Days



Event bursary

We offer an event bursary that could help with travel and accommodation costs. If eligible, students may be able to claim up to £200. Details on eligibility and how to apply are provided as part of the event information upon booking.

About our event bursary

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Newcastle University

- **Partners Programme**
- **Open Days**
- **Study in the North - Live Webinar**

PARTNERS Programme

Applications are now open for to the PARTNERS programme supported entry route for those applying for 2027 entry. PARTNERS is for Year 13/final year students.

You could receive a lower offer, attend a free academic summer school and access dedicated support from application to enrolment.

Discover how to apply **here**

Open Days

- Saturday 3 October 9am-4pm
- Saturday 21 November 9am-4pm

Book now for 2026

Study in the North - Live Webinar

If you are considering studying in the North of England, join our collaborative, online Study in the North webinar on Wednesday 23 September 2026. Students will be able to:

- hear from the Universities of Newcastle, Manchester, Hull, Lancaster, and Sheffield
- listen to insights from current students
- ask questions during our Student Ambassador Q&A panel

Register here

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Open Day bookings are now live - Year 12 and Year 13

You'll have the chance to explore our wide range of courses, meet tutors and current students, tour our accommodation and facilities, and discover what life at the University of Lancashire is really like.

Book a place on an Open Day

Attending an Open Day when you're neurodivergent

Hafsa's six reasons to attend an Open Day



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Please see full event details (including seminar timetable) here

Student Registration

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Registration is now open for USA College Day 2026!

Europe's largest free US university fair is back in London this September, and spots go fast, so don't wait to register. If you haven't registered yet, now's the time.

This free event gives students, parents and teachers the chance to:

- Meet representatives from over 120 American universities
- Explore different institutions, and learn about financial aid and scholarships
- Get clear answers on the US admissions process

For more information, visit: https://fulbright.org.uk/educationusa-advice/college-day-2026/

Register for free tickets here

MANCHESTER 1824
The University of Manchester

mA*ths Online Programme

Supported by
The Hg Foundation

Y13 mA*ths and Further mA*ths Programme applications open until 15th September!

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/Further Maths curriculum.
- Regular online mentoring sessions with University of Manchester STEM students.
- Face-to-face masterclasses on our University campus.
- And, the programme is completely free! (eligibility criteria apply)

Scan the QR Code to apply!

Apply Here

Email: mathsonline@manchester.ac.uk
Website: uom.link/mathsonline

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Interested in a career in Medicine?

RCPE Free Lectures

Monday 28th September 2026
Wednesday 30 September 2026

Every year, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh runs free lectures for young people who are considering a career in medicine. These lectures can be attended in person at the College's Queen Street premises, watched via livestream, or viewed on catch-up any time after the event.

Our next lectures will take place on Monday 28th September 2026 and Wednesday 30 September 2026. Recordings of past lectures can be watched HERE.

Schools' Lecture 2026 : Entry to Med School
Monday 28th September 2026, 4:30pm – 6pm
Don't let the application process confuse you - join us to find out everything you need to know when applying to medical school!
BOOK NOW

Schools' Lecture 2026: Medical Ethics
Wednesday 30 September 2026, 4:30pm – 6pm
Curious about medical ethics? Sit alongside some of Scotland's top medical professionals as we discuss the role of ethics in medicine today.
BOOK NOW

Discover Finance

OPENING DOORS TO A CAREER IN FINANCIAL SERVICES IN MANCHESTER





> ***"I didn't know there were other routes into Finance apart from going to University. I now know that I want to do an Actuarial apprenticeship with one of the firms that hosted this programme."***
>
> Participant July 2025 programme

Discover Finance is here to shake things up. Our unique rotational approach gives young people an **insight into the potential of a career in finance**. By joining our programme, they see the breadth of skills, roles, cultures and organisations that make up the finance eco-system, inspiring them to learn more about a career in finance.

A work insight programme where Year 12-13s are invited to spend time at local firms across 2 days. Students will hear from a range of firms and employees; **undertake a real workplace project** and grow both their skills and understanding of the sector. Post programme, they will have access to information about early careers roles at the host firms.

What will the progamme entail?

Multi-day work experience at BDO, with a second host firm to be confirmed soon.
The programme will take place on 28 and 29 October 2026 (dates to be confirmed).

How to apply

Scan the QR code and fill out a 15 minute application with your key details and why you would like to take part in the programme. **The deadline is 9am on the 18th of September.** We will let you know if your application has been successful by End of September 2026.

Scan me to apply or click the link here

If you have any questions about the programme, feel free to contact us at: **discoverfinance@connectr.com**

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- A professional mentor
- Skills sessions to support you now and through uni
- Work experience opportunities and support

Applications open until Friday, 11th December @ 12PM!

Apply Now!

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Discover your pathway to a career

Pathways applications are now open

It's time to take your first steps into your dream industry.

Our programmes are completely free to attend. From work experience to employability skill sessions to ongoing university and apprenticeship application support, you'll get the opportunity to build your CV and immerse yourself in the possibilities of your future career.

Choose your pathway

Free webinar on 16 Sept at 4pm

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Manchester Lit&Phil



Date and time
Tuesday 22 September
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location
Royal Northern College of Music
124 Oxford Road,
Manchester M13 9RD

Price
£15.00 General Admission /
£5.00 Students / Members
book for FREE

Book now

Careering Through Astronomy
Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell

Overview

Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell has made many exceptional contributions to physics, as ground breaking researcher, as a leader of learned societies and as an inspirational ambassador for public engagement.

As a PhD student at Cambridge University, she was involved in opening up a new branch of astrophysics through her involvement in the discovery of pulsars, a particular class of neutron star. She has used telescopes flown on high altitude balloons, launched on rockets which carried satellites and built a radio telescope in Cambridgeshire.

Jocelyn Bell Burnell is a well-known figure in the world of public understanding of science and is a physicist who, while conducting research for her doctorate, discovered the first radio pulsars in 1967. This discovery later earned the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1974, but she was not among the awardees.

Since that time, In 2018, she was awarded the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Following the announcement of the award, she decided to use the $3 million (£2.3 million) prize money to establish a fund to help female, minority and refugee students to become research physicists. In 2021, Bell Burnell became the second female recipient (after Dorothy Hodgkin in 1976) of the Royal Society's Copley Medal.

Jocelyn has served on many boards and panels throughout Europe, including serving as President of both the Royal Astronomical Society and the Institute of Physics.

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Manchester Lit&Phil



Date and time
Thursday 24 September
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location
Meet outside the site of the Lit & Phil's 20th Centruy HQ, 36 George Street, Chinatown

Price
£15.00

Book now

'Refugees Welcome! Manchester: The City of Immigration...'

Join a guided walk through Manchester's immigration history.

Overview

Manchester has a long and honourable tradition of welcoming people from around the world – refugees, immigrants, visitors, tourists. This has included Irish, Jews, Italians, Indians, Chinese, Germans ...

This is a tour of the locations where the history of immigration has been made and includes:

• The Free Trade Hall where Paul Robeson, the great American radical activist, spoke on a number of occasions.
• The Chinese Arch on Faulkner Street
• The Midland Hotel where Winston Churchill made his famous "aliens" speech.
• The Little Ireland plaque near Oxford Road station.
• The Dancehouse where Jomo Kenyatta, later first president of Kenya, taught African tribal dance in the 1940s.
• Chorlton-on-Medlock Town Hall which hosted the 5th Pan-African Congress in 1945, the 80th anniversary of which was recently celebrated.

Tour led by Ed Glinert of New Manchester Walks, author of "Manchester: The Biography".

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The Performing Arts Team are excited to announce that our school show for 2026-27 will be...



Some key dates for students who are interested in performing roles are below.

For those wishing to play in the band - you will be contacted by Mrs Dent.

For any students wishing to support backstage or in tech, Miss Hopkin will put a call out for this later in the year.

Audition booklets were distributed at the workshops on 9th and 10th September.

- Company auditions: Wednesday 16th September 2:25pm - 4:30pm
- Principal call backs: Thursday 17th September 3:20pm - 5:00pm
- Final cast list will be released on Friday 18th September outside A1 at 12:45pm.

Please check the newsletter weekly for rehearsal schedules.

CHICAGO THE MUSICAL

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ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



Living Well With Anxiety
Dr Sian Williams

Online via Zoom
15 September 2026
7.00pm

Join psychologist and BBC broadcaster Dr Sian Williams to discover practical, compassionate tools for living well with anxiety.

Does your anxiety ever feel like it's running the show?

For many of us, anxiety can feel like a constant, unwelcome companion - showing up as racing thoughts or worries that spiral out of control. It can leave us doubting ourselves, avoiding things we care about, or feeling like something is wrong with us.

At this special event, psychologist and broadcaster Dr Sian Williams will share insights from her book The Power of Anxiety. Rather than treating anxiety as something to fight or fear, Sian shows how it can become a signal we learn to notice, understand and work with.

Whether you live with everyday worry, occasional anxious spirals, or simply want a more effective way to respond when anxiety shows up, this event will leave you with tools you can start using straight away - and the reassurance that it's not your fault.

***Tickets: Open to all with optional donation**. By booking you will also receive access to the event video and resources.*

Book Your Place

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Keep up to date with us on Social Media

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