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PT Time

Monday	Key Messages Year 12 (Atrium) : Apertura Launch
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 (Atrium) : Launch of Academic Profile
Tuesday	Week Ahead and Notices
Wednesday	Y12 DofE Students : Q&A Drop in session with Mr Vickers in the Atrium Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	Year 12 & Year 13 : PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 (Atrium) : Emails and Onedrive Explained Year 13 (SF7/8) : UCAS - what next?

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What's on this week

w/c Monday 28th September	Cabinet Interviews to take place all week - <i>student invites have been sent</i>
Monday 28st September	Year 13 - Royal Literary Fund academic writing workshops, 9.15-11.15am - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Thursday 1st October	Year 12 and Year 13 - A Level PE Trip to MMU - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Friday 2nd October	Cabinet posts announced

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Upcoming

Tuesday 6th October	Year 13 HGSF UCAS Deadline
Tuesday 6th October	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 7th October	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Street Primary School - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Thursday 8th October	Careers Fair - <i>more information to follow</i>
Thursday 8th October	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 9th October	First Cabinet Meeting
Thursday 22nd October	Sixth Form closes for half term
Thursday 22nd October	Hazel Grove High School Open Evening - <i>we will be asking for volunteers for this event</i>
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day

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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.

Library: Books in the Library/Study Centre fall under three different categories:

Reference books – these books are not to be removed from the library and should be replaced when finished.

Lending library – library books can be borrowed and taken home. All books must be checked out at Sixth Form reception.

Sixth Form Book Swap – these are books that have been loved, enjoyed and passed on. Students and staff alike will contribute to this collection. You are free to take and donate as many as you like.

ID Badges and Lanyards: It is extremely important that all students are instantly recognisable as part of the school community. This is a safeguarding requirement. To ensure this, we ask all Sixth Form students to wear a photographic identity badge. If you forget your badge, then you must see your Head of Year for a temporary one immediately. If you have lost your ID badge this must be reported to the office.

Student Gym Membership: We offer a discounted gym membership to Sixth Form students and sign-up forms can be requested from the sports centre reception.

Gym only membership: £10 per month

Gym and class membership: £19.99 per month

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 5pm – 10pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday 9am – 10pm

Private Study: Private study time is a valuable opportunity to take charge of your academic progress. Whether you're working on PP&R, engaging in wider reading around your subject, revising for upcoming assessments, or researching opportunities to enhance your academic profile, there's always something productive to do. Use this time wisely. Any gaps on your timetable are to be used for Private Study.

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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We are looking for volunteers to help at the Hazel Grove High School Open Evening on Thursday 22nd October and the Hazel Grove Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 4th November.

If you would like to help please complete the form below by Thursday 8th October.

HGHS & HGSF Open Evening Volunteers



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HAZEL GROVE
SIXTH FORM

Meet the
**RUSSELL
GROUP**



2026

20th October - 29th October

Meet the Russell Group Webinars 20th - 29th October

Interested in going to a Russell Group University? Make sure you don't miss our upcoming Meet the Russell Group webinars.

Taking place from the **20th to the 29th October**, we have five 90-minute sessions each featuring four or five expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey.

In each session the Q&A function will be managed by other member universities from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information.

The webinars will cover topics such as: Personal Statements & Applying, Researching University Options and Student Life.

If you are unable to attend a webinar you are especially interested in you can simply sign up and receive access to recorded versions of each session.

[Register For Your Webinar Place Here](#)

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Cambridge Open Days 2027

Join us at an undergraduate Open Day to discover what Cambridge is really like.

Main undergraduate Open Day

- Thursday 8 July 2027
- Friday 9 July 2027

Colleges Open Day

- Friday 10 September 2027

The main undergraduate Open Days are designed for prospective applicants in Year 12 in England/Wales, Year 13 in Northern Ireland, S5 in Scotland (or equivalent), and mature applicants (aged 21 or over), along with their parents and supporters to help them learn more about the University.

Booking information

Booking for Open Days in July 2027 will open in mid-March 2027. Booking for the Colleges Open Day in September 2027 will open after the July Open Days.

To receive an email when bookings go live, sign up to our newsletters:

- [Student newsletter](#)
- [Parents and supporters' newsletter](#)

Other ways to discover Cambridge

[Think Cambridge](#): an introduction to applying to and studying at Cambridge for Year 10-12 students.

[Applicant webinar series](#): find out more about applying to Cambridge.

[Subject masterclasses](#): explore what it's like to study a specific subject at Cambridge.

[Virtual Tour](#): get a feel for Cambridge from the comfort of your home.

[Events listing](#): Discover other events run by the Colleges and departments.

Colleges are open to visitors throughout the year. Check opening times and [contact the College](#) in advance if you'd like to meet with a member of staff.

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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Interview webinars

Pembroke is pleased to be partnering with Christ's, Downing, Fitzwilliam, Magdalene, Queens', Sidney Sussex, Lucy Cavendish, St Catharine's and St John's Colleges to deliver a range of interview webinars for state school students who are in Year 13 and actively considering **applying to Cambridge this October**.

These online webinars are tailored towards students who are about to submit their applications to Cambridge.

They aim to:

- Provide an overview of the interview process
- Include a subject-specific interview workshop, delivered by academics from the university
- Offer the chance to get any additional questions answered.

Date	Time	Subject
23 September	16:30-17:30	History
24 September	17:45-18:45	Linguistics
28 September	16:30-17:30	Chemistry (Natural Sciences – Biological or Physical)
28 September	17:45-18:45	Veterinary Medicine
29 September	16:30-17:30	Architecture and Design
29 September	16:30-17:30	Physics (Natural Sciences – Physical)
29 September	17:45-18:45	Mathematics
30 September	16:30-17:30	Modern and Medieval Languages
1 October	16:30-17:30	English
1 October	16:30-17:30	Economics
1 October	17:45-18:45	Computer Science
1 October	17:45-18:45	Biology (Natural Sciences – Biological)
1 October	17:45-18:45	Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
5 October	16:30-17:30	History of Art
5 October	16:30-17:30	Law
5 October	17:45-18:45	Archaeology
6 October	16:30-17:30	Geography
7 October	17:45-18:45	Classics
8 October	16:30-17:30	Engineering
8 October	17:45-18:45	Theology
8 October	17:45-18:45	Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
12 October	16:30-17:30	Medicine
13 October	16:30-17:30	Education
13 October	16:30-17:30	Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
13 October	17:45-18:45	Philosophy

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

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Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge

Applications for the Academic Attainment Programme 2026-2028 are now open until 10am on Tuesday 6th October.

Lucy Cavendish College is the most diverse College in the University of Cambridge, admitting over 90% of our UK students from state schools. As part of our commitment to widening participation, we are delighted to launch our flagship virtual outreach programme, the Academic Attainment Programme, for the sixth year running. Since its launch by Lucy Cavendish College in 2021, the AAP has supported thousands of state school students with the skills and confidence to apply to the best universities in the UK. We are proud to have worked with students from almost one in three state schools with a sixth form in England and Wales.

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



Queens' Languages Discovery Day

Deadline: Monday, 30 November 2026 (9:00am)

Languages are about much more than speaking and translation. At Queens' Languages Discovery Day, you'll explore how the study of languages opens doors to understanding diverse cultures, societies and perspectives across the world. Take part in university-style workshops, engage with authentic cultural materials, and discover how students investigate contemporary global issues, history, linguistics, literature and film through the lens of language. You'll meet academics and current students, gain an insight into university study, and learn how language graduates develop analytical, communication and intercultural skills that are highly valued across a wide range of careers.

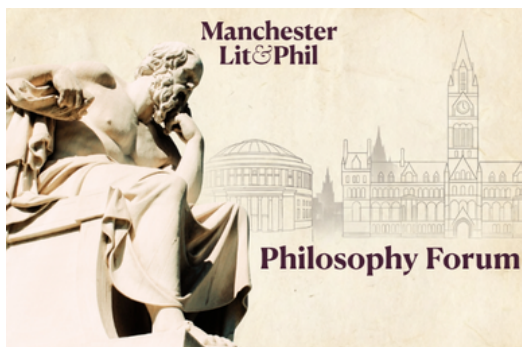
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Manchester Lit&Phil



[Book Now](#)

[Download the Focus Paper](#)

In Search of a Just War

This discussion explores whether any philosophical theory can successfully justify war as a morally permissible act.

Overview

War causes an unmeasurable amount of pain and suffering, particularly among the most vulnerable people. Yet, philosophy has continually attempted to justify war. This discussion paper aims to explore if there is a successful theory to justify war.

The literature surrounding the philosophy of war is vast. I have selected two philosophers to focus on; Michael Walzer and Richard Norman. I will briefly explain these two theories and pose several questions to act as a jumping off point in discussions.

What to Expect

The Lit&Phil Philosophy Forum is a space where serious ideas meet joyful exploration. Whether you are a seasoned philosopher or a curious newcomer, our discussions are designed to foster a spirit of open-minded inquiry. We prioritise respectful dialogue, intellectual curiosity, and the shared pursuit of understanding over adversarial debate. This is philosophy as it should be – dynamic, inclusive, and profoundly engaging.

Date and time

29 October 2026
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location

Friends' Meeting House
Mount Street, Manchester
M2 5NS

Price

£5.00 General Admission /
£3.00 Students / Members
book for FREE

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Manchester Lit&Phil



[Book now](#)

Date and time

3 November 2026

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location

International Anthony
Burgess Foundation
3 Cambridge Street
Manchester
M1 5BY

Price

£15.00 General Admission

£6.00 Students

Members book for FREE

(Booking Essential)

Shakespeare, Gardens and Rosa Grindon

Manchester's historic Shakespearean
Garden celebrates Rosa Grindon's vision

Overview

What connects Shakespeare, a 104 year old sunken garden in Platt Fields' Park and a remarkable suffragist?

Our Shakespearean Garden is one of the city's hidden treasures; a formal, sunken, intimate walled garden divided into four geometric quadrants, surrounded by deep banks and with a backdrop of magnificent mature trees. Created as a Shakespearean Garden, it contains plants mentioned in Shakespeare's works and reflects the formal design principles of the Elizabethan garden. Today, this curious survivor is one of very few remaining Shakespearean gardens in the country, and in April 2026, it was featured in the Smithsonian Magazine's survey of Shakespeare Gardens around the world.

But behind our garden is a story that's just as remarkable as the garden itself.

Find out about Rosa Grindon (botanist, Shakespearean scholar, lecturer, suffragist and passionate advocate of education) and the garden's history [here](#).

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Your Sixth Form Building

We are working hard to keep our sixth form building clean and tidy for you, but we need your help!

All food and drink MUST be consumed in the refectory.

Please do not consume food or drinks (apart from water) anywhere else in the sixth form building.

Atrium cushions are only for use during Launchpad and Extended Form - cushions must be left stacked up at all other times.



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