

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12th October 2026



PT Time

PT Time	
Monday	Key Messages Year 12 (Atrium) : Support available in sixth form
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 and Year 13 (Atrium) : Wendy Mason, Deputy CEO - Finance & Operations at The Laurus Trust
Tuesday	Notices and Week Ahead
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz
Friday Extended PT	Half Term Review - progress, A&H, attendance, punctuality

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What's on this week

**Monday 12th
October**

First Cabinet Meeting

Friday 16th October

Friday prayers for Muslim staff and students are every Friday at 1.00 in the main school hall

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Upcoming

Thursday 22nd October	Sixth Form closes for half term
Thursday 22nd October	Hazel Grove High School Open Evening - <i>please see the link in your newsletter to volunteer</i>
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day
Monday 2nd November	Return to Sixth Form followingn half term
Wednesday 4th November	Year 13 and Year 13 Art A Level trip, University of Salford - <i>more information to follow</i>
Wednesday 4th November	HGSF Open Evening - please see the link in your newsletter to volunteer
Thursday 5th November	Exam Workshops (P2) in SF7: Managing exam stress, coping strategies, building resilience and everything in between - run by Miss Bartles
Tuesday 10th November & Wednesday 11th November	Smoothie and Sushi Event - <i>more details to follow</i>
Wednesday 11th November	Creative Futures Trip - <i>Year 12 Art students, more details to follow</i>
Wednesday 11th November	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Street Primary School - <i>students involved have been advised</i>

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Upcoming

w/c Monday 16th November	Y13 Common Assessments
Thursday 19th November	Year 12 Parents Evening
w/c 23rd November	Y13 Common Assessments
Wednesday 2nd December	Life Drawing - Year 12 Art Trip - <i>more details to follow</i>
Wednesday 2nd December	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Street Primary School - <i>students involved have been advised</i>
Friday 4th December	Year 12 and Year 13 Spanish Workshop - <i>more details to follow</i>
Wednesday 9th December	Life Drawing - Year 12 Art Trip - <i>more details to follow</i>
Tuesday 15th December	A Level Certificate Evening for our previous Year 13 cohort - sixth form will close at 5.15pm
Wednesday 16th December	Life Drawing - Year 12 Art Trip - <i>more details to follow</i>
Wednesday 16th December	Y13 TMUA/STEP Support Session, Crown Street Primary School - <i>students involved have been advised</i>

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Upcoming

**Friday 18th
December**

Sixth Form closes for Christmas



**Tuesday 5th
January**

Return to Sixth Form

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Student Notices:

🎉 **Congratulations to our new cabinet** 🎉

Chair - Lilia

Vice Chair - Lottie

Culture, Creativity & Rhetoric - Oliver, Fraser and Wania

Academic Aspiration - Felicity, Lucy and Holly

Leadership & Service - Amnah, Tom and Hope

Physical Endeavour - Alfie and Jess

If you have any concerns our members of Cabinet are happy to help!

Business Dress: As outlined in the [Sixth Form Dress Code](#), students who are not dressed appropriately will be sent home to change. This includes, but is not limited to, skirts that are too short and jogging bottoms.

Punctuality: Late arrivals will be monitored on a weekly basis. Students who arrive late without a valid reason will be required to make up the lost time on a Friday after the end of the school day.

Identity Badges: It is extremely important that all adults at Hazel Grove High School and Sixth Form are instantly recognisable as part of the school community. This is a safeguarding requirement. To ensure this, we ask all staff, Sixth Form students and visitors to wear a photographic identity badge and lanyard. If you forget your badge, then you must see your Head of Year for a temporary one immediately.

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>

Mobile Phone Use: Please remember that mobile phones should only be used within the Sixth Form building and the courtyard. Phones must not be used in other areas of the school or while walking to lessons held outside the Sixth Form building.

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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Private Study

Private study is an important part of your Sixth Form programme. It provides dedicated time for you to work independently, develop effective study habits, and take responsibility for your own academic progress.

This time should be used purposefully and productively. There is always something you can be doing to support your learning and future progression, including:

- Completing PP&R activities and targets
- Reviewing and consolidating classwork
- Completing homework and coursework
- Revising for upcoming assessments and examinations
- Engaging in wider reading around your subjects
- Creating revision resources such as flashcards, notes, or mind maps
- Researching universities, apprenticeships, and career opportunities
- Building your academic profile through super-curricular activities
- Seeking additional support or resources from your teachers
- Planning and organising your workload and deadlines

Private study is not free time. Students are expected to work independently, remain focused, and make positive use of every study period. Consistent use of private study time is one of the key factors in achieving success at Sixth Form and preparing for progression beyond Year 13.

Use your private study time wisely - every hour invested now contributes to your future success.

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Apply for a programme

In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future. Our programmes are completely free to attend. All costs – including travel, accommodation, food and activities – are paid for by the Trust and our partners.

Access Apprenticeships

**Programme Status:**

applications are now open

Opening date:

01/09/2026

Closing Date:

November 2026

Age:

Year 12 (England & Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland)

Location:

London and Manchester

Discover degree apprenticeships with Access Apprenticeships

[Learn more](#)

Pathways to the Professions

**Programme Status:**

applications are now open

Opening date:

01/09/2026

Closing Date:

Varies across Oct & Nov

Age:

Year 12 (England & Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland)

Location:

National and Regional

Learn about careers in Banking and Finance, Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine. In-person and online programmes are available.

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Applicant Webinar Series

2026 Webinar Series

Our Applicant Webinar Series guides prospective students, their advisers and supporters through every step of the application process for 2027 entry.

Each online session is free to attend and includes a presentation followed by a live Q&A with admissions staff and current students.

Whether you're just starting to explore Cambridge or are in the final stages of your application, these sessions will give you practical insights into every step of the process.

[More information](#)

Date	Webinar	UK Time
23 Jun	Applying to Cambridge	Recording available
24 Jun	Choosing a College	Recording available
25 Jun	Choosing a Course	Recording available
26 Jun	Financial Support & Living Costs	Recording available
29 Jun	How Cambridge Selects Applicants	Recording available
14 Jul	Writing Your Personal Statement	Recording available
15 Jul	Parents & Supporters	Recording available
21 Jul	Student Life at Cambridge	Recording available
22 Jul	Admissions Tests Explained	Recording available
7 Sep	Cambridge Colleges Demystified	Recording available
14 Sep	Cambridge Foundation Year	Recording available
15 Sep	Applying to Cambridge Q&A	Recording available
17 Sep	Careers After Cambridge	Recording available
22 Sep	Parents & Supporters Q&A	Recording available
29 Sep	My Cambridge Application	Recording available
30 Sep	Student Support & Wellbeing	Recording available
16 Oct	College Assessments Explained	5:00pm - 6:15pm
22 Oct	Science Interviews Explained	5:00pm - 6:15pm
23 Oct	Arts & Humanities Interviews	5:00pm - 6:15pm
17 Nov	Mature Students: Applying	6:00pm - 7:15pm
24 Nov	Mature Students: College Life	6:00pm - 7:15pm

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Pembroke Y13 Interview Webinars October

Pembroke College, in collaboration with other Colleges including St John's, are running subject-specific sessions on interviews for students who are preparing to apply or have already applied for 2027 entry.

[Details and register](#)



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mA*ths Online Y12 Programmes: Applications open until 24th of November!

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 student mentors.
- Face-to-face masterclasses on our University campus.
- And, the programme is completely free! (eligibility criteria apply)

Scan the QR Code to apply!

Email: mathsonline@manchester.ac.uk

Website: uom.link/mathsonline

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Try a university course before you apply

Make your university application stand out from the crowd. Try a university degree, before you apply, and make sure it's the right course for you.

[Explore Subject Spotlights](#)

For more information click [**HERE**](#)

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Virtual Work Experiences

Get stuck in with immersive and informative virtual work experiences with leading employers such as the NHS, Barclays, and Airbus. These incorporate real workplace activities – from observing a live surgery to designing a lunar landing module – and the chance to speak with, and hear from, industry professionals.

[Discover virtual work experiences](#)

Subject tasters

Subject Spotlights give you the chance to try a university course before you apply. Delivered by the lecturers themselves you will gain insight into what it's like to study the course and give your personal statement a boost.

[Discover Subject Spotlights](#)

For more information click [**HERE**](#)

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PARTNERS Programme - Approaching Deadline

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

For those students applying to Medicine or Dentistry, the deadline for applications is the **22nd October** .

[Find out more about PARTNERS and how to apply](#)

Head Start to Uni

Head Start to Uni is an event for Year 13 students who have applied or about to apply to university. This year the event will take place on **Friday 6 November, 9:30am-3pm** on the University Campus. Attendees will take part in a student Q&A, two optional sessions and an optional campus tour. All sessions will take place within University teaching facilities.

Teachers can sign up to bring their school group, or students can sign up individually.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Mini-Medical School

Our Mini-Medical School runs every autumn and is open to anyone aged 15 and over.

The programme offers the public the chance to find out about exciting topics. This includes current research developments at the University. The Mini Medical School will be held on Zoom and run on **Thursdays 5pm-6pm from 5th November to 10th December 2026**.

[Students Register Here](#)

Aspiration Digital

A unique on-campus digital skills conference for your students. With 900 spaces available, Aspiration Digital is the UK's largest one-day digital skills conference, designed to educate and inspire 16-18 year old students about careers in the digital industry.

[Find out more](#)

Upcoming events

Visit our events calendar to see the full programme of events, this includes:

- 3 November: Geography, Architecture & Urban Planning Experience Day
- 3 November: History, Classics & Archaeology Experience Day
- 3 November: Law Experience Day

[Outreach Events Calendar](#)

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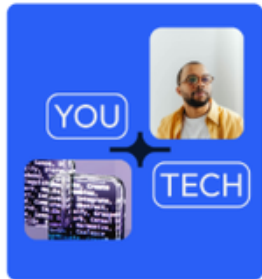
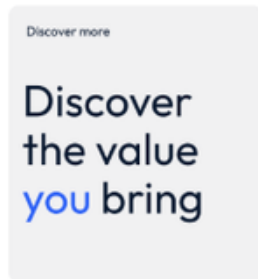


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Discover Tech Manchester
17 & 18 or 18 & 19 February 2027

Discover Tech is a free, **two day work experience programme** that connects Year 12 and Year 13 students with some of the UK's leading technology employers.

Across our London and Manchester programmes, students will have the opportunity to engage with around 22 employers, giving them exposure to a wide range of careers, workplaces and professionals from across the technology sector.

During the information session, attendees will:

- ✓ Learn what happens across the two programme days
- ✓ Find out about careers in technology, AI and digital industries
- ✓ Hear more about employer office visits and workplace experiences
- ✓ Understand the application process
- ✓ Ask questions directly to the Discover Tech team
- ✓ Learn whether the programme would be a good fit for them

Whether students are interested in technical roles, business roles, creative digital careers, apprenticeships or simply exploring future options, Discover Tech offers something for everyone. Students do not need to be tech experts to take part

[More Information Here](#)

[Register Here](#)



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Join behaviour change specialist **Shahroo Izadi** to learn practical tools for a kinder relationship with yourself.

**Wednesday, 14 October
2026
19:00-20:00**

Book Your Place

Most of us believe that self-criticism is the key to improvement, but research and experience suggest the opposite. In this inspiring session, behavioural change specialist Shahroo Izadi explores how self-compassion can be a more effective and sustainable way to create positive change.

Drawing on ideas from her bestselling book *The Kindness Method*, Shahroo will share practical strategies for quieting your inner critic, recognising your strengths, and treating yourself with the same compassion you would offer to someone you care about. Participants will learn simple exercises, including identifying personal strengths and creating a toolkit of supportive techniques for challenging moments.

This uplifting event offers practical, everyday tools to help build self-confidence, resilience, and a healthier relationship with yourself, while reminding us that setbacks are a normal part of growth, not a sign of failure.

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