

HGSF Weekly Newsletter

Monday 19th October 2026



PT Time

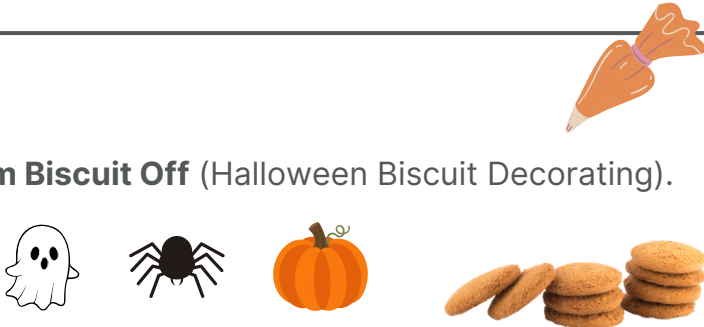
PT Time	
Monday	Year 12 and Year 13 (Atrium) : Assembly - Review of Half Term
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 (Atrium) : Ella from Diageo Year 13 (SF7/8) : Lancaster University Talk on Student Loans
Tuesday	Notices and Week Ahead
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation Year 13 : The Big Think
Thursday	PT Quiz

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What's on this week

Wednesday 21st October	House Dodgeball
Wednesday 21st October	The Great Sixth Form Biscuit Off (Halloween Biscuit Decorating). SF2 at lunch time 
Thursday 22nd October	Hazel Grove High School Open Evening
Thursday 22nd October	Sixth Form closes for half term
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day

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Upcoming

Monday 2nd November	Return to Sixth Form following 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
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>
w/c Monday 16th November	Y13 Common Assessments
Thursday 19th November	Year 12 Parents Evening
Thursday 19th November & Friday 20th November	Y13 Voice Workshops with Tom Morrison - <i>students involved will be advised</i>

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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>
Friday 18th December	Sixth Form closes for Christmas 
Tuesday 5th January	Return to Sixth Form

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Student Notices:

Identity lanyards: Identity lanyards are considered to be part of business dress. Students are expected to wear their identity badges when on school premises in line with the school safeguarding policy.

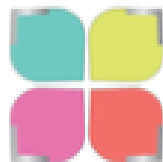
Mobile Phone Use: Please remember that mobile phones should only be used within the Sixth Form building and the courtyard. Phones must not be used in other areas of the school or while walking to lessons held outside the Sixth Form building.

Cornerstone Credits and Pins: When you take part in activities or attend sessions linked to a Cornerstone, you'll earn credits toward the pin for that Cornerstone. By fully engaging with the Life After Laurus and Elective programmes, you can complete all four sections and achieve the full badge—showing you're ready for life after Sixth Form, whether that's further study or employment.

Throughout Year 12 and Year 13, senior staff may also award Cornerstone pins and prizes for outstanding contributions.

Tell Us About Your Activities!

If you take part in any out-of-school activities that fit one of the Cornerstones, let us know so we can add them to your record.



Lockdown Drill: At Hazel Grove Sixth Form, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our highest priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe environment, we regularly review and test our procedures to ensure that everyone knows how to respond in the unlikely event of a serious incident. We will carry out three lockdown drills throughout the academic year. The first drill will take place during the week commencing 9th November and will be an "in-class lockdown" scenario. It's purpose is to ensure that both staff and students feel confident and prepared in the unlikely event of a real emergency. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

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Student Notices:

Attendance: There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. You should attend form time every morning by 8.30am at the latest. In addition, you must attend all timetabled subject lessons and the minimum number of sessions required for completion of the Life After Laurus and Electives programmes.

If you are absent through illness or other unavoidable circumstances, please ensure that your absence is reported by a parent/carer. If you have not attended registration a text will be sent to the appropriate parent/carer.

Only urgent medical, dental and other appointments should be made during school hours, preferably out of lesson time. Routine appointments must not be made in lesson times. This includes driving lessons and driving theory tests. You must not be absent from school to attend family holidays, festivals or go away with friends during term time. This will be recorded as unauthorised absence. Unsatisfactory levels of attendance will result in a discussion with a senior member of staff. This may lead to formal warnings if no improvements are made, which may result in you being asked to leave Hazel Grove Sixth Form.

Acceptable reasons for absence:

- Serious illness
- Practical driving test (not lessons or theory tests)
- Emergency doctor or dental appointment
- Funeral of a close relative/friend
- Religious festivals
- University open days (see later section)
- Any other good reason accepted by the Sixth Form Holidays during term time will not be viewed as an acceptable reason for absence.

Absence Request Forms: Planned absences, including open days, entrance exams, work experience and driving tests, require an Absence Request Form. This must be approved and submitted to Sixth Form Reception at least three days in advance, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

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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King's College London Medicine & Dentistry Lecture Series 2027

Thinking about a career in Medicine or Dentistry?

Applications are now open for the King's College London Medicine & Dentistry Lecture Series 2027, an online programme designed to support students through every stage of the application process.

Programme Details

- When: Tuesdays, January to April 2027
- Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- Location: Online via Zoom Webinar
- Application Deadline: Tuesday 1 December 2026, 9:00pm

What You'll Learn

- The programme features guest speakers from a range of medical and dental specialities and provides guidance on:
- UCAT preparation
- Personal statements
- Interviews
- Applying successfully to Medicine or Dentistry
- Students who attend 80% of live sessions will receive a Certificate of Participation.

A valuable opportunity for aspiring doctors and dentists to gain insight, strengthen their applications, and learn directly from healthcare professionals.

[Details and application form](#)



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Free work experience days

Manchester: Government Cyber/STEM Work Experience Day

- Wednesday 18 November, 10:00am to 3:30pm | 40 places
- For: Year 12, Year 13, college and gap year students interested in STEM
- Note: Students who attended this event between April 2025 and June 2026 should not apply.
- Prioritisation starts Wednesday 21 October



[Register here](#)

Manchester: Trowers & Hamlins, Solicitor Apprenticeship Work Experience Day

- Wednesday 25 November, 10:00am to 4:30pm | 25 places | Travel up to £80 reimbursed
- Eligibility: Year 13, 6 GCSEs with grade 6 or above in English and Maths, predicted ABB at A level and the right to work in the UK
- Prioritisation starts Wednesday 4 November



[Register here](#)

Liverpool: Winston Taylor, Law Work Experience Day

- Tuesday 1 December, 10:00am to 4:30pm | 30 places
- Eligibility: Year 13, final year college or gap year, 7 GCSEs at grade 6 or above including English and Maths, and on track for AAB at A level (or equivalent)
- Prioritisation starts Tuesday 10 November



[Register here](#)

Should your application be successful please remember to complete and submit an absence request form

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MAP

Manchester
Access
Programme

The University of
Manchester's skills-based
programme to help talented,
local Year 12 students from
underrepresented
backgrounds
progress to university

Apply by 13th Dec at 11.59pm



For full details and eligibility, scan the QR code or
visit www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/widening-participation/map/

MAP Talk – Video Recording (20 mins) - Available now!

Alternatively, you can show Y12 students this short video recording of our MAP Talk. It covers the benefits of MAP, what's involved and how to apply -

https://youtu.be/a_101vS2YIQ

MAP Webinar and Q&A – Weds 11th November – 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Students can also join us online for our live information webinar and Q&A with some of our former MAP students. [Register here on Zoom to attend.](#)

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Year 12 Outreach Programme: Pathway to Bath



Applications are now open for [Pathway to Bath 2027](#): the University of Bath's award winning, online academic enrichment and residential outreach programme!

Apply [HERE](#) as soon as possible. The deadline is 7 January 2027 but popular subjects may fill up before then.

What is Pathway to Bath? Watch this video to get a flavour of Pathway to Bath.:

[.https://vimeo.com/1234336973?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=cj](https://vimeo.com/1234336973?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=cj).

It is a flexible programme that fits around studies. There is also a free residential and the opportunity to become eligible for a guaranteed conditional offer.

On Pathway to Bath students will:

- Study an undergraduate topic in a subject of their choice, attending online lectures taught by subject experts. (Over 20 subjects)
- Receive mentoring from current undergraduate students and gain insights about studying a variety of subjects
- Become eligible for a guaranteed conditional offer
- Experience student life first-hand through an optional campus residential in July
- Gain a rich experience to write about in your personal statement

To be eligible for the programme, students must:

- Be a current year 12 student
- Meet one of the widening participation categories (Post-code in IMD 1 or 2; free school meals; care-experienced/ care-leaver; young carer; refugee/asylum seeker; estranged)



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Enjoy maths? Want to share your skills with younger students?



As an Axiom Maths Junior Mentor, you can expect to:

- Discuss interesting maths with groups of younger students
- Become a better mathematician yourself
- Develop new problem-solving skills
- Gain valuable work experience
- Be part of a wider maths community

We want to hear from you if you are an enthusiastic mathematician keen to support young mathematicians.

"The teaching experience was valuable, and I genuinely formed a connection with children".

Year 12 Axiom Maths Junior Mentor at Walthamstow Academy

Interested?

Talk to Miss Baker by Thursday 22nd October if you wish to apply

Application Forms are available from the Sixth Form Office

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