




Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams

The GCSE mock exams have taken place. Students will have had a taster of how it feels to sit exams in a formal environment with a view of preparing them as well as possible for the real thing. Students will receive their results this week in a special assembly where they can learn what needs to be improved on and use the advice and help offered to get them through this final stretch. We hope that all Year 11 students get the grades they are hoping for in their mock exams. Happy Christmas!



Year 11 6th Form Applications

The 6th Form applications window is now open! Even if you are unsure as to your next steps, you can make an application and keep your options open to other possibilities.

To help you with your choices, please take the time to read through the Sixth Form Prospectus on our website, scan the QR code. The application form can also be found here.  If you have any questions at all please see myself Mr Marlow or Mrs Mackrell.



Year 11 16+ Options

Students should be checking application deadlines ahead of them applying for their future courses in the new year.

Year 9 Options Process

The Year 9 Options process has begun. A copy of the Year 9 Options booklet can be found on the school website now. The link for this has been emailed to parents/carers explaining the process and how students go about choosing their KS4 options. Students will have completed their initial choices survey in form time this week. This is a very important time for Year 9 as they prepare for their change of key stage and the options available to them. They need to choose carefully as they will be studying these exam subjects for 2 years. I hope that the Virtual Year 9 Options Evening that took place last Wednesday evening provided some useful information on the journey your child is about to embark on.

Final call for all Former Fearnhill Students - we still need you!

Did you once walk the Fearnhill corridors, learn in a Fearnhill classroom and wear a Fearnhill uniform? Then I would love for you to get in touch! We need former students to join us to share their career stories to inspire our current students. Continued on page 2.



Ms Balchin, Careers & PSHE Lead



Look out every fortnight for new features - all things career related!



We Need You!

I have been inundated with responses regarding this request, it is so lovely to hear what ex-students are doing now as a career and what it has taken to get to where they are.

Don't worry, there is still time to get in touch! It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school, we'd like to represent a wide cross-section of careers that might be available to our students.

If you'd like more information on how you can be involved in our Careers Event early next term please email:

admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

I am excited at the prospect of seeing some familiar faces! Spread the word!

CALLING ALL FORMER FEARNHILL STUDENTS... WE NEED YOU!



Ms Balchin, our Head of Careers, would love former students to share their career stories to inspire our current students.

It doesn't matter what your journey has been since leaving school - bank manager or basketball player, barista or barrister - come and let our students talk to you about your career path.

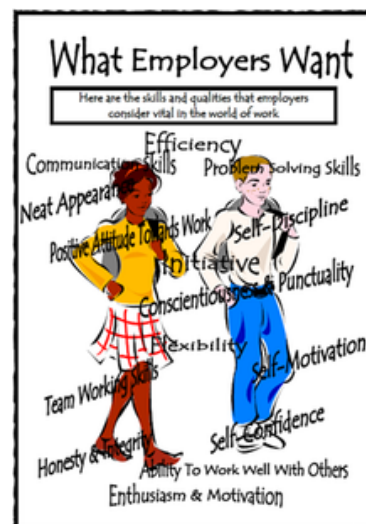
If you'd like more information on how you can be involved in our Careers Event on Friday 7th March 2025, please email:
admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will be taking part in a virtual Work Experience (WEX) during PSHE lessons in March 2025. It's not the same as going out to the work place but during these unprecedented times it is an insight into the world of work and will give students an idea of what to expect in the future.

In preparation for this students are covering the following areas in the PSHE lessons:

- Aims of WEX
- Health & Safety in the work place
- Job investigation and research
- Application & Choices forms
- What Employers Want
- Why Go On WEX?
- A Day in the Life of an Employee



Special Mention - December

This week's recognition for excellence in careers goes to Spencer in 11P.

Spencer has approached his research into his next steps after Year 11 with maturity.

He has attended both college and the Fearnhill sixth form open evenings asking questions about the courses, entry requirements and where the qualifications can lead in the future. Spencer has also had discussions with his family about his next steps which, in addition to the support he has received at school, has enabled him to make well informed decisions.

I know that whatever Spencer chooses for his next steps, the choice will be right for him and that is what really matters.



Services for Young People

Friday Night Project, Letchworth

Dedicated to supporting young people at risk of exploitation, crime, antisocial behaviour or exclusion from their community. Designed to provide a safe and supportive environment in which these young people can get help with navigating challenges and building positive futures. Through engaging activities, the project equips young people to make informed decisions to prevent these risks. For ages 11-14.

Services for
Young People

Letchworth Young People's Centre

Young people can drop in or make an appointment for information, advice and support with issues such as mental health, sexual health, relationships, personal safety, benefits and finances, housing and homelessness, drug and alcohol use and can get help with progressing into education, training or finding a job or apprenticeship. The support at our young people's centres is for young people aged 11-19, up to 25 for care leavers or those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

North Herts SEND Project

For home educated young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 12-15, including those with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. The focus is on developing communication and interpersonal skills, confidence and self-esteem in a safe and supportive environment.

Young people will get support from qualified SfYP youth workers, meet other young people with SEND in their area and learn skills to help them live more independently. SfYP Youth Workers also offer individualised support with emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, staying safe, nutrition and cooking, and managing money.

The project runs every week during term time.

North Herts Wellbeing Project

Supporting young people aged 12-15 to explore the importance of emotional and mental wellbeing and physical health. Young people will learn how emotional and mental wellbeing can affect physical, social and mental health. It enables young people to develop a positive attitude to change; empowering them to make the most of the opportunities available to them, while developing their knowledge and understanding and learning strategies for improving their wellbeing.



Opening hours

Tuesday and Thursdays, 11am-5pm

Christmas 2024

Last day open 24th December 2024, reopening 2nd January 2025.

At the Services for Young People 11-5 Project at Letchworth Young People's Centre, young people can access free and confidential information, advice and support on the following topics from trained SfYP Advisers and Youth Workers:

- * Jobs and careers
- * Training & apprenticeships
- * Education & exams
- * Youth work projects
- * Health & relationships advice
- * Personal safety
- * Drugs & alcohol use
- * Benefits & finances
- * Housing & homelessness
- * Improving resilience, self-esteem & confidence
- * Independent living skills

Contact us

Young people can drop in or contact the Services for Young People North Herts Team to make an appointment. Making an appointment in advance will ensure you don't have to wait to be seen. As well as face-to-face, phone and video-call appointments are also available.

Tel: 01438 843340

Text: 07860 065178

Email: SfYP.northherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Empowering Positive Change through Careers Education

Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

EMPLOYEE



A PERSON WHO WORKS FOR
ANOTHER PERSON OR FOR
A COMPANY FOR WAGES
OR A SALARY.

Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



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cleaned and maintained the teeth on a weaver's carding machine, or a metalworker who produced nails.

Apprenticeship FAQs

It's all hands on deck for a life at sea with marine apprenticeships.

Marine apprenticeships provide an opportunity to work in a unique and ever changing environment. Working with people from all over the world and enjoying exciting experiences not offered by any other career.

Any questions please [contact us](#).



Marine
Apprenticeships

Medic Mentor

Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Meghan is in their 5th year at Cardiff University. Click [here](#) for Meghan's story.



MEDIC MENTOR
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Career of the Month - December

Introducing **Unifrog's** 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'!
Students watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y7
QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y8
DISPENSING OPTICIAN

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y9
ZOOKEEPER

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y12
COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y10
VEHICLE ELECTRICIAN

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y11
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
• Find out what the job involves and how to get in
• See how much you could be paid

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CAREER OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER Y13
PROJECT MANAGER

Check out this career on Unifrog, or scan here to:
• Watch the video
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• See how much you could be paid

External Opportunities

St John's College is excited to welcome applications for the **2024-25** **ENTRIES BY 3RD MARCH 2025**

CLASSICS & ANCIENT HISTORY COMPETITION

AWARDS GIVEN FOR

- Best essay in each category
- Best overall essay
- Best essay by a student new to Classical or Ancient subjects.

ESSAY TITLES

Year 12 students are invited to conduct a piece of independent research which will be read and evaluated by an Oxford tutor.

Choose one from the following titles:

- Does ancient literature equate might with right?
- Why did monarchies succeed in Greek and/or Roman history?
- Was Plato right that the best rulers are reluctant ones?
- How important was the visual representation of women for expressing royal and/or imperial power in the ancient world?

TO ENTER SCAN ME



St John's inspire programme

APPLY NOW **YEAR 12 STUDY DAYS:**

Inspire Study Days are immersive, subject-specific events that take place at St John's College, and enable you to experience what it is like to study your chosen subject at university. You will have the chance to meet Oxford tutors and current students in the subject that you are thinking of studying.

2024/25 STUDY DAYS:

26 FEB	12 MAR	15 MAR	23 APR	2 MAY	14 MAY	16 MAY	21 MAY
Chemistry	History & History of Art	Medicine & Biomedical Science (Virtual)	Classics*	Psychology	Maths & Computer Science	English*	Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

FREE for Year 12 Students from Non-Selective State Schools!

*Classics and English Subject Exploration Days are open to Year 12 students at any school.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
Applications will close 5 weeks before each Study Day



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FIRST STEP
YEAR GROUPS 7-9, YEAR GROUPS 8-10 (NI) & YEAR GROUPS S1-S3 (Scotland)
[Awareness]
Tuesday 14th January at 4:30pm
REGISTER NOW

NEXT STEP
YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE, YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (NI) & YEAR GROUPS S4-S6 (Scotland)
[Knowledge]
Wednesday 15th January at 5pm
REGISTER NOW

STEP UP
UNIVERSITY + HE [Skills]
Tuesday 4th March at 6pm
REGISTER NOW

In²STEM
Kick-start your journey to a career in STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Calling all Year 12 and S5/S6 students interested in a career in STEM:

Apply to the In²STEM programme!

The free In²STEM programme offers:

- Valuable hands-on STEM experience through a one or two week summer work placement
- Access to online skills workshops and careers panels
- University admissions support and career guidance
- Competitions and events
- A bursary to cover travel and lunch costs

Scan to apply:



Contact us: students@in2scienceuk.org
Visit our website: in2scienceuk.org/our-programmes/in2stem/

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NEW NHS WORK EXPERIENCE SESSIONS

If you're a student with aspirations of becoming a doctor, then the Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience Programme is an incredible opportunity that you won't want to miss. Developed in partnership with the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, this programme provides a comprehensive and immersive virtual experience that will give you a real insight into the world of medicine.

Enrol onto the pathways to access!

NHS University Hospitals Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

SIGN UP HERE

LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine. CONFERENCE **FREE**

Saturday 14th December from 9:30am - 3:30pm



Dates for your Diary	Tuesday 17th December Year 11 Results Assembly	Tuesday 14th January Year 9 Options Evening	Tuesday 21st January Year 11 Parents Evening
	W/b 6th January Year 13 Mock Exams	Thursday 16th January Year 12 Wayfinder Day	Thursday 23rd January 6th Form Insight Session

External Opportunities

Leeds Futures English/History

Are you interested in studying English and/or History? Join our free Leeds Futures programme to find out more about life as an undergraduate student!

What's involved?

- An on-campus taster day experience in the spring term at the University of Leeds
- In-person and online taster lectures and seminars reflective of the diverse course offering
- The opportunity to meet academics and current students
- A range of online sessions to help you prepare your UCAS application and more!



Find out more

Leeds Futures Music

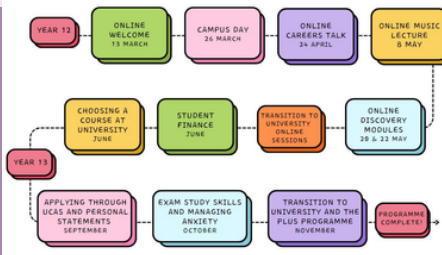
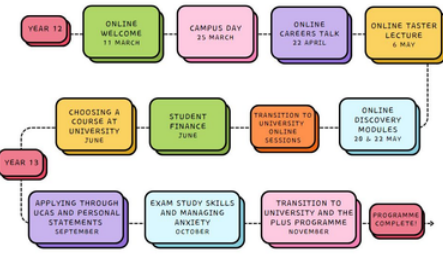
Are you interested in studying Music? Join our free Leeds Futures programme to find out more about life as an undergraduate student!

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- An on-campus taster day experience in the spring term at the University of Leeds
- In-person and online taster lectures, seminars and practical sessions reflective of the diverse course offering
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Find out more



Leeds Futures Creative Arts

Are you interested in studying Creative Arts? Join our free Leeds Futures programme to find out more about life as an undergraduate student!

What's involved?

- An on-campus taster day experience in the spring term at the University of Leeds
- In-person and online taster lectures, seminars and practical sessions reflective of the diverse course offering
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Find out more

Leeds Futures Theatre and Performance

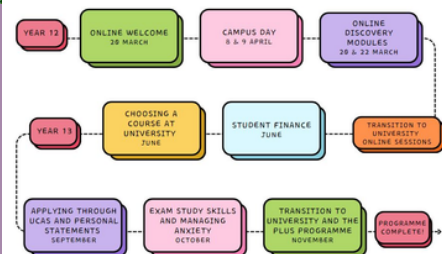
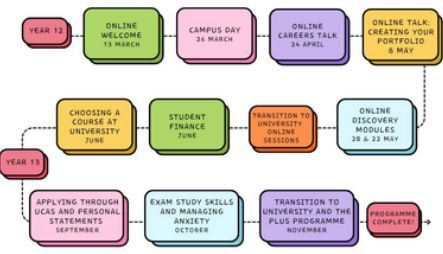
8 and 9 April 2025
Join our free Theatre and Performance programme to experience studying drama at University!

What's involved?

- Two days on campus at the University of Leeds
- Interactive workshops delivered by academics to give you a taster of studying theatre at University
- Sessions on performance skills and career prospects in the theatre industry
- A range of online sessions to help you prepare your UCAS application and more!



Apply by Sunday 2nd February 2025



Open Day

18 Jan 25

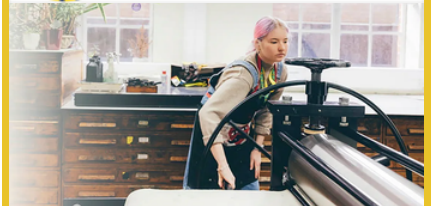
Book now



Open Days - ARU

Book your place at a university or college Open Day. Find out more about our courses, campuses, accommodation, and student life.

ARU.ac.uk



Art and design

At Cambridge School of Art, we nurture your creativity through experimentation so you can become a creator and change-maker of tomorrow.

Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily! Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines. These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference. A few of these opportunities are listed here.

READY TO START YOUR CAREER AT THE BBC?

Whether you're a school leaver, graduate or looking to start something new, you'll find everything here about the early careers opportunities we offer to give you a head start into a career you'll love.

Applications are now open! The application window varies per scheme, so please [check the scheme/s](#) you are interested in for current live opportunities. Closing dates are given on each job advert. Follow us [@BBCGetIn](#) on Instagram and [@LifeAtTheBBC](#) on TikTok for up-to-date news and to find out more about what working at the BBC is like.

You can get an idea of the apprenticeships on offer by looking at [FIND YOUR SCHEME](#).

If you're aged between 16 and 18, you can apply for one of our ['GET IN'](#) work-based experiences.