

# Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 8– Friday 12 November



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It's week





**Wear a poppy with pride.**

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

# POPPY APPEAL

Pay £1.00 to wear a poppy, alternatively make a donation via ParentPay.



**Thank you!**



# Jo Cox Centre catering update

Food service will close at the slightly earlier time of 1330 on Monday 8 November.

The vending machine will still be available, as will food service up until 13.30.

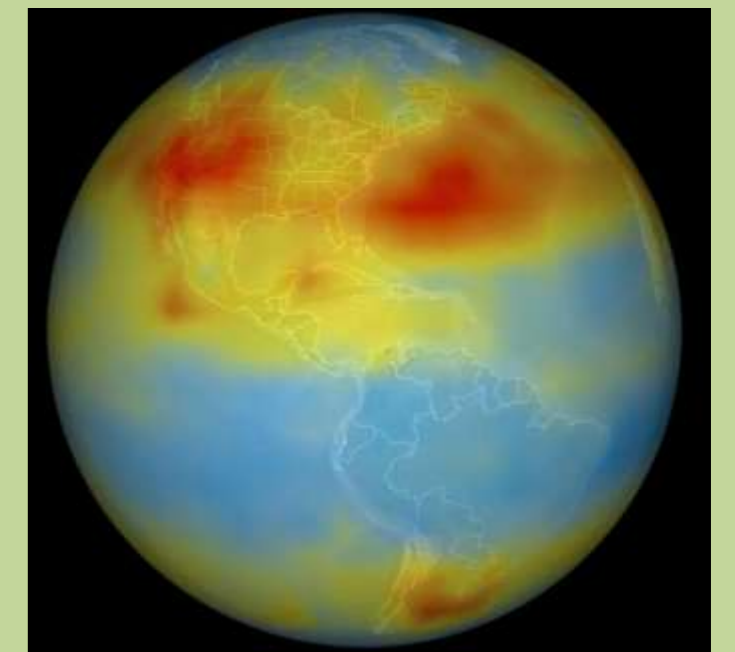
This is to allow for essential maintenance.



# COP26 lectures – from UEA

Our world is precious and finite. At the start of November, the UK will host [COP26](#) – the UN Climate Change Conference addressing climate change. It's a key issue for everyone, especially young people, and we'll all be hearing lots about the conference over the next few months. It's 'the' time to inspire hope.

During the conference (31 October to 12 November), UEA will be running a [series of 'COP26' sessions with Channel Talent](#), exploring links between different fields of study and issues relating to the environment and climate change.



# Reach for Excellence (year 12)



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**REACH  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE**

The Reach for Excellence programme supports year 12 and 13 students who demonstrate the potential to access a top university but who may not have considered entry to research intensive Higher Education.

Applications are now open, find out more and apply at <https://contextualoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/>

THE  
CONTEXTUAL  
OUTREACH  
TEAM

Application deadline of **12 November**.

See **Mr Oxby's email** (dated 08/10) for full details.

**Eligible year 12 students** invited to apply.



# NHS Virtual work experience

Applications for **NHS Virtual Work Experience** programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with **the next session taking place on the 7th November!**

This will help students to **make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together** as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different. Students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students can [register here](#).

The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in white on a blue rectangular background.The Medic Mentor logo, featuring a stylized head profile with a spiral inside, and the text 'MEDIC MENTOR YOUR MEDIC FAMILY' below it.The HGS CAREERS logo, featuring the text 'HGS CAREERS' in black on a yellow background, with a small crest below it.

# Tutorial focus

The focus for year 12 this week is **mental health**.



The tutorial will take place during Wednesday period 4.

There will also be a **Remembrance service during Thursday period 1.**  
**All students will register with their form groups at 8.40.**



# Student life and success



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**Student life**

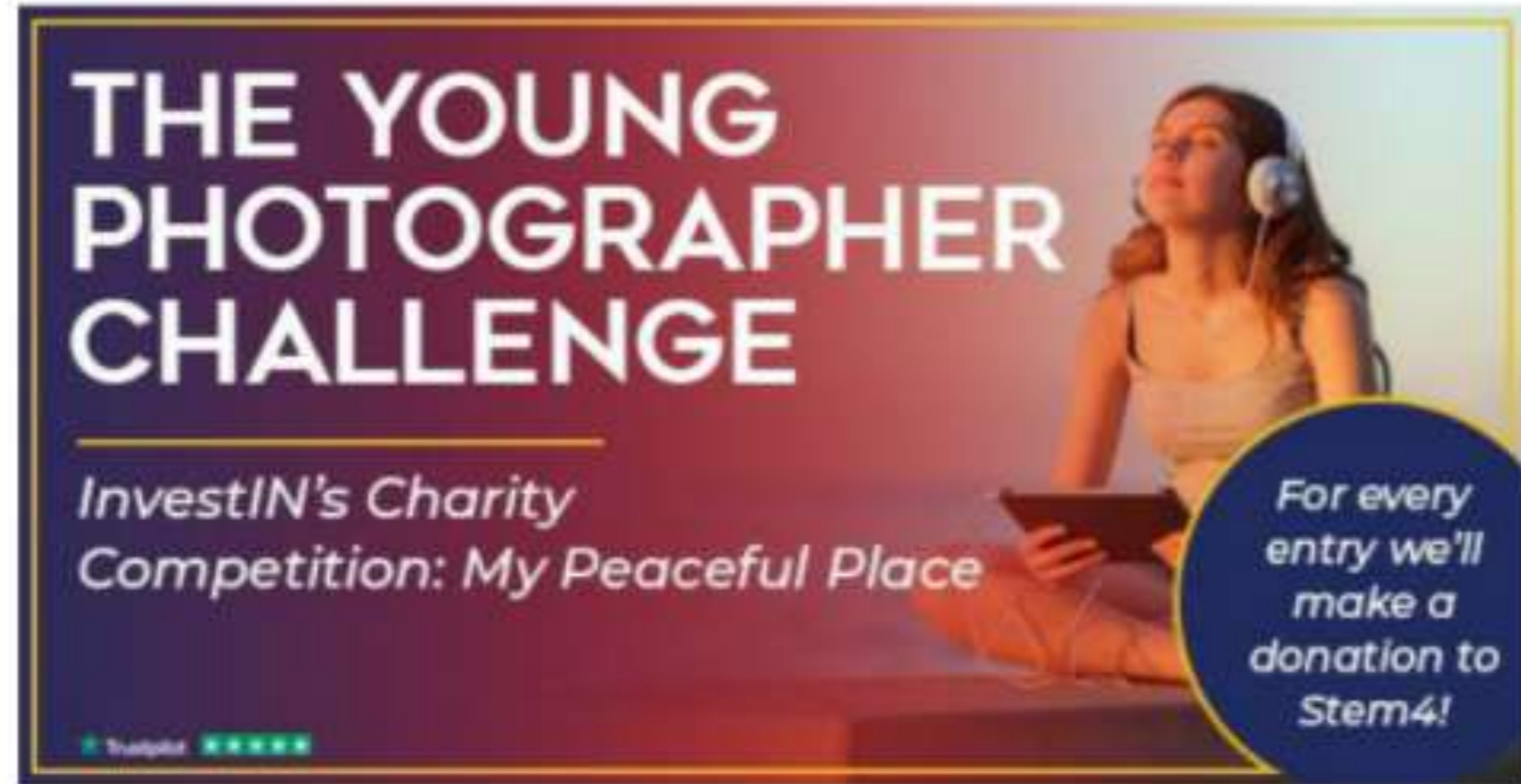


Good luck to our year 13 students taking mock exams



# The Young Photographer Challenge: Charity Competition

*Help us provide essential support for youth mental health*



*"Every photo is...a vulnerable act of courage to build empathy." (Bryce Evans)*

Studies show that 60% of young people feel unable to cope with stress induced by the pressure to succeed. Research also shows that the visualisation of a tranquil place can help reduce stress, anxiety and fear.

In honour of this and stress awareness week, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, [The Young Photographer Challenge](#). You should submit a photograph of your 'peaceful place' along with a title and short explanation. Creativity is highly encouraged!

Find out more and register your entry [here](#).

**Deadline Tuesday 23 November.**



# Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal

2021

FRIDAY  
DEC  
6

Gift  
Appeal

## SUGGESTED ITEMS

Toys, games, puzzle books, CD's, DVD's and stationery for younger children. Items suitable for older children toiletries, hats gloves, perfumes etc.

Collections boxes in form rooms & reception



# Love crisps?

Help the homeless this winter by giving us your crisp packets!



The Iron Man (pictured above) is collecting crisp packets and ironing them together to make survival blankets for the homeless.

It takes **150 crisp packets** to create **one** blanket. Heckmondwike Grammar School want to help!

Just follow these steps:

- 1) Eat crisps (the ones in packets that have foil on the inside).
- 2) Cut down the side of the packet to form a landscape rectangle.
- 3) Give the packet a wash in soapy water.
- 4) Put your **clean and dry** crisp packets in the box outside **S.017**.



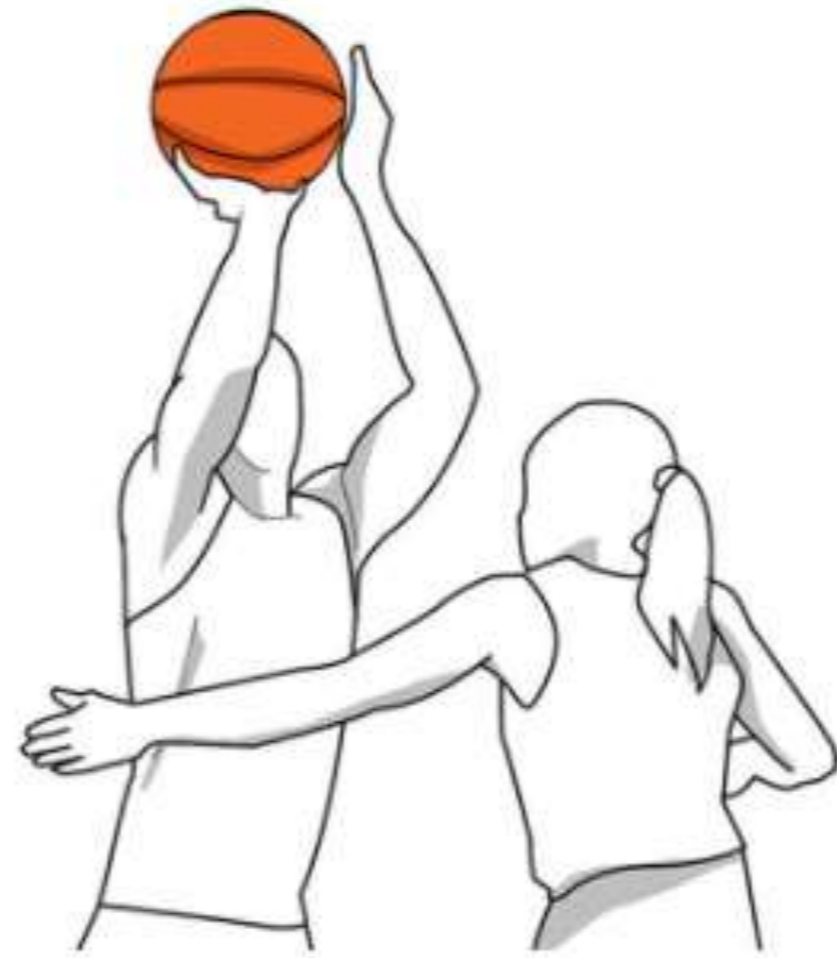
On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, they will be sent off to The Iron Man, so collect as many as you can before then!



# House Points



Full breakdown of results at  
[heckgrammar.co.uk/houses](http://heckgrammar.co.uk/houses)



## Basketball Club

- Happening Every Monday 3:30 – 4:15
- Try get to the changing rooms at 3:15 to get ready ASAP
- Taking place in the sports hall

If any inquiries contact

[16ohaworth@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:16ohaworth@heckgrammar.co.uk)



# ASTRONOMY CLUB



**S103, 12:30-13:00, WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES**

Come learn about space, telescopes, stars, planets and everything else in the universe.



# TRUE CRIME CLUB

New time  
and day!



01

## DESCRIPTION

Watching crime documentaries/interviews and psychologically analysing their behaviour, motive etc

02

## TUESDAYS

Lunch time: 12:20 - 13:15

Room C011

03

## ALL WELCOME!

Don't need to study psychology to join. Just an interest in true crime is fine!

04

## EMAIL ME!

[20akoliya@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:20akoliya@heckgrammar.co.uk) to join.



# DEBATES SOCIETY

- Debate key issues of YOUR choice
- Engage with real world issues
- Work with different people

Time -Thursdays (3:15 to 4:15)

Place- A015 (Mr. Currie's room in Geography)

20rchahal@heckgrammar.co.uk

Year 12s and  
Year 13s  
welcome!



# Planning to run a club or society?

Complete [this survey!](#)

Send me the details, and ideally a nice prepared PowerPoint slide, and I'll advertise in the Bulletin!

You can [view our full extra-curricular programme here](#). There's something for everyone!



# Progression opportunities



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# Sutton Trust: Pathways to the Professions

With five exciting professions to explore, students in Year 12 will gain employability skills and expand their networks – all for free!

We have in-person and online programmes with application deadlines varying by university.

[Discover more here](#)



# Lancaster Access (Year 12)

**Lancaster Access Programme** is an opportunity for students to engage with us on a variety of events or activities to develop their skills and prepare them for university.

They will receive dedicated support and extra consideration on application to Lancaster.

On completion they will be eligible for a lower offer, of up to a three A level grade drop or equivalent, to study at Lancaster University.

Full details and the application form are available at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/lap](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lap)



# Green careers

To celebrate COP26, STEM Careers are running a virtual careers fair on their platform until Friday 12th November. The resource is supported by over 25 national employers working to fight climate change and make the world more sustainable.

To find out how they're fighting climate change and to investigate their career opportunities, please visit:

<https://stem.exhibition.app/climatechange/>



# Alumni mentoring 2021-22

As a Year 12 student you have the opportunity to apply to be part of the **HGS Alumni Mentoring Scheme**. If selected, you will be linked to a recent HGS leaver from your university course or sector of interest to support your career development.

We have **mentors from a range of university courses and employers**.

If this is a project you feel you may benefit from and would like to be considered for, please express your interest [via this form](#) by **Friday 19th November @4pm**

I WENT TO HGS  
AND NOW I AM...

HGS  
CAREERS





## YOUR JOURNEY TO HIGHER EDUCATION >>

Upcoming events: [www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity)

Tuesday 2 November (18:00-19:00) Considering the University of Exeter

Thursday 4 November (18:00-19:00) Choosing a Course

Tuesday 9 November (18:00-19:00) Applying to a competitive university

Thursday 11 November (18:00-19:00) Writing an effective personal statement

Tuesday 16 November (18:00-19:00) Managing your Money at University

Thursday 18 November (18:00-19:00) Preparing for Medicine/Nursing Interviews

Tuesday 23 November (18:00-19:00) Student life Q&A

Thursday 25 November (18:00-19:00) Understanding the UCAS process

Tuesday 30 November (18:00-19:00) Studying a degree apprenticeship

Wednesday 1 December (12:20-16:00) Intercultural Awareness in a Global Economy \*Please email [hums-outreach@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:hums-outreach@exeter.ac.uk) for more info\*



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Visit our webpages to find out more: [exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity](http://exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity)

**RUSSELL  
GROUP**






# Where could you go next?

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Class of 2021

A Levels  
Spanish  
Maths  
Further  
Maths  
Physics  
Studying  
Physics  
at Oxford



Jay Patel



Have questions about your career options?

Want to know more about jobs, apprenticeships or university?

Need a CV or help with interview preparation?

# Call into **Careers Drop-in**

**Monday – Thursday 12:45-13:15**

in B0:13 (the rear of Swann Hall)

All year groups

You can email the team on

[CareersTeachers@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:CareersTeachers@heckgrammar.co.uk)



# Volunteering and work experience



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# Work experience

**Speakers for Schools** offer work experience programmes with industry leading employers through insight days and 3-5 day virtual work placements.

Visit <https://www.speakersforschools.org/> to view the full range of opportunities, register and apply.



# Women in STEM

Springpod's **Inclusive Futures programme** is taking place this month. The events will include leading employers including Airbus, Jaguar Land Rover, PWC, Network Rail, Nestle and Deloitte.

The insight events are for all female and non-binary students over the age of 16.

Follow the links below to reserve your place

- [Women in Technology](#) Wednesday 24th November
- [Women in Engineering](#) Tuesday 30th November



# Medicine Futures programme

- Applications to our Futures programmes in Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare are now open, and **close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.
- The programmes have been designed to inspire and support **Year 12 students** applying to Medicine and Health courses at University.
- Our programmes are a great way for students to develop their insight into different areas of **Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare**, and gain additional support throughout their applicant journey, with subject taster sessions, skills development and application support workshops taking place over the year long programme.
- More information about the programmes, eligibility criteria, and the application links can be found on our website at <https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/futures/>



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# Ucas and apprenticeships (Y13)



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# Medicine and dentistry support

## MEDICINE AND HEALTH WEBINARS

for students aspiring to study Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare courses



  
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**Book now!!**

Join us this Autumn for a series of webinars about applying to study Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare courses at University.

Each webinar will focus on different aspects of the application process, including preparing for admissions tests and interviews.

You will also get the opportunity to hear from our students about their experiences applying to study at University.

All sessions take place on Tuesday evenings, 5:00 - 6:00PM.

**Applying to Medicine, Dentistry  
and Healthcare Courses**  
Tuesday 5 October 2021

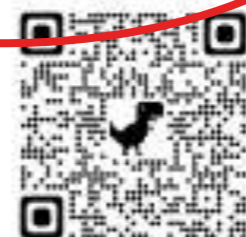
**Preparing for BMAT  
Admissions Test**  
Tuesday 12 October 2021

**Preparing for Medicine, Dentistry  
and Healthcare Interviews**  
Tuesday 30 November 2021

Registration is now open for interested Year 12 and 13 students.  
Scan the QR code to find out more and register for your place, or visit our website at  
<https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events/>

Registrations close approximately one week before each webinar.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk)





# University offers of the week!

Course	University
Accounting and Finance	Sheffield Hallam University
Economics	Queen Mary, University of London
Psychology	Newcastle University
Biochemistry	University of Liverpool
Pharmacology	University of Bristol
History	University of Manchester
English	University of Exeter
Veterinary Medicine	University of Nottingham
Biomedicine	Lancaster University
Sociology	Loughborough University



# University widening participation schemes (Y13)

See the separate presentation for more detail.

# UCAS

## Newcastle PARTNERS

- Add a 'P' in the further details section on Ucas.
- [Apply online](#) after your Ucas form has been sent. Select Mr Oxby from the drop-down menu.
- **School Deadlines:** Friday 8 October (Medicine and dentistry); Friday 14 January (other courses)

## Access to Leeds

- Complete your section of the [application form](#) and e-mail to Mr Oxby.
- Once he has returned it, upload onto Leeds' web portal.
- **School deadlines:** Friday 15 October (medics and dentists), Friday 14 January (other courses)

## York Access

- Download and complete the [application form](#).
- Ask Mr Oxby to write a supporting reference.
- Return to York before or at the same time as your application is sent off. [access-scheme@york.ac.uk](mailto:access-scheme@york.ac.uk)
- **School deadlines:** Friday 15 October (medics and dentists), Friday 14 January (other courses)

**All other programmes:** All students need to let Mr Oxby know of any requirements from the school and allow at least one full school week to turn around a reference/online verification.



# Independent Learning Opportunities



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# English essay competition

Queens' College, Cambridge, invites submissions for the [Estelle English Prize 2021](#), which will be awarded to the best essay submitted by a **Year 12 student** (sorry, Leo) •

The winner will receive a **£500 prize**; depending on the strength of the field of submissions, honourable mentions may also be made.

Find out more, including questions and how to enter, [here](#).



QUEENS' COLLEGE  
CAMBRIDGE



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# COMPETITION

## History ESSAY



### THE BEST ENTRY WILL RECEIVE £100 in vouchers

At the University of Exeter, we want to hear your ideas about history

We're inviting A-Level, IB, BTEC and GCSE students in any subject to send us a response to one of the following big questions:

- Explain which periods of History students should learn about in U.K. schools?
- Are humans still evolving?
- Is gender important in History?

There will be two prizes. One for the best Essay/creative piece (1000 words), and one for the best video entry (6-7 minutes).

To enter, simply email your piece to [studentoutreach@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:studentoutreach@exeter.ac.uk)

Be sure to include your name, age, school, details of the qualifications you are studying, and the name of a teacher who knows you are entering. The deadline for entries is 30th November. Winners will be announced in December 2021

This essay challenge is a great way to develop your research and independent learning skills before coming to university.





## The Student National Science Essay Competition 2021 is now open.

Students aspiring to study medicine are invited to enter a prestigious annual competition held by the Global Clinical Network for a chance to win an award and £500.

Students have 600 words to address the question:

*How will doctors practice medicine in 2031?*

[Read full competition details](#)

Competition deadline: 12th December 2021.



# Taster lectures with the University of Sheffield

At the University of Sheffield, throughout the months of November and December there are a number of (completely free) opportunities for students to join us online subject specific [Taster sessions](#).



All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide pupils with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university.



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Of  
Sheffield.



# Taster sessions from the University of Sheffield

Our [online taster sessions](#) help students experience what it is like to study at the University of Sheffield.

Every subject covered!





# EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

We can't possibly fit every progression opportunity in this Bulletin.

What you see today is the tip of the iceberg.

Check your emails every day and look for the **EXCITING OPPORTUNITY** headline.



Outlook

Have you checked your email today?

