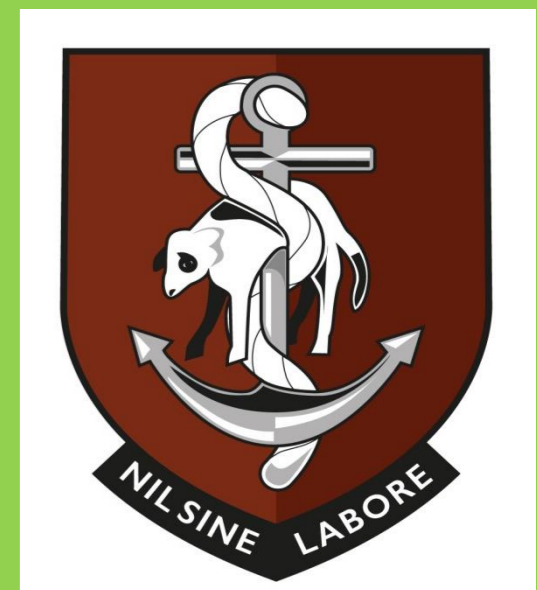


# Be prepared

We fully hope and expect school to re-open as planned on 4 January.

However, **in case of school closure you should take home all of your files, textbooks and other necessary study equipment.**



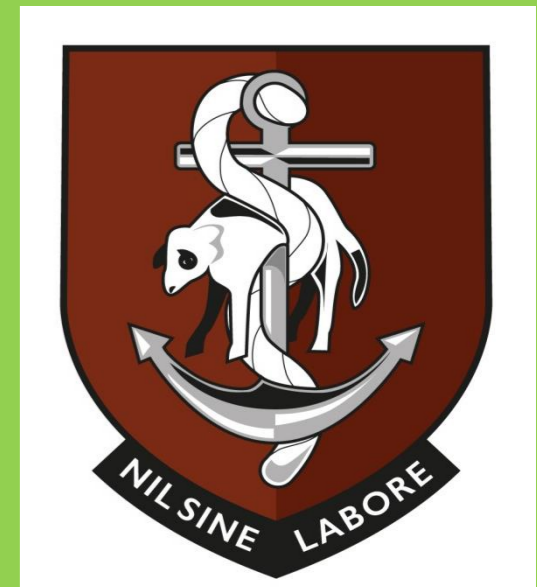
# Covid testing

On your return to school, you will be invited in at the following times for a lateral-flow test:

- Year 13 - 0900
- Year 12 - 1030



See separate communications for further details.







## Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

NHS Cadets is a new scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS, providing opportunities to explore skills, knowledge, and volunteering roles within healthcare. It is aimed at young people aged 14 to 18 who are from communities currently under-represented within the NHS and St John Ambulance.

The programme offers young people health awareness sessions, courses to develop their leadership and communication skills and an insight or experience in volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme, consisting of weekly, 2-hour sessions for 11 months. Cadets will be supported throughout their volunteering journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

### Who can get involved?

The initiative is seeking young people who might not have previously considered volunteering in healthcare. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Young people living with learning difficulties and / or disabilities (we will need to discuss if we have the support network to help you participate)
- Young people in the care system, or recent care leavers
- Refugees or Asylum Seekers
- Young Carers
- Homeless young people
- Those not in education, employment or training, or those with school results lower than you hoped/need
- Those living with mental health concerns (same principle as anyone with a learning difficulty or disability)
- Those who identify as being part of the LGBTQI+ community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer intersex+)
- Those coming from low-income families /young people in receipt of free school meals
- Young people from ethnic minority communities

### How do I get involved?

New groups will be opening from January 2022, and by 2023 10,000 young people will have enrolled as NHS Cadets.

For further information about the programme, please visit [sia.org.uk/nhscadets](https://sia.org.uk/nhscadets)

or contact Sofie (Regional Programme Lead – North) on

[Sofie.Armitage@sja.org.uk](mailto:Sofie.Armitage@sja.org.uk)

Or [NHSCadets@sja.org.uk](mailto:NHSCadets@sja.org.uk).

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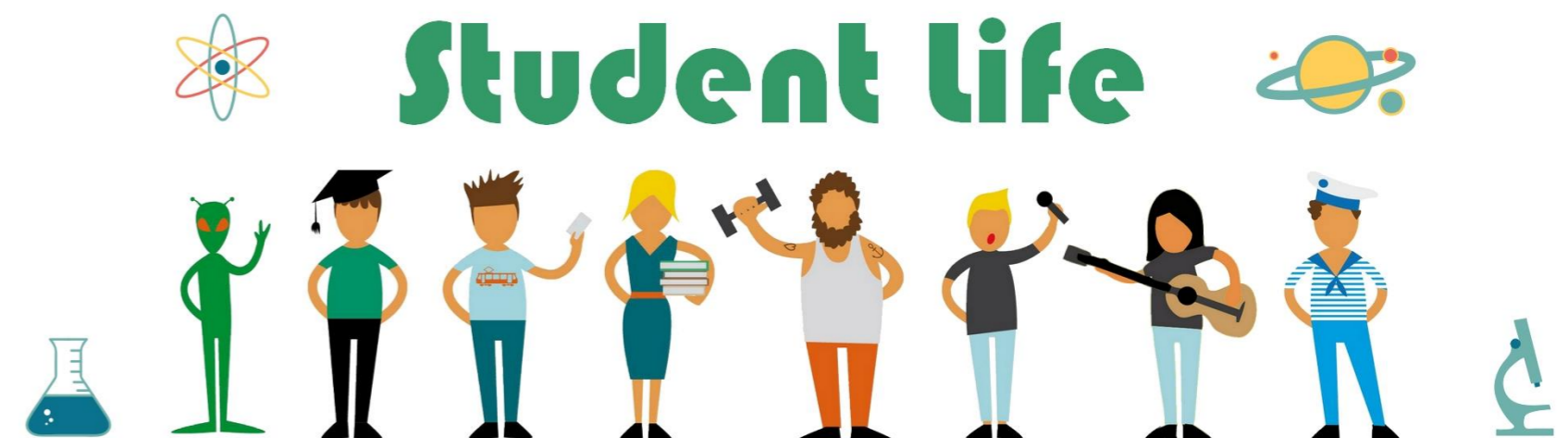
It's week



# Student life and success



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# Mask protocol

Masks, or a valid exemption lanyard, must be worn in all common places at all times.



**If you don't have a mask or a valid exemption lanyard, you will be asked to leave the lesson or common area to get one.**





# KOREA CLUB

한국 클럽

celebrate Korean culture and history

learn some Korean

eat Korean food >:)

Every **Wednesday** lunch (starting  
15/12) in **P001**

Any questions:

[15LBeevers@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:15LBeevers@heckgrammar.co.uk)

See you there!





A historical map of a residential area, likely from the early 20th century. The map shows a grid of streets and numerous buildings. Key features include a 'Nursery' in the upper left, a 'School' in the middle left, and 'St. James's Church' in the lower left. Street names like 'Grove St', 'Francis Street', and 'Heights' are visible. Property numbers such as 152a, 160, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 176, and 182 are scattered throughout. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the map, containing text.

# Historical Research Society

Want to find out who were the people and stories that built and sustained our school?

Wish to refine your research skills?

Every Thursday Lunchtime in F.1.09

Contact [16ghall@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:16ghall@heckgrammar.co.uk) or see Mrs. Currie for more information



# Lees Cup update



**Priestley = 45**

**Clarke = 35.5**

**Bronte = 33.5**

**Houldsworth = 31**



No change in positions this week, but Priestley edge a little further into the distance. Can anyone mount a challenge, or is the only real battle for 'best of the rest'?

Get out and support your Houses!





# 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! **Note that adverts for clubs will last a few weeks; let me know if you would like your existing club re-advertising.**

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





# Progression opportunities



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# Discover University with the University of Exeter

NEW!

## DISCOVER UNIVERSITY

Our Discover University schedule for January is now available!

Students can sign up for free to join our series of online sessions held on Zoom to provide information, advice and guidance covering topics such as; choosing a course, applying to university in a virtual world, living on a budget, and more! All sessions will provide an opportunity for Q&A with staff and students from the University of Exeter.

Please encourage your students to [sign up here](#).



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# Find out about History and English



## Year 12 Outreach Programmes - applications now open

### English/History Futures

March-July 2022

English and History Futures are programmes designed to inspire and support Year 12 students interested in studying English or History at university.



Through a mixture of online and on campus activity, participants will have the opportunity to take part in a taster lecture as well as seminars which will reflect the diverse curriculum offered at the University. They'll also meet current students and academics and find out all about life studying English and History at Leeds as well as explore the career opportunities available to graduates.. Please share the webpage links for [English Futures](#) and [History Futures](#) with your students and encourage them to apply before the deadline on 27th January 2022.

[Click here for History!](#)

[Click here for English!](#)





# Find out about Environmental sciences



## Environment Futures

We're excited to launch our online Environment Futures 2022 programme for Year 12 students.

Designed to help you develop your insight into the various courses and what it's like to study at a Russell Group University, the programme will also help you develop your skills and subject knowledge, giving you the opportunity to take part in talks, workshops and other enrichment activities alongside your current studies.

For more information please visit the webpages [here](#)

Applications for our Futures programmes 2021, close on Wednesday 12th January 2022. Application forms can be found [here](#)



[Click here to find out more!](#)



# Find out about performance



## Skill Up in Theatre and Performance

April-May 2022

A free two-day campus experience hosted in the University's contemporary performance space, stage@leeds, followed by a short series of online sessions. Participants will develop vital theatre and performance skills and find out more about studying theatre and performance at university!

With sessions from academics in the School of Performance and Cultural Industries, past and current students and industry professionals from Leeds Playhouse, participants will explore directing, voice skills, writing for theatre, design technology and digital skills.

Our two-day campus event will take place on 12th April and 13th April 2022 with a visit to Leeds Playhouse.

We invite applications from all Year 12 students, with priority given to those who live in an area of low progression to higher education, followed by those studying a BTEC at Level 3. Applicants should be able to travel to and from the university on the 12th and 13th of April for the campus event.

Please share the [webpage link](#) with your students and encourage them to apply before our deadline on 13 February 2022.

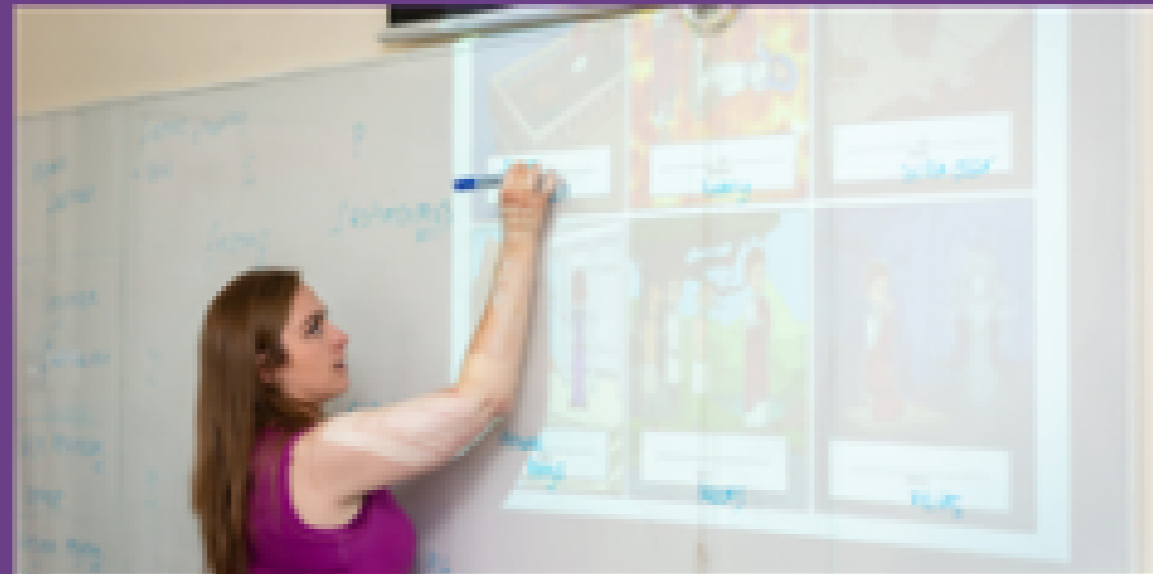


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# Taster sessions at the University of Leeds



## Subject Taster Workshops

Our programme of taster workshops introduce your students to new topics, build on their current subjects and support them in developing skills and insight into the university experience.

Available as pre-recorded or live sessions that we can deliver online or in your school, browse and book our (History, Music, Languages, Media and Religious Studies) [workshops here](#).

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# Find out about Degree Apprenticeships



## Degree Apprenticeships at the University of Leeds

*Did you know you can study a Degree Apprenticeship at University of Leeds?*

Umayah is part of our 4 year Technology Degree Apprenticeship with [PwC](#) in the [School of Computing](#) at the University of Leeds. As part of her Degree Apprenticeship, Umayah splits her time between university studies and paid placements within PwC (northern office in Leeds).



Find out more about course highlights [here](#)



[Click here for to find out more!](#)





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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# InvestIn Work Experience



InvestIN are running their immersive in-person work experience placements a little closer to home next year. The programmes taking place on the weekend of 22nd-23rd January 2022 will be in Manchester and will cover the roles of a Doctor, Lawyer, Banker, Engineer and Psychologist.

Students can directly register via the website at <https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>



As a partner school, Heckmondwike Grammar students are eligible for a 10% discount with the code **HECKMONDWIKE10**

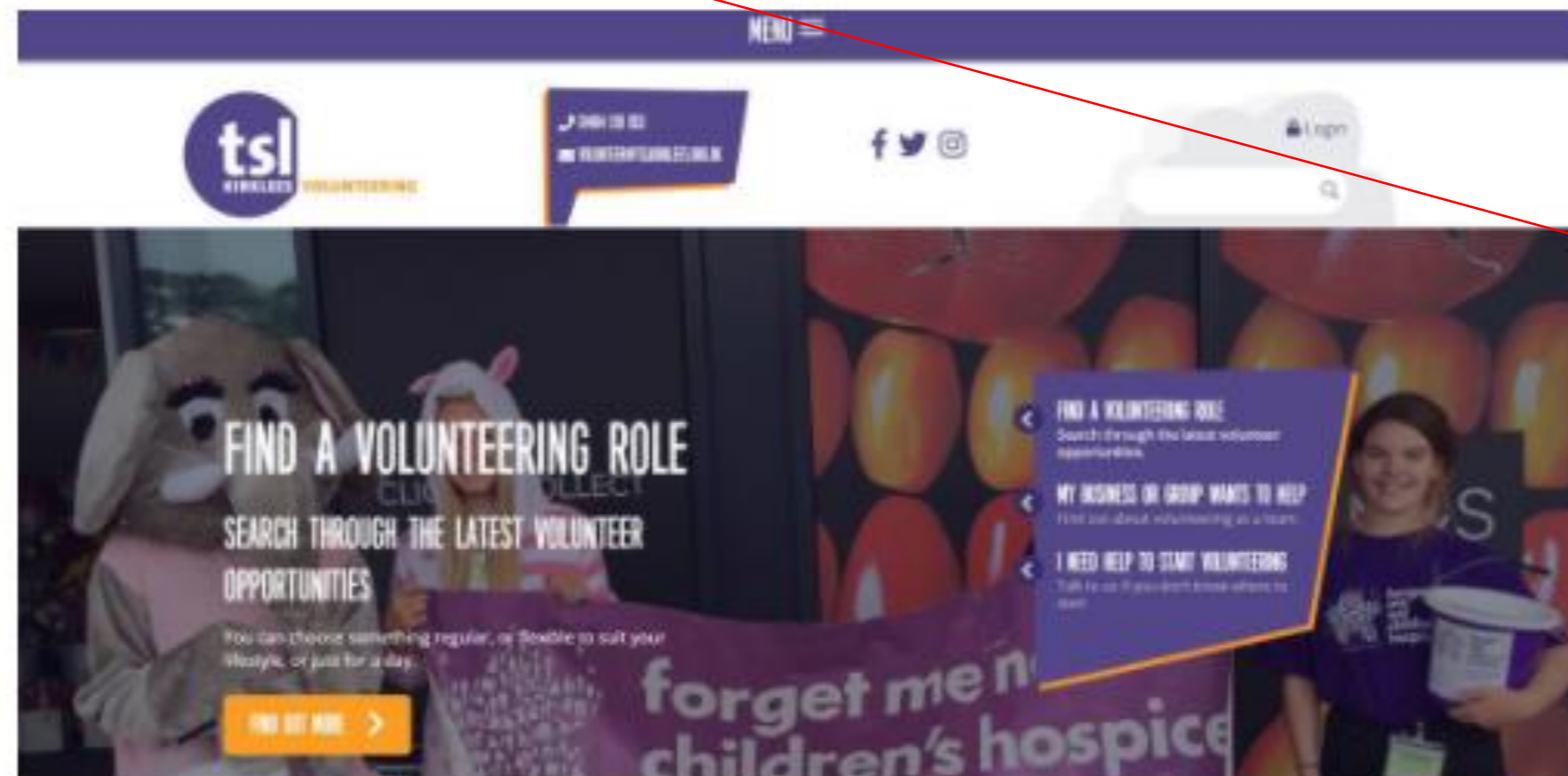
Safia Malik from InvestIN has created [this presentation to introduce the programmes to HGS students.](#)





Dear Volunteering Friends,

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new and improved volunteering website today!



Click me!

As well the latest volunteering opportunities in Kirklees, you can read volunteering news and stories, and find out about training and events.





# 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.



# University and apprenticeships



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# Aspire to Oxbridge?



**(Some of) the shortlisted class of 2021-22 offer their post-interview advice:**

Practice explaining things out loud and speaking clearly. More specifically for computer science applicants, read the book algorithmic puzzles it is immensely helpful to get used to the style of problems you could get asked.

Expect the unexpected. When asked a deliberately awkward question, take your time to answer and explain your thought process to the interviewers clearly

Be prepared to justify and elaborate on every claim you make...try to enjoy it!

Re-read everything you've submit to the university and practice different sorts of questions, preferably with someone else. The more practice, the less nervous you'll be on the day of the interview.

Practice getting stuck on a problem and having to work your way to the solution without just looking at the answer.

Do mock interviews, know your personal statement, research about the course at Cambridge



**Good luck, guys. Whatever January brings, we're proud of you all!**

# Degree apprenticeship opportunities (start 2022)

BBC

## [Digital Marketer Degree Apprenticeship](#)

Learn first-hand how digital marketing works at a global broadcaster with diverse audiences and channels – all while working towards your Level 6 Digital Marketer Degree Apprenticeship.

There are 11 positions available, to be based in Salford or London.

[Find out more and apply »](#)



Epix Systems

## [Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship \(Programming\)](#)

Join the Epix team as a degree apprentice programmer. You will gain experience using PHP (and other languages) to build a huge and complicated database-driven application, gain expert level skills in SQL, and learn to bounce around from Javascript/HTML in the browser down to Linux server magic.

You will be based two days a week in Manchester city centre, and three days from home.

[Find out more and apply »](#)



Unilever

## [Laboratory Scientist Degree Apprenticeship](#)

Laboratory Science apprentices at Unilever will apply specific Chemistry knowledge and a wide scientific understanding to carry out a range of technical and scientific activities. You will help to support the development of new products.

You will be based at Port Sunlight, Wirral

[Find out more and apply >>](#)





# University offers of the week



**Primary Education @**



**Music Production @**



**Arabic and Islamic Studies @**



**English and History of Art @**



**Sports Technology @**



# 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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# Next-Generation Economics



the NGE Team just wanted to let you and your students know that entries are now open for this year's [Next Generation Economics Competition](#) - thank you to all of the schools and students that have been in touch.



This year, we've developed a short bitesize video (just three minutes) that explains more about the competition, what it's like working as an economist in the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and the different pathways to join the organisation.



The video is on our website and available on YouTube via [this link](#).

Just a couple of key reminders about this competition:

- **You don't need to be studying economics to take part!** This competition is as much about learning what economics is as it is about how you apply some of those economic ideas and concepts.





# Essay competition - RE



**Competitions**


## Religion in a Time of Covid - The Community Religions Project Competition

Deadline 11 March 2022

An opportunity for students to share their ideas and research through an essay, blog, magazine article or any written format!

What can the pandemic tell us about religion?  
What can religion tell us about the pandemic?  
How have religious groups supported their communities? What ethical or philosophical questions about or for religion has the pandemic raised? These are some of the questions students might want to explore in their entry.

Open to students studying for A levels or equivalent qualifications in Year 12 or 13, find out more [here](#).



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# Chemistry drop ins

If you need help or support with your Chemistry work please bring along tasks to complete and a member of the Chemistry department will be around to help!

Every **Wednesday P5 in C109**





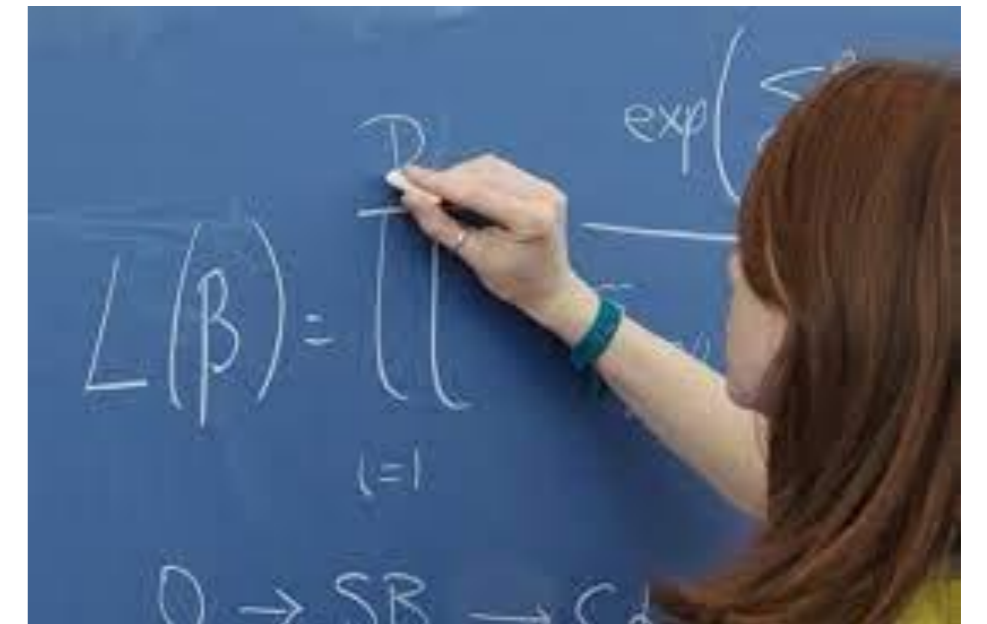
# Women in Maths programme

## Christ's College and Trinity College Women in Maths Programme

Thursday 24 - Saturday 26 March

Deadline: 4 February

Christ's and Trinity Colleges run an annual residential event for Year 12 (S5, Year 13 NI) girls interested in Maths and Maths-related degrees at top universities. Eligibility criteria applies.



# Competitions from the University of Cambridge

## [Robinson College New Directions Composition Competition](#)

### Various deadlines apply

New Directions is an opportunity for budding musicians to try their hand at composing a musical piece. The competition is open to anyone 18 and under, and compositions can be from any style or genre: a song, an instrumental work, a piece on Logic – the more inventive, the better! Winning entrants for each age category will receive a prize voucher and have the chance to attend a Music workshop day at Robinson College.

## [Davidson Inventors Challenge!](#)

### Deadline for registration: 7 January

Calling Year 11 and 12 students to register for the Davidson Inventors Challenge. Do you have students interested in tackling some of the toughest global challenges around the world? Or who want to innovate solutions to real life problems in sustainability, energy and healthcare? By teaming up with other students in their class students will learn new skills and explore the varied applications of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology.

## [50 Religious Treasures of Cambridge Film Competition](#)

### Deadline: 1 March

Inspire your students with a holiday project. The Faculty of Divinity film competition is now live, with students in the running for a chance to win a share of £500. Open to all UK Year 9-13 students.

## [Fitzwilliam College Essay Competitions](#)

### Deadline: 1 March

Essay competitions in a variety of subjects for pupils in Year 12 (England and Wales), S5 (Scotland), Year 13 (Northern Ireland), or equivalent to explore their interests beyond the school curriculum. This year there will be essay competitions in Ancient World & Classics, Archaeology, Architecture Design, History, Land Economy, and Medieval World.





# Writing Wrongs

This virtual programme supports students in writing about issues that they care about, giving them the tools to improve their extended writing, as well as informing them about applying to study at **the University of Bristol**.



The programme will run in the Spring term over 4 virtual sessions and one optional on-campus session.



[Follow this link](#) for the application form for students to submit by **December 12th**. For more information please contact [arts-outreach@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:arts-outreach@bristol.ac.uk) or [visit this webpage](#).





# MOOC of the week



## Sustainable Cities: Governing Urban Adaptation Under Climate Change

★★★★★ 5.0 (8 reviews)

Discover expert governance strategies for preparing urban areas to face the challenges posed by climate change.

Join course

1,131 enrolled on this course

Click me!



Duration  
3 weeks

Weekly study  
3 hours

100% online  
Learn at your own pace  
How it works

