

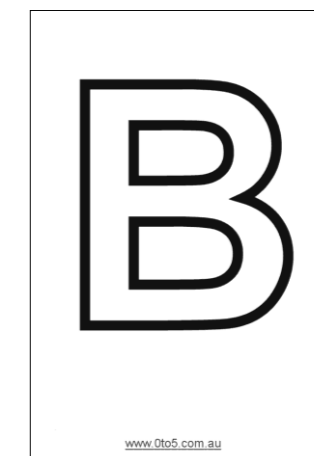
# Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 16th October to Friday  
20th October 2023 – week B6



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It's  
week



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A hand holding a pencil is positioned over a document that contains a table with multiple columns of data. The background is slightly blurred, showing a person in a white shirt. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Year 13 your milestones are coming up **6th November.....**

Remember all your milestone scores provide evidence towards your predicted grades.

**Make sure you are revising NOW to ensure you get the best possible grades.**

Your predicted grades can be used for all progression routes – university, apprenticeships and jobs.

Don't be a dummy and do something crummy  
Instead

Do something smart and do your part.....

By revising to help make your dreams come true.

# Year 13 UCAS submission



**If you want to submit your UCAS application using the summer mocks as your predicted grades you must submit your application before **Friday 27th October**.**

**Any submitted after this deadline will automatically use the November mocks as the predicted grades.**



# Year 12 and Year 13 Chemistry Students



Chemistry Drop-in session for Y12/Y13 Chemistry students every Tuesday/Thursday lunchtime (from start of lunch) in C106



# Study skills and exam technique



We invite ALL students from ANY background to take part in a Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar. This is suitable for students in 10-13 year groups studying any subject. If students are unable to attend the webinar live, they can register to receive a recording along with some excellent free handouts describing study techniques that are underpinned by evidence-based-research. We are also happy to distribute free resources tailored to different exam boards to conference attendees to assist with exam technique.

Places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served basis', and students can register for free with this conference registration form:

<https://airtable.com/appaypcxGI0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9g>

Please note, that due to high demand, we anticipate that the form may be overloaded if too many people are completing it at the same time. If this happens, please wait a moment and then try again. We have capacity for over 10,000 free registrations so please do not panic, and there will be further webinars later in the academic year!

Conferences Dates:

Sunday 5th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

Saturday 11th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

If neither of these are suitable, students can register to receive the conference recording.

Conference Agenda:

Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills & Exam Techniques

Section 2: The Power of Effective Study Habits

Interactive Session: "Study Styles: Which One Are You?"

Section 3: Memory Boosters for Exam Prep

Section 4: Conquering Exam Anxiety

Section 5: A Day Before the Exam

Section 6: Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR and EDEXCEL



# Year 13 students NOT wanting to attend university

**If you are a Year 13 student and you do not want to go to university, can you, please email Mrs Jervis.**

**Before doing so make sure your UCAS application has everything EXCEPT the personal statement and choices complete.**

**This is so to help keep your options open later, should you change your mind**



# Private Study

It is a **COMPULSORY** hour of independent study and must not be missed or **sanctions will be set**.

You must sign in promptly with Hez upstairs in the quiet room within the JCC.

If you study EPQ or study 4 A level subjects you do NOT have private studies.

It will show on your timetable as PSP with Mrs Bev Sheard, Hez is currently covering Private studies until she returns.

Any blanks on your timetable are non-contact periods for you to work independently, anywhere in the JCC or library. You do not need to sign in anywhere for non-contacts.

If you have a cancelled lesson at any time, you must come and register with Donna in the JCC.





# Year 12



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# Reach for Excellence – Leeds University



<https://contextualoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/rfeapply/>

The Reach for Excellence programme supports young people who demonstrate the potential to access a top university but who may not have considered entry to research intensive Higher Education.

Students on the scheme receive a wide range of support throughout the completion of their year twelve and thirteen studies.

Support is provided in the form of subject specific taster sessions, study skills workshops, impartial pre-entry guidance, finance and budgeting sessions and a residential summer school. Throughout the two year programme, students will be given a taste of university life and gain the necessary skills and experience for a smooth and successful transition into Higher Education. A key benefit of the Reach for Excellence programme is that it allows high-achieving students to meet and share ideas with other like-minded students from a range of different schools and colleges situated within the Yorkshire region.

Teachers will need time to check applications, so the internal deadline is **Friday 3rd November**.

Applications submitted after this time will not be considered by the school.



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/>



# Pathway to Bath



We are so excited to announce that applications for our next intake of [Pathway to Bath](#) are open now!

This award-winning blended curriculum enrichment programme for Year 12 students from Widening participation backgrounds offers students

- The opportunity to complete a project in a subject of their choice alongside academic tutors and undergraduate e-mentors
- The opportunity to apply to a free 3 day residential at the University of Bath
- The chance to receive a [guaranteed offer](#) to the University of Bath

. Students can apply [via the website now](#) and the **deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

Please note our eligibility criteria have changed and now include Free School Meals and Index of Multiple deprivation – the Polar postcode profile is no longer included in the criteria. For more information please click [here](#).

#BelongatBath

# Pathway to Bath

## Free online curriculum enrichment for Year 12 students

Develop your skills by completing a project on a topic that you enjoy, and join us on campus for a summer residential

Applications open 11 October 2023 and close 31 January 2024

Find out more and apply now:  
[www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme](http://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme)



# How to become a doctor

Free UCAS conferences for students interested in becoming doctors has opened. Conference Registration Form: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps



# Lucy Cavendish, Cambridge

**STEMSMART 2024 Applications now open!**

**Deadline: 31st October**

STEM SMART is a free, 17-month programme to support students in raising their attainment at school and develop their confidence to apply to study physical or biological sciences, engineering or computer science at top universities.

Each week students will be set some work that will complement the work that they are doing as part of their school studies. A large group online tutorial in each subject will be provided in each week to go over the work. Students will also be assigned a Cambridge student as a mentor, whom they will meet online once a fortnight to discuss a number of themes concerning studying at university, for example; university life, choosing courses and applying to university. Two live subject-focussed talks will also be given by researchers from the university about their cutting-edge work.

Eligible students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will normally satisfy ALL of the following academic criteria:

- Have achieved at least a grade 7 (A) in GCSE Maths
- Have achieved either at least grades 66 (BB) in double Science GCSE or grade 6 (B) in two separate sciences from Physics, Chemistry and Biology.
- Currently be studying or have studied Maths and at least one further subject from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Further Maths at A Level or equivalent (eg IB Higher Level).

[Register here](#)

**Mrs Jervis** is the link teacher for this



# Access to Sheffield (university)

## Access to Sheffield (Y12-13)

The [Access to Sheffield \(Y12-13\) programme](#) offers a skills based curriculum that delivers subject and career specific support through in person visits to the University.

There are 5 different subject and career areas, therefore students can apply based on their interest and qualifications. Students will be required to live within a reasonable commuting distance of the university and travel independently to campus via public transport to attend events throughout their two years on the programme. Most events take place during term time and students will be expected to attend for the full day of activity (usually starting around 9am). There are around 4-5 events across a year, with a summer school at the end of Y12.

Students who complete the programme can benefit from up to a 2 grade adjusted offer at the University of Sheffield and benefit from transitional support in the lead up to university study.

More information on the 5 programmes can be found on our website [www.sheffield.ac.uk/schools/programmes/years12-13](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/schools/programmes/years12-13)

The five areas relate to

Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences

Dentistry

Law

STEM

Medicine

applications are now open , and will close on **Friday 3rd November**. Apply here <https://accesstosheffield.shef.ac.uk/>



# Pathways to career opportunities – the Sutton Trust

Our virtual Pathways programmes will support you in exploring career opportunities in **Banking & Finance**, **Consulting**, **Law**, and **Veterinary Medicine** during your final two years of school.

Find out more

[Veterinary medicine](#)

[Consulting](#)

[Banking and Finance](#)

[Law](#)

To apply for the programme, you must:

Attend, and have always attended, **a state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college

Be in **Year 12** at the start of the programme

We prioritise students based on a range of **social mobility criteria** including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood

## Veterinary Medicine

We are launching a national Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science Pathways, delivered in collaboration with our academic staff and student ambassadors based at Nottingham University's award-winning School of Veterinary Medicine and School of Animal Science.

[Learn More](#)

## Consulting

Pathways to Consulting is completely virtual. Alongside work experience, there is a programme of after-school skill workshops and info sessions, mentoring opps, and networking events with universities and leading professionals, all with opportunities to develop skills needed to access a career in consulting.

[Learn more](#)

## Banking & Finance

Pathways to Banking and Finance Online is completely virtual. Unlike the in-person Banking and Finance programme, this can be taken from anywhere in the UK and you will receive exactly the same benefits, including work experience, networking opps and skill workshops.

## Law

Pathways to Law Online is completely virtual. Unlike the in-person Law programme, this can be taken from anywhere in the UK and you will receive exactly the same benefits, including work experience, networking opps and skill workshops.



# Reach for Excellence Scheme

How do I find out more? The Reach for Excellence scheme is coordinated by the Contextual Outreach Team at the University of Leeds. To make an application or for more information please visit our website:

<https://contextualoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/>

Find out more

<https://contextualoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/>

The deadline for all applications is **23:59 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

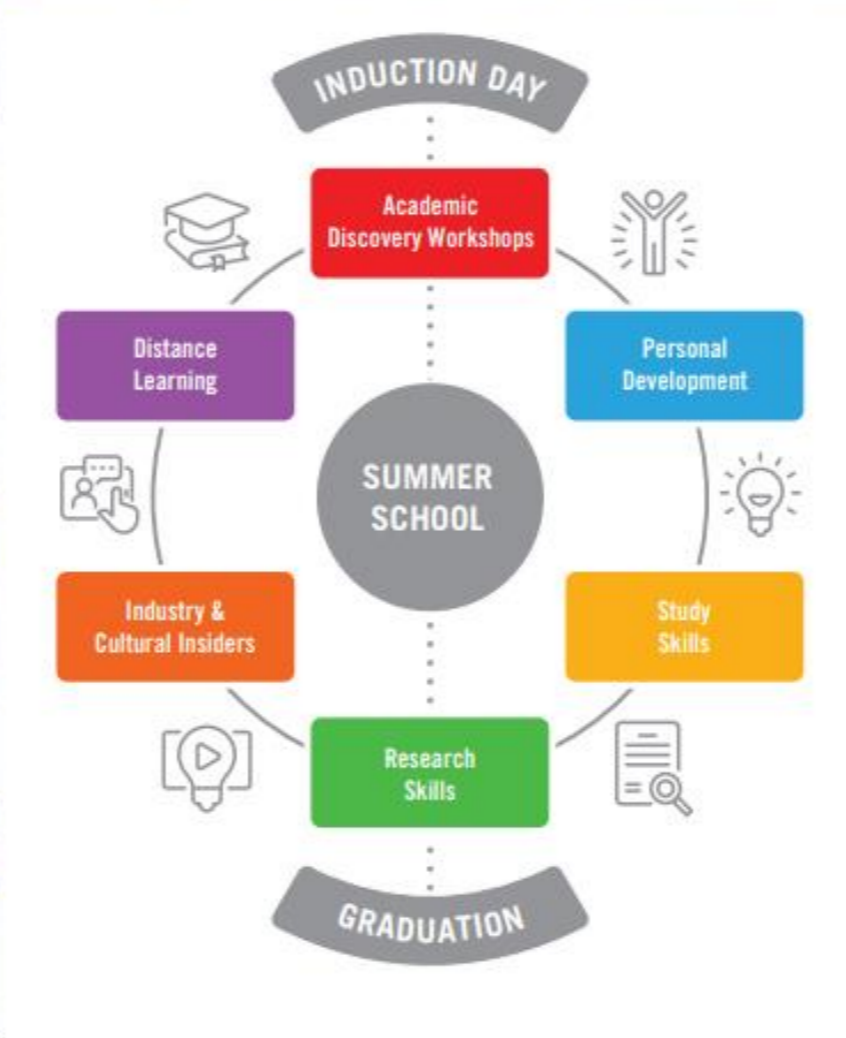


## What is Reach for Excellence?

Since its inception in 2007, Reach for Excellence has built a successful track record in supporting and motivating young people who demonstrate academic potential, but who may experience barriers towards entering higher education and choosing what to do after school/college. Students on the programme will get a taste of university life and gain the necessary skills and experience needed for a successful transition into Higher Education.



All of our events are free of charge, with travel expenses (bus and/or train fare) reimbursed at each event you attend. As a Reach for Excellence student, you'll be invited to attend a vast range of sessions, which each fall in to one of the six categories on our colour wheel.



**Academic Discovery Workshops** are focussed taster sessions from across our various University faculties, which allow you to explore different subjects, university facilities and undergraduate level teaching.



**Personal Development** sessions offer a comprehensive range of practical advice and guidance, from choosing a course and university, to the UCAS application process and Personal Statement writing, to managing a budget and applying for student finance and scholarships.



**Study Skills** events are designed to build up your skills and confidence for tackling academic work and assessments, allowing you to both improve your A Level attainment and hit the ground running when you start university.



**Research Skills** sessions come in the form of our four part Get Research Ready series, which examines the research skills required to take an idea from the moment of its inception through to submitting and defending the final piece of work.



**Industry & Cultural Insiders** are off-campus visits to our local partner organisations. They give you the chance to meet people working in your field of interest, and offer a unique insight into the reality of working in these highly competitive sectors.



**Distance Learning** activities enable you to engage with the programme from the comfort of your own home, either by participating in our regular themed webchats or evaluating your RfE Journey in our Reflective Learning Log.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for Reach for Excellence, you must:

- ✓ Be a current Year 12 student.
- ✓ Have gained 5 or more GCSEs at grades 9-4, including Mathematics and English Language.
- ✓ Have the potential to achieve at least 3 A Levels at grade B or above (or equivalent qualifications), and to progress to further study at a research-intensive university.
- ✓ Live within a reasonable distance to the University of Leeds and be able to attend regular events on campus during the school holidays.

You will also need to meet at least two of the following criteria to be eligible for the scheme:

- ✓ Be in the first generation of your immediate family to apply to Higher Education.
- ✓ Be from a household with a gross annual income of £25,000 or below.\*
- ✓ Attend, or have attended, a school which achieved below the national average Attainment 8 score at GCSE.
- ✓ Live in a geographical area with low levels of progression onto higher education.
- ✓ Currently live in or grew up in public care.
- ✓ Have had your studies disrupted or adversely affected by circumstances in your personal, social or domestic life.

\* You can demonstrate this criteria in one of three ways:

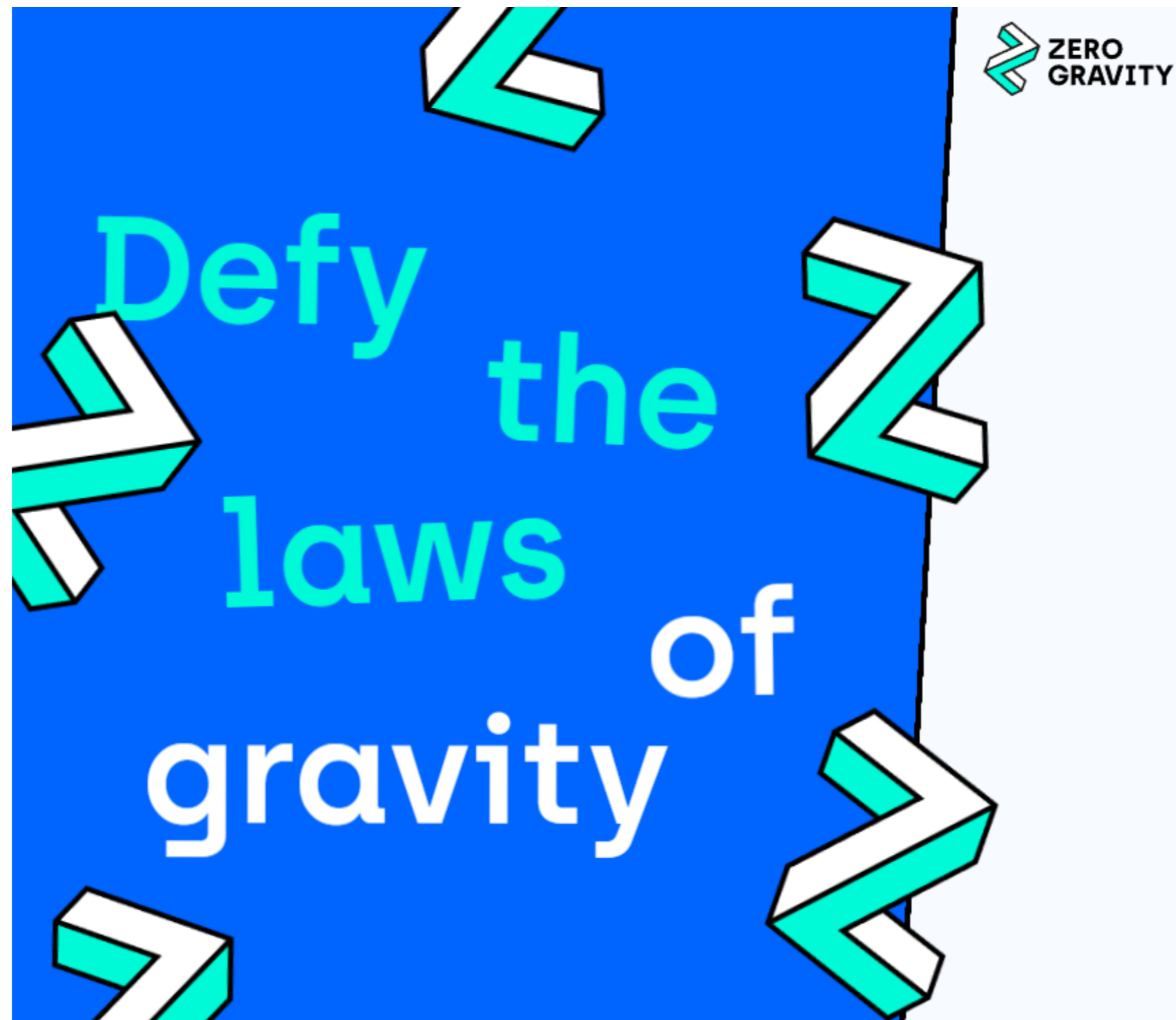
- If you receive the 16-19 Bursary Fund, or Learner Support, with an income threshold of £25,000 or below
- If you received free school meals during your GCSE studies
- If your parent or carer completes and submits a Declaration of Household Income Form, which can be found on our website.



# Zero Gravity – help getting to university

We show you how to get into uni and double your chances of achieving a top uni offer.  
Smash your application, get your grades, and connect with our community.  
Free for students. Forever.

Find out more [here](#)



## Big things ahead



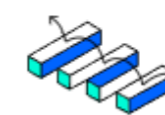
Connect with a **powerful community** and work towards your **personal goals**



Match with a **handpicked mentor** and level up with uni masterclasses



Secure a top uni offer and get talent spotted for a **£3k scholarship**



Start building your future with **career discovery** content and **work experience** opportunities

# Nottingham University

## Ambition Nottingham 16-18

[Ambition Nottingham 16-18 programme](#) is now **open** for applications! We offer support and guidance to students through various online sessions, which include:

- Subject insight sessions with university academics
- Q&As with current students
- Advice and guidance on university selection processes

More information, the application form and the full entry criteria can all be found on our [website](#).

## Pathways programmes

Delivered in partnership with the Sutton Trust, our Pathways programmes begin in Year 12 and run throughout Year 13 to support your students' progression to higher education and future careers.

Programme activities include subject-specific taster sessions, masterclasses, networking opportunities with employers, and information, advice and guidance sessions. Our Medicine and Vet Med programmes also include work placements and a residential summer school. Applications are now open for Year 12 students:

**Pathways to Medicine** - Eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found [here](#). Please contact [pathways-medicine@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:pathways-medicine@nottingham.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

**Pathways to Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science** - Eligibility criteria and the online application can be found [here](#). Please contact [pathways-VMAS@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:pathways-VMAS@nottingham.ac.uk).

**Pathways to Law Online** - Eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found [here](#). Please contact the [Sutton Trust](#) if you have any questions.

Applications for all programmes will close on **13th November 2023**.



# Hull York Medical School

## APPLY HERE

We are excited to announce that applications for the Pathways to Medicine programme **are now open!**

### Key Eligibility Information:

- Open to **students in Year 12 / first year of college** taking **Biology & Chemistry** at A-Level
- Open to **students from a widening participation background** - full eligibility criteria is [here](#)
- Open to **students in the HYMS region**

### What's on offer:

- Insight into the profession
- Application support & guidance
- Access to additional admissions recognition at HYMS and participating UKWPMED schools

Further details about the programme can be found [here](#).

**Deadline to apply: Sunday 3rd December 2023**

**Please note you will need to create an account with The Sutton Trust and sign in before you can complete the application form.**

## PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE

Getting into Medicine can be highly competitive, and so the Sutton Trust wants to offer you the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to break that barrier.

Pathways to Medicine is completely free (including travel) and provides support in accessing higher education, training in soft skills, and understanding careers in Medicine with incredible work experience opportunities.



**APPLY HERE UNLESS APPLYING TO IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**

<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN:</b> 04 SEPTEMBER 2023	<b>APPLICATIONS CLOSE:</b> 13 NOVEMBER 2023	<b>AGE:</b> YEAR 12
<b>LOCATION:</b> HULL-YORK, NEWCASTLE, NOTTINGHAM, LONDON (APPLY THROUGH IMPERIAL FOR LONDON)	<b>DURATION:</b> 2 YEARS	

# Next Step York – get lower grade offers

## What is Next Step York?

Next Step York is a personalised two year programme for Year 12 students in England.

- Explore university options
- Receive specialist support with your current studies
- Experience what life is like at York

Next Step York is aimed at pupils who have the potential to progress to university but have experienced barriers that may prevent them from accessing higher education.

We welcome applications from students living in the region who meet the [programme criteria](#) and believe they will benefit from our support.

[Next Step York](#) is open for students to apply to participate in. This programme offers everything from resilience support, academic workshops, study skill sessions and potentially a residential. Many of your students have taken part in this programme over the years, including one who studies Medicine at York and credits the programme for getting them there.

If students complete the programme and apply to York they could be eligible for an alternative offer of up to three grades below the typical offer. For example, Law could go from AAA to BBB.

Applications open on 11 September and close on **27 November**.



# Realising Opportunities

Realising Opportunities is a unique collaboration of leading, research intensive universities, working together to promote fair access and social mobility of students from groups underrepresented in higher education.

## RO students completing the programme benefit from:

- Alternative offers from the RO Partner universities which are typically two grades lower than the standard offer when applying at university
- Experiences and support to help make informed decisions about higher education and research intensive universities
- Skills development in planning, analysis, critical thinking, evaluation and independent research
- Online support from university students and staff at the RO Partner universities
- A wide range of events and activities at the RO Partner universities. Travel costs may be supported
- Additional consideration when applying to RO Partner universities through UCAS.



# Realising Opportunities

In order to be eligible to apply for the Realising Opportunities programme students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Attend a **state-funded school/college which is currently working with an RO university** to deliver the RO programme. [Read information for home-schooled students.](#)
- Are studying in **Year 12** in England (or equivalent).
- Have achieved **at least five grade 9–6 at GCSE** (or equivalent, eg GNVQ, BTEC certificate); if this does not include English Language and Mathematics they must have achieved at least a grade 4 in these subjects. Read information for students who have experienced [a period of disrupted education.](#)
- Be a **Home registered student** or expect to be by the time they apply for higher education. Read information for students classed as [an asylum seeker or with a temporary status.](#)

To find out more look at [here](#)

Code **HGJERVISM01**



# The Sutton Trust pathways programmes

Our Pathways programmes will support you in exploring career opportunities in **Banking & Finance, Consulting, Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine** during your final two years of school.

**All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for you to attend.**

**At the end of the programme, you will walk away with:**


**University and Apprenticeship Application Support** - Pathways will provide expert and personalised support throughout the university and apprenticeship application process

**A Professional Network** - you'll attend networking skill sessions and then put your new skills into practice; meeting a variety of employers, volunteers and university professionals you can use when you start applying for work.

**A Peer Network** - you will meet with other students from similar backgrounds to you who share similar passions throughout the programme at social events and activities.

**Work Experience** - You will automatically be eligible to apply for a 3-5 day in-person or online work experience placement which will develop you in key skills.

Find out more [here](#)

**PATHWAYS TO CONSULTING** 

PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **SEPTEMBER 2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **ONLINE**

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Discover the world of Consulting and what a career could look like.

**PATHWAYS TO ENGINEERING** 

PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **SEPTEMBER 2023**      CLOSING DATE: **13/11/2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **WARWICK, LIVERPOOL, CARDIFF**

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Explore a career in engineering.

**PATHWAYS TO VETERINARY MEDICINE**


PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **04/09/2023**      CLOSING DATE: **13/11/2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **UNITED KINGDOM, ONLINE**

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Explore a range of careers within veterinary medicine.

**PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE** 


PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **04/09/2023**      CLOSING DATE: **13/11/2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **HULL-YORK, NEWCASTLE, NOTTINGHAM, LONDON (APPLY THROUGH IMPERIAL FOR LONDON)**

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Explore what a career in medicine could

**PATHWAYS TO LAW** 


PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **04/09/2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **ENGLAND AND WALES, ONLINE**

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Explore a career in the legal profession.

**PATHWAYS TO BANKING AND FINANCE** 

PROGRAMME STATUS: **OPEN**

OPENING DATE: **04/09/2023**

AGE: **YEAR 12**      LOCATION: **ENGLAND, ONLINE**

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Explore a range of careers in the financial sector.

# Year 13



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# Preparing for interviews

## Questions you might be asked in a university interview

These are hard to predict, so here are some pointers on what questions you may face in a uni interview:

- Revisit the university prospectus and course details, thinking about how you'd answer questions such as 'why this course?' and 'why this university?'.  
■ Re-familiarise yourself with your personal statement and be prepared to elaborate on anything you've said.  
■ Get someone (who hopefully knows a bit about your subject) to give you a mock interview. Having some interview practice beforehand will help to boost your confidence and expose areas you need to work on.  
■ Make sure you're aware of the latest issues in current affairs relevant to your subject – tutors may bring these into the discussion.  
■ Prepare some questions to ask tutors – just make sure that they haven't already been answered in information you've been sent by the university.

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/university-interviews-how-to-prepare>

This guide gives some handy tips on how to prepare for university interviews.



# University of Bradford – Interview skills webinar

## Upcoming Post 16 Outreach Webinars

Webinars are a great way to find out further information that will help you on your journey to university, below you can find a couple of our upcoming webinars. You can find all webinars for the whole year [here](#).

Interview Skills - Yr13

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> November**

18:00 – 19:30 – SIGN UP [HERE](#)

Student Life Q&A - Yr13

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> December**

18:00 – 19:30 – SIGN UP [HERE](#)



# University of Bradford

## Mid Yorks Adult Nursing Programme Open Evening & Webinars

The University of Bradford and Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust have partnered to establish an off-site nursing school and degree programme at Dewsbury and District Hospital.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Evening 15:00 – 19:00  
Programme structure, writing a good application, and good academic writing strategies.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Online Webinar 19:00 – 20:00  
What to expect, interview preparation and Q&A session.  
You can book your place at any of the Mid Yorks Open Days & Webinars [here](#)

## Bradford Life Blogs

### [10 tips for a brilliant UCAS application](#)

Completing a UCAS application is a major stepping stone to securing a place at university. To help you on your way, here are 10 tips for a brilliant UCAS application.

### [8 must-do's when studying in Yorkshire](#)

We've put together a list of the very best things to experience during your time studying in Yorkshire.

You can find all our blog posts [here](#), from what it's like to study, to information about our research activity, you'll find a blog by the University of Bradford that suits your interests.



# Swansea – pathways to medicine



To find out more visit [here](#)

The screenshot shows the Swansea University website. At the top left is the university logo with the text "Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe". To the right is a search bar labeled "Search Swansea University" and a navigation menu with links for "Jobs", "Accessibility Tools", "Current Students", "Staff", "中文", and "Cymraeg". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for "Study", "International", "Our Research", "Business", "Alumni", "Your University", "News and Events", "Support & Wellbeing", and a highlighted "Clearing" button. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "The University > Our Fac > Swansea University Medical School > Pathways to Medicine". Below the breadcrumb is the heading "PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE". The main image shows a young man in a blue medical scrub top looking at several X-ray scans on a wall. A dark blue banner with white text reads "Make the most of your 5th Choice". Below this banner is a yellow button with the text "Medicine: UCAS 5th Choice Guide".



# Do you live in Mirfield and applying to university?

About the charity

The Mirfield Educational Charity makes grants for educational purposes to students under the age of 25 who are resident or whose parents are resident in Mirfield.

## Dr Grason and the scholarship

Dr Grason retired from the charity in October 2016. He had been a trustee from the charity's inception in 1977 and for over twenty years served as chairman. The scholarship in his name is a new initiative intended to provide significant financial assistance to a hardworking and diligent student from a family of modest financial means who might otherwise not go on to higher education.

The successful applicant would receive £4,000 for the academic year beginning in September/October 2024 and thereafter £4,000 for second and third academic years subject to evidence of satisfactory progress.

## Who can apply?

There are four criteria.

1. Residence. The applicant or the applicant's parents must reside in Mirfield.
2. Age. The applicant must be under the age of 25 not only at the time of application but also at the end of the course.
3. Finance. The applicant must qualify for the 16-19 bursary.
4. Academically. The trustees are looking for a candidate who scores highly on the L3VA (Level 3 Value Added) analysis.

There is no set application form. However, the trustees will require the school or college to certify that criteria 1 to 3 have been met. As to criteria 4, the trustees will expect to receive as a minimum a copy of the candidate's UCAS application form, a personal statement and an academic reference. **Deadline for applications 31st January 2024.**



If you are interested in applying, see Mrs Jervis

# Year 13 University access schemes



# Context

- Many universities run **access schemes**, where students from backgrounds which make them statistically less likely to attend university are given support, which can include **reduced offers**.
- The main schemes used by HGS students are **Access to Leeds, York Access** and **Newcastle PARTNERS**, though other universities also have them.

# Am I eligible?

- The short answer is, **'it depends'**; conditions do vary. Generally, you need to meet 1-2 or more of the following criteria:
  - Neither of your parents went to university;
  - You are from a low income household;
  - You live in a post code area with low rates of progression to university;
  - You attended an 11-16 school with below average GCSE results;
  - There are circumstances in your home or personal life that have disrupted your studies.

Check the terms for each scheme **carefully**. They do differ.



# Access to Leeds

- To be eligible for [Access to Leeds](#), you need to meet two criteria.
- **Many** of you will be eligible.
- The reduced Access offer is two grades below the standard offer.



# Newcastle PARTNERS

- Newcastle PARTNERS has changed considerably.
- You need to meet one eligibility criterion.
- **Most** (though not all) of you will be eligible.

Applicants to Medicine & Surgery (A100) and Dentistry (A206)

Applications to PARTNERS from Medicine or Dentistry applicants have a deadline of **16 October 2023**.

Applicants to all other UG courses

The UCAS and PARTNERS deadline for all other courses during the 2023/24 admissions cycle is **31 January 2024**.



# York Access

- To be eligible for [York Access scheme](#), you need to meet one of a small number of criteria.
- **Many** of you will be eligible.
- You may receive a reduced offer.
- **OPENS 2nd October**



# University widening participation schemes (Y13)

## Newcastle PARTNERS

- Add a 'P' in the further details section on Ucas.
- Apply online after your Ucas form has been sent. Select Mrs Jervis from the drop-down menu.
- **School Deadlines:** Friday 7 October (Medicine and dentistry); Friday 13 January (other courses)

## Access to Leeds

- Complete your section of the [application form](#) and e-mail to Mrs Jervis
- Once it has been returned, upload onto Leeds' web portal.
- **School deadlines:** Friday 7 October (medics and dentists), Friday 13 January (other courses)

## York Access

- Download and complete the [application form](#).
- Ask Mrs Jervis 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 7 October (medics and dentists), Friday 13 January (other courses)

# UCAS

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



# Super –Curricular opportunities



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# Cambridge Physics Centre Sixth Form Lectures

## Cambridge Physics Centre Sixth Form Lectures

This lecture series for students in Year 12 and 13 aims to enthuse, stimulate, and challenge students and their teachers across the whole broad spectrum of physics-related topics. It is a live event at the Cavendish Laboratory, with an interactive Isaac Physics problem solving session starting at 5pm and lectures from 6pm-7pm. The next lecture, titled 'Seeing Early Cancer in a New Light' will be delivered by Professor Sarah Bohndiek and take place on **6 November**.

Find out more [here](#).



# Cambridge and STEM

## STEM SMART

Applications are now open (**until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**) for STEM SMART 2024.

STEM SMART (Subject Mastery and Attainment Raising Tuition) is a free 17-month Cambridge University programme for UK non fee paying students, run by the Physics Department. The programme aims to raise their academic attainment and develop their confidence to apply for Physical or Biological Sciences, Computer Science, or Engineering courses at university. [Please click here for more information, the eligibility criteria, and the application form.](#)



# University of Sheffield – Subject taster sessions

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters/online>

## Science - Subject Tasters

Subject	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Physics</a>	Wednesday 4 October 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
<a href="#">Maths</a>	Wednesday 22 November 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online

## Social Sciences - Subject Tasters

Subject	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Education</a>	Thursday 12 October 2023	3.55pm - 5.00pm	Online
<a href="#">Landscape Architecture</a>	Tuesday 17 October 2023	4.00pm - 5.15pm	Online
<a href="#">Management School - Accounting and Finance</a>	Wednesday 18 October 2023	3.45pm - 5.00pm	Online
<a href="#">Politics and International Relations</a>	Wednesday 15 November 2023	3.45pm - 5.20pm	Online
<a href="#">Journalism</a>	Tuesday 21 November 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online





# Leeds University

We invite your students to join us for our series of online foundation year webinars to discover more about foundation years and how they can help you progress onto a huge variety of degrees at the University of Leeds.

Aimed at students who want to study at university, but don't currently meet the typical entry requirements or aren't predicted the grades for their chosen degree?

**Business Thursday 19 October 6pm – 7.15pm**

**Arts & Humanities Tuesday 24 October 6pm – 7.15pm**

To book click [here](#)



# Year 12 and 13 opportunities from universities

## Student events

### [Next Step York](#) (apply autumn 2023)

This is a two year programme aimed at **Year 12 students** that have the potential to progress to university but have experienced barriers that prevent them from accessing higher education. You will have the opportunity to explore university options, receive specialist support with your current studies and experience what life is like at York.

### [YorWay to York](#) (apply autumn 2023)

This is a two-year programme that supports **post-16 students** who are underrepresented in higher education, to reach their university goals. Each of the four modules will include a range of activities and you will be supported by current students studying at the university. Reduced offers may be considered upon completion.

### [The York Access Scheme](#) (apply by January or March, dependent on course)

This scheme gives you the opportunity to inform the university of any circumstances that might have prevented you from reaching your true academic potential. **Prospective undergraduate students** could receive a reduced offer.

### [Levelling Up](#) - Imperial College (apply by January)

This is a year-long academic and pastoral support programme for **Year 12 students**. For 2024 entry, a Physics and Chemistry strand will run consisting of fortnightly after-school online tutorials and one in person event at Imperial's South Kensington Campus. Levelling Up will support you with your A-level studies in preparation for university study.

### [Ambition Nottingham: 16-18](#) - University of Nottingham (apply by December)

This is a free two-year scheme for all **Year 12** students from the UK. Guidance will be provided through online sessions including subject tasters, choosing the right course and personal statement support. You may be offered an enhanced contextual offer and bursary if you complete the programme, meet certain eligibility criteria and apply to the University.

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# MediCafe - Hull York Medical School

MediCafé is our flagship webinar series, covering key topics throughout the academic year. The series is **open to all students, as well as parents, teachers & careers advisors, and is free to attend.**

The following sessions are available for the autumn term:

- **Thursday 30 November** | 17:00 - 18:30 | [How to Prepare for Medical School Interviews](#)
  - For the last MediCafé of 2023, we will provide a thorough but general overview of medical school interviews, and an exploration of common question themes. The panel includes current medical students at HYMS, who can offer their first hand top tips and advice. Later in the academic year we will have sessions on work experience, student life, UCAT and preparing for results day.

Find out more [here](#)



# Medicinal Sciences Pathway

Please check the pathway programme team for more notices!



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# Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

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Take your first steps towards a healthcare career with the UK's only LIVE Virtual Work Experience Programme created and delivered by healthcare professionals. You can select from one day or a full 6 month work experience programme where you will follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home. Simply select the dates below and save £10 if you opt for the full 6 month work experience programme. Students will be awarded certificates for attending each day. No work experience day is the same (as in real life), but students will gain insight into a variety of healthcare settings.

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Radiographers
- Dietitians
- Pharmacists
- Prosthetists and orthotics
- Speech and language therapists

# Virtual Work Experience opportunity (medicine and nursing)



Every monday through october

**A free 5-week course for all students aged 14-18 interested in healthcare complete with a work experience certificate.**

- Perfect for all students aged 14-18 interested in Biology, Science, healthcare and of course those considering careers in medicine.

Students can join our doctors live and online every Monday at 7.30pm BST in October as they go through interactive real life patient cases from symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

Students that cannot attend live will have access to the recordings to watch for 30 days afterwards when they have time.

All of our doctors work in busy NHS hospitals so this is a unique opportunity to learn more about healthcare and gain some fantastic material to use in med school applications and to talk about at interview as verified work experience.

Students just need to visit [www.premedprojects.co.uk/free-online-work-experience-sessions](http://www.premedprojects.co.uk/free-online-work-experience-sessions) where they will be able to sign up for the course.

## TIMETABLE

October 16th 2023 7.30pm – Cardiology Experience live session

October 23rd 2023 7.30pm – Neurology Work Experience live session

October 30th 2023 7.30pm – Infectious diseases Work Experience live session

# Medi-Skills

- Medi-skills society is on a **Wednesday lunch c104 12.20pm**
- **Feel free to bring lunch with you or early lunch passes are available at break from the chemistry office.**
- Medi-skills is a student led society whereby talks are given by students/outside speakers regarding applying for medicine, different areas of medicine, ethics, 4 pillars of medicine etc



# Relevant podcast

Two doctors, currently working as Academic Clinical Fellows and surgical registrars, who graduated from the University of Cambridge (Medicine) in 2018. have started a podcast aimed at helping prospective medical students applying to university. Our current series features frequently discussed "hot topics" at medical school interviews. Every week they will discuss a key concept relating to this topic.

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4OJpXxaNDzacOcU0CMKrCe>

• Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-application-doctor/id1648260029>

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Podcast

# The Application Doctor

George Hourston & Hadyn Kankam

## Episode 15: Medical School Interview - Hot Topics: Euthanasia

Join George & Hadyn for another podcast on the "Hot Topics" for Medical School Interview series. This podcast covers euthanasia, a much-debated ar...

31 Aug · 21 min 2 sec

## Episode 14: Medical School Interview - Hot Topics: DNAR

George & Hadyn as they discuss the first topic in a new series of "Hot

## About

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**Interview Techniques Course 2023**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Venue: Field House Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
**NHS Foundation Trust**  
**8am-4pm**

**AMAZING  
OPPORTUNITY!**

Things to be aware of:-

- You need to show you are either a student or **resident in the Bradford District**
- You will need to be a student currently in years 13 or about to from Sep 2023.
- You will need to show evidence of your predicted grades to be able to apply for medicine (AAA ideally).
- There is no charges associated with this course.
- Please bring along your personal statement.

**To book a place please email [rnoble@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:rnoble@heckgrammar.co.uk) and I will pass on the booking form to you to fill in and send off**

- Are you thinking about applying to medical school?

If so, then Bradford Teaching Hospitals is offering a training day that may help you.

The Interview Techniques course is aimed specifically at students who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine and will be applying for 2024-2025 entry. We will be covering a variety of essential topics to aid your application.

The content of the course is based around:

- **Mock interviews**
- **Lectures**
- **Practical skills stations**

# Apprenticeship opportunities



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# Finance Apprentice

[Apply here](#)

## Finance Apprentice

**Employer**

ARTIUM ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD

**Location**

TOWN CENTRE HOUSE, CHELTENHAM CRESCENT, HARROGATE, HG1 1DQ

**Salary**

£18,000.00 annually

**Closing date**

20 Oct 2023

[View more](#) ▾

### What will the apprentice be doing?

Along with the Finance Manager, this role will be responsible for:

- Bank reconciliation
- Purchase ledger invoice input
- Payments runs
- Liaising with suppliers by email and phone and handling queries
- Payroll processing
- CIS return preparation and statements
- Supplier statement reconciliation
- Issuing supplier statements where required
- VAT return preparation
- Assisting in month-end activities, such as accruals and prepayments
- Aid in the setup of new systems and processes
- Sales invoice creation
- Collection of rent and other tenant fees
- Assisting in other office duties as required



# Degree Apprenticeships

- You apply direct to the employer not through UCAS
- You will have to write a personal statement (like the UCAS one)
- Each company has their own criteria and ways to apply
- Do your research about the business and the role (to talk about this in the interview)
- Most students do a UCAS application AND apply for degree apprenticeships to keep their options open



# Degree apprenticeships

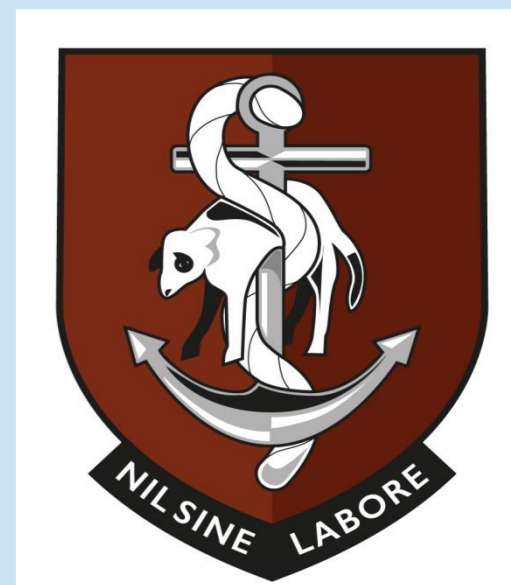
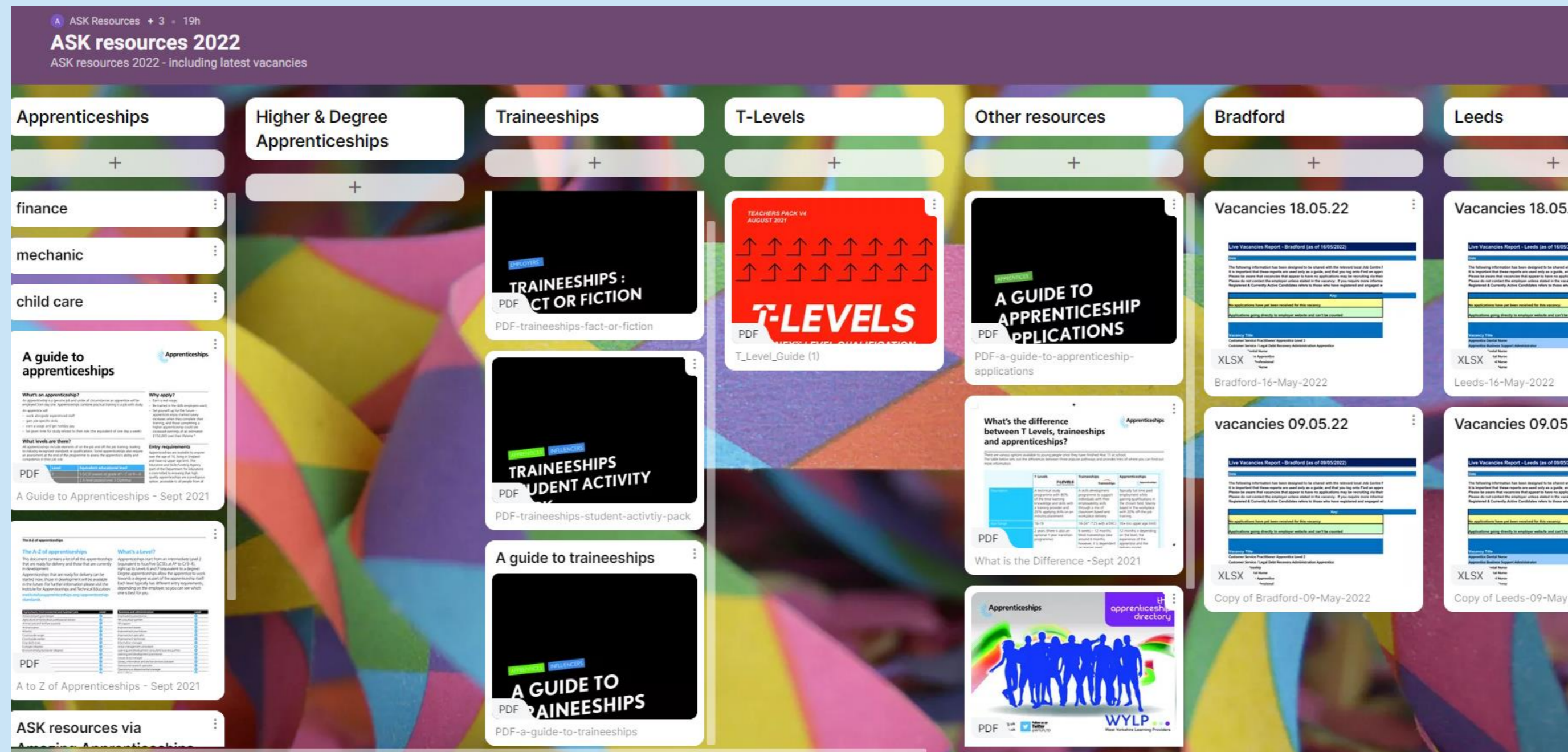
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# Live apprenticeship opportunities

Check out [ASK's new padlet](#) to find EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES in apprenticeships.



# Careers



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At PwC, we're focused on helping you to achieve your full potential. Whether you already have an application in progress with us, or just want to learn more about PwC, there's something for everyone in our Virtual Classrooms.

Virtual Classroom sessions are a series of events providing students, parents and teachers a true insight into PwC. Aimed at students in Years 10-13 you'll have the opportunity to learn about who PwC are, what we do, our opportunities and ask questions to our recent Flying Start and School and College Leaver joiners and our recruiters.

This autumn we'll bring to life the opportunities we have to offer you, providing an insight into what it's like to be on our programmes, and supporting you to make an application. Whether you want to pursue a career in technology, accounting or business on one of our Flying Start programmes, or join us full time as a school leaver, you'll have the opportunity to gain top tips as well as hear from current and past students and apprentices, and get your questions answered. We'll also be running a session for parents, carers and teachers to support you in guiding your students in their career choices. [Sign up now](#) to our Virtual Classroom events:

- **Looking ahead to your career options: Degree programme** - Thursday 19 October 4:30-5:30pm
- **Looking ahead to your career options: Apprenticeships** - Wednesday 8 November 4:30-5:30pm
- **Looking ahead to your career options: Degree programme** - Thursday 16 November 4:30-5:30pm





# 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.

