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PARENT BULLETIN

25th April 2022



Saint George

- Born in Turkey
- Greek heritage
- Palestinian mother
- Soldier in the Roman army
- Lived and worked throughout Europe and the Middle East (but not Britain)
- Patron saint of Ethiopia, Palestine, England, Beirut, Georgia...
- The very definition of an "immigrant"



Today as we
celebrate Saint
George's Feast Day
we wish you
courage and faith
to overcome trials
and to cope with
burdens of life.

 SAINT PARASKEVA ORTHODOX CHARITY

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Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...
High expectations of everyone.

Dear Lord,
Fill our lives with joy.
Fill our lives with love.
Fill our lives with peace.
We give thanks to you for the gift of life.
Give us the courage to live it to the full.
Amen.

Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...
At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At last Spring has sprung and the sun has started to shine. This week we look forward to celebrating ECO week which will help our students develop their green skills. We can also look forward to the 6th Form Progress Evening.

Mrs Vile

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HISTORY

Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George. It is celebrated by various Christian churches and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint. Saint George's Day is celebrated on 23 April, the traditionally accepted date of Saint George's death in AD 303.

Today, St George's day may be celebrated with anything English from Morris dancing to a Punch and Judy show. Additional celebrations may involve the commemoration of the 23 April as Shakespeare's birthday/death.



STUDENT ABSENCE UPDATE NOTICE

To all parents and guardians,

Please may we ask that **all student absences are reported no later than 08:40am by phoning the school absence line on 0151 355 2373 and pressing option 1.** Please leave a voice message, stating your child's name, form and reason for absence. **Please ensure you press # at the end of the message.**

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If you are unable to call, please email attendance@epchs.co.uk (with the same information) **AND NOT** the school admin account as previously advised. Many thanks

What's going on at EPCHS?

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School are proud to offer a wide range of activities for students throughout the school. From arts to sports and everything in between, there is an activity for all. You now, need to #MakeitCount

Please click on the link to take you to the site

<https://epchs.co.uk/extracurricular-activities/>

MENUS

Please could Staff remind Years 11, 12 & 13 that mid-morning break are now available in the dining room

Spring/ summer Menu 2022 Week 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Chicken Fajitas, with tangy salsa (GF) (DF) Sliced chicken strips with fajita flavours</p> <p>Cheese, Leek and Potato pie A layered pie</p> <p>Crushed Garlic Potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot Fresh Salad</p> <p>Rhubarb Crumble. <i>Or Cake, cookie, fruit or yoghurt</i> Plus a small drink £2.60</p>	<p>Mediterranean Kebab <i>Leiron & Oregano marinated</i></p> <p>Spanakopita From Greece, a spinach and feta filo tart.</p> <p>Buttery Rice Garlictossed kale Greek Salad Tomato, red onion and feta, lemon juice and oregano.</p> <p>Chocolate Marble Cake . <i>Or Cake, cookie, fruit or yoghurt</i> Plus a 330 ml still water £2.60</p>	<p>Twice Cooked Belly Pork (GF) (DF) Sauce and Stuffing Slow roasted shoulder of pork, meat gravy and apple sauce.</p> <p>Winter Vegetable & Bean Crumble Roasted Vegetables topped with savoury crumble crumb</p> <p>Crispy roast potatoes Carrot batons Fresh cabbage Fresh Salad</p> <p>Fiery Ginger and Orange Cake <i>Or Cake, cookie, fruit or yoghurt</i> Plus a 330 ml still water £2.60</p>	<p>Moroccan inspired Tagine with chicken (GF) (DF) Mild middle eastern spices, in thick sauce.</p> <p>Mixed Bean & Potato burrito Sweet and spicy.</p> <p>Lemon & Herb Couscous Scented braised carrots. Green Beans Fresh salad</p> <p>Fruit Trifle with a shortbread. <i>Or Cake, cookie, fruit or yoghurt</i> Plus a 330 ml still water £2.60</p>	<p>Crispy coated Fillet of fish (GF & DF) served with home made tartare sauce.</p> <p>Polenta Cake with ratatouille & mozzarella (GF)</p> <p>Chunky chips Mushy peas Roasted vegetables</p> <p>Fruit Salad <i>cake, yoghurt plus 330 ml still water.</i> £2.60</p>

EAT LEARN LIVE



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BUILDING BRIDGES DAY

We are looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 cohort on Saturday 23rd April - 10-00am to 1.00pm to building bridges day, where they will meet staff and other new year 7 pupils for a morning of fun activities and ice breakers. The session will end with a reflection focusing on the new and exciting journey ahead. We are very much are looking forward to welcoming the new students to the EPCHS family.



Mrs V. Marsland

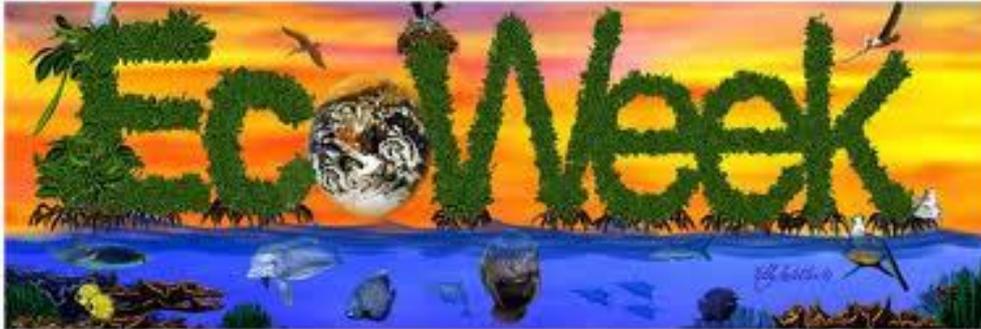
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Eco Week - Supported by EQUANS (Harry Askew)

Next week is Eco-week . Each year group is off timetable as follows:

Monday 25th - Year 10 - **ALL DAY**

Tuesday 26th - Year 7 - **ALL DAY**

Wednesday 27th - Year 11- **NORMAL LESSONS ALL DAY**

Thursday 28th - Year 8 - **UNTIL 12:15PM**

Friday 29th - Year 9 - **ALL DAY**

Can form tutors please register your forms then take the pupils down to the assembly hall ready for a prompt 9am start. Can pastoral leaders also be in the hall during this time to support and introduce the guests at 9am. Period 1 teachers will then be asked to go down for 9am and take over the supervision. This is only on the day your year group is down to be in the hall. **Assemblies are cancelled all next week due to this.**

If you are due to teach the year group on their 'eco day', can you please ensure you go to the assembly hall promptly to facilitate the running of the workshops. Furthermore, can you please take laptops to register your classes down there. Pastoral leaders will line forms up after break time and lunch time so if you are teaching periods 3 and 4 can you please support with getting the year group back into the assembly hall quietly and calmly.

We are the first school in CWAC to be running an Eco Week in such a way and this is EQUANS first time delivering eco workshops on such a large scale in a school. Therefore, can I please ask for your support and active facilitation in the hall to aid a smooth and successful week. It is a fantastic opportunity for EPCHS and I am looking forward to what EQUANS have to offer and share with our pupils (and us!).

Thank you, Alison

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The EverLearner



The Roadmap - Thinking, Learning and Exam Writing Skills

During the summer term we will be launching a new initiative to support students' development with interpreting and answering test and exam questions. The Everlearner Roadmap is a 14-lesson online course for developing exam skills as well as thinking and learning. The course will support students not only with test and exam questions but also to develop better oral responses to questions asked within classroom settings. Organised into 14 intuitive and memorable skill maps, The Roadmap course takes approximately 3 hours study to complete and is spread over the school year with students focusing on different skills each half term.

Benefits of taking the course

- The Roadmap demystifies common exam terminology.
- Provides a visual, memorable and practical tool to help students structure answers and understand on a deeper level what the question is really asking.
- Supports students to intuitively understand what words such as 'explain', 'analyse' and 'evaluate' mean.
- Allows for more clarity in test/exam answers.
- Changes the way students think about concepts for example, by understanding what it really means to evaluate, it becomes easier to think in an evaluative mindset. It becomes more natural to consider the strengths and weaknesses of a new concept.
- Improve ability to write with the question in mind.
- Improvement in the linguistic quality of answers.
- Improvement of the use of adverbs and conjunctions along with carefully considered punctuation to drive up the quality of writing.
- Promotes increased flair and creativity in writing.
- The Roadmap allows students flexibility in their answer, so they can focus on their strengths and use good-quality writing to demonstrate the depth of their understanding.

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- Offers a greater degree of structure to help students who find it more challenging to construct well-formed written responses.
- All students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion.

How to access the course

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will be set each Roadmap task via The Everlearner Platform.

You will now be presented with three options in relation to the lesson:

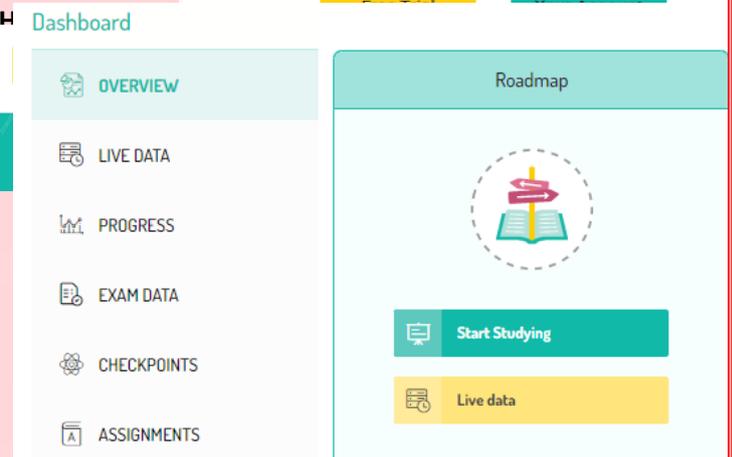
1. Start learning (Lesson Mode) – click on this to access the video lesson.
2. Start practice (Practice Mode) – click on this to enter practice mode low stakes quizzing.
3. Test yourself (Test Mode) – click on this to take the high stakes quiz.

- All students will receive a sticker to put in their planner containing log on details, username and password.
- Students go to <https://www.theeverlearner.com/>
- The site can also be accessed via the school website homepage.
- Click on the green 'Your Account' tab and enter your school email and password from your sticker

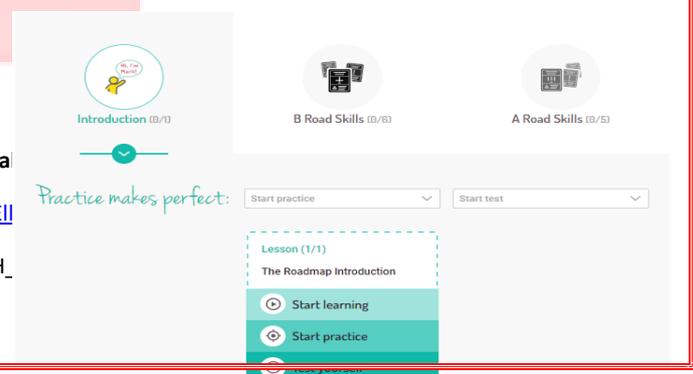
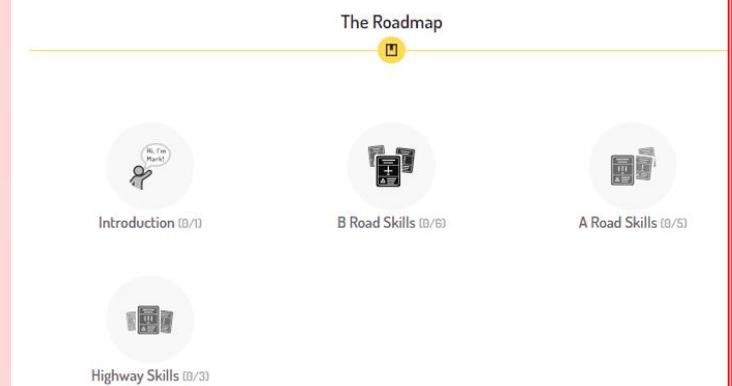


📍 Roadmap 🔍 Case Studies 🗨️ Get a Quote 📖 Subjects 🎧 News & Podcast

Once you have logged on and accessed the course you will see your dashboard. Click on the green 'start studying' tab.



The Roadmap is broken down into 4 sections. You will need to complete the introduction lesson first. Click on the Introduction logo.



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Practice makes perfect:

Start practice Start test

Lesson (1/1)
The Roadmap Introduction

Start learning

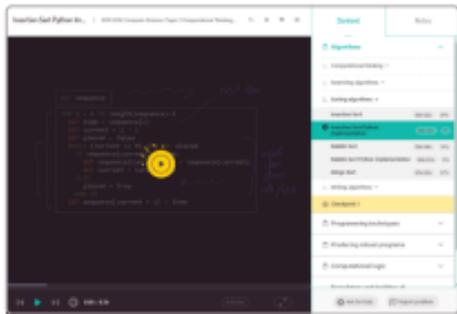
Start practice



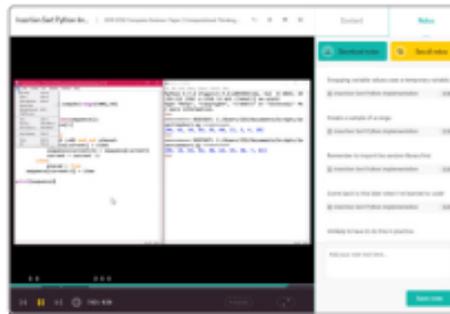
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Modes explained

LESSON MODE



Video lesson with access to whole course structure, notes and support.



Efficient note-taking facility tied to points in the video. Your notes are also available in practice mode.

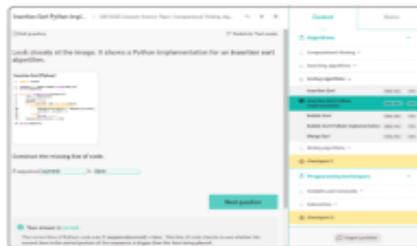
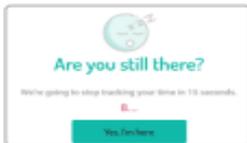


The platform gently encourages you to take notes if you forget! Taking notes helps you to think about the content and makes it memorable.

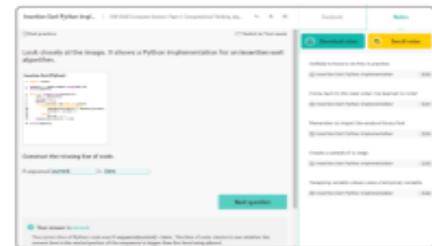
PRACTICE MODE



Low stakes practice quizzing, which only records the time spent. Stay on task, though ...



Practice mode does not end until you decide. Access to course is allowed and feedback given after every question.

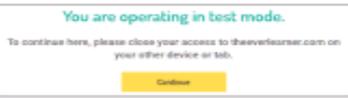


Access to your video notes allows you to jump straight to relevant part of video if you need any help.

TEST MODE

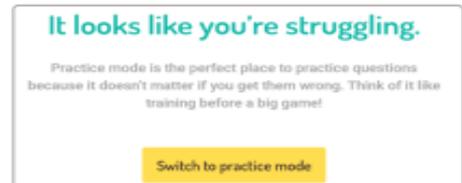


Higher stakes quizzing - the same but now with a time limit. Your live score is also tracked. No access is allowed to videos or notes



Feedback is given after each question.

The time limit per question is based on you having done sufficient practice in Practice Mode. We'll remind you to switch back if we think you are struggling!



What happens next

- Students will receive their log-on stickers during their PE lessons.

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- Follow the instructions to complete the introduction lesson.
- PE staff will set the work and monitor completion.
- Please ensure that you watch the whole of the lesson and make notes before entering the practice mode and test mode. Please note that teachers can see if students are skipping the video lesson or attempting to complete the test without watching the lesson and making notes.
- Spend a little bit of time answering questions in practice mode and when ready move into test mode.
- Complete the assessment in test mode for the introduction lesson. There is no limit to the number of attempts that you can take.
- The window for completion is Monday 25th April to Friday 13th May.
- The assignment will be posted on MS Teams.
- Look out for regular posts and updates relating to The Roadmap on The Roadmap Channel within the All Students MS Team.
- Any further questions please contact Mr Cavanagh.

Good afternoon,

Next Thursday, April 28th, as part of our growing Personal Development program in Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, our Year 10 students have the opportunity to watch the drama performance 'CUT'.

'CUT' explores how a needless dispute at school causes a teenager to be stabbed and killed. The play takes place amongst the four walls of a police interview room where 'Jamie' recalls the night his best friend was murdered. The script was developed alongside a variety of professionals who work in tackling knife crime such as Merseyside Police, Cheshire Police and Rob Jackson. Family members of both victims and perpetrators also played a part in helping shape the narrative and nuances within the story. This gives the overall production a real sense of authenticity. To know more about the performance please visit www.perceptiontheatre.com.

If you feel your son/daughter could be affected by this performance please do contact me in school on M.Hughes@epchs.co.uk. During the performance staff will also be in the hall to support and Mrs Parkinson, Pastoral Lead for Year 10 will also be present.

Thank you in advance for your support with this event.

Kind regards,

Michael Hughes
Assistant Headteacher

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THE LOWRY CENTRE FOR ADVANCED
TRAINING & CHESHIRE DANCE PRESENT:

EP DANCE PROJECT

Hosted at The Boaty Theatre:
112 Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AB

FREE

For Ages 11-16 years

4 Thursday Sessions
from 6.30pm - 8pm

- 21st April
- 28th April
- 5th May
- 12th May



DEVELOPING MOVEMENT SKILLS THROUGH DANCE

A project in partnership with
Cheshire Dance & The Lowry CAT

Session Artist: Giorgio de Carolis

Giorgio is a fantastic Lowry CAT Dance Artist and a Cheshire Dance Artist. To find out more, search for "Giorgio de Carolis" on: www.cheshiredance.org

How To Sign Up:

Complete the form at:
<https://forms.gle/Yz2VzrkqIcARPT936>

For additional information, contact:
laura@cheshiredance.org

About The Sessions

In these four sessions, we will be exploring new ways of 'being there for each other' through movement, play and physical support. The sessions will be open to all levels of experience.

If you are willing to push yourself physically, if you are open to share your creativity and to learn new skills, if you are willing to be inspired and to express yourself through movement, this might be just right for you.



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Dear Schools,

Please can you send the attached Parent Carer Forum News and Events to your parents please on their behalf,

Please also see Below link...

[https://mailchi.mp/4692bc22da9e/pcf-news-and-events-april-2022-15362045?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/4692bc22da9e/pcf-news-and-events-april-2022-15362045?e=[UNIQID])

Kind regards,

Emma

Emma Walker

Live Well Co-ordinator (Children's)

Early Help and Prevention

Cheshire West and Chester Council

HPV VACCINE

The HPV vaccine is available to boys and girls in school year 8 The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that protects against HPV-related cancers is available to all year 8 boys and girls. By having this vaccination, your child will be protected against the most common cause of cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers, and some cancers of the anus and genital areas for many years to come. Please read the PDF leaflet sent with this letter for information about the HPV vaccination. The e-consent link for the HPV vaccination is at the end of this letter. The HPV vaccination programme for your High School, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, is scheduled for: MONDAY 25 TH APRIL Your High School, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, has a unique code that you will be prompted to input into the system. The code for your school is: CP111451 Please submit consent here <https://www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/HPV> by 12 NOON SUNDAY 24th APRIL to ensure that your child receives the vaccination. It is important that you complete a consent form online before the deadline, otherwise your child will not be called for their vaccination.

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2375 (Neston) Squadron, RAF Air Cadets Open night

**Come and see what we're about, you won't
regret it!**

www.2375aircadets.org

Twitter @2375RAFAC

Instagram @2375ATC

Facebook 2375 Neston Sqn RAFAC

Tuesday 3rd May, 1930 onwards

Join us for our open night

Cadets – aged 12+ and in
Year 8

ALL activities are face to
face!!

Email info@2375aircadets.org
for further details.



Neston Air Cadets is once again opening its doors for new Cadets on Tuesday 3rd May 2022. It would be great to see many young people coming along to see what we're about and I would be grateful if you could pass this email to your year 8-10 students.

The RAF Air Cadets offers a huge range of activities to its young people, with lifechanging experiences supporting both academic and vocational success to all our Cadets.

Please see the poster attached and further information can be found at the following:

www.2375aircadets.org

Twitter @2375RAFAC

Instagram @2375ATC

Facebook - 2375 Neston Sqn RAFAC

[Home - RAF Air Cadets \(mod.uk\)](http://Home-RAF-Air-Cadets.mod.uk)

If any of your young people are interested, they can email info@2375aircadets.org and they will receive further information regarding our open night.

Thank you in advanced for your support.

Best regards, *Ben*

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Events for Post-16 Students

We are pleased to share details of upcoming events for post-16 students covering a range of subject areas and information, advice and guidance about higher education.

Please share this email with your students and colleagues who might be interested in the events.

A Level Science Revision Courses: April 2022

Designed for Year 13 students in preparation for A Level exams in Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics, these sessions will give students a boost to progress to Higher Education.

Our revision courses will give students access to a range of pre-recorded talks, resources and practice questions, complemented with a series of live meetings on Microsoft Teams where students can work through practice questions and receive direct support from our subject specialists.

Students can register their interest [here](#)

Theology & Religious Studies Webinars: May-July 2022

In short, sharp online sessions, lecturers from the University of Chester share their expertise and engage topics and issues on the A Level Religious Studies specifications. A level students and teachers are especially welcome, but also GCSE and Key Stage Three, and indeed anyone! Live attendees can ask questions anonymously in the chat.

Taking place every Tuesday 4.00-4.35pm from 3rd May, webinars will take place on Microsoft Teams with 20-minute live lecture plus anonymous Q&A in the chat (audience neither seen nor heard).

Find out more about each of the talks and book a place [here](#)

Taste of University Summer School: July 2022

Our Taste of University residential event is an opportunity for Year 12/First year college students to immerse themselves in university life. Across three days and nights, students will experience academic

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taster lectures, learn about the university application process, and develop key skills to make informed decisions.

All places are fully funded, with opportunity for travel costs to be met too for students who meet certain criteria. All students are welcome, but if the event is over-subscribed, we will prioritise applications from students who are from groups currently under-represented at university.

Students can find out more and register their interest to attend [here](#).

Information, Advice and Guidance

If you would like to arrange any support for your students in school or college, we offer a wide range of activities. Contact us by [email](#) to request support or sign up to [Keep in Touch](#) with news of our upcoming events and resources.

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Sixth Form Information, Advice and Guidance

Degree Apprenticeships for Year 13 Students at HSBC

HSBC are offering '**Wealth and Personal Banking Degree Apprenticeships**' at the following locations: Birmingham, London, Leeds, Whitely/Southampton, Sheffield, Chester. You will join on a permanent contract consisting of a four-year structured programme which includes a series of different rotations across multiple areas of your business line, all whilst working towards an externally recognised degree qualification via one of their University partners. This is a Level 6 apprenticeship. The programme length is 4 years. The **closing date for applications is 30th April**. Click here for more details on how to apply:

<https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/hsbc-wealth-and-personal-banking-degree-apprenticeship/>

Newcastle University - FREE Year 12 Summer School - 19th July until 22nd July – closing date 6pm on 24th April



Do you want the chance to experience a taste of university life? Visit Newcastle University and gain an insight into what life is like as a student at Newcastle University. Apply to take part in their **FREE Year 12 Summer School**. You will stay on campus, try out subjects and take

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part in some fun social activities. The Summer School will take place from **19th July until 22nd July**. Closing date for applications is **6pm on 24th April**. For more information and to apply, please go to <https://belong.ncl.ac.uk/bitesizeuni>

Meeting the Russell Group universities – Virtual Fair – 27th April

Interested in studying at a Russell Group University? You can speak to all 24 Russell Group universities in one place on 27th April. There is an afternoon and evening session. During the **afternoon session (12.00pm-2.30pm)** you can explore different Russell Group universities, visit stands, view virtual campus tours and take part in 5 live webinars. During the **evening session (4.30pm-8.00pm)** you can speak directly with ambassadors from all 24 universities and ask questions in live video presentation sessions. For more information and to register, please go to <https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Liverpool Hope University – Applicant Days

For any Year 13 students that have applied to Liverpool Hope University, they are holding an applicant day on **30th April**. For more information or to book, please go to <https://www.hope.ac.uk/applicantdays/>

The University of Liverpool – Open Days

The University of Liverpool will have open days on **17th June, 18th June, 24 September and 15 October**. To book, please go to <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits/>

Durham University – Open Days

Durham University will have open days on **17th June, 18th June, 16th September and 17th September**. To book, please go to <https://www.durham.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days/>

University of Portsmouth – Researching a course and university

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The University of Portsmouth are running a live session on **27th April, 4pm until 5pm** entitled **'Researching a course and university'** which is ideal for those of you considering university after school. For more information and to book, please go to <https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/getting-started/live-sessions>

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PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



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