

Beyond the curriculum



**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
LEADERSHIP
FUTURES
EXTRA & SUPER CURRICULAR**

Skills for Life

The Skills for Life Programme incorporates the Personal Development curriculum into practical experiences. This includes age-appropriate elements such as: relationships, sexual health & consent; drugs & alcohol, and first aid. Each unit is informed by feedback from Sixth Form students about what they felt they needed to know.



DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE

- Career planning
- Job searching
- Applying for the job & interview
- Got the job!



HOME SKILLS

- Running a motor vehicle
- Basic DIY, home maintenance & using power tools
- Plumbing & electricity: trouble shooting & repairs
- Laundry - washing, ironing & clothes repairs



BUDGETING & FINANCES

- Understanding bills & budgeting
- Looking for the best deals
- Bank accounts, interest, tax & national insurance
- Pay day loans, credit cards, overdrafts



PD: EXPLORING WHO I AM

- Personal Responsibility and Keeping Safe
- Healthy Relationships
- Intimacy and Consent



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Different recipes to cook for one
- Practical cooking
- Planning shopping list
- Planning food budget

These pages show a sample of the programme across Years 12 & 13 in 2025-2026. On top of this, there is a collapsed day focussing on First Aid, Drugs and Alcohol and Drive Safety. All Year 12 also start with a taught module on study skills, helping them to plan their time, maximise the impact of independent study & find the right balance of all elements of Sixth Form life.

ART WELLBEING

Art - acrylic painting, colour families
& colour theory
Realising an image in acrylic paint



PD: HEALTH & WELLBEING

Personal Health & Vaccines
Mental Health
Body Image



YOGA WELLBEING

An introduction to yoga techniques



SELF DEFENCE

Confidence
Techniques
Application in different scenarios



FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT UNI

Cooking and Budgeting at University
nutrition & healthy eating





LEADERSHIP

Students have a huge range of opportunities to collaborate & lead, both within the Sixth Form, and the wider school.



Student Leadership Award (SLA)

Student Leadership Accreditation Criteria

– Guide to the principles of the award

Levels	Developing (Bronze)	Extending (Silver)	Transforming and Leading (Gold)
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Developing Myself

1. Commitment	Being punctual & regular	Being dedicated	Getting others involved
2. Organisation and planning	Knowing what to do	Planning ahead	Organising a group
3. Speaking and listening	Communicating within a group	Communicating outside a group	Communicating with a range of people including in public
4. Being responsible	Being trustworthy	Having a responsibility	Having responsibility for success

Contributing to my community

5. Being a leader	Behaving well	Being respected	Being respected and helping others become respected
6. Using my skills to help others	Recognising personal skills	Using skills to help others	Actively looking for opportunities to help others
7. Understanding my community	Being aware of my community	Contributing to my community	Making a lasting contribution to my community

Working with others

8. Team working	Being part of a team	Working well in a team	Leading a team
9. Presenting	Telling the audience things	Explaining things to the audience	Convincing the audience
10. Reflection	Acting on others' comments to improve	Acting on self-reflection to improve	Acting on my own and others' reflections to improve at the same time

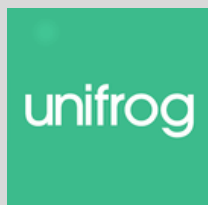
Students will gain the Student Leadership Award certificate in Year 12, accrediting the leadership that they show both in, and out, of Sixth Form. This is a great way of evidencing leadership & looks great on applications!



FUTURES

ADVICE & GUIDANCE

You will meet with our independent careers adviser, as well as having lots of support from the 6th Form team.



WKGS FUTURES TALKS

We have subject/careers talks most weeks from past students or people in our network. These help you to think about where a subject, or a career might take you.

Talks cover the full range of subjects and careers, as well as topics like gap years & travel.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Everyone will do at least one week of work experience, many students will do more.

We will signpost students to additional experiences to broaden their knowledge, such as internships, workplace visits & subject enhancement days.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SUPPORT

Our form tutor team are highly skilled at supporting students to make competitive applications to university/Higher Education institutions of all types, all over the world.



OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE & EARLY APPLICATION SUPPORT

Applying to Oxford or Cambridge, or medicine, dentistry & veterinary science is a different process in many ways. We organise mock interviews, admission test support



& a range of other bespoke application guidance.

APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH & APPLICATION SUPPORT

Higher & Degree Apprenticeships are excellent alternatives to university. We help students to search for opportunities & make competitive applications.



FULL RANGE OF PATHWAYS & DESTINATIONS

We encourage our students to be ambitious & follow their passions. They follow a brilliantly diverse range of pathways when they leave us. Many will secure places at Russell Group universities, some will choose to study or work locally, others will go overseas. Courses cover everything you could think of, and some you won't have heard of! We are equally proud of all of our students, they are what make us the special place that we are.

Y12 'Summer Programme'

WEEK 1

**Why uni & choosing a course (Lancaster University)
Alternatives to university.**

WEEK 2

**Subject & careers fair part 1
Unifrog**

WEEK 3

**Subject & careers fair part 2
Unifrog**

WEEK 4

Year abroad (outside speaker)

WEEK 5

**UCAS application overview
Start to complete form**

WEEK 6

University campus visit

WEEK 7

**Writing a personal statement
(University of Sheffield)**

WEEK 8

**UCAS Higher Education Fair
Liverpool**

WEEK 9

**Student finance talk (Liverpool John Moore's
University)**

WEEK 10

University campus visit

WEEK 11

**Writing a personal statement
(University of Sheffield)**

WEEK 12

Apprenticeship workshop (outside speakers)

WEEK 13

Interview skills (Bangor University)

The 'Summer Programme' is a series of talks/workshops & visits for Y12. This is how the programme looked in Summer 2024.



EXTRA & SUPER CURRICULAR

We offer a huge range of opportunities for students that extend 'above and beyond' their subjects (super curricular) and outside of subject areas (extra curricular).

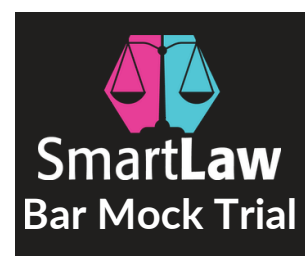
The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is offered as an option, on top of students' A' level choices. The Bar Mock is also offered during Skills for Life sessions

Subject areas organise trips, experiences and visiting speakers regularly to complement learning in the classroom. On top of compulsory trips (e.g. geography & biology fieldwork) there are optional trips - such as the annual Psychology residential in London, Washington DC with History & Politics, foreign language trips, New York with Theatre Studies, Silverstone/Bletchley Park with Maths...and lots more!

There are clubs & societies that cover all interests and subjects, many of which are Sixth Form specific, e.g. Journal Club & MedSoc. Sixth Formers are encouraged to set up societies, such as 'Commons People', our Politics club!

A **small** sample of our clubs/societies:

MedSoc	Classics Film Club	Islamic Society	Strategy games
Chess	Football	Crochet	Netball
Social Media Team	Coding & Robotics	Karaoke	Events Tech team
Cricket	Climbing	Common's People - Politics	WWSOB - Orchestra/Band
Dungeons & Dragons	Jazz Band	Handball	Running & Fitness



EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS

A NURTURING & CONNECTED COMMUNITY

