

2nd June - 13th June 2025

SPOTLIGHT ON...

**You've  
Got  
This!**

### FOR ALL THOSE TAKING EXAMS

Keep going — you're doing better than you think. Every bit of effort counts.

You've got this!

*Reminder!*

Please ensure you are wearing your lanyard and that it is visible.

## KEY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### PROGRESSION WEEK

Progression Week takes place week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We've dedicated a page in this newsletter on what to expect during this week!



### MOCK WEEK

The Y12 Mock Examination week takes place from 16th June - this is only 6 weeks away! Revision, Supervised Study and getting prepared should be a priority!



### WORK EXPERIENCE PACK REMINDER

A reminder about work experience pack. Please speak to your SPDT if you are having any issues with this.



BBC Weekly News Quiz

**QUIZ**



YOUR SIXTH FORM  
Scan this QR CODE to  
share news with our  
Student Union



Don't  
Forget!

### END OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMME FORM



Year 13 students can now collect their yellow End of Academic Programme form from Reception.

This form needs to be signed off by each of their subject teachers. Once all subjects have been signed off, students should take the form to Jo for the final sign-off.

Students should also ensure they have collected their GCSE/Level 2 BTEC certificates from Reception if they haven't already done so.

### Y13 LEAVERS'

Not long until the Y13 Leavers' Celebration. If you haven't already bought, you can purchase tickets via ParentPay

### WORK EXPERIENCE

A quick reminder to complete your Work Experience pack. If you're experiencing any issues or have questions, please speak to your SPDT as soon as possible.

**16**  
JUN

**MOCK EXAM WEEK**

**23**  
JUN

**PROGRESSION WEEK**

**26/27/30**  
JUN

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**30**  
JUN

**NEW STUDENT WELCOME  
DAY**

**4**  
JUL

**LEAVERS' CELEBRATION**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Wishing Zach, Maddy, Ellie all our students who are celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> over the next few weeks a very Happy Birthday!



# Excel Hours

## **Mondays - 1:30-2:00pm**

Y13 Business (B14)

Y13 Psychology (C23)

Mandarin Writing (B01)

## **Mondays - 3:05-4:05pm**

Maths A-Level revision (C11)

## **Tuesdays - 1:30-2:00pm**

Y13 Law (C23)

## **Tuesdays - 3:05-4:05pm**

Y13 Psychology & Sociology (A12)

## **Wednesdays - 10:55-11:15am**

Animal Management (B01)

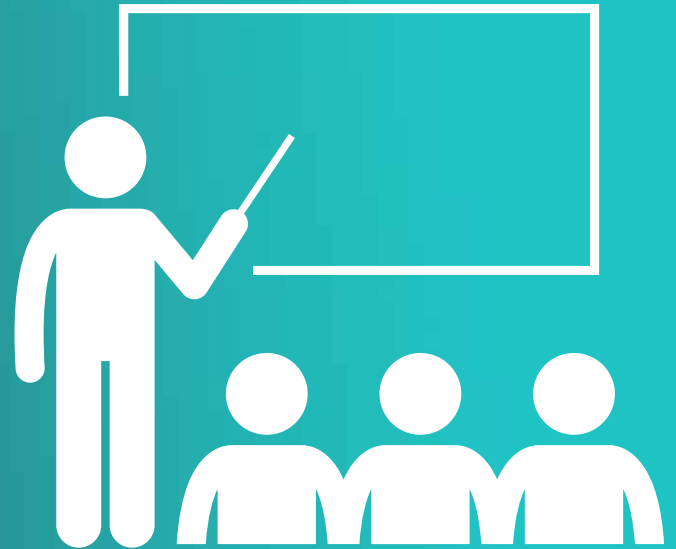
## **Wednesdays - 1:30-2:00pm**

Animal Management (B01)

Y13 Criminology (C23)

## **Wednesdays - 3:05-4:05pm**

Y13 PE (C13)



## **Thursdays - 1:30-2:00pm**

Y13 Criminology (B14)

Y13 Psychology & Sociology (A12)

## **Fridays - 10:55-11:15am**

Animal Management (B01)

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English Language A-Level NEA support (M9)

**YOUR FUTURE. YOUR SIXTH FORM.**

# Progression WEEK

## 23RD JUNE



### **Monday** **University Day**

- Careers Fair with around 25 universities attending
- Guest Presentations about university-related topics such as Student Life, Student Accommodation, Preparing for Open Days and more!
- Starting the UCAS application process



### **Tuesday** **Apprenticeship/Employers Day**

- Careers Fair with around 25 employers and apprenticeship providers
- Guest Presentations about employment/apprenticeship related topics such as CV Writing, Interview Technique, Mental Wellbeing in the Workplace and much more!
- Building your CV



### **Wednesday** **Mock Interviews/Assessment Centre**

- Sit a 20-minute mock interview with a professional guest interviewer
- Team building activities
- Preparation for work experience

**Thursday/Friday/Monday - Work Experience**



# SOUND WAVES



We want to send our congratulations to our talented Music Performance students who successfully hosted Soundwaves, a vibrant live music festival showcasing young vocalists and student bands from across St Helens on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The event, held to celebrate local talent, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, with performances ranging from soulful solos to energetic band sets.

Stefano, one of the students organising the event said: "Overall, the event was nice and refreshing, especially seeing students and staff members supporting us. It was a great night with high turnout, and people really enjoyed it – we got glowing comments throughout."

Soundwaves marked a proud moment for the young musicians, highlighting their passion, creativity, and community spirit.





# FREE TASTER DRIVING LESSON!

Drive to success with our free  
taster driving lessons for students.





# YEAR 13 LEAVERS'

FRIDAY

4TH

JULY

RUSKIN DRIVE

DETAILS ON HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND WHAT'S INCLUDED  
TO FOLLOW SHORTLY



**ARE YOU IN YEAR 9, 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTERESTED  
IN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE AND PLACES?**

# **JOIN PLACED ACADEMY!**



**WHEN: JULY 2025 – MARCH 2026**

## **JULY 2025**

### **4 DAY SUMMER SCHOOL:**

Monday 28th -  
Thursday 31st July

## **SEPTEMBER – MARCH**

### **MONTHLY CREATIVE DESIGN DAYS:**

One Saturday a month

### **MONTHLY SKILLS WORKSHOPS:**

One evening a month

## **JULY 2026**

### **GRADUATION!**

**PLACED**  
ACADEMY



**FILL IN  
ONLINE FORM AT:**  
[https://bit.ly/4c4  
hgO9](https://bit.ly/4c4hgO9)

## **APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 15TH JUNE**

PLACED Academy is an award-winning, free-to-access programme that welcomes people of all abilities and backgrounds. Supported & funded by companies from across the built environment sector.  
*Support for travel costs available.*





UNIVERSITY OF  
**SURREY**

# FILM PRODUCTION & BROADCAST BENG

- ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE IN  
VISION AND SOUND
- COMPUTERS AND CODING
- TV PRODUCTION
- FILM MAKING



- Ranked #1\* for Cinematography in the UK
- Engineering Council / IET accredited degree
- Maths to A level standard required
- Optional paid professional placement
- Full employment in industry or further study for 100% of recent graduates.

\*Guardian University Guide 2024



Scan to find out more:



# APPRENTICESHIPS



## Apprenticeships

### What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences.

Alongside on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

An apprenticeship includes:

- paid employment with holiday leave
- hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- at least 20% off-the-job training
- formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

Please [click here](#) for full listings of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships with more than 2000 listings from over 80 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links.

For further information and to apply for apprenticeships, please visit the [National Apprenticeships website](#).

[Click here](#) for the 2024-2025 Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers.

Don't forget to use [Unifrog](#) to explore Apprenticeship opportunities as well!





# CAREERS



## Careers

Our [Careers website](#) includes a [calendar of upcoming events](#), [labour market information](#) and a link to [Unifrog](#) amongst many other things. Please take a look.

Want to find a bit more information about industry sectors, the skills required and salary expectations? Please take a look at the Labour Market Information section of the website and the linked presentation with lots of useful information. [Top careers to consider.](#)

You are able to request a 30-minute appointment with our independent Careers Advisors at any time during your time at Cowley. Please email [careers.info@cowleysthelens.org.uk](mailto:careers.info@cowleysthelens.org.uk) to arrange.

### Employer In The Foyer

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 12:15-2:00pm**



Vinci Building will be our final Employer In The Foyer for this academic year. Their representative will be on hand in the main reception area of College to answer any questions about careers in construction and engineering, work experience opportunities and for you to learn a bit more about their organisation. We encourage you to go and find them and speak to them on this date.



# unifrog



## Useful information

[UCAS Discovery Day](#), Liverpool, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

[UCAS.com](#) - All the information about universities, how to apply and upcoming events can be found on the UCAS website.

[OpenDays.com](#) - Full listings of all UK university Open Days and events can be found via this link.



# IT BEGINS WITH **AN OPEN DAY**

## Open days

- Wednesday 18 June
- Saturday 11 October
- Saturday 18 October
- Saturday 22 November



Book your place at  
[mmu.ac.uk/openday](http://mmu.ac.uk/openday)



# WORK EXPERIENCE



Business, Accounting & Finance Work Experience with Grant Thornton

Will you be in Year 12 or Year 13 from September 2025?

If so, and you're interested in Business, Finance, or Professional Services, we have an incredible opportunity for you to get ahead this summer.

Grant Thornton's Ignite Work Experience programme is now open for applications – and this could be your first step towards a full-time apprenticeship offer.

## About the Programme

Ignite is a one-week, in-person work experience programme designed to give students valuable, hands-on insight into the world of professional services. You'll gain real-world experience, network with professionals, and discover what a career at Grant Thornton could look like.

Standout students on the Ignite programme may even be offered a place on the Grant Thornton apprenticeship scheme before applications officially open.

## Programme Dates:

England: 26–29 August 2025

Scotland (Glasgow): 11–14 August 2025

## Locations:

Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, London, Leeds, Gatwick, Glasgow, Oxford, Cambridge, Reading, Bristol, Milton Keynes

## Who Can Apply?

Students who will be in Year 12 or Year 13 in September 2025 and are interested in exploring a career in accounting, finance, or business after school.

## Why Apply?

**Get Ahead Early:** Potential to secure your apprenticeship before finishing your studies.

**Hands-On Experience:** Work on real tasks and explore life in a professional services firm.

**Make Connections:** Meet experienced professionals and start building your network.

**Boost Your CV:** Stand out when applying for future opportunities in the sector.

## Apply Now

Applications are now open and places are filling fast!

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to gain invaluable work experience this summer with one of the UK's leading professional services firms.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.grantthornton.co.uk/careers/early-careers-job-search/>

