

SPOTLIGHT ON...



BE PREPARED

Y13, with your end of year exams fast approaching, we have a Progress Check week w/c 2nd February to help your preparations.

Reminder



KEY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

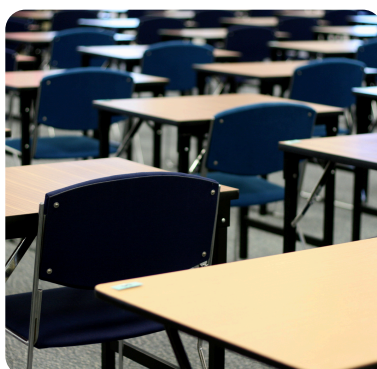
Cowley Sixth Form College now has its own YouTube channel to feature long-form, shorts and podcasts. Please give the channel a follow:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CowleySixthForm>



ASSESSMENTS

Please be aware of the Y13 assessments which will be taking place w/c 2nd February. Make sure you are prepared with revision and can we ask students to keep quiet around the hall during this time.



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

National Apprenticeship Week starts on 9th February and we'll be sharing more information about apprenticeships and vacancies available.



SCAN ME



BBC Weekly News Quiz

QUIZ



YOUR SIXTH FORM

Scan this QR CODE to share news or feedback with our Student Union

29
JAN

PARENTS' EVENING

2
FEB

**W/C
Y13 PROGRESS CHECK 3**

7
FEB

**COURSE INFORMATION
MORNING**

9
FEB

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK**

12
FEB

FINAL DAY OF HALF TERM

IMPORTANT DATES



Wishing all our students who are celebrating
their birthday over the next few weeks a very
Happy Birthday!

*Happy
Birthday!*



Higher Education Opportunities in Sport: Guest Talk Inspires Year 12 Students

Cowley Sixth Form College recently welcomed a visitor from the Wigan Athletic Community Trust to deliver an engaging and informative talk to our Year 12 BTEC Sport students, focusing on the exciting Higher Education pathways available within the sports industry.

The session introduced students to two fantastic progression routes: the Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development and the Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching and Development, both delivered in partnership with the University of South Wales.

Students gained valuable insight into the structure of the courses, entry requirements, assessment methods, and the wide range of career opportunities they can lead to, from coaching and community development roles to sports performance, education and leadership careers.

The talk also highlighted the strong emphasis on practical experience, employability and real-world application, giving students a clear picture of how these programmes support their long-term ambitions. Our students were highly engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions and showing real enthusiasm for the pathways on offer.

We would like to thank the Wigan Athletic Community Trust for providing such a valuable opportunity and for inspiring our students to consider their next steps within the sports sector.

LATEST NEWS



MON

ANIMAL CARE

WEEKLY, BO2, AFTER COLLEGE

CHESS - EVERY LUNCHTIME IN THE CANTEEN

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ANIMAL CARE

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DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

WEEKLY, CANTEEN, AFTER COLLEGE

LECTURE AND DEBATE CLUB

WEEKLY, C23, AFTER COLLEGE

CHESS - EVERY LUNCHTIME IN THE CANTEEN

BOOK CLUB

WEEK B, ACHIEVE, LUNCHTIME

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CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

WEEKLY, C23, AFTER COLLEGE

TEXTILES AND FASHION

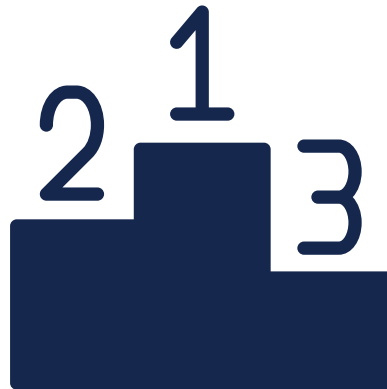
WEEKLY, CO1, AFTER COLLEGE

ENGINEERING

WEEKLY, B21, AFTER COLLEGE

CHESS - EVERY LUNCHTIME IN THE CANTEEN

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS



Well done to the students who sit at the top of the achievement point leaderboards. These students are consistently excelling in each aspect of college life, keep up the good work!

Y12

#	Name	Points
1	Cameron G	220
2	Lucy R	205
3	Lauren W	190
4	Katie B	187
5	Yasemin V	182
6	Mason H	175
7	Ruby A	169
8	Keisha M	168
9	Valentin K	167
10=	Oscar R	165
10=	Jude H	165

Y13

#	Name	Points
1	Lily-May H	226
2	Emily P	219
3	Sophie C	209
4	Tawananyasha M	205
5	Alaa A	202
6	Lucas B	201
7	Corey W	199
8	Elizabeth L	193
9	Matthew L	190
10=	Zach B	180
10=	Boo G	180

UNIVERSITIES



Leeds Futures

Are you a Year 12 or Level 1 student? Interested in getting a taste of what it's like to study a particular subject at the University of Leeds?

- Develop your knowledge and understanding in your subject of interest
- Learn what is involved in studying at university
- Attend taster lectures, seminars and practical sessions
- Meet current students and academics
- Get to know the University campus
- Benefit from support up to the point of applying to university
- Find out about career opportunities after university

Find out more or apply



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University of
Salford
MANCHESTER



UNIVERSITIES

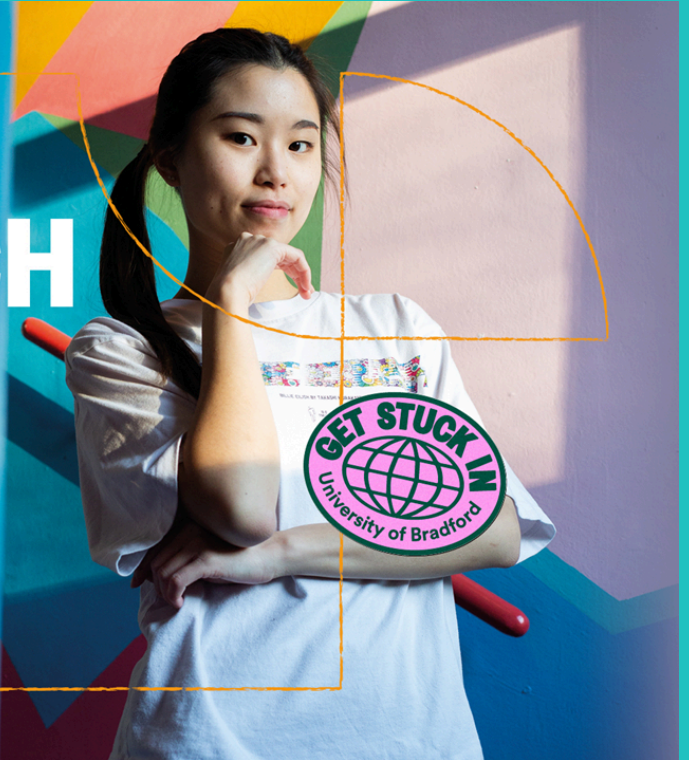


GET READY FOR LAUNCH

Open Days. Book your place.



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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON AND THE SUTTON TRUST SUMMER SCHOOL

7-10 JULY 2026



Join us on campus for a **4-day, 3-night programme**, giving you the opportunity to experience the **academic and social side** of university life. You'll be provided with **free accommodation and meals** for the duration of the residential.

You'll get to meet our enthusiastic team of current students studying the courses you are aspiring to, as well as academics, researchers, and alumni. This residential is open to Year 12 or Level 3 (Year 1) students who meet our academic and **Widening Participation eligibility criteria** (see overleaf).

During the 4 day programme, you will:

- experience student life through clubs and societies, activities, tasters, and tours
- receive information and guidance around the topics of student finance and the cost of living as a student
- have the opportunity to socialise with others and meet like-minded individuals through a variety of social activities
- stay in student halls
- plan a meal on a budget
- tour the city of Southampton with a current student
- experience teaching and research within a subject area
- find out where our graduates ended up after they studied at UoS



Degree Programmes/ Subject areas on offer for 2026

- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Economics
- Engineering
- Geography
- History and English
- Law
- Physics

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must;

- **attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee paying school or college.**
- **be studying in Year 12 in England or Wales, Year 13 in Northern Ireland, or S5 in Scotland.**
- **be taking relevant and required qualifications and subjects for their chosen taster degree subject.**

Applicants must also meet at least one of the following Widening Participation criteria:

- be the first generation of your family to attend university.
- have received free school meals while at secondary school.
- attend a school or college with below average attainment or a low rate of progression to the top third of higher education institutions.
- live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation.
- be or have been, looked after or in care.



Apply Now

[www.southampton.ac.uk/
schools-colleges/
experience-summer-event.page](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/experience-summer-event.page)



Contact our Residential Coordinator:
c.e.bolton@soton.ac.uk

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

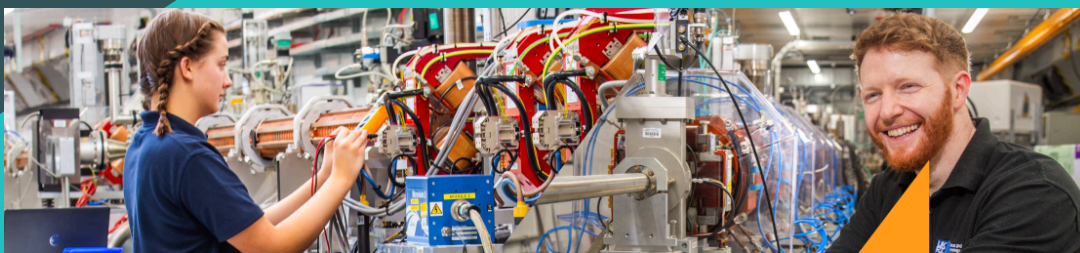
Please click [here](#) for full listings of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships with more than 2000 listings from over 80 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links.

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

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



APPRENTICESHIPS



STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening

Daresbury Laboratory, Cheshire

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Introductory Talks at 5:30pm, 6:15pm and 7:00pm



Reserve your place now via: bit.ly/49D3hQI



Application Tips for Apprenticeships Live Virtual Careers Talk

Wednesday 28th January 2026, 12.30pm-1pm

We're looking for driven, enthusiastic individuals ready to kickstart their careers in the construction industry.

Join us on this LIVE virtual careers talk with top tips how to apply. Students, Parents, Careers Leads and any influencers welcome.



Terri Turner
Senior Recruitment



Register



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 to arrange.

Useful information

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.

www.amazingapprenticeships.com - Explore some of the apprenticeship opportunities that are available.

