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Dear Parents / Carers,

# Year 12 Students – The Futures Programme

As we continue delivering our Futures Programme in Sixth Form, we want to take this opportunity to provide you with an overview of the support available to help your child make informed decisions about their future.

## University Open Days and Visits

With the University Open Day season beginning, you may be considering **booking visits for your child** during the Summer Term and beyond. We strongly encourage students to attend Open Days at universities they are interested in, allowing them to **explore campus life and gain a real insight** into the subjects they are considering studying. These visits complement the Futures Programme activities we have been running in the Sixth Form, including university talks, visits, and various workshops to support students in considering their future pathways.

With parental permission, we authorise absences from school for students attending University Open Days, taster activities, and outreach events. **Please submit details on Class Charts under the 'REPORT ABSENCE' tab.** Where possible, please avoid missing school during important assessment and mock exam weeks, which can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>.

## **Degree Apprenticeships Support**

In addition to university guidance, we provide extensive support for students interested in Degree Apprenticeships. This includes **assemblies from former students** who share their experiences of securing and thriving in degree apprenticeships. **Talks from leading apprenticeship providers** to give insights into available opportunities and application processes. Also, we include dedicated sections in the weekly **Sixth Bulletin**, highlighting upcoming **apprenticeship opportunities** and **relevant resources**. Please note that the majority of Degree Apprenticeships will be advertised between November 2025 and March 2026 for starting in September 2026.

## Work Experience

Students have been asked to secure their work experience and have it all **fully recorded on Unifrog by 16<sup>th</sup> May**. However, due to the competitive nature of many opportunities, we encourage them to do this much earlier. They have received support via assembly and tutor sessions. Securing work experience in Year 12 is crucial as it provides students with **valuable insights into the world of work**, helping them build practical skills and explore career interests. It also strengthens university or job applications by demonstrating initiative, responsibility, and the ability to apply knowledge in real-world settings. Please <u>click here</u> for a reminder of the letter sent.

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## **Staying Informed**

To help students and parents stay up to date with key events and opportunities we provide the following:

• The Sixth Bulletin is sent every Friday, featuring the Futures Opportunities, Applying to University and Apprenticeships sections, which are updated weekly.



- <u>Unifrog</u> provides a platform to explore upcoming and virtual Futures events. Parents can access this using their login; for assistance, please email Mrs. Hughes at **lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk**.
- **Careers Appointments** are available for students seeking individual guidance. They can book an appointment by emailing Mr. Brown at **nbrown@lymmhigh.org.uk**.

We are committed to ensuring that every student has the information and support they need to make the right choices for their future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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