

## CONWY & DENBIGHSHIRE SEREN PROGRAMME 2022-2023(DRAFT)

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

| SEPTEMBER 2022 |                   |  | OVERVIEW OF EACH EVENT   | TIME                      | VENUE                  | TRANSPORT PROVIDED |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Y13            | Closing date 30th | <b>Oxford &amp; Cambridge Admissions Tests</b>           | <i>For Y13 students, admissions tests for potential applicants to Oxford and Cambridge</i>   | Various according to test | On-line                | n/a                |
| Y12            | 28th              | <b>SEREN Launch</b>                                      | <i>For Year 12 students who have been invited to join the Seren programme. Parents are also welcome to attend. The aim of the Launch is to learn what Seren is about and what it can offer.</i>  | 6:00pm                    | Venue Cymru, Llandudno | NO                 |
| Y13            | 30th              | <b>Oxford and Cambridge Personal Statements Workshop</b> | <i>Writing a personal statement can seem a daunting part of the university application process, but it can be an exciting opportunity to explain to your university choices why you would be a good candidate for their course. In this session, Natalie Thompson (Schools Liaison Officer at Magdalene College, Cambridge) will outline what universities are looking for in personal statements. Attendees will learn how 'super-curricular activities' can best be incorporated into their personal statement, and how much weight to give their non-academic extra-curriculars. The group will discuss several example paragraphs from personal statements and identify both their strengths and ways in which they could be improved. The information and advice will be relevant to students considering applying to competitive universities across the UK, including, but certainly not limited to, the University of Cambridge.</i> | 4.30pm – 5.30pm           | On-line                | n/a                |
| NOVEMBER 2022  |                   |  |  |                           |                        |                    |
| Y12            | tbc               | <b>Masterclasses – Bangor University</b>                 | <i>Challenging and thought-provoking masterclasses for Year 12 students delivered by lecturers from Bangor University</i>  | tbc                       | On-line                | n/a                |
| DECEMBER 2022  |                   |  |  |                           |                        |                    |
| Y12            | W/C 5th           | <b>All Wales SEREN Conference</b>                        | <i>Alongside masterclasses, students will take part in information, advice and guidance sessions run by some of the UK's leading universities and university access organisations. For Year 12 and Year 13 students</i>  | tbc                       | On-line                | n/a                |

### SPRING TERM & SUMMER TERM 2023

| JANUARY 2023 |          |   | OVERVIEW OF EACH EVENT   | TIME | VENUE   | TRANSPORT PROVIDED |
|--------------|----------|---|--|------|---------|--------------------|
| Y12          | tbc      | <b>Preparing for applications, university choice and super curricular activity</b><br>Natalie Thompson, Magdalene College, Cambridge & Anna Williams, Bangor University | <i>For Year 12 students who are beginning the process of choosing which course, which university and how to apply including background preparation.</i>  | tbc  | On-line | n/a                |
| Y12          | w/c 23rd | <b>SEREN Award The Brilliant Club</b>   | <i>The Seren Award is designed to help the transition into Key Stage 5 study and for participants to develop both university and subject-specific knowledge, as well as academic skills, that will support their university applications and prepare them for future university-level study.</i> | tbc  | On-line | n/a                |

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----|
|                      |                                    |   | Placements consist of a pre-recorded masterclass video and pre-reading tasks, followed by three 'live' online tutorials over a single week. Learners then write up and submit a university-style assignment, receiving full written feedback from their PhD tutor. The Universities of Bath and Reading, and Aberystwyth University, provide alternative, reduced entry offers to Seren learners that achieve a 1st or 2.1.  |           |           |     |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2023</b> |                                    |   |  |           |           |     |
| Y12                  | tbc                                | <b>Masterclasses – Bangor University</b>  | Challenging and thought-provoking masterclasses for Year 12 students delivered by lecturers from Bangor University   | tbc       | On-line   | n/a |
| <b>MARCH 2023</b>    |                                    |   |  |           |           |     |
| Y12                  | 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Preparing to Apply to Competitive Universities</b>   | The amount of information available on applying to university can be overwhelming. So, where do you start? In this session, Natalie Thompson (Schools Liaison Officer at Magdalene College, Cambridge) will introduce attendees to the processes involved in applying to university. The session will begin with a discussion on some of the reasons for attending university, before moving on to developing an understanding of the factors involved in choosing a university and course. In the final part of the session, attendees will learn how they can make a competitive application to a top university, focusing on exploring their subject beyond the curriculum, thinking critically, and drafting their personal statement. The information and advice will be relevant to students considering applying to competitive universities across the UK, including, but certainly not limited to, the University of Cambridge. | tbc       | On-line   | n/a |
| Y12                  | TBC                                | <b>Residential at Magdalene College, Cambridge</b>  | Students will spend three days living in Magdalene College and learning like a Cambridge student. Students will participate in lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions led by Cambridge academics, as well as spending time with current students.  | Overnight | Cambridge | YES |
| <b>MAY 2023</b>      |                                    |   |  |           |           |     |
| Y12                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Building a Personal Statement</b><br>Natalie Thompson, Magdalene College, Cambridge  | Writing a personal statement can seem a daunting part of the university application process, but it can be an exciting opportunity to explain to your university choices why you would be a good candidate for their course. In this session, Natalie Thompson (Schools Liaison Officer at Magdalene College, Cambridge) will outline what universities are looking for in personal statements. Attendees will learn how 'super-curricular activities' can best be incorporated into their personal statement, and how much weight to give their non-academic extra-curriculars. The group will discuss several example paragraphs from personal statements and identify both their strengths and ways in which they could be improved. The information and advice will be relevant to students considering applying to competitive universities across the UK, including, but certainly not limited to, the University of Cambridge.    | tbc       | On-line   | n/a |
| <b>JUNE 2023</b>     |                                    |   |  |           |           |     |
| Y12                  | tbc                                | <b>1<sup>st</sup> draft of personal statements, university study skills and guidance for holiday reading and Student Finance</b><br>Natalie Thompson, Magdalene College, Cambridge & Anna Williams, Bangor University | This event will provide guidance for Year 12 who are starting to prepare their personal statements as well as advice on useful reading to support applications and interviews. There will be a 2 <sup>nd</sup> session in September 2023.  | tbc       | On-line   | n/a |

| JULY 2023   |     |   |  |           |           |     |
|-------------|-----|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Y12         | tbc | Residential Visit to Magdalene College, Cambridge | Students will attend lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions. | Overnight | Cambridge | YES |
| AUGUST 2023 |     |   |  |           |           |     |
| Y12         | tbc | Summer School at Jesus College, Oxford            | Students will attend lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions. | Week      | Oxford    | NO  |

PLEASE ALSO LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING:

**University of Cambridge STEM SMART programme (Year 12)**

More information and applications here: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/stem-smart>

**Cambridge SU Shadowing Scheme (Year 12)**

More information and applications here: <https://www.applytocambridge.com/shadowing/apply/>

- \* **YOU WILL BE INFORMED BY EMAIL WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEREN ACTIVITIES IN THIS PROGRAMME NEARER THE TIME OF THE EVENT. PLEASE ALSO REGISTER WITH SEREN SPACE WHERE YOU FIND DETAILS OF NATIONAL EVENTS.**
- \* **THERE WILL ALSO BE OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT LISTED IN THIS PROGRAMME THAT WILL BE SENT TO YOU.**
  
- \* **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST REGISTER FOR A PLACE ON ANY RELEVANT ACTIVITY BY THE CLOSING DATE. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED IN TIME.**

AUTUMN TERM 2022  
 'Applying for Medical School'

**Y13** PROGRAMME in partnership with GLAN CLWYD HOSPITAL

These sessions held on WEDNESDAYS 4.30pm - 6.30pm and will focus on writing personal statements and preparing for interviews. Organised by Dr John Glen, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine and his Team.

| SEPTEMBER 2022       | TIME             | VENUE  | TRANSPORT PROVIDED             |     |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----|
| Y13                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| Y13                  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| <b>OCTOBER 2022</b>  |                  |        |                                |     |
| Y13                  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| Y13                  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| Y13                  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2022</b> |                  |        |                                |     |
| Y13                  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |
| Y13                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine) | Yes |

## MEDICINE

AUTUMN TERM 2022 & SPRING TERM 2023:  
 'I am interested in a medical career'

**Y12** PROGRAMME in partnership with GLAN CLWYD HOSPITAL

These sessions held on WEDNESDAYS 4.30pm - 6.30pm and will focus on the specialisms of medical consultants and preparation for admission tests, organised by Dr John Glen, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine and his team.

|                      | TIME             | VENUE  | TRANSPORT PROVIDED   |     |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|--|-----|
| <b>OCTOBER 2022</b>  |                  |        |  |     |
| Y12                  | 4.30pm           | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)<br>LAUNCH<br>Welcome, introduction to the programme and a tour. | Yes |
| <b>JANUARY 2023</b>  |                  |        |  |     |
| Y12                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2023</b> |                  |        |  |     |
| Y12                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| <b>MARCH 2023</b>    |                  |        |  |     |
| Y12                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |
| Y12                  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 4.30pm | Glan Clwyd Hospital (Medicine)   | Yes |

# DENTISTRY

**AUTUMN TERM 2022**  
[‘Applying for Dentistry School’](#)

**Y13 PROGRAMME** in partnership with GLAN CLWYD HOSPITAL

These sessions held on WEDNESDAYS 6.30pm-7.30pm will focus on writing personal statements and preparing for interviews; organized by Dr Michael Strother and his team from the North Wales Local Dental committee (LDC).

| SEPTEMBER 2022       |                  | TIME   | VENUE                       | TRANSPORT PROVIDED |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Y13                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y13                  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| <b>OCTOBER 2022</b>  |                  |        |                             |                    |
| Y13                  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y13                  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y13                  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2022</b> |                  |        |                             |                    |
| Y13                  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y13                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |

**SPRING TERM 2023:**  
[‘I am interested in a career in dentistry’](#)

**Y12 PROGRAMME** in partnership with GLAN CLWYD HOSPITAL

These sessions held on WEDNESDAYS 6.30pm-7.30pm and will focus on the specialisms of dental consultants and preparation for admission tests, organized by Dr Michael Strother and his team from the North Wales Local Dental committee (LDC).

| JANUARY 2023         |                  | TIME   | VENUE                       | TRANSPORT PROVIDED |
|----------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Y12                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2023</b> |                  |        |                             |                    |
| Y12                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| <b>MARCH 2023</b>    |                  |        |                             |                    |
| Y12                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |
| Y12                  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.30pm | Microsoft Teams (Dentistry) | No                 |