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WELCOME

And finally, we are at the end of another Academic Year. 2023-24 has brought plenty of moments of joy and hope, alongside plenty of moments of challenge. We can all look back at the year and be exceptionally proud of our achievements.

Today, we are enjoying one of those 'usual' whole school events, Sports Day. Seeing the open areas around the school site awash with the colours of the Houses, students and staff participating together just fills me with joy. Its the essence of our amazing school. The music is currently playing from Mr Fay's mixing deck and we can hear it merging with cheers throughout the whole school. This time of year, and this particular event really do raise the spirits and whilst sport and music are just two of many successful areas at RWBA as presented in this Newsletter, they are also two areas that can give clarity and impact us positively. This is very much welcomed at the end of a very busy year.

All year, we have seen striking examples of care and belonging, within a peer group, a Tutor Group, a Year Group, RWBA, Ascend Learning Trust and beyond to the wider community. Whether it is competing for their House, completing a Duke of Edinburgh Award, participating in a whole school performance (this year it was Bugsy Malone), representing RWBA, being a part of an After School Club; volunteering in the community, the numbers of students wanting to be a part of something beyond their academic learning has been staggering. Once again, we have also seen incredible numbers of Parents and Guardians support us with recognising achievements. Our Sports Awards Evening was a celebration of participation in Sport from over 1400 students with over 330 students awarded honours.

Our Year 13 Celebrations Evening and our invites to Year 11s to celebrate their academic success last year were both a reminder of the strong bonds maintained between school and home. The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening saw the largest numbers of students recognised and awarded, ever. We were also reminded that RWBA has one of the largest cohorts in the whole of the South West. Every night for Bugsy Malone was sold out and it was a great example of students from all ages working together. The audiences left impressed at the talent we have on show. We have County Champions in Years 9 & 10 Girls Rounders. Rhiannon Bullock from Year 10 was awarded Student of the Year by Wiltshire College, quite the accolade from a College that takes its roll from 15 - 18 year olds across and beyond Wiltshire.

More external recognition of what we do and have achieved this year came through gaining the Silver Healthy Schools Award, 2 of our students won a County wide

WELCOME

competition, as voted for by all Wiltshire schools where they created a Podcast on Healthy Relationships. Jack Shaw and Ryan Woods from Year 10 were the recipients and demonstrated such confidence in their oracy. We gained a Bronze Award from the National Citizens Service and were second only to a Grammar School for participation. There are more awards coming Bassett's way, but they are under embargo whilst we await confirmation and verification. We will communicate this to you when we can but to say that celebrations of the calibre and quality of our students and staff both internally and externally have been varied and many, would be an understatement.

Our students have really played their part this year in maintaining our exceptional reputation for participation and inclusion across the County and beyond. When you walk the corridors of our school, as I do daily, you realise that it is a great place to learn and work and it's fantastic that we can share some of these success and news with you in this Newsletter.

I would like to take some time to thank our amazing staff, without their efforts we would not have the experiences and opportunities that allow us to be the best version of ourselves. In a time where pressures are often excessive, they work so hard and I want to thank our Students, Parents and Guardians who have shown their support and gratitude over the year. I would also like to thank our Local Governing Body chaired by Mrs J Dickson, and the Ascend Learning Trust led by Ms J Coley for their ongoing support and commitment.

Finally, I would like to wish the following staff well as they move on to their next adventures:

- Mrs R Cox (IER Manager and moving out of area)
- Miss M Stan (Maths teacher and end of contract)
- Mrs A Bellanger (MFL Teacher and end of contract)
- Mr J Bawden Brett (English Teacher and moving to another school)
- Miss A Richardson (History Teacher and moving out of area)
- Miss A Harris (English teacher and moving to another school)
- Miss J Stuart (EP and Sociology Teacher and moving to another school)
- Mrs R Smith (TA and moving to be a HLTA)
- Mrs L Heathcote (Head of EP and moving out of area)
- Mrs M Green (MFL Teacher and leaving teaching in schools)
- Miss R Davies (SCITT Programme Manager and moving out of area)

Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you are all able to enjoy the summer. I hope you find some space and time to breathe and find the glimmers in life. I look forward to welcoming you back in September 2024.

A Ellis | Headteacher

PAC ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 10

Community volunteering at Springfield house in RWB. Duties included potting lavender, clearing a BBQ area, pruning small trees and chatting to residents.

Year 10

Helping with Art department to take down GSCE art displays.

Helping with DofE groups to check tents, dry tents and pack them away.

Mr G Stone

Personalised Learning Teacher



A LEVEL ART

STUDENTS

POPPY HARRIS

TEGAN ASHFORD

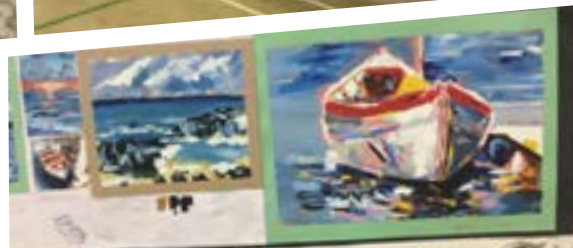
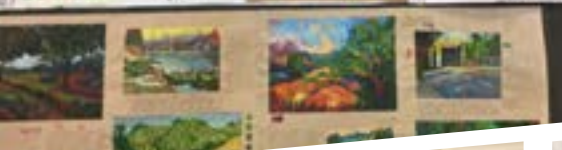
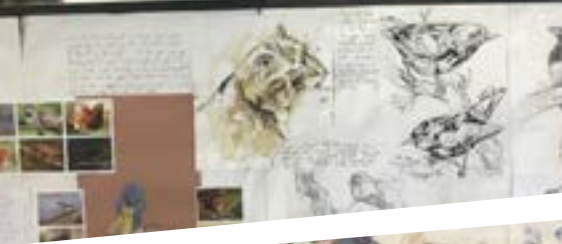
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LAUREN PREEDY

GEORGE KIRTON



STEM SUCCESS

STEM Success trip to We The Curious in Bristol

In early July a group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students travelled to the newly re-opened We the Curious science museum in Bristol. It was a day to embrace their inner science geek and to explore many different types of activities in the exhibits. Students explored the mass of brains as we age, pendulums, how sand is made and how it is used, the length of DNA genomes of certain organisms and air using air canons.

Students were also treated to the “Phantoms of the Universe” show in the museum’s planetarium allowing the students to experience the search for elusive dark matter – from protons racing through the world’s largest particle collider to up-close views of the Big Bang and the descent to an experiment a mile underground. Students learned where dark matter can be found, the research involved in finding dark matter and what scientists are doing to research dark matter in space.

All students also participated in a workshop where they were introduced to the myth of Bigfoot and given different pieces of evidence to examine to consider the validity of claims of Bigfoot’s existence. Students looked at footprint casts, hair samples using microscopes and were able to use gel electrophoresis equipment. This equipment allowed students to visually see DNA and observe how DNA separates throughout the gel.



STEM SUCCESS



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

This year has seen record numbers take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at RWBA, with 94 taking part in Bronze award, 62 in the Silver award and 30 at Gold level.

We have some of the highest numbers in the South West. It would not be possible without the support of all the staff who give up their weekends and after school time to ensure that students can take part.

Year 9 Bronze expeditions took place in June Savernake Forest (pictured below). After a cold practice expedition in March, Year 10 Silver qualifying took place in a warm weekend in May in the New Forest (pictured below):



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



Year 12 took part in their Gold Practice in the Brecon Beacons in April and will be taking part in their qualifying expedition in the last week of term in Dartmoor.



All students who have completed their award this academic year will be invited to our annual award ceremony in January 2025.

Congratulations to 11 Year 13's and ex-students who were invited to Buckingham Palace in May to collect their Gold award from HRH Duke of Edinburgh. They were:

Kieran Brudenell
Ben Kimberley
Mollie Smith
Andriani Vourla Nunes

Luke Bussey
Phoebe Parkes
Holly Sweeby
Zach Watkins

Willem Horter
Sophie Silcock
Katie Terrett

FIRST NEWS

Dear parents/guardians,

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14 year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We love using First News in the classroom and are thrilled to offer all Royal Wootton Bassett Academy students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

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- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

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Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

JUNIOR CHEF



Lucas Jubb, Year 10 Food Preparation & Nutrition student successfully got through to the final of Wiltshire Junior Chef of the Year held at Wiltshire College Trowbridge on Monday 17th June.

Lucas had to submit a recipe and photographs for a dish he would create using ingredients sourced in Wiltshire. As he was selected to cook his dishes in the competition, he gained a place in the final and was asked to prepare the recipe to serve two people in 90 minutes!

There were seven finalists selected to compete on the day and all of the students cooked dishes which were judged by a team of professionals!

- Hywel Jones - Executive Chef, Lucknam Park, Bath
- Hywel is the holder of a Michelin star
- Chris Cleghorn - Executive Chef, The Olive Tree, Queensberry Hotel, Bath
- Chris also holds a Michelin star
- Steve Lloyd - Chef lecturer, Wiltshire College

Lucas was judged on preparation and cookery skills, demonstration of an understanding of hygiene and food safety issues, use and knowledge of regional produce and the overall presentation and flavour of his completed dish. Although narrowly defeated to another deserving winner, Lucas did exceptionally well to be selected to attend this event & we are really proud of his achievements throughout Year 10 in his GCSE in Food Preparation & Nutrition! For anyone interested in this competition, we will be running it again next academic year!



RWBA FUNCTION BAND

On Friday 5th July 2024, some members of RWBA Function Band travelled to Birmingham to perform in the Music For Youth national final fringe festival in Centenary Sqaure.

Function band performed YMCA, Valerie, I Will Survive, Feeling Good, Mr Blue Sky, What A Wonderful World and What a Feeling.

Our musicians and singers performed brilliantly, well done! Year 8 Issac Briers, Year 9 Guy Grainger, Meredith Penning, Olivia Yang, Year 10 Rhys Day and Year 11 Patricia Chu, Alex Franklin, Edward Griffiths, Harry Whittle and Zoe Zielinski.



INTERVENTION SESSIONS



This year during Year 7 Intervention sessions, alongside our Maths, English and other subjects, we have included some cooking, growing and even 'hatched' our own Butterflies!

We enjoyed making Easter chocolate nests at the end of Term 4 where the students were responsible for using various equipment, following the recipe and then making and decorating their own nests ready to take home and share with their families, although I am not sure that they ALL made it home!

At the beginning of Term 5, the students had the choice of growing Sunflower and or Tomato plants. Most chose to grow both and after a few weeks of recording what they observed at the end of each week, they took them home to plant in their gardens. We will hopefully get some photos and measurements, if the students remember, when we return to school in September.

Finally in Term 6, we watched the lifecycle of some Butterflies, starting with the tiny eggs and finishing with four beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies over the course of about 4 weeks. The students were fascinated by the whole process and we were able to release them within the school grounds and watch them leave the safety of the Butterfly net that had been their home.



MUSIC RECITAL

Music Recital 27th June 2024

On Thursday 27th June RWBA student musicians and singers performed solos or duets to parents, teachers, family and friends. We had tons of amazing performances from the students listed below. Students performed on drums, piano, clarinet, guitar and singing! Well done!

Lily Day 7WI1

Lily-Mae Heskith 7BE1

Elsie Banks 7WI2 and Evie Smith 7WI2

Jason Psachoulias 7Be2

Joshua Kirwan 7BE2

Chloe Fay 7CO2 Daisy Southall 8WO2

Loris Cook 8WI2

Jess Sedgmond 8BA3

Olivia Townsend 8WI2

and Emily Hodges 8WI2

Emily Hodges 8WI2

Sammy Trowbridge 8CO2

Madison Baker 8BE2

Olivia Townsend 8WI2

Evelyn Powell 8 CO1

Meredith Penning 9Wi1

Olivia Yang 9BE1

Luca Zielinski 9CO3

and Owen Williams 9BA1

Mattie Ashdown 9Wo2

Zion Tariq 10WO2

Akshay Anand 10WI2

Lewis Chau 10BE3

Zoe Zielinski 11CO1

Matt Jacobs 12BA2



PIANO RECITAL

RWBA Music Piano Recital Thursday 20th June 2024
On Thursday 20th June we hosted our annual Grand Piano Recital. Our RWBA student pianists performed some amazing pieces including a piece composed by and performed by Harry Whittle. Below is the programme of pieces performed, well done!

Zack Horter	7CO2	Vivace by Clementi
Josh Kirwan	7BE2	My Brass Band by Alan Bullard, Drunken Sailor by Pauline Hall, Ode to Joy by Beethoven (arr Pauline Hall)
Adrian Lau	7BE1	Carefree John
Loris Cook	8WI2	Green Gravel Pauline hall
Olivia Townsend	8Wi2	Train Ride by Sarah Watts
Kamau Macharia	8CO2	Interstellar
Meredith Penning	9WI1	Fun Fair Blues - Naomi Yandell
Owen Williams	9BA1	Hopefully by the game Detroit Become Human
Guy Grainger	9CO3	Schindler's List - John Williams
Olivia Yang	9BE1	Fools Who Dream from La La Land
Alyssa Hatton	10WI1	Canzonet
Malina Barbieru	11BA2	Elegy for the Arctic by Ludovico Einaudi
Jack Foster	11WI2	Yuroma - The River Flows In You
Maddie Smith	11WO1	Study in D minor, Albert loeschhor
James Reed	11WI2	Lights in the Rearview by Ben Crosland.
Harry Whittle	11BE1	Prelude - Harry Whittle
Rhiannon Caple	13CO2	Clair De Lune, Debussy



GCSE MUSIC TRIP

GCSE Music Trip - CBSO Hans Zimmer Concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall

On Friday 21st June, Year 9, GCSE and A Level Music students travelled to Birmingham to see the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra perform the music of Hans Zimmer.

Students loved all of the pieces performed, especially KungFu Panda and Interstellar which was performed by the orchestra and the impressive Symphony Hall organ.

Two ex Royal Wootton Bassett Academy music students were performing in the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Alexander Harris and Rachael Pankhurst.



MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAM

Music Practical Exam congratulations!

Austin Kerrigan	Piano initial grade
Olivia Townsend	Piano initial grade
Oliver Wilkins	Piano Initial Grade
Joshua Kirwan	Piano Initial Grade
Beatrix Gosden	Piano Grade 1
Emily Hodges	Clarinet Grade 1
Matilda Ashdown	Piano Grade 3
Maddison Ambrose	Piano Grade 3
Malina Barbieru	Piano Grade 4
James Reed	Piano Grade 4
Lily Day	Clarinet Grade 4
Rhiannon Caple	Piano Grade 8
Elsie Banks	Piano Grade 3

BUGSY BAND

Some of our brilliant student musicians formed the Buggy Band for our whole school production of BUGSY! The Musical in March 2024. Well done!

Patricia Chu - Flute (11BE3)

Amelia Smith - Clarinet (12WO2)

Isaac Briers - Alto Saxophone and Clarinet (8BA2)

Edward Griffiths - Trumpet (11BA1)

Harry Whittle - Trombone (11BE1)

Charlie Fellows - Guitar (11BE1)

Cole Franklin - Bass Guitar (11WI1)

Meredith Penning - Drumkit (9WI1)

Olivia Yang - Piano (9BE1)



BUGSY BAND



RWBA Summer Ensembles Music Concert

On Monday 1st July we hosted our annual Summer Ensembles Music Concert at RWBA.

We had some superb performances from a variety of RWBA Music Department's Ensembles including: Junior Voices, Senior Choir, Wind Band, Function Band, String Ensemble, Clarinet and Saxophone Ensemble plus some solos and duets. Full programme is listed below:

Musical Items

RWBA Wind Band

Lady Gaga Dance Remix arranged by Ted Ricketts
Selections from Mamma Mia arranged by Michael Brown

Archie Fay

Misery Business by Paramore

String Group

Rondeau from Abdelazer by Purcell
Fly Me To The Moon arranged by David Burndrett

Flute Ensemble

A Pirate's Life arranged by Roland Kernen
My Funny Valentine arranged by Tracey Absalom
Viva La Vida arranged by Tracey Absalom

Isaac Baker and Rhiannon Caple duet

Fame arranged by Andrea Cappellari

Amy Moody and Rhiannon Caple duet

Sommersang by Wilhelm Peterson-Berger

Clarinet and Saxophone Ensemble

Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky

Harry Whittle and

Rhiannon Caple duet

Excerpt from Beethoven's
Violin Sonata No. 4 in A
minor mvt 3

Junior Voices and Senior Choir

Sing by Gary Barlow
A Million Dreams from the
Greatest Showman

Function Band

**What A Feeling, What A
Wonderful World
and I Wanna Dance With
Somebody**

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 2023-24

Reflecting on the previous year, I am immensely proud of the students at RWBA that continue to put themselves forward as upstanders and role models for the school community and beyond.

RWBA is a school that puts the student at the core of all it does. As student parliament is pupil led, I would like to begin with quotes from students explaining what being part of RWBA SP means for them:

“It personally means a lot for me to be in student parliament, I have always wanted to make a change to how people like me are treated and I feel like student parliament is one of the best ways for me to go about it. Everything I have done before, during and will do after student parliament will be always to make another person feel like they belong.”

“As an Asian female student that largely surrounds herself with people from minority groups I have been through and heard of experiences that are unique to the experience of being a minority student at RWBA. Due to this I will bring a certain sensitivity to these issues that is required and maybe a better understanding so these issues can be better dealt with and students from these groups can feel like they matter.”

“Personally, being a member of Student Parliament has been extremely meaningful as it allowed me to see change within RWBA, and to see the confidence of the members of the Well Being cabinet grow. For example, when the Well Being cabinet did projects for Children’s Mental Health Week, and Eating Disorder Awareness week, students began to have conversations, and start to open up about these topics, that many students usually do not feel as comfortable speaking about. This openness and willingness to learn shown by the students was amazing to witness, and I want this kind of change and these kinds of conversations to continue within RWBA, as a result of Student Parliament.”

What has Student Parliament been up to this year?

The Environment Cabinet has worked hard to push for greater diversity within the food at school, and Terry’s has created some themed days from this. Throughout the school year they have been out in all weathers litter picking to ensure that they are clear role models for the wider school and to protect the environment and small animals that may be around the school grounds. They helped with recycling of unused school uniform to new or current parents helping them find the sizes they need. Any re-used uniform from ex pupils is a fantastic way of helping the environment but also helping reduce the costs of school uniform.

They also promoted Earth Day and created resources for this as well as raising money for WWF through a non-school uniform day and bakes sales. Well done Environment Cabinet!

The Teaching and Learning Cabinet helped with world book day and advertised and judged the most incredible bake-off house competition where students baked and decorated cake(s) that were based on a book! It was incredible to see the results. They also were looking at what the RWBA values mean to them, along with the new Ascend Learner Trust values. Following the change in phone rules, they put forward to the staff leadership team that the school needed some more clocks so students could check the time. Fabulous job!

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 2023-24



The Wellbeing Cabinet worked incredibly hard this academic year, and created incredible student led resources for children's mental health week. These resources were impactful, and it was wonderful to see 6th form ministers of the cabinet take such a strong leadership role in helping younger students with their mental health and wellbeing.

They also created resources around Eating Awareness Disorder week that were delivered to the older KS3 and 4 students. The cabinet also asked students what their key worries were and placed both these worries and advice around the boards on Centrepoint, so students could feel less alone in things they may be going through.



STUDENT PARLIAMENT 2023-24

How can you have your voice be heard?



Centrepoin
If you're ever having a bad day or just need someone to talk to, drop-in to Centrepoin! When there is a sixth former in there, they'll be happy to have a chat. This can be about anything that's worrying you, or just to simply talk about your day.

Worry box
Based on student feedback, we are adding a worry box to Centrepoin, where students can put any concerns that they would like addressing. These can be anonymous or not and will be monitored on a weekly basis by Ms Falvey and the well-being cabinet!

Teachers
As usual, if you have any immediate concerns, talk to your year team and your teachers!

Year 10
Year 11

Keep any eye out for any surveys, we'd love to hear your opinions!



The Antibullying cabinet explored the differences between 'banter' and 'bullying behaviours' and place key posters with the definitions on around social areas and the toilets, so perhaps at times students could check in with their own behaviours or the behaviours of others. They also created a drop-in centre for break times once a week in case anyone wanted to come and talk about things they had seen or had been experiencing.

The identity Cabinet have been extremely pro-active in helping to fundraise and design a space for neurodiverse students to go to at break times or lunch times if they would like to. This new space has been proposed by student parliament to be called 'The Haven' and will include soft furnishing and a calm, safe zone when required.

The cabinet will continue to hopefully see this come to fruition in the new academic year. They have raised money to help with this through many bake sales and also helped to raise funds for RWBA Culture day through an innovative ice cream sale. The cabinet continues to raise profile for minority groups within school and ensure all voices are heard.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 2023-24

Student Parliament is such an incredible part of school life at RWBA. It is such a positive thing to witness students feeling empowered to make changes, and to make the world a better place. There are going to be some key changes next year to enable student parliament to grow and reflect the changing climate within school. Antibullying cabinet will become the 'Antibullying and welcome ambassadors' and these will be selected by Heads of Year and Student Support Managers to ensure the students are really impactful role models for the school and will be strong upstanders to help us with the antibullying campaign.



We missed the incredibly year 10/11/13 students in the final celebration with some cakes! The photo above shows only half of those involved in Student Parliament this past year, which shows how immense it is as a school, and will only continue to grow and get better! Thank you for all your support with Student Parliament this year, and I am already looking forward to next year,

Congratulations to the new Prime Ministers: Sophie Saru and Kate Warlow, and kindly supported by the deputy ministers Mollie Gallagher and Millicent Woods. These students are remarkable, proactive role models for the school.

Miss Falvey



Y9 HOLOCAUST EDUCATION DAY

On Tuesday 9th July we were privileged to welcome Bernie Graham, Louisa Clein, Charlotte Lane, and Professor Stuart Foster into Royal Wootton Bassett Academy to take part in our Year 9 Holocaust Education Day.

Our Year 9 cohort was split into three sections, each of whom followed the family story of either Bernie, Louisa and her sister Natalie, or Noemie Lopian. They were able to meet with Bernie and Louisa and discuss their families' stories and how they had impacted them.

This was a particular powerful experience for our pupils as they were able to associate the horrors of the Holocaust with real people and real families, while being left with a message of hope. We would like to thank Bernie, Louisa, and Stuart, as well as all the teachers who helped to make the day a reality, and of course Charlotte and Nic Wetherall, who spent so much of their time creating and developing the resources for the day.

This project will have a lasting impact on our school community and will continue to inspire our young people for many years to come.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Toby has been wheelchair racing for a year and a half now. He secured sponsorship at the end of last year and they funded a brand-new race chair for Toby. This is his first season in his new race chair and is already seeing amazing results. Toby competed in the Wiltshire Athletics Championships on 12th May where he became 3 times gold medallist in 100m sprint, 200m sprint and Javelin.



Toby also completed in the Welsh Championships on 22nd June where he became two times gold medallist in 100m and 400m sprints. Toby now currently holds Wiltshire Champion and Welsh Champion titles. Toby is competing at the end of July in the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham where he is hoping to medal and get English champion title.

Toby has also competed against able bodied athletes at an event in Bristol in the 1500m race. Toby placed 2nd out of 14 athletes!. He was the only wheelchair racer in that event so did fantastic. It was also the first time Toby had raced that distance. Toby has been breaking all records so far this season with new person bests in all categories. He is currently 1st in his age category and 8th in the country on power of 10.

His current PBs are:

100m 17.35 seconds new PB

400m 60.01 seconds new PB and a massive 5 seconds off his previous PB

800m 2 minutes 8 seconds, new PB and a massive 20 seconds off his previous PB

It has been an amazing season so far and it's not over yet!



PE TERM 5 & 6 PE AND SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Early in term 5 our U16 boys football team lost a very tight Swindon Schools Football final. We were very proud to come a close second.
- Year 7 and 8 were crowned County Swimming Champions. Since 2017 only one other school appears on this trophy.
- In North Wiltshire Athletics Trials we had 13 pupils qualify for the North Wiltshire team. With 4 achieving a podium finish at the County Finals and all others placing 4th!!
- Year 7 Super 8 Athletics in Swindon. Our girls took bronze medal and Sienna was the highest points scorer across all girls in Swindon.
- Year 7 & 8 girls touch rugby team won the Swindon district event and went on to claim the bronze medal at the Wiltshire County Event.
- Our year 7, 8, 9 & 10 District Athletics team had 100 plus pupils claim 2nd place at the largest athletics event of the season. This is our highest placement ever!! Our girls' teams placed 1st overall and our boy's placed 3rd.
- Year 9 mixed touch rugby team competed in a regional qualifier and won the whole event! This meant they earned a trip to Worcester Warriors to play in the National Finals. Although they didn't place at this event, their demonstration of values and fair play has earned them the opportunity to play at Twickenham next year!!
- We had more girls playing cricket than ever before. Our yr7 & 8 team placed 3rd from 10 schools in a county softball event.
- Year 9 and 10 girls rounders won the Swindon tournament and for the first time ever went on to win the County Finals!! We are county champions!!!
- Year 9 took part in Holocaust workshops through Play to Remember sessions. Pupils learnt about individuals from sports backgrounds caught up in the Holocaust. Before honouring their memory with pledges and actively playing the sports that they loved.
- With our efforts this year, RWBA Physical Education Department has achieved the School Games 'Gold Games Mark 2024' – THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PUPILS' COMMITMENTS. Participation numbers have been amazing.



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CAR PARK RULES

Parking at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

The speed limit on site a is 5 mph.

Car parks are designated as follows:-

- Parking spaces inside entrance is for staff only
- Main Car Park is for staff and visitors who have an appointment in school
- Lower Car park by exit is for parent drop off and pick as well as overflow
- **Drop off zone, please park efficiently and students should alite swiftly and use the pedestrian crossing only to cross the road**
- No student should leave a moving vehicle or leave a vehicle when not in the drop off zone
- Sixth Form Car Park – for 6th Form students and staff

Bus Bays – When entering site, the lane in front of the building is a marked bus lane only. Do not use this lane. This area is designated for buses, minibuses, and taxis only.

Students and or staff with a disability may be dropped off in the bus bay in the morning with consent of the Site Health and Safety Officer only.

Do not drop off or park in this area at any time.

When you enter site there is a road to the left which is for commercial deliveries only and should not be obstructed by parked vehicles. Do not park or use this area as a turning point.

The site has two disabled bays, these are for disabled badge holders only. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of all persons on the site specifically your child or children.

Thank you.

STELLA TAYLOR YOUNG JOURNALIST AWARDS



These awards commemorate the contribution made by Stella Taylor as Editor of Community Magazine and local correspondent for a number of Wiltshire newspapers.

An award of £100 will be made to each age group winner and the winning entries will be published in Community Magazine.

To enter you must research and write an article (no more than 500 words) on an item of local news. The subject is up to you, but it must be relevant and of interest to Community Magazine's readership of Royal Wootton Bassett residents. We are looking for articles that deal with their subjects in an informed, accurate and interesting way.

Competition Rules

- Entries will be judged in two age-groups: Y7-9 & Y10+ (as at July 2024).
- Closing date for entries is 31st August 2024. Winners will be notified by 31st October 2024.
- Articles must be no more than 500 words.
- Entrants are free to use online services for research purposes but the use of AI to compose articles is not allowed.
- All entries to be typed double space using a traditional font (Calibri, Aptos or Arial). Each page to be marked with a page number. Text should follow a single headline title and conclude with a word count.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a cover-sheet containing the following information:
 - Name and Address of Entrant
 - School attended.
 - Date of Birth
 - Title of Article
 - Statement to read "This is entirely my own work" signed by entrant, and countersigned by parent or guardian.
- Entries to be sent by email to rwbccommunitymagazine@gmail.com attached as a separate document (doc or docx file).
- Individuals can enter more than one article, but each entry must sent in separate mails with their own cover-sheet.
- The Editor reserves the right not to make an award in either age-group if entries do not reach a required standard.
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IN RECOGNITION OF OUSTANDING NCS INVOLVEMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Rishi Sunak', is written over a horizontal line.

Signed _____

Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP Prime Minister

Date 17/06/2024

IMMUNISATIONS

While your child is in secondary school, they will be eligible to receive routine vaccinations in Year 8 and Year 9. The immunisation team is comprised of experienced nurses and support workers and will visit the school several times throughout the school year.

All year 8 students are eligible to receive the HPV vaccine. HPV is linked to several different cancers such as cervical cancer, some head, neck and throat cancers, genital cancer and anal cancers and is also responsible for genital warts.

[HPV Vaccination For All - English Leaflet from September 2023.pdf](#)

All year 9 students are eligible for their Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster (Td/IPV) and at the same time, the Meningitis ACWY vaccinations (MenACWY)

[Td/IPV vaccine \(3-in-1 teenage booster\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[MenACWY vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

A consent link sent from the school will be sent to all parents with children in these year groups so they can either accept or decline the vaccinations, the consent links are below.

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/hpv/2023/wilts>

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/dtp/2023/wilts>

Please take time to look at the added links to learn more about the different vaccinations.

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