

**Royal Wootton Bassett Academy
Sixth Form**

Weekly Newsletter #184

16 May 2025



Today's newsletter contains a special edition dedicated to our Y13 students who had their Leaver's Day last week. It is amazing how quickly two years pass before we say farewell to a group of students about to embark on the next stage of their lives and last week was a time for reflection of how far they have all come whilst here at RWBA. Now Y13 are in full exam mode with many already having sat external exams and, whilst it is a time for study leave, it is also good to see so many choosing to spend time revising in school. We are very proud of all our Y13 students and continue to wish them well during the exam period but also for whatever they are choosing to do next.

For Y12 students who are not too far away from their PPEs, having time in lessons to revise is proving helpful but also the intensity and diligence with which the majority are undertaking their independent study should prove fruitful. We look forward to seeing what the next year brings for Y12 into Y13 as they become the senior students in the school.

Mrs Bell









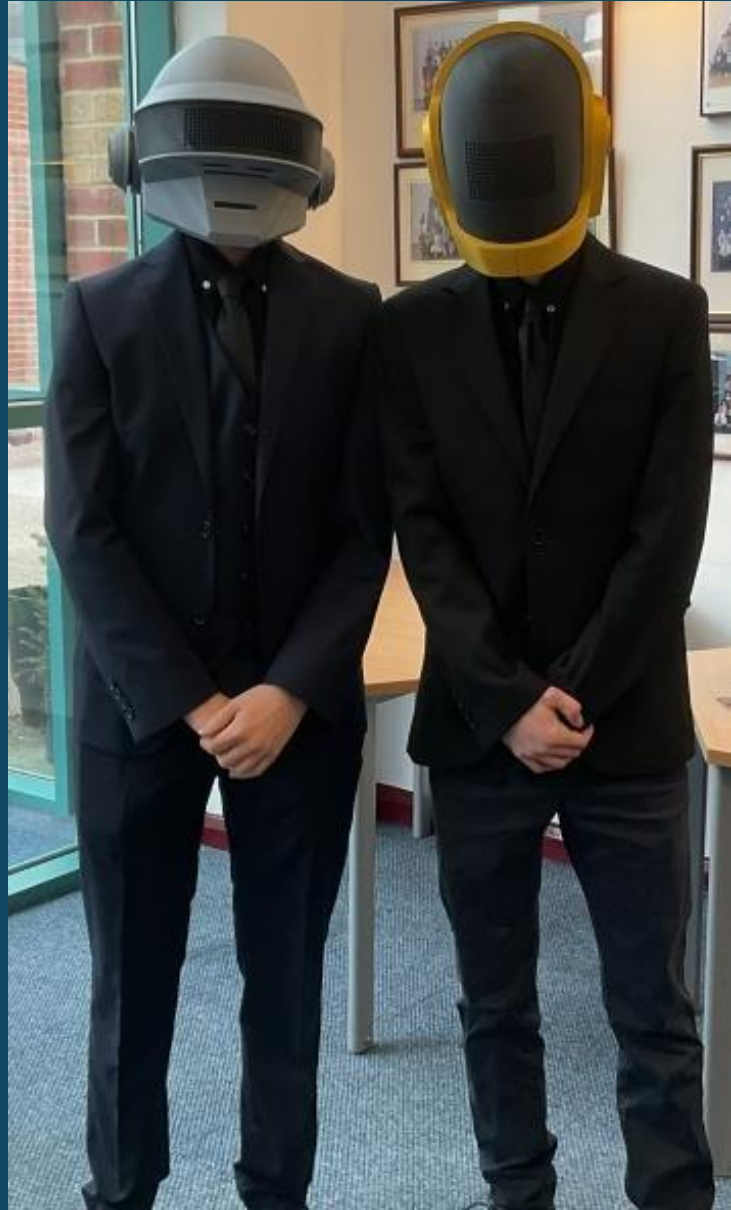












































Good Luck to the Year 13 Class of 2025



Celebration of Leavers 2025.pdf

Upcoming Week

EPQ presentations take place next week.

Good luck to all the students taking part and we all look forward to seeing the amazing research you have been completing.



Year 12 PPEs

Dates are 18th June to 25th June. Students are aware of the schedule and individual timetables will be issued.

Start preparing now so that you are ready to shine!



Subject Guide Videos

An impartial guide to university courses – featuring expert speakers



[Home](#) > On Demand Webinars

These impartial videos have one key aim. To support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.

Including the UK's first video subject guide!

Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

- Why students may wish to consider the subject
- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

From Accounting to Zoology – and 100's of subjects in between. You can browse the videos below, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

Follow this link :

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Examples of subjects covered



Study Astronomy at University

Astronomy

A guide to studying Astronomy at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Birmingham.

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A guide to studying Data Science at University

Data Science and Big Data

A guide to studying Data Science at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Sheffield.

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A guide to studying Game Studies and Production at University

Games Studies & Games Production

A guide to studying Games Studies & Games Production at uni - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Huddersfield.

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A guide to studying Chemistry at University

Chemistry

A guide to studying Chemistry at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring Keele University.



A guide to studying Cyber Security at University

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A guide to studying Cyber Security at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Bradford.



Why study Prosthetics & Orthotics at University

Prosthetics & Orthotics

A guide to studying Prosthetics & Orthotics at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Salford.

UCAS 2026

Year 12 PDT sessions after May half term will be used to launch UCAS 2026. With a new structure to the personal statement there is plenty to explore.

Alongside this we will launch the sessions to support apprenticeship applications.

HE Guidance: How To Get A Head Start On Your University Application With Chantelle Lee & Georgina May, Higher Education Advisers From University of East Anglia

June 10 @ 16:30 - 17:15

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University of East Anglia

In this webinar we will cover the application timeline, what a personal statement is and why it is important, before exploring the things that you can be doing over the next few months to make sure you have everything in place to make your application stand out.

Whether it's doing some extra reading, getting work experience, visiting open days, or enhancing your hobbies, we'll give you all the tips you need to get started.

Join the University of East Anglia for this friendly and interactive webinar by booking your place now.

[How To Get A Head Start On Your University Application - UEA \(16+\) Registration, Tue 10 Jun 2025 at 16:30 | Eventbrite](#)



Don't miss **MediCafé 2025!**

We're excited to announce details of our full series of **FREE MediCafé**

webinars for 2025, covering a range of important topics for those considering studying Medicine!

Whether your pupils are just exploring the idea of becoming a doctor or are fully committed to that path, MediCafé is a great source of information.

Kicking off this year's series: Focus on Gateway to Medicine Programmes!

Join us on 20 May, 5pm-5.45pm:

Focus on Gateway to Medicine Programmes

Gateway to Medicine programmes are designed to provide young people who meet widening participation criteria with the opportunity to build confidence, to attain additional study skills and to fill gaps in their academic knowledge.

Join this webinar to find out more about the advantages of starting on a Gateway to Medicine programme, as well as more about who is eligible to apply.

Coming up in the MediCafé webinar series...

Top Tips for Preparing for UCAT:

Tuesday 3 June 5pm – 5.45pm

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is used by a consortium of UK and Partner Universities to help select applicants to their medical and dental degree programmes. This webinar will give you an overview of key information relating to the UCAT, as well as hints and tips from Medicine students to help you prepare effectively.

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Choosing a Medical School:

Tuesday 10 June 5pm – 5.45pm

It is important to be strategic when applying to medical school, to help you choose the right programme for you, and to maximise your chances of getting an interview. This webinar will help you to think about what matters to you when making your choices on your UCAS application.

[Register now](#)[Register now.](#)

Preparing for a Medicine Interview:

Tuesday 1 July 5pm – 5.45pm

Join this webinar for helpful guidance on how to start preparing for a Medicine interview; areas to research, resources you can use, and how to practise structuring an interview response.

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Leading with Ambition Work Experience

A taste of the future that will build your appetite for success.

Curious about what it's really like to work in finance or accounting? Ready to explore your future beyond the classroom?

MHA, a leading UK accountancy firm and proud member of Baker Tilly International (the 9th largest network globally!), is offering ambitious Year 12 students like you the chance to gain real experience in the world of finance.

This isn't just any work experience...

- Access to MHA's national training platform
- Transferable skills to boost your career
 - Insight into the professional world
- Network with professionals and gain valuable advice
- Certificate of completion to help boost your employability
- Employability advice sessions to guide your future career path
- The chance to fast-track your future MHA apprenticeship application for 2026!

We cover travel costs and provide lunch — you just bring the ambition!

With placements across the UK, this is your chance to explore what a career in finance could really look like:

- Birmingham
 - London
- Thames Valley (Maidenhead)
 - Maidstone
- Milton Keynes
 - Leicester
- Peterborough
 - Liverpool
- Manchester
 - Lancaster
- Colchester

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Year 12 Super Curricular



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Southampton

Engineering for healthcare is crucial because it leads to life-saving technologies and improved healthcare systems, positively impacting everyday lives of people that need it the most.

Join us to dive into clinical problems affecting patients' lives and how engineering can help provide innovative solutions. Learn how healthcare engineering covers a wide variety of applications including the development of electronics, sensors and artificial intelligence systems for early diagnosis, digitising the physical world to enhance patient care to treatment solutions tailored for individual patients—like replacement heart valves or wearable assistive devices.

Be inspired by what you can achieve through creativity, critical thinking, and multidisciplinary collaboration at the core of both Medical and Biomedical Engineering.

Lecturer Profiles: Dr Rosalia Moreddu & Dr Caglar Ozturk

Our events are designed so that a group of students can take part from a classroom, or students and teachers can take part as individuals, either from school or from home. There is no charge to take part.

As a live, participative event, this session will not be recorded but slides and other resources will be shared after the event, where available.

Suitable for: Aged 16+ pre-university students interested in the improvement of people's health, from diagnosis to treatment.

Date and time

Thu, 5 Jun 2025 16:15 - 17:00 BST

[Engineering Better Health: Early Diagnosis to Treatment - Southampton \(16+\) Registration, Thu 5 Jun 2025 at 16:15 | Eventbrite](#)

Top placement picks



Get the low-down on logistics

If your students are fascinated by robots, tech, and sustainability, this placement with **Wincanton** is for them! They'll explore the world of logistics, from life-saving deliveries to exciting robot design challenges, while learning essential workplace skills.

[Learn more](#)

Kick off a future in fitness

This virtual placement offers your students the chance to connect with a **range of organisations within the fitness industry**. They'll gain valuable insights to help turn their passion for health and wellness into a successful career.

[Learn more](#)




Uncover science and innovation at Cadbury

This exciting placement with **Mondelez** gives students an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at how new chocolate products are developed at the legendary Cadbury factory!

[Learn more](#)



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Julia Wood History Essay Competition 2025

The Julia Wood prize is an annual History essay competition named in memory of a St Hugh's College historian.

The Principal and Fellows of St Hugh's College, Oxford offer a prize, worth up to £500, for the best historical essay written on a subject of your choice.

The competition is open to any student who, at the closing date, has been in the Sixth Form of any school or college for a period of not more than two years. The prize may be split between multiple winning entries.

The choice of historical subject is left to candidates.


- Entries should be 2000 – 4000 words in length, including any material in the footnotes which is additional commentary or content related to your essay.
- Essays should be fully referenced. You are welcome to use whichever style of referencing you prefer. References or citations in footnotes and in your bibliography are not included in the word count.
- Essays must be submitted in PDF format.
- We are only able to accept essays written in English.

The closing date for entries is 2pm (BST) on Wednesday 23rd July.
Winners will be announced in August.

Please direct any enquiries to outreach@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

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Kavita Singh PPE Essay Competition 2025

The Principal and Fellows of St Hugh's College are pleased to offer a prize of up to £500 for the best essay written in response to one of the following three set questions:

Politics	Philosophy	Economics
"We cannot understand support for the populist right without accounting for its economic determinants." Discuss.	If a scientist predicts, on the strength of a well attested theory, that some event will occur, while someone else has a strong premonition that some incompatible event will occur, why should we defer to the former rather than to the latter?	Can we address climate change at the same time as maintaining positive economic growth? Discuss.

Entry is restricted to pupils who, at the closing date, have been in the Sixth Form of any state-funded school or college for a period of not more than two years.

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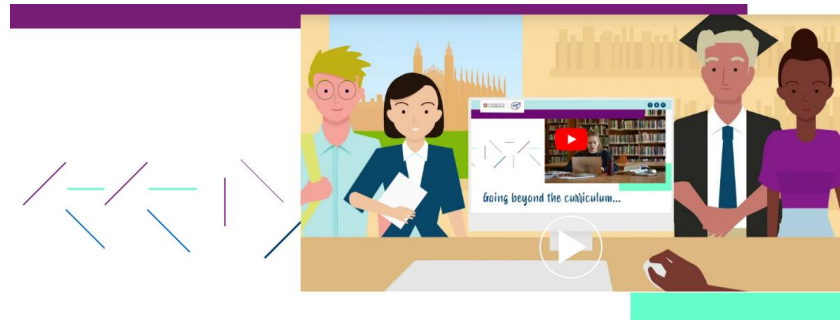
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Parent Support



We are hosting a series of Parents' Webinars for parents and guardians of children looking to begin their studies in 2025 and 2026. These may be useful to share with the parents/guardians you work with:

[Supporting your child's UCAS application for courses starting in 2026 \(29 May 2025\) \(bath.ac.uk\)](#)