



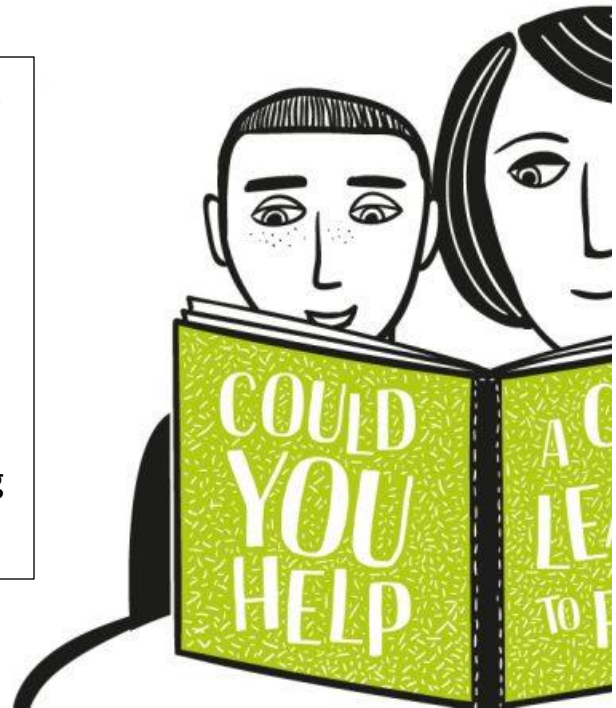
**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #88
4 November 2022**



Reading mentor sessions starts soon.

Thank you for all the volunteers that have also attended the training. We are just awaiting the reading scores for each student so we can pair you up successfully.

I look forward to seeing you work with the younger students enhancing their fluency and reading skills.



Centre point mentors received their training this week and will be available to support student in Centrepint from Monday breaktime. These students will be a listening ear and a helping hand to younger students in need of help, they are available every day during break and lunch.

Good luck in this fantastic initiative.



Many Voices, One Bassett diversity group meets in Centrepont on a Wednesday week B. We have had a great representation from 6th form already but would love to see more. We are really keen on organising a Cultural Day this year so anyone interested in that please come along to Centrepont after school on a Wednesday week B.

Year 13 Brass at Lydiard Millicent Primary

On Thursday 13th October, the Year 13 Brass Quartet travelled to Lydiard Millicent and performed a short recital of brass pieces to the pupils of Lydiard Millicent Primary School. Inspiring pupils in reception to year 6 to take up a musical instrument. The workshop including a potted history of brass instruments and demonstrations.

Charlie Mann 13CO2 Trumpet
Alfie Whetham 13BA1 Trombone
Cofi Nash 13BE2 Euphonium
Daisy Osbourne 13WO1 Tuba



Thank you for taking part.



From next week all Sixth Form students will need to use their ID card to access the Sixth Form building via the front doors.

Yr 13 cards should now have been reprogrammed, if not please see IT.

Yr 12 as soon as you have your card this will allow you access.

CHESS COMPETITION (ROUND 2)



WEDNESDAY

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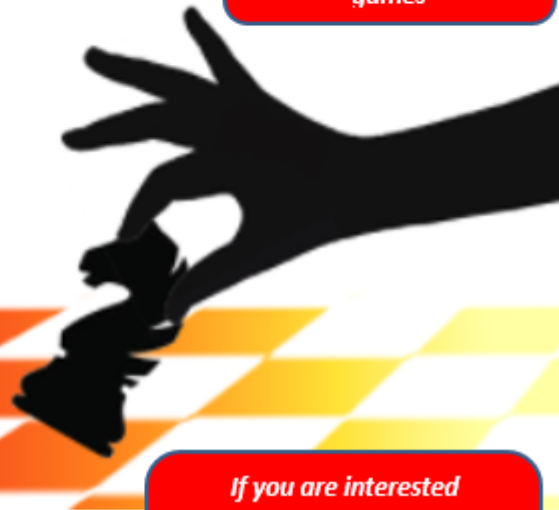
3.00 – 4.30 PM

**SIXTH FORM
COMMON ROOM**

*Suitable for all levels of
knowledge. Beginners &
Experienced players
welcome*

*Games against the clock.
You will play at least 2
games*

*Chess Club also runs on
Thursdays after school
if you are interested in
finding out more –
speak to Mrs Richmond*



*If you are interested
Sign Up in the Sixth Form
Reception (by HOY office).*

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Autumn Music Concert 2022

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 6:30pm

Assembly Hall



Several Sixth Formers performed in the Autumn Music Concert this week, they performed fabulous music and served refreshments to our audience in the interval on Wednesday 2nd November. Year 13 A Level Music students performed stunning solos in the Autumn Music Concert. This was our first Autumn Music Concert in front of a live audience since 2019! A wonderful concert which the staff, students and audience really enjoyed.

Piano Solo **Louis Stephenson 13WI2**

Impromptu Op.142 (D.935) No.2 in A flat Major

Louis also sang in Senior Choir.

Vocal Solo **Daisy Osborne 13WO1**

On My Own by Claude-Michel Schönberg from Les Misérables

Daisy sang for the first time in front of an audience. She also played Tuba in Wind Band and Brass Ensemble, Tenor Saxophone in the Saxophone Ensemble and Function Band plus sang in Senior Choir and Sopraltos.

Vocal Solo **Katie Hughes 13WO2**

With You from Ghost

Katie also sang in Senior Choir and Sopraltos, sang as soloist in Function Band and played Flute in Wind Band and Flute Ensemble.

Piano Solo **Christopher Jacobs 13WO1** Piano Solo

Opening Night Jazz by Martha Mier

Christopher also sang in Senior Choir and played Piano in Function Band.

Charlie Mann 13CO2 (Trumpet), Cofi Nash 13BE2 (Euphonium) and Alfie Whetham 13BA1 (Trombone) performed in Wind Band, Brass Ensemble and Function Band plus **Cofi Nash** also played in the Flute Ensemble.

Lily Lawrence played Flute in Wind Band and Flute Ensemble.

Maddie Ralph 13BE1 made her debut Function Band performance as a soloist and sang in Senior Choir.

Juan Estrada 13BE1, Ethan Franklin 12BE2 and Max Chambers 12BE2 sang in Senior Choir.

Thank you for taking part.



The next session for Allied Healthcare Mentor's NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme is this **Sunday 6th November**. This programme is for students in years 10- 13 considering a career in healthcare. We encourage students to register as soon as possible for the next session this Sunday.

Students can register for Sunday's session using this link:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Health Education England's discovery report on virtual work experience programmes concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially in our current climate where in-person experiences remain extremely limited.

We kindly request you to forward this information to your students so that they can enrol on the programme in plenty of time before the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers in January.

This NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme is suitable for anyone considering:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
 - Dietetics
 - Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
 - Pharmacy

Once registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

All attendees are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day, allowing them to make informed decisions about their future careers.

Students can register throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Enquiry Form: <https://airtable.com/shrM6UPT8Z2uxx7OL>

Allied Healthcare Mentor Helpline: 01530 417299 (Open 10am - 5pm Monday - Friday)



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LOGICAL THINKER?**

WE MIGHT BE THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR YOU.

**SECURITY SERVICE
MI5** **SECRET
INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE MI6**

Software Engineering Apprenticeship
London or Greater Manchester area
London - £24,635
Manchester - £22,889

MI5 and MI6, are part of the UK's Intelligence Services. We work together to safeguard Britain's people, interests and businesses from various threats at home, overseas and online, including cyber-attacks, espionage, terrorism and organised crime. Working across our vital missions, you'll deliver impact at the heart of national security, all within a supportive and inclusive environment that allows everyone to thrive.

The Role

Joining us as a Software Engineering Apprentice, you'll have the opportunity to learn from software delivery teams that will offer you a unique insight into the work of the intelligence agencies. Through a variety of placements with your fellow apprentices, you'll help to build technology that catches criminals and improves our ability to tackle threats. Our work is constantly evolving, so you will too. Over the course of the three years, you'll become familiar with some of the world's most sophisticated electronic equipment and gain practical expertise that simply isn't available anywhere else. What's more, in addition to the hands-on experience you'll receive, we'll support you fully as you work towards a BSc Honours Degree in Digital and Technology Solutions.

About You

We don't expect you to know everything – in fact, we're looking for people who want to learn. But you should have a genuine interest in programming, problem solving or technology. You'll also need (or expect to have by September 2022) 72 UCAS points, and a minimum GCSE grade 4/C in English Language and maths – or equivalent functional skills (level 2). You might also have some understanding of

JavaScript, data storage technology or cloud technology – although it is definitely not essential.

As an organisation that values and nurtures talent, we're committed to helping you fulfil your potential. So you can expect excellent rewards and benefits, an inclusive workplace and supportive training.

At MI5 & MI6 diversity and inclusion are critical to our mission. To protect the UK, we need a truly diverse workforce that reflects the society we serve. This includes diversity in every sense of the word: those with different backgrounds, ages, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, ways of thinking and those with disabilities or neurodivergent conditions. We therefore welcome and encourage applications from everyone, including those from groups that are under-represented in our workforce such as women, those from an ethnic minority background, people with disabilities and those from low socio-economic backgrounds. Find out more about our culture, working environment and diversity on our website:

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/diversity>

<https://www.sis.gov.uk/explore-careers.html>

Ready to unlock your future? Click here to apply.

To be eligible to apply, you must be a British Citizen. One of your parents must be a British Citizen or must have the nationality or citizenship from our approved list of countries (further information on our eligibility criteria can be found here). If you hold dual nationality, of which one component is British, you will nonetheless be considered. Candidates must normally have been resident in the UK for seven out of the last ten years. This is particularly important if you were born outside the UK. You can apply at the age of 17 years, if successful you will not be offered a start date prior to your 18th birthday.



What is a Nuffield Research Placement

When? – During summer holidays after Year 12 (England, Wales & Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland).

How long? – 4-6 weeks in total. This includes independent study ahead of 2-3 weeks for the real-world placement collaboration activities.

What? – A well-supervised but independent placement relating to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths - or a combination!

Cost? – You can take part in a placement at no cost. Travel costs are reimbursed and you may also be eligible to receive a £200 subsidy.

Where? – Placements take place in a variety of locations including offices, museums, research centres, laboratories or fieldwork settings.

https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements/students?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=Start+your+application&utm_campaign=Secondary+STEM+newsletter+October+22&utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=Find%20out%20more&utm_campaign=STEM%20Inspiration%20November%202022#WhatisNRP

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/interviews/online-interviews>

Online interviews | Undergraduate Study

Interviews for 2023 entry (or deferred entry in 2024) will take place online, except for UK-based applicants to Trinity College.

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews>



Interviews | University of Oxford

Interviews will be held online in 2022 and the timetable is expected to be similar to the 2021 subject-specific timetable. Explore the information here to find out what to expect and how to prepare.

www.ox.ac.uk

Joy Bells

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Health Improvement Services
Live Well Swindon
Public Health
Swindon Borough Council
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www.swindon.gov.uk



Has been in contact asking for volunteers to support the vaccination clinics at STEAM.

Shifts are 5.5hrs and there are morning and afternoon shifts. This type of volunteering is great for students interested in Health Care roles in the future or great for evidencing your volunteering skills for DofE. Please contact Joy directly if you are interested.



We are letting you know about the exciting opportunity for current year 12 students, potentially interested in studying law at university, to attend the **Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference**. This is a four-day residential trip to Cambridge University, which aims to give students an insight into the study of Law and life as an undergraduate at Cambridge. It is organised

and run by seven current Law undergraduates, many of whom attended the Law Conference themselves and are passionate about giving other students the opportunity to have this experience.

The conference will run between the 27th-30th March

During the residential aspect of the conference, delegates will attend Cambridge style lectures, have the chance to meet current students and explore the city and colleges of Cambridge. Delegates will stay in college undergraduate accommodation, under the supervision of the Committee and college Porters. This arrangement has proved to be both safe and satisfactory over the past four decades and also helps to offer an extra aspect of life at Cambridge. All meals are provided. Whilst under appropriate supervision, delegates are given the time and the freedom to explore the city on their own and live life as if they were an undergraduate student.

200 delegates will attend the Conference this year, with a combination of funded and non-funded places available. For non-funded students, the Conference will cost £155, which covers both accommodation and food, but not travel. Only two non-funded places can be allocated to each school. This is on a first come-first-serve basis.

Eligibility for funded places can be found on our website, and any eligible student will have the cost of accommodation and food fully funded. Unfortunately, funding cannot be provided for travel costs to Cambridge.

More information can be found on the website, www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com, including a copy of the programme from last year and a contact form. **Applications for the Conference will open November 1st** and will close on **December 31st**.

Reading Scholars 2022/23

Year 12 Higher Education Experience

Well done to those of you who have already applied. Last chance today as closing date is this afternoon!!

The Reading Scholars programme aims to give Year 12 students a real taste of life as a university undergraduate, and provides practical support as participants begin their higher education application process. Comprising of 4 on-campus events (December, February, March and a residential in July) and featuring input from leading academics and current undergraduate mentors, the programme will challenge participants academically and enhance current studies. Activities include support from a current student mentor, university-style subject-specific and study skills sessions, and working towards an academic project

Costs:

All costs related to participation in the programme, including transport, lunch, refreshments and accommodation for on-campus events, are covered in advance for participating students, who will also get to take part in a range of fun team-building and social events.

Entry requirements:

Students participating in the programme will have achieved at least five GCSE's at grade 4 and above, and be on course to achieve good grades at A

Level or equivalent. The programme is targeted at students who fall into our priority groups (for example, young carers or family income of less than £25,000). **Read our full selection criteria here.**

Subjects available this year

- Archaeology and Classics
- Architecture
- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry, Food Science and Pharmacy
- Education
- English Literature

- Film
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages (French, German and Spanish)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Psychology
- Physical Geography and Environmental Science.

Applications close on Friday 4th November 2022

Apply Here:

https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4R68-ASP/reading-scholars-2023-application-form?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0



Degree Apprenticeships – A Guide for Sixth-Formers

Following last week's special programme on **degree apprenticeships** for Year 12 & 13 students and their parents, I wanted to let you know that the free **resources page** accompanying the programme is now available.

Click here for all the details:

<https://ngcc.highfliers.co.uk/resources-oct-2022/>

The resources page for the degree apprenticeship programme includes:

- the link to watch the full programme again, presented by Martin Birchall from **High Fliers Research** and Levi Jouval from the **BBC**
- clips of the individual interviews with current degree apprentices, apprenticeship recruiters and Clare Marchant, Chief Executive of **UCAS**
- copies of the slides from the presentations explaining 'What is a degree apprenticeship?', 'Which degree apprenticeships are available?', 'University or a degree apprenticeship?' and 'Where to find out more information on degree apprenticeships'
- full details of the degree apprenticeships and graduate programmes available at the employers featured on the programme – **BDO, Lloyds Banking Group, NHS, PwC, Rolls-Royce** and the **Royal Navy**
- listings for the employer showcase of **50 major UK employers** in different industries & business sectors who will be offering degree apprenticeship programmes in 2023



Apprenticeship Opportunities at Lloyds Banking Group

Register Now!



Discover everything you need to know about Lloyds Banking Group during our interactive event

On: 13th December 2022 at 6.30 - 7.15 pm

For: Students and parents of those in years 10 to 13. Career leaders and teachers are encouraged to join.

[Book your place today](#)

Join us to learn about apprenticeships at Lloyds Banking Group

- Hear from current apprentices - a day in the life of an audit and data apprenticeship
- Organisation insights including what skill sets Lloyds are looking for, their culture and values, how they want to build the bank of the future and where an apprenticeship with Lloyds could take you
- Discover apprenticeship opportunities
- PLUS a Q&A session, where you'll be able to ask questions directly to their recruitment teams

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lloyds-banking-group-apprenticeships-webinar-tickets-460154734197?aff=odeimchimp&goal=0_65c6d67e71-a89afd9406-211973597&mc_cid=a89afd9406&mc_eid=bd69c7df25