



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #89 11 November 2022



The entire school were able to assemble together in the street for a short remembrance ceremony led by Mrs Bell at 11am today. This is part of an ongoing effort to bring the school together as one

community when possible and honour those who have died in service. Many students wore their Cadet or service based youth group uniforms and the last post was played exquisitely by **Alfie Whetham**, with a break in tradition on the trombone rather than the trumpet.

Our Head boy **Alex Judge** represented the school in the service of remembrance at St Bart's church earlier today and both Head Students Alex and **Olivia Allen-Cotter** will be involved in the Royal Wootton Bassett Remembrance day parade in the High Street this Sunday.

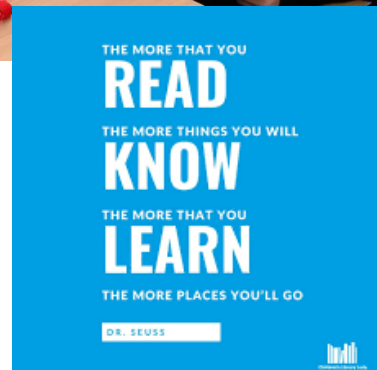




The Sixth Form reading mentors met their mentees this week and the reading mentor programme started with over 30 Sixth Form students working 1:1 with Year 7 students. A huge thank you to all who took part and for those of you who volunteered your help this week.



A book is a gift you can open again and again.
—Garrison Keillor



Money talks, so let's talk money!

Talk Money Week – 7-11 November

Year 12 students have been focussing on personal finance this week in ilearn as part of Talk Money week.

Year 13 students continue to work on their personal statements and UCAS applications. The deadline for these is 26th January.

UCAS



Can I remind all students and visitors to the school site that RWBA is a No smoking, No Vaping site.

Sixth Form students are requested to leave the school site and not hang around in the local area including bus stops or by the school gates if they choose to smoke. If you do choose to you are still representing the school and sanctions will be put in place if it is deemed, you are bringing the school into disrepute.

MOCK EXAMS

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SOON

Year 11 have been sitting their mock exams this week so there have been some venue changes for ilearn or lessons.

Year 13 BTEC mocks will take place on Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th November.

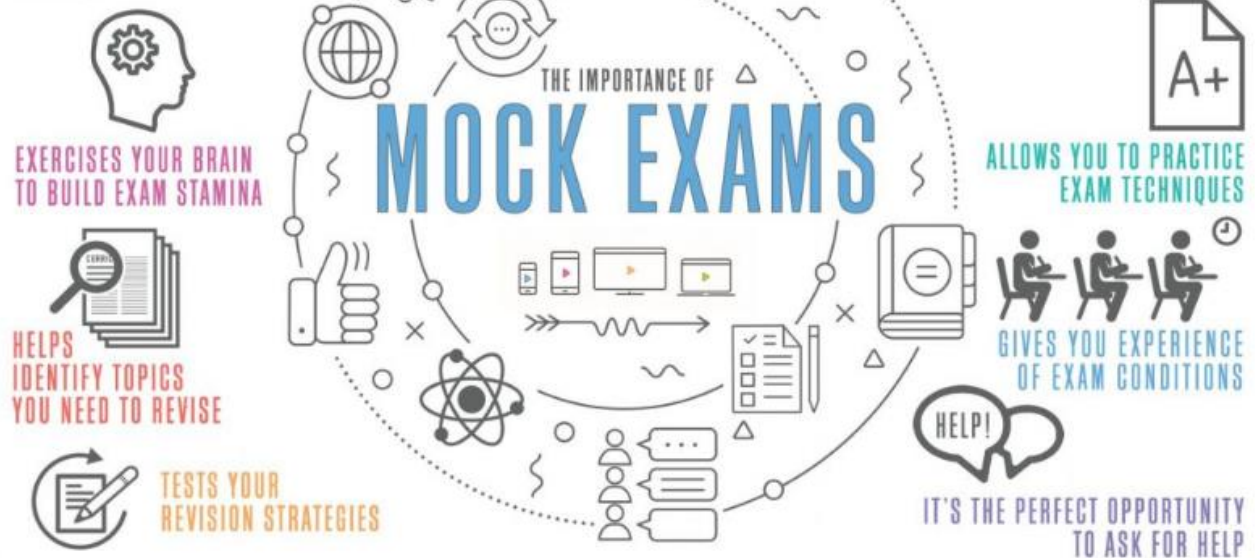
Year 13 A Level Mock exams will take place from Friday 2nd December – Friday 9th December.

Timetables including venues, seat numbers etc will be issued next week.

Also look out for the study leave details!

WHY ARE MOCKS GOOD FOR YOU?

Taking your Mock exams is rather like having a healthy diet or making the effort to exercise - you'll feel a lot better afterwards if you take it seriously!
Here's why





Can I ask that all parents ensure that if a student is going to be late to school or absent that they email abs@rwba.org.uk to report this as soon as possible.

This is the dedicated RWBA student absence line, if a student is not present and there is no reason received via this email address, truancy call will go out to parents.

If a Sixth Form student absence is known in advance please do inform Mrs Allen so that she can amend the registers.

95%	-	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	-	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	-	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	-	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Monday 14th November – Wear odd socks to school, raise awareness and celebrate being different. Just one activity to support anti bullying week.



This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and **reach out**
to stop bullying.

REACH

OUT

Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut

#HTFMEUS IS AN IMMERSIVE, ENRICHING, CREATIVE & COLLABORATIVE, NATIONAL HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROJECT – & RWBA NEEDS YOU!

RWBA has developed a project that is now embedded in almost 150 secondary schools across the country – based upon 'My Family, the Holocaust and Me' a BBC documentary feat. Robert Rinder MBE and his mother Angela.

We are looking for 12-25 Sixth Form students to get involved and lead by example.

- To join an after school group, facilitated by Mr Radford, and supported by Miss Wetherall (Nov 2022-Feb 2023)
- To bring your many talents, passions and skills: creativity, curiosity, leadership, innovation, civics, values, subject skills and interests, care, compassion, respect, empathy and more – to a project you can make your own.
- We need students who can work independently and as a team, can innovate, be creative, good researchers, effective communicators, open to new opportunities and ideas, think outside the box.
- To work with the BBC, UCL, Robert and Angela, national and international experts and collaborate with other schools within a project that is gaining national and international recognition.

If interested, please speak to Mr Radford to learn more, or email Miss Wetherall via nwetherall@rwb.org.uk by 4 November.



@RWBAHolocaust
#HtFMeUs

CHESS COMPETITION (ROUND 2)



WEDNESDAY

16

NOVEMBER

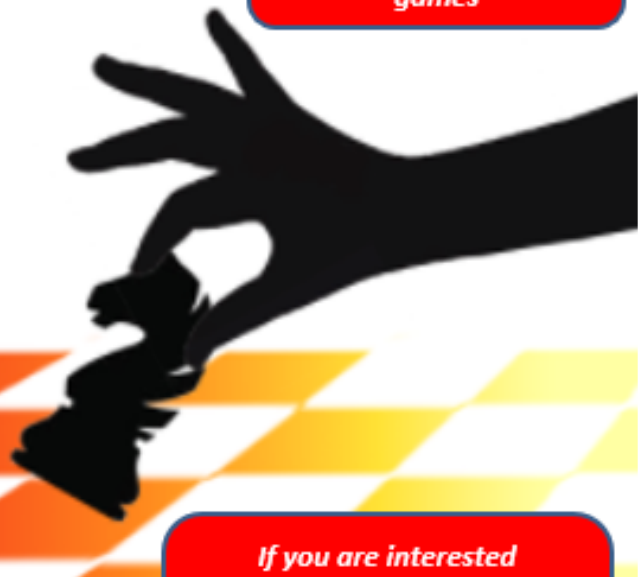
3.00 – 4.30 PM

**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).



If you're in Year 12 and looking to get into law we have a very special opportunity for you. How would you like to be personally mentored by some of the UK's top lawyers for not just a few weeks or months but for the course of a few years?

On top of that you will get guaranteed work experience and in-office events!

Our partners Charles Russell Speechlys have let us know that this year's Career Start Programme applications have just opened!

They are offering the chance for students in Cheltenham to undertake law work experience and be mentored by their team of legal experts.

It's a hybrid programme – with some sessions in person at their offices for mentoring and others online. For the work experience you'll need to be within reasonable travelling distance of the office.

We also want to emphasise that this is a 5 year programme – although the most contact time is in the first year including mentoring and work experience, you'll need to be willing to commit to participating over the 5 year period and keep Charles Russell Speechlys updated with your education, employment and contact details.

The mentoring module will run from January – April and is likely to be made up of around 8, 1 hour long sessions.^[SEP] Work experience will be 2 weeks over the Summer (these two weeks may not be consecutive)^[SEP]

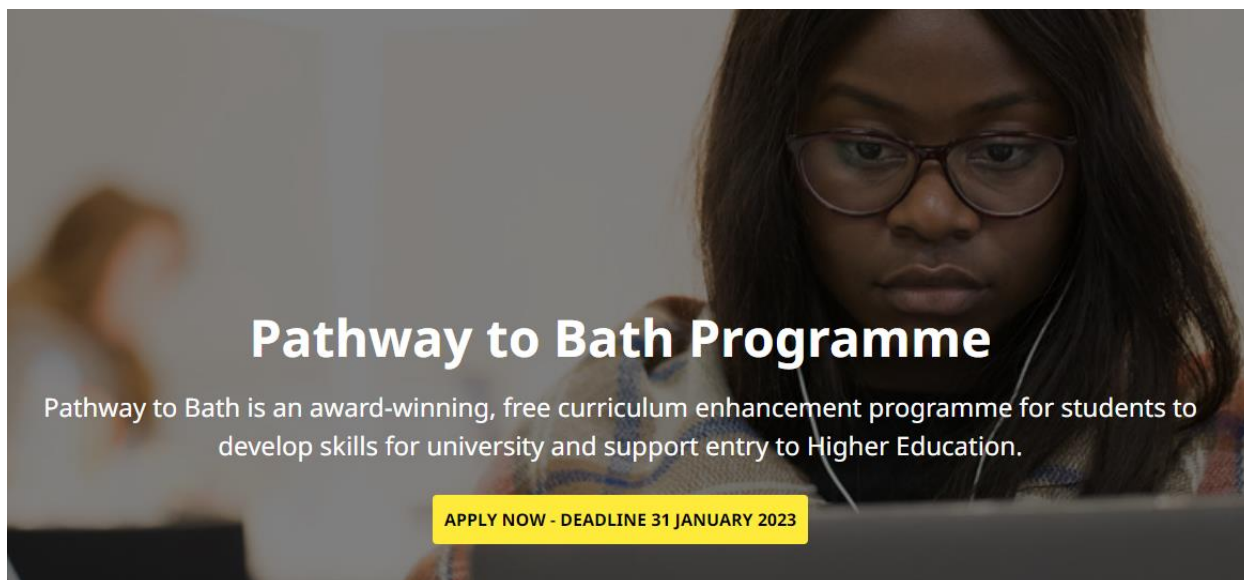
This is an incredible opportunity to learn about careers in the legal sector, to receive support from professionals and build employability skills

This kind of opportunity available to students is not just the best in the legal industry but perhaps within the entirety of the early careers space. The insights, knowledge and practical experience you'll gain from the direct access to top legal professionals that you'll have over the course of the entire programme will catapult your legal career forwards and enable you to build a personal, professional network with lawyers whilst you're still in school!

If you're based in or around Cheltenham and are interested in law then make sure to get your application in sooner rather than later! **The deadline to apply is Wednesday 16th November.**

Cheltenham Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CRS-Cheltenham-Application>



Pathway to Bath Programme

Pathway to Bath is an award-winning, free curriculum enhancement programme for students to develop skills for university and support entry to Higher Education.

APPLY NOW - DEADLINE 31 JANUARY 2023

We are so excited that applications for our next intake of Pathway to Bath are open now and **close 31 January 2023!**

This blended curriculum enrichment programme for Year 12 students from Widening participation backgrounds offers students

- The opportunity to complete a project in a subject of their choice alongside academic tutors and undergraduate e-mentors
- A free 3 day residential at the University of Bath
- The chance to receive an alternative offer to the University of Bath

The programme has been going from strength to strength and we offered over 400 students the chance to participate in the academic projects this year. Pathway to Bath was awarded “University Access Initiative of the Year” In the upReach Student Social Mobility Awards and we look forward to an even bigger and better 2023!

Click here to apply:

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00klrijz8n00ao1fkb28tg>



Burgess Salmon Law degree apprenticeship scheme has just opened up. Lick on the link to find out more.

<https://careers.burgess-salmon.com/jobs/vacancy/399/applicationlogin/>

About us

Burgess Salmon is an ambitious, sustainable and inclusive firm that ensures its clients, people and wider communities flourish.



Swansea
University
Prifysgol
Abertawe

November On Campus Open Day

19 November
10:00 - 16:00

We are holding our next on campus Open Day on Saturday 19 November for any students wanting to visit our campus in person.

[Book Open Day >](#)

Your students will have the opportunity to:-

- Find out about more about courses
- Chat to staff and current students studying their chosen subjects
- Take a campus tour of our fantastic campus and department facilities

Please encourage your students to attend open days by registering using the link below.

Click on the link to book: https://www.swansea.ac.uk/open-days/?utm_source=sprintprojectcentral&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ug_sro&utm_content=novopenday22

Virtual talks



Discover Cardiff is a free webinar series designed for Year 12 and Year 13 students who are interested in going to university.

Our Discover Cardiff programme offers a series of talks and advice sessions across a range of topics related to higher education. The sessions are tailored to guide you through the decision making process - from how to choose a course to what a day in the life of a university student looks like.

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days-visits/virtual-talks>



Apprenticeships are fantastic options, but with hundreds to choose from, where do you start?

Register for this free virtual careers event, perfect for students in Years 10-13 (and their parents) who are considering their options post-school.

Tuesday 22nd November from 5pm

Register and get free tickets here:

https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/?gator_td=Yx7XOJyR%2FcbCVyJJuuJK%2Be4O281vUrX3NI3RcHP9mckPqwhZ0nDKJN2L%2BOKHs5q5TNIQnNHNRq0qv9p28E512A4VPe7nM9QbMXWBEUJ5%2BigAzcvnL71VBq8v1l7RC1luUeedwf1WcL5m7M90cUymElcZUmxNdh5D%2Ff74mLRUOWNL7Oo1%2FIfHo4cNnbQ8XpVLe%2BvFYmQc6lyseHoSfsOA0JgB6m1FEjsZwwW2b6nvOtl%3D

HELLO THERE...

RateMyApprenticeship is the UK's leading jobs resource for young people seeking apprenticeships and school leaver schemes. Our website lists thousands of apprenticeships available in the UK where students can find out more and apply online. There are also reviews left by other apprentices on the companies they were employed by.

The purpose of this virtual event is for students in Years 10-13, those in college, teachers and parents to learn more about Apprenticeships. Students will hear from an array of companies throughout the evening including University of Law, KPMG, Roche and PwC and listen to discussions with a panel of current apprentices discussing their journey of discovering, applying for and gaining an apprenticeship. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions at the end of the session and participate in employability workshops which will include links to the Skills Builder Framework.

The event helps schools meet Gatsby Benchmarks 2,3,5 and 7.



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JOINING US ON THE EVENT



University of Law

The legal sector is changing rapidly and the need for rigorous, relevant and business-focused legal education and training has never been greater. ULaw delivers Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeships for those starting post-A Level and Solicitor Graduate Apprenticeships for those starting post-degree.

[Find out more](#)



PwC

PwC offers a variety of programmes for students and graduates to start creating their careers. They focus on your skills and passions, not just your degree and education.

[Find out more](#)



KPMG

KPMG's Apprenticeship programmes offer the chance to gain practical work experience and build core skills within their global network of firms. You'll be supported to achieve professional qualifications and accreditation's, such as diplomas and degrees, and earn a salary - all at the same time.

[Find out more](#)



Roche

Roche offers a variety of traineeships, rotational programmes, part-time jobs or direct-entry positions for graduates in different countries around the globe. You will gain insights into a global healthcare company where you can be guaranteed a successful start of your career. Take a look at the various opportunities available via the link below.

[Find out more](#)

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ALL THINGS APPRENTICESHIPS

There are hundreds of apprenticeships to choose from and RateMyApprenticeship is a **great resource to view current vacancies.**

Apprentices work for a minimum of 30 hours a week for 30 weeks a year. The structure of each apprenticeship can vary depending on the type of scheme and employer that you work for.

An apprentice's time is **split between full-time work with an industry leading company, and time spent studying for a qualification.** Some employers ask you to work four days a week and study for the fifth day, while others will ask you to attend college for a few weeks at a time, in-between periods spent working for the employer.

An **apprenticeship is a fantastic option for school leavers** because they finish their course with a qualification and relevant work experience.

If you thought it couldn't get any better, you were wrong. **Apprentices are paid for the duration of their apprenticeship.**

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WHY SHOULD YOU DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you're looking to start a career, and the thought of university bends your bones, an apprenticeship is a great alternative.

If you're the kind of person who wants to feel like you're **proactively up-skilling yourself and taking strides forward** in your development, **apprenticeship programs are something to seriously consider.**

While graduates leave university with a degree, their studies often **don't impart the skills** that employers look for. Degree programmes tend to be individual-centric. Apprentices on the other hand work in real **professional environments**; they develop the soft skills that entice employers.

On top of this, apprenticeships are designed by the employers to ensure that apprentices are developing the relevant skills for a job. Even if there isn't the promise of permanent position at the end of the course, apprentices are work-ready. They can make a **smooth transition between their apprenticeship and a skilled profession.**

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YOU'VE MADE YOUR MIND UP...

You've decided an Apprenticeship is for you - great! Now it's time to search for the right one. Use the [RateMyApprenticeship website](#) to browse through all current vacancies and filter based on your interests and skills.

So, you've found the perfect apprenticeship and written a CV fit for the job gods... Now it's time to apply.

The process usually begins with an [online application form](#), where you'll need to expand on everything you've put in your CV and cover letter.

Just like your CV, you want to make sure your application is the fairest of them all, and the following tips and tricks will help you do just that.

[Find out more](#)



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GET IN TOUCH


If you want to find out more or have any questions we'd love to hear from you!

james@rmpenterprise.co.uk

[RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk](https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)



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THE SUTTON TRUST US PROGRAMME GIVES STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE STUDYING IN THE US

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Sutton Trust US Programme is a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore what studying in the US is like. It will give you a taste of what it's like being an international student in the US and help you see if it could be the right fit for you. It's a fully-funded programme so we'll cover all costs, including travel, residential events, accommodation and food.

**EXPLORE US UNIVERSITIES
ON A WEEK LONG TRIP TO
THE US***

**LEARN ABOUT THE US
ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT
TWO RESIDENTIALS IN THE
SPRING**

**SUPPORT FROM EXPERT
ADVISERS THROUGHOUT THE
PROCESS**

**IN-DEPTH ADMISSIONS TEST
PREPARATION**

**GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND
TEACHERS**

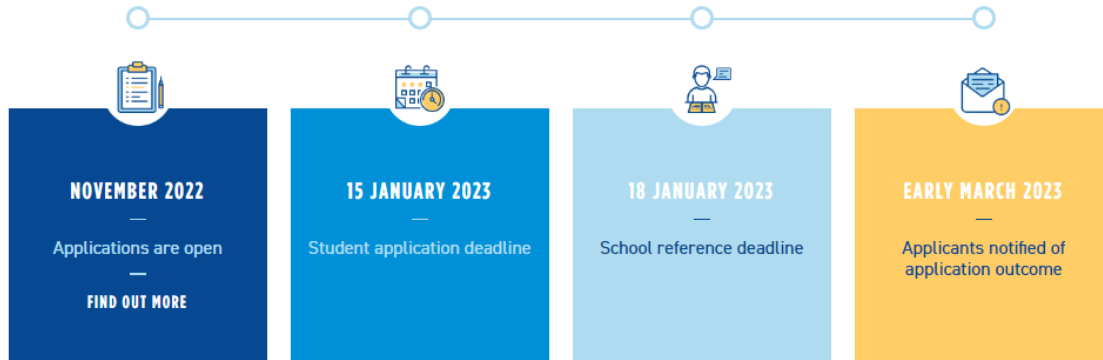
**MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE UK**

*As in previous years of the programme, we are currently planning to visit the US in July/August. However, due to COVID-19, the health and safety situation is constantly evolving and ensuring the wellbeing of our young people and staff is our top priority.

This may mean we need to adjust our plans, and possibly deliver US weeks in a virtual format. If you are accepted onto the programme we will provide further details regarding US weeks.

APPLYING TO THE SUTTON TRUST US PROGRAMME

Applications for the 2023 programme are open until 15 January 2023.



Apply Here:

<https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/2023usprogramme>



What is on with Pathway CTM in November? 🌟

As always login to Pathway CTM for more details:

<https://pathwayctm.com/login/>

PATHWAY CTM

'GET INTO'
**Finance,
 Banking &
 Professional
 Services**

Join us at AFC Wimbledon alongside...

UBS **HSBC** **KPMG**

IN PERSON, LONDON

🤖 Insight events for students that are coming up 🤖

Insight Event with Accenture

PATHWAY CTM

[Insight Event with Accenture](#)

📅 Tue 22 Nov 2022

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 Virtual

INSIGHT EVENT WITH DELOITTE

PATHWAY CTM

Deloitte.

[Insight Event with Deloitte](#)

📅 Wed 23 Nov 2022

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 Virtual

INSIGHT EVENT WITH KPMG

PATHWAY CTM

KPMG

[Insight Event with KPMG](#)

📅 Tue 29 Nov 2022

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 Virtual

VIRTUAL INSIGHT EVENT WITH PwC

PATHWAY CTM

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[Insight Event with PwC](#)

📅 Tue 10 Jan 2023

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 Virtual

Opportunities for students that are closing soon! 🗓️

[Financial Support Manager Apprenticeship](#)

👛 HSBC

📍 Leicester

🗓️ Closing Date: 13-11-2022

[Customer Services Apprenticeship 2023](#)

👛 HSBC

📍 Multiple Locations

🗓️ Closing Date: 20-11-2022

[Customer Services Contact Centre Apprenticeship 2022](#)

👛 HSBC

📍 Multiple Locations

🗓️ Closing Date: 20-11-2022

[Starbucks Team Member Apprenticeship](#)

👛 SSP

📍 Glasgow

🗓️ Closing Date: 15-12-2022

📄 Application Clinics 📄

Designed to help your students get into those apprenticeships/jobs.



PwC Application Clinic – Manchester

📅 Thur 17 Nov 2022

🕒 17:30-18:30

📍 Manchester



Physical Application Clinic with Accenture

📅 Thur 1 Dec 2022

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 London



PwC Application Clinic – Belfast

📅 Tue 13 Dec 2022

🕒 17:30-18:30

📍 Belfast



HSBC Virtual Application Clinic

📅 Thur 23 Feb 2023

🕒 18:00-19:00

📍 Virtual

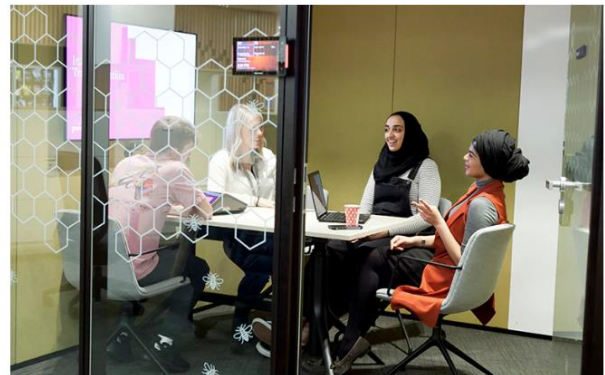


Flying Start degree programmes

Earn. Learn. Fulfil your potential.

Our Flying Start degree programmes offer you the opportunity to start a career and gain a degree at the same time.

Join us in **Accounting**, **Business Management** or **Technology**, where you can earn a salary and fast-track your career while studying for your chosen subject. Whichever programme you choose, you'll work on a range of projects in a culture that embraces difference and encourages you to think imaginatively. At PwC we want you to feel challenged, to grow and to flourish. You'll have the opportunity to make an impact, being the difference to our clients from day one.



Applications are now open for our new Manchester-based Technology Degree Apprenticeship.

Apply today

<https://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/job/17051489/tech-degree-apprenticeship-ada-college-manchester-autumn-2023-manchester-gb/>



The much anticipated free virtual Get into Dentistry Conference is on **this Saturday 12th November (11:30am - 4:30pm)**, and your students are invited! Please note that registrations close tomorrow, so any interested students should register as soon as possible.

Registration link: <https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

This is fantastic opportunity to hear a step-by-step guide to the UCAS application process from Chief Mentor and Dentist, Dr Alicia Mead. Dental Students and Scholars will also join the conference to share their best advice for getting into Dental School.

Dr Alicia Mead and all Dental Students will be taking questions throughout the conference, so we highly encourage students to make the most out of this free opportunity.

We created a Get into Dentistry leaflet to distribute among your students, they just need to scan the QR code to register: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Updated-GID-Brochure.pdf>

Once students have attended, they will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Dental Mentor.

Dr Alicia Mead will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Dental Schools
 - CV Building
 - Personal Statements
 - Interview Schools

- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
 - Accessing Work Experience
- UCAT and BMAT - Entrance Exams to Dental School
 - Accessing Scholarships

Registration closes tomorrow, so students should secure their place as soon as as they can using the link below:

Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

QR Code Brochure:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Updated-GID-Brochure.pdf>

Please note that all students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

For aspiring Doctors and Vets, there are still spaces available for our Get into Medicine and Get into Veterinary Medicine Conferences. Please find the registration and leaflet links below.

GET INTO MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Get into Medicine Conference Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>

Leaflet: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/FINAL-Updated-GIM-Brochure-compressed.pdf>

GET INTO VETERINARY MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Get into Veterinary Medicine Conference with Dr James & Dr May Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnI2>

Leaflet: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/GIV-Brochure-.pdf>



SPORTS COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

WANT A CAREER IN SPORTS COACHING?

Soccer and Sporting Excellence Academy are looking for committed and professional applicants based around Swindon and the surrounding Wiltshire area who are seeking to start a career in coaching.

This is a great opportunity to work within our existing development centres, school programmes and holiday sports camps along with learning and developing amongst other coaches.

**FLEXIBLE HOURS
TO WORK
ALONGSIDE
EXISTING JOBS**

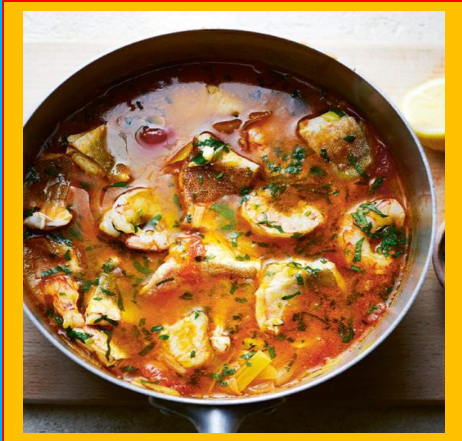


CONTACT US TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

Please contact Ian Howell or Matt Cosnett for any interest upon a position: 07818 007126 or email: ianhowell@soccerexcellence.co.uk mattcosnett@soccerexcellence.co.uk or visit: www.soccerexcellence.co.uk



Fishermans Soup



Just What you need on these cold November Days!

Takes about 20 minutes to cook, Serves 4

You can even make your own fish stock by using the prawn shells, a clove of garlic, onion, celery and some herbs and seasoning in water heated up and cooked for 10 mins beforehand (sieve off the liquid and use

Ingredients:



3 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 3 celery sticks, finely chopped
 3 garlic cloves, finely sliced
 Pinch chilli flakes, or 1 red or green chilli, sliced
 5 plum tomatoes, finely chipped, or 400g tin plum tomatoes, drained and chopped
 600 ml fish or vegetable stock
 100 ml dry white wine or additional fish or vegetable stock
 500g firm, white sustainable fish, cut into 2-3 cm pieces
 200g peeled, raw prawns or 500g clams or mussels, cleaned
 Juice ½ lemon, small orange or lime
 ½ bunch flatleaf parsley, dill, tarragon, coriander or basil leaves, finely chopped

STEP 1: Heat olive oil in a wide, shallow saucepan (one with a lid) over a low medium heat. Add the onion and celery, cook for 8-10 minutes until soft but not coloured. Add the garlic and chilli flakes/slices and cook for 2 minutes more.

STEP 2: Add the tomatoes, season, then turn up the heat to medium. Cook for another 3—5 minutes until rich and thickened.

STEP 3: Pour in the stock and wine/additional stock, turn up the heat to high and bring to a fast boil. Add the fish, turn down the heat to medium, then cover with a lid and simmer until the fish is opaque and just cooked through (about 5-7 minutes). Add the shellfish for the final 2 minutes of the cooking time, cooking until the prawns have turned opaque or the clams or mussels have opened.

STEP 4: Check the seasoning, then add the citrus juice and remove the pan from the heat.

STEP 5: Serve in bowls and scatter with the herbs, adding a drizzle of olive oil to each serving. Serve with warm crusty bread. ENJOY!

