



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #94
16 December 2022**



The Class of 2022 celebration event went live this week. Students from the class of 2022 are invited to return to school on

Friday 6th January 3.30 – 5.30 to Celebrate with Tea and Cake and most importantly collect their official A level and BTEC certificates and view their trophies and awards.



Year 13 Parent evening will take place virtually on Monday 9th January. Bookings open at 4pm today. An email has been sent to parents with all the details but the booking site can also be access via this link.

<https://rwba.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

BTEC external exams are in the first two weeks of January. **Good luck with your preparation.**





**Year 12 assessments start on
20th January**

CHRISTMAS spirit week

Many thanks for entering into the Christmas Spirit and supporting RWBA Sixth Form Christmas Spirit week.



A lovely week of events, raising the profile of Sixth Form across the school and a great opportunity to come together have some fun and raise some money for the Sixth Form charity.





Sixth Form Charity – Action Aid



This week the students have raised £47.08 from their Tombola Stall at the MFL Christmas Market and £62.33 from the Christmas Bake Sale.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRAND TOTAL OF £109.41

Thank you to everyone who made, brought, sold and eat cakes today – every little really does help.





This will be enough for the charity to purchase 6 Shelter Kits (£18.00) or 3 Essentials Kit (£30) packs

In the wake of an emergency or disaster, a shelter kit gift could provide a family with the materials they need to create a safe place to sleep while they rebuild their lives.

The Essentials Kit can help a woman or girl to stay safe, providing supplies like clean clothes, underwear, menstrual products and a torch.

If you want to find out more on how to donate a gift please check out the website.

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/charity-gifts>





POETRY BY HEART

Mr Burrett is looking to provide an opportunity for Sixth Form students who are interested in developing oral literacy.

If you are interested, please make contact with Mr Burrett in the English department for more details.

Mock Trial Club

Aimed at those interested in law, but others would be welcome. The club would run on a weekly basis with the following structure:

Week A – Roles Distributed and Case information given out. Preparation time.

Week B – The Mock Trial

Not only would this benefit law students, but it would also allow people to become more confident speaking in more formal settings, or to larger crowds of people.



Look out for more details I the new year.

Winter Driving Tips





INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE
to 8-10 seconds when driving on icy, slippery surfaces.



WHEN DRIVING UP AND DOWN HILLS,
observe how other vehicles are reacting and maintain safe distance.



STEER AND BRAKE
with smooth, careful, and precise movements rather than quick, jerky motions.



DRIVE IN THE LANE
that's been most recently plowed, and avoid changing lanes unless necessary.



DO NOT USE CRUISE CONTROL
when driving on any slippery surface.



TAKE EXTRA CARE
when driving on shaded spots, bridges, overpasses, and intersections.

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With lots of new drivers in the Sixth Form please take extra care when driving in new weather conditions.

Keeping safe in adverse weather

Driving in adverse weather



2x
When the roads are wet, stopping distances more than double.



10x
In icy weather, stopping distances can be up to 10 times as long as normal.



Driving in snow
When driving in snow, drive at a slow speed in as high a gear as possible; accelerate and brake very gently.



Driving in wet weather
Hydroplaning is made more likely by under-inflated tyres, so keep yours checked.



Driving in strong winds
Be careful driving in strong winds, particularly if you're working with (or passing) HGVs or trailers.



Driving in fog
In fog, avoid high beam as it can reflect back, reducing vision.

Your car



Make sure your car is Winter-ready. Make sure it's serviced, with at least 3mm of tyre thread and all your fluids topped up.

What to pack



Pack winter essentials: blanket, torch, wellies, de-icer, ice-scraper, spade and emergency warning triangle.

Working in adverse weather



Storms and high winds
Storms and high winds might make working safely outside impossible—particularly when working at height.



Commuting
Employees may take longer getting into work during adverse weather. Consider flexible or home working.



PPE and clothing
Staff should be provided with suitable PPE and clothing, including clothing for cold and wet weather.



Working alone
In higher-risk conditions, staff should work in pairs and/or should be provided with panic alarms.

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Bobby Seymour is now the
elected Deputy Member of
Youth Parliament for
Wiltshire.

Congratulations Bobby





We are so so proud and excited to announce that our current BTEC Level 3 Engineering student, Piper Shaw, has been recognised in a prestigious national competition and has won the Bronze BTEC Learner of the Year Award.

The Engineering department state that 'Piper is an absolute pleasure to teach, always striving to do her best and is a great support to other students in the class'.

A photograph of Professor Dame Sue Black, a woman with curly red hair, wearing a blue top and a patterned scarf, sitting in a purple upholstered lecture hall. The text 'CHRISTMAS LECTURES' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

CHRISTMAS LECTURES

Professor Dame Sue Black will reveal the secrets of forensic science in the 2022 CHRISTMAS LECTURES from the Royal Institution, at 8pm on BBC Four on the 26th Dec, 27th Dec and 28th Dec.

The CHRISTMAS LECTURES are the world's leading science lectures for young people and have been inspiring children and adults alike since 1825. In our 2022 lecture, Professor Dame Sue Black will reveal the secrets of forensic science.

Initiated by Michael Faraday when organised education for children was scarce, the CHRISTMAS LECTURES established an exciting new way of presenting science to young people.

The Lectures have continued annually since 1825, stopping only during World War II. World-famous scientists have given the Lectures, including Nobel Prize winners William and Lawrence Bragg, Sir David Attenborough, Carl Sagan and Dame Nancy Rothwell

First broadcast in 1936, the CHRISTMAS LECTURES is the oldest science television series. They have been broadcast every year since 1966 on the BBC and in later years on Channel Five, Channel Four and more4. In 2010, the Lectures returned to BBC Four.

Look forward to the 2022 CHRISTMAS LECTURES



Life-changing careers at the NHS

Have your students considered what a career as a nurse might look like? Nursing is one of the most life-changing careers out there, offering students an entire world of possibilities. Working in nursing, you can change lives every day. Plus, with **£5,000 available to nursing students for each year of study**, there's never been a better time to start your journey!

https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/we-are-the-nhs/registration?utm_source=Success+at+School&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=success+at+school&utm_id=We+Are+The+NHS&utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=e247b846b7-EMAIL+CAMPAIGN+2022+11+14+10+00+COPY+01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_65c6d67e71-e247b846b7-211973597&goal=0_65c6d67e71-e247b846b7-211973597&mc_cid=e247b846b7&mc_eid=bd69c7df25

We are nurses

Nurses are highly skilled and motivated professionals. Their work is specialist and can involve anything from performing medical procedures, conducting clinical research and creating treatment plans for patients. NHS nurses can choose to work across a wide range of different settings, from hospitals and GP practices to visiting patient's homes, schools and prison settings too.

The most popular way into a career in nursing is via a nursing degree programme. However, there are other ways into roles with the NHS, such as apprenticeships. A nursing degree is the UK's most employable type of degree with 94% of graduates getting a job within six months of finishing their course.

Take this quiz to find out which NHS nursing role might be best suited to.

https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/we-are-the-nhs/nursing-careers?utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=e247b846b7-EMAIL+CAMPAIGN+2022+11+14+10+00+COPY+01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_65c6d67e71-e247b846b7-211973597&goal=0_65c6d67e71-e247b846b7-211973597&mc_cid=e247b846b7&mc_eid=bd69c7df25



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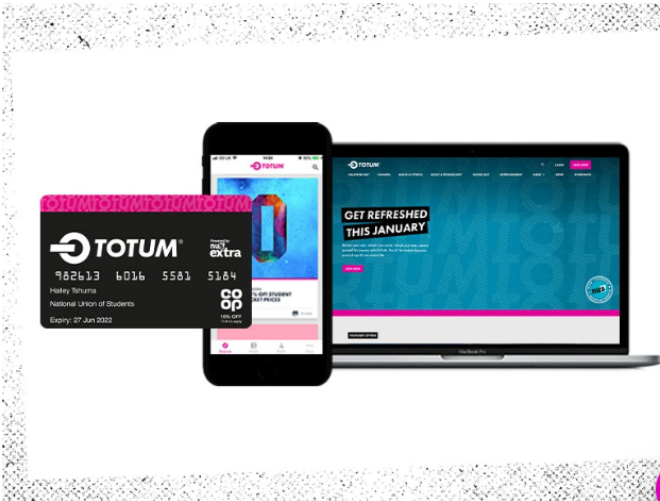
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GET STARTED TODAY





Happy holidays! Before schools break up for a very well-earned rest, your students in years 10 - 13 are invited to register for next year's NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience Programme.

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

The next virtual work experience session is on **Sunday 8th January 2023**. This will give students the opportunity to gain healthcare work experience just in time for the **final UCAS deadline on Wednesday 25th January**.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience programme successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are interested in the

following careers:

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

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

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

Students 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. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

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. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time 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.

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

We would be very grateful if you could forward these details to your interested students so they can participate in the next work experience day on **Sunday 6th January**.



Department of Materials

University of Oxford

We have a few events coming up in the new year that I would like to share with you. In summary, our upcoming events include:

- [Materials Science Open Days](#) (16th & 17th February, 14th & 15th March)
- [EMPower Oxford programme](#) for Y10 students of Black heritage (application deadline 8th January)
- [EDT Insight into University summer residential](#) (formerly known as 'Headstart', application deadline 3rd January).

In addition, applications for Oxford University's access programme, [UNIQ](#), have just opened, so please encourage your students to apply!

Full details for these events and programmes are below:

Materials Science Open Days

When: 16th February, 14th & 15th March – in person
17th February - online

Where: Department of Materials/Online (Zoom webinar)

Audience: Y11 & Y12

What: Day long Materials Science Open Day for prospective students in Y11 & Y12

Registration required: In person days – [register here](#)

Online day – [register here](#)

More details: Join us for the day to find out what it's like to study Materials Science at Oxford. You can experience lectures, tour the department, meet our students, and more! We have both in person and online events so you can choose which best suits you.

More information: www.materials.ox.ac.uk/materials-science-open-days

EMPower Oxford

When: March – May 2023, with a residential in Oxford 16th-18th March 2023

Where: Online & residential in Oxford

Audience: Y10 students of Black heritage interested in science

What: a programme for Year 10 students of Black heritage, covering Engineering, Materials Science, and Physics through a series of online workshops and a residential visit to Oxford.

Registration required: Fill in [this form](#) to apply – **deadline 8th January 2023**

More details: Are you considering studying science, but aren't really sure about what your next steps should be? Join us to explore some of your options and lay the foundations for success. The programme is completely free to take part in, and runs over March - May 2022, with a residential in Oxford from 16th-18th March 2023.

Applications are open now - but hurry! The deadline to apply is 23:59 on 8th January 2023.

For more information and to apply: <http://bit.ly/empoweroxford>

Insight into University – Materials at Oxford Residential Course

When: Monday 19th June - Friday 23rd June 2023

Where: Residential in Oxford

Audience: Y12 UK students

What: a 5 day academic residential focussing on Materials Science at Oxford University

Registration required: Fill in [this form](#) to apply – **deadline 3rd January 2023**

More details: Insight into University residential courses are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings. These courses provide a great way for students to try out university life, help them make an informed decision for their UCAS application and meet like-minded students from all around the UK.

For this 5 day (4 night) residential in Oxford, students will experience an Undergraduate academic programme, with lectures, practical laboratory work, a trip to a local scientific facility, group projects, and more!

For more information and to apply:

Insight into University residential courses: <https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university>

Oxford Materials

course: <https://www.etrust.org.uk/materialsscienceatuniversityofoxford>



UNIQ

Audience: Y12 students from UK state schools

Applications close 23rd January – apply by clicking on this link

<https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/apply2023/>

Details: UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for state school students. What started in 2010 as a residential summer school is now an extended programme of support for students incorporating both an online programme and an in person residential academic module over the summer – all completely free. The Department of Materials are pleased to offer an academic module to students interested in Materials Science at Oxford, including an exciting programme of lectures, tutorials, practicals, and more.

More information: [www.uniq.ox.ac.uk]www.uniq.ox.ac.uk



REGISTER BY 12TH JANUARY FOR AN

Insight to Siemens Apprenticeships

Join current apprentices, hiring managers and recruiters for an insight into Apprenticeships at Siemens Mobility on 19th January at Siemens Chippenham between 5pm and 9pm.

Network with hiring managers, discuss apprenticeship opportunities with our recruiters and request a follow-up interview.

[siemens.co.uk/insight](https://www.siemens.co.uk/insight)



SIEMENS

Siemens Mobility has some exciting news to share with a unique opportunity to join us for our **Apprenticeship Insight Evening Event** on **Thursday 19th January, from 5pm to 9pm at our Chippenham site**. This opportunity is for Year 11 and Year 13 students only.

Students and parents/guardians are invited for an insight into the Siemens Apprenticeship Programmes on offer from Summer 2023. They will gain an insight into the key work Siemens Mobility does within the railway industry and the apprenticeship offering we provide. This unique opportunity allows students to network and connect with hiring managers, to discuss the array of opportunities at Siemens and how the apprenticeship programmes benefit both learners and the wider business.

We've created a [Microsoft Sway](#) which students can use to find out more information, and sign-up to the event. Please note, we only have around 40 student places per event due to venue capacity, and the **sign-up deadline for the Chippenham event is 12th January.**

The short-link to sign up is www.siemens.co.uk/insight.



All Year 13 applicants for UCAS must be completed **before the final deadline of 25th January.** Please use the next two weeks to finalise your personal statement and check through your application ready for us to provide references. When you have

completed all screens, please pay and then control will move over to us in the Sixth Form team for final checking and references.

Please allow us enough time to collate your references from staff!!



Merry
Christmas



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