



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #95
6 January 2023**



Happy New Year to all.

At this time of year it is good to reflect and consider new challenges but let's not be distracted by adding things to our already busy lives!!

What ever you decide to do be the best you can be.



“For a change, don't add new things in your life as a new year's resolution. Instead, do more of what's already working for you and stop doing things that are time-waste.”

On 16 December we held a 'Bake Off' Competition for students to enter their lovely festive cupcakes and biscuits. These were then sold as part of the Bake Sale. Congratulations to all our students who submitted an entry.



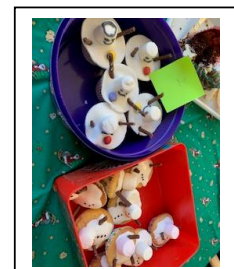
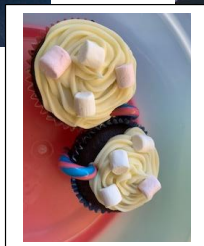
Our Bake Off Winner:
Andrea Kwong
For her Shortbread Festive Stars.
Well Done Andrea!



Runner Up:
Daisy Osborne



Runners Up with their
Joint Entry:
Derin Gunal, Janine
Guttieri, Pearly Bhalani



The Judges were very Impressed with all the entries – see the examples of some of the entries.



Year 13 Parent evening will take place virtually on Monday 9th January. Bookings close at 12noon on Monday. 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 start next week.

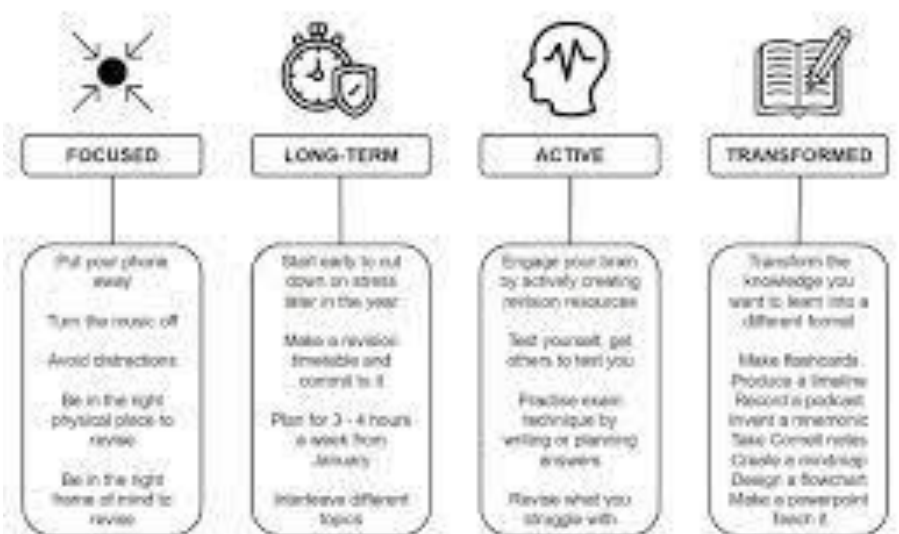
Good luck.



Year 12 assessments start on 20th January.



As discussed in ilearn this week make your revision effective.



**BBC RADIO
WILTSHIRE**

The sound of Wiltshire

Listen on  **SOUNDS**

Production Fast Track Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship is an exciting opportunity for anyone who is passionate about content and looking for their first step into the media industry.

BBC Radio Wiltshire is seeking applications for students to join our apprenticeship team.

They can apply before they are 18 but need to be 18 once they start working.

I have attached the link to the BBC website.

Apply asap and choose "SWINDON".

Production Fast Track Apprenticeship - Careers (bbc.co.uk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/production/fast-track/?scrlybrkr=f260fbc5>



Begin 2023 with a very exciting free opportunity for aspiring dentists.

Applications are now open to Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP), the only national Medical Leadership programme in the UK! All MLP members receive free virtual teaching and mentoring to help them become leaders in Dentistry. This is a fantastic addition to their UCAS application and CV!

The deadline to apply is midnight on **Friday 20th January**:

<https://airtable.com/shrTEjnrpWHDwkn6W>

As part of their MLP application, students are required to attend the free, virtual Get into Dentistry conference, with the next one on **Saturday 14th January**. This conference will provide a full guide to the UCAS application process for dental school.

All students Yr10 - 12 can register for free here:

<https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

Our media team have also put together a Get into Dentistry conference brochure:

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

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Dental Schools
 - CV Building
 - Personal Statements
 - Interviews
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
 - Accessing Work Experience
- UCAT and BMAT - Entrance Exams to Dental School
 - Accessing Scholarships

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

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

QR Code Brochure:

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

These are two rare and exciting opportunities for students considering a career in Dentistry,



We are looking to attract local top talent to our business and provide them with not only an opportunity to kick-start their professional career, but an opportunity to study and gain invaluable work experience at a FTSE-100 financial services business.

For Year 12 students, our Internship vacancies for summer 2023 are a fantastic way to gain work experience that employers and universities are seeking on applicant CV's and in interviews. Substantial work experience is a huge asset to students that make their applications stand out from others. Our Interns get to experience what working in a corporate environment is like and are fast-tracked through the Apprenticeship application process (for a role of their choice) if successful, for once they finish their studies.

For Year 13 students- Apprentices are able to complete prestigious qualifications such as Accountancy, Financial Adviser exams, Actuarial Technician, Business Administration, a number of Risk specific qualifications, to become qualified professionals in an area that they apply for. These qualifications are funded by SJP and so Apprentices do not acquire any student debt. The apprenticeship programme is also a brilliant entry route into competitive professions and business areas such as Investments, Risk, Actuarial, Finance and Business Development & Advice. Previous apprentices have gone on to become:

- Investment Analysts
- Financial Advisers
- Risk Analysts
- Operations Managers
- Technical Experts (eg Tax & Trust)

- Accountants
- Qualified Actuaries

Apprenticeships

Our Apprenticeship programme at SJP is a brilliant way to kick start your career once you have completed your A-levels/BTEC triple award or equivalent. Candidates must hold GCSE Maths and English at a C/5 grade. We have a huge variety of opportunities around the business including Risk, Investments, Private Clients, Property, Finance and more. You are able to study whilst you working, completing a level 3+ qualification, with opportunities to further study once completed the programme. Apprentices are paid £18,155 and are hired on a permanent contract.

Applicants must be in their final year of Sixth Form/College to apply.

Internships

Our Sixth Form Internships are a great insight into what it may be like to work as an Apprentice in the financial services industry. The internship is a 4-week paid opportunity in either our Partner Lending team or in our Business Development & Advice team. This internship will provide you with invaluable work experience that will set you up for your future career and is also a pathway into our Apprenticeship programme. Successful interns will fast track the application process for an apprenticeship role of their choice (of those available).

Applicants must be in their penultimate year of Sixth Form/College and will have a desire to pursue an Apprenticeship with us.

If you have any questions or issues with applying, please contact the team using the email: early.careers@sjp.co.uk

Please find the 2023 Apprentice and Intern opportunities by following the link: <https://sjp.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/4/home?c=sjp> [sjp.csod.com]

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Pathway to Bath

Free online curriculum enrichment for
Year 12 students

Develop your skills by completing a project on a topic that you enjoy, and join us on campus for a summer residential

Applications open 5 October 2022
and close 31 January 2023



Find out more and apply now:

www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme



Just a quick reminder that applications to our [Pathway to Bath](#) programme will now and close soon on **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 a reduced 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!

This is a fantastic opportunity and one that many students from RWBA have been involved in. Any questions, get in touch at pathway@bath.ac.uk.



University College Year 12 Subject Study Days

Law and PPE Study Day

Wednesday 9 March 2023 – Applications now open

Considering Social Sciences at University? Or can't make up your mind between Politics, philosophy, Economics and Law? University College Oxford is offering a study day for 60 Year 12 students. The day will include lectures and workshops in PPE or Law from Uni's tutors and graduate students. The day will be a valuable opportunity to help you choose a subject for university, as well as engage with subjects you are interested beyond your school curriculum. Alongside this, you'll get the opportunity for an insight into life at University College through College tours with undergraduates and lunch in our dining hall.

To apply you will need to fill in an online application form. This is available on [the College's website](#) along with a provisional programme for the day. **The deadline is 31 January 2023.** One section of the form entails submitting a name and email address of a teacher who will support your application for this day. Please check your teacher is happy to do this before submitting their details.

Classics, English and History Study Day

Wednesday 22 February – Applications now open

Are you considering studying English or History at University? University College, Oxford is offering a subject study day for 60 Year 12 students from UK schools to explore their subject interests. There will be lectures from the College's Classics, English and History academics followed by an in-depth discussion session in either Classic, English or History. The day will be a valuable opportunity to help you decide on a degree subject, as well as explore these subjects beyond your school curriculum. Alongside this, you'll get the opportunity for an insight into life at University College through tours with undergraduates and lunch in our dining hall.

To apply you will need to fill in an online application form. This is available [the College's website](#) along with a provisional programme for the day. **The deadline is 22 February 2023.** One section of the form entails submitting a name and email address of a teacher who will support your application for this day. Please check your teacher is happy to do this before submitting their details.

Medical Sciences Study Day

Wednesday 1 March – Applications now open

Are you considering studying Medical sciences at University? University College, Oxford is offering a subject study day for 60 Year 12 students from UK schools to explore their subject interests. There will be lectures from the College's Medical Sciences academics followed by an in-depth discussion session in the subjects on offer for the day. The day will be a valuable opportunity to help you decide on a degree subject, as well as explore these subjects beyond your school curriculum. Alongside this, you'll get the opportunity for an insight into life at University College through tours with undergraduates and lunch in our dining hall.

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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/>



Don't miss our upcoming insight webinars for students, parents and career leaders!

You'll learn about apprenticeship opportunities across the UK's leading companies, hear from current apprentices and ask questions directly to recruiting managers. We'll be hosting webinars with **bp, CBRE, National Audit Office and Jaguar Land Rover.**

Find out more and sign up through the links below.

Real Estate apprenticeships with CBRE

CBRE has opportunities for everyone and so come and find out what is available at the world's largest Commercial Real Estate firm and help shape the future of the real estate.

The CBRE logo, consisting of the letters 'CBRE' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

On: 24th January 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/real-estate-apprenticeships-webinar-with-cbre-tickets-482282659417?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=62d9ba1943&scrllybrkr=f260fbc5&mc_eid=bd69c7df25&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62d9ba1943-211973597

Accountancy apprenticeships with the National Audit Office



Find out about their successful Chartered Accountancy training scheme open to school leavers and gain a professional qualification combined with real work experience.

On: 31st January 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/accountancy-apprenticeships-webinar-with-the-national-audit-office-tickets-477987502487?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=62d9ba1943&mc_eid=bd69c7df25&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62d9ba1943-211973597

Apprenticeship opportunities with bp

Explore careers within Software Development, Cyber Security, HR, Trading, Shipping and more! These opportunities are available only for students studying in Greater London.



On: 18th January 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-opportunities-webinar-with-bp-tickets-476470785947?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=62d9ba1943&mc_eid=bd69c7df25&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62d9ba1943-211973597

Apprenticeships at Jaguar Land Rover - Become the Future of Movement



The evolution of vehicles has never been more exciting. Find out more about apprenticeship opportunities, get hints & tips for your applications, and hear from current apprentices about why they think Jaguar Land Rover is the perfect place to start your career.

On: 8th February 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

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

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeships-at-jaguar-land-rover-become-the-future-of-movement-tickets-489403959417?aff=odeimcmailchimp&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62d9ba1943-211973597&mc_cid=62d9ba1943&mc_eid=bd69c7df25



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Philosophy Plus Science Programme (Digital Event)

For: Y11/12 students (Students should be taking or planning on Maths A-Level or equivalent, and expect to receive at least an A grade in it)

Date of next event: 13 January to 23 January 2023 (pre-recorded materials, accessed online at your own pace)

23 Jan 2023 (live, online follow-up session) 5pm - 6pm

This programme provides an opportunity to find out more about how science and philosophy intertwine. More specifically, how Computer Science, Physics, and Mathematics all have one thing in common: Philosophy. This event is an opportunity for students who are considering applying for a joint degree in these subjects and want to find out more.

This event will be in two parts. Material will be made available online for students to work through at their own pace from Friday 13 January to Monday 23 January 2023. On Monday 23 January 2023 participants will be invited to join a live online panel discussion with Oxford tutors and students. Students will be invited to submit questions to our live panellists about the material covered, Oxford degrees in the aforementioned subjects, and the Oxford admissions process.

This programme is open to high-achieving students from the UK,. Students should be in **Year 11 or 12** if at school in **England or Wales**,

Students who are currently in their final year of school and who are planning taking a gap year, who will be applying for 2024 university admission, are also welcome. Students should be taking, or planning on taking, Maths A-level or equivalent, and expect to receive at least an A grade in it. Students taking Further Maths A-level are particularly welcome, as are those taking Physics A-level. Attendees should be considering applying to university. If you have previously attended a Philosophy Plus event, this is not for you, as much of the material will be similar.

All questions, please email philosophyplus@cs.ox.ac.uk. Please remember to check your spam filters. For more information, click the link below.

<https://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/philosophyplus/>

Please note the deadline for application is the 9 January 2023.

UNIQ 2023 - applications now open!

When: Programmes run from April - December 2023

For: Y12 students in the first year of A level studies or equivalent;

- A FREE programme that helps students prepare for University and explore subjects that interest them, including Computer Science
- Offering sustained support online over several months AND an in-person residential in Oxford over the summer
- Giving students the opportunity to find out if Oxford is right for them – by working with our undergraduates and academics
- Enabling students with similar interests in local regions and across the UK to connect with each other through social and academic activities
- Easy to apply for online - it takes about 10 minutes!
- Offering 1600 places for state school students only, selected on the basis of school grades and socio- economic and educational background

For more information, please click the link below.

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

Please note the deadline for this is 23 January 2023.

Online Maths Club

The Oxford Online Maths Club is a weekly livestream from the University of Oxford with maths problems, puzzles, mini-lectures, and Q&A. It's free, interactive, casual, and relaxed, and the livestreams are recorded so that you can watch back afterwards if you can't make it to the live broadcast on Thursday

afternoons. The club is mostly aimed at people about to apply to university or about to start a Maths course, but everyone's welcome and there's no registration needed. Whether you're the only person you know who's interested in mathematics, or if you're an entire sixth-form maths club looking for more maths content, we're here for you.

Back on 5 January 2023.

<https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/outreach/oxford-online-maths-club>

Exeter Plus Year 12

For: Open to Year 12 pupils (or equivalent) at non-selective UK State Schools who are looking for support with the University application process.

Exeter Plus is an Access and Outreach programme, covering a broad number of subjects, at Exeter College, Oxford for Year 12 pupils (or equivalent) who are interested in applying to selective universities including the University of Oxford. We particularly encourage applications from students who have apprehensions about applying to Oxford and would like to find out more.

The programme will consist of both in-person visits to Exeter College and online academic activities. Travel costs will be covered by the College, and in-person sessions will take place on Saturdays or during school holidays, to avoid the need for missing classes.

For further information, please click the link below.

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/exeter-plus-2023>

Please note the application deadline is 10am on Monday 9 January 2023.

Online Physics Online Taster

Date: 25 Feb (10:00am - 12:45pm)

For: The live event is open to UK students in Year 12 at state (non-fee-paying) schools, studying A levels (or equivalent) in Maths and Physics. However, anyone can register to receive the recording of the event. If the event becomes over-subscribed, we will prioritise students from schools with little or no history of applications to Oxford.

Please note that this event is identical to the Online Taster held on 27 November. In addition, some of the content of this event will be the same as the Y12 Materials and Physics Day. We recommend that you do not attend this event if you attended either of these previous events.

For more information, please click on the link below.

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-physics-online-taster-february>

Please note the deadline for this event is 1600 Thursday 24 February.

Department of Physics - Y12 Online Masterclass

Date: 11 March (10:00am - 3:30pm)

For: The live event is open to UK students in Year 12 at state (non-fee-paying) schools, studying A levels (or equivalent) in Maths and Physics. However, anyone can register to receive the recording of the event. If the event becomes over-subscribed, we will prioritise students from schools with little or no history of applications to Oxford.

Timetable for the day:

Below are some of the highlights in the timetable for the Masterclass. There will be regular breaks throughout the day, and time for lunch too!

10:00 - Talk - Welcome & Introduction to Oxford Admissions (Dr Kathryn Boast)

11:00 - Lecture

11:50 - Workshop - How to solve problems

13:50 - Problem-solving out loud (Kathryn Boast)

14:40 - Q&A (Oxford Physics students)

15:30 - Finish

The event will be available as both a live online event and as on-demand videos for later catch-up. Students who attend the live event will be able to ask questions and interact with the speakers through the online webinar platform.

For more information, please click the link below.

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-physics-online-taster-february>

Please note that the application deadline is 4pm on Monday 6 March.

Oxford ACS Shadowing Day

For: Y12 state school students from African and Caribbean backgrounds

Date of next event: Wednesday 22 February 2023 (9:30am - 5pm) Trinity College, University of Oxford

Join the Oxford ACS for a Shadowing Day in collaboration with Trinity and Brasenose Colleges, University of Oxford. This day is aimed at Year 12 state school students from African and Caribbean backgrounds interested in applying to Oxford for undergraduate study. This day will cover a broad range of subjects. Students will have the opportunity to visit Oxford and shadow a current undergraduate who studies a subject they are interested in applying for and immersing themselves in Oxford student life. As we expect to receive many applications for a place on this day, please apply asap. If oversubscribed, we'll prioritise places for those who are eligible for free school meals, care experienced, and/or first in the family to go to university.

Current programme for the day (may be subject to minor changes):

9:30am Arrival and registration, Trinity College

10:00am Welcome from Trinity and Oxford ACS 10:30am Academic taster lecture (2/3 choices)

11:45am Trinity lunch + tours

12:30pm JCR to meet shadowing pair

2:30pm Admissions Talk (Trinity College): Vanessa Worthington from Oxford

Undergraduate Admissions and Target Oxbridge
3:45pm Tea and Q&A at Brasenose College with second college tours
5:00pm End of day

Students will be provided with lunch in Trinity College dining hall. Some help with travel reimbursements may be provided on a discretionary basis.

Please click on the link below to **request a place** on this day by the **10th of January 2023**. The organisers will then be in touch to let you know if they can offer you a place by the 17 January 2023.

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-university-of-oxford-trinity-college-acs-shadowing-d>

Y12 Taster Days @Keble

For: Y12

Date of next event: 20 February (Maths), 21 February (History), 22 February (Chemistry), 23 February (Modern Languages) 2023

At Keble, we are looking forward to hosting four in-person Year 12 Subject Taster Days in Oxford in February 2023. These immersive, academically-focused events are designed to support state school students in Y12 in making informed decisions about their studies. Taster Days in Maths, History, Chemistry and Modern Languages (French & Spanish) will offer information about the courses; insight into research, teaching, and career progression; hands-on application advice; and the opportunity to meet Keble tutors and students who share your interests.

Each Subject Taster Day will run from 10:00am-3:00pm. Support is available for attendees' travel expenses. For any questions contact outreach@keble.ox.ac.uk.

For more information, please click the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=G96VzPWXk0-0uv5ouFLPkcxMsM2mk1FMhwznMuhleA9URFRIWEhWNUg4QzJKUzNJWUJTTjYyTFNaUC4u>

Please note the invitation deadline is Monday 6 February 2023.



All Year 13 applicants for UCAS must be completed **before the final deadline of 25th January**. Please complete your applications as soon as possible following all advice given and check through your application carefully, 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!!