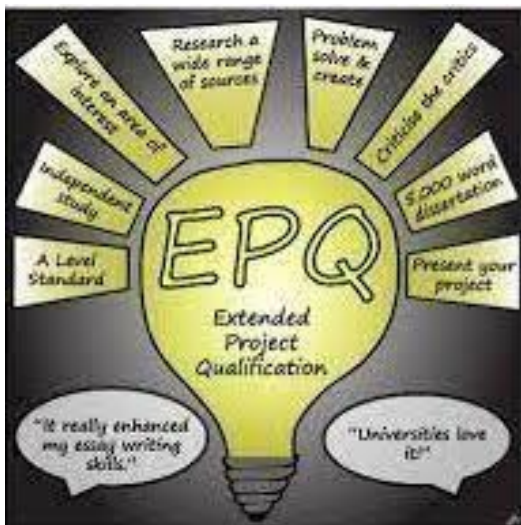




**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #96
13 January 2023**



Congratulations to those students who received their EPQ grades this week.

A huge well done to you all.

Once all grades have been received we will publish the results and be able to celebrate your outstanding achievements.

Good luck to all students sitting their BTEC exams this week and next.

Please ensure you are fully prepared and have all the equipment you need.

Arrive in plenty of time at the venue.

Know your seat number

Any questions? please ask the exams team.



BEAT BLUE MONDAY

Every year, the third Monday of January is dubbed “Blue Monday”. The concept was originally coined in 2004 by psychologist Cliff Arnall. He came up with a “formula” for the January blues after he was asked to do so by travel firm Sky Travel, who then used the phrase in a press release to promote their winter deals. However, **prioritising mental health has never been more important than it is now & in these difficult times, it’s crucial to remember your mental health still matters!**

January can be a great month for many different reasons, most of all that a new year has just begun. However, a cold, cloudy January with the prospect of Mock exams and assessments can also be quite the comedown after the festive holiday season that preceded it.

Mental health ‘good and bad’ days are individual to each of us. It is pointless to try and identify what the most depressing day of the year is because it would be different for each one of us. **It is also important to distinguish between temporarily feeling down, which we all relate to from time to time, and experiencing depression or a mental health problem that can be quite disabling for our day to day lives.**

Perhaps the true meaning of Blue Monday is that we all have mental health and that there are steps that we can take on every day of the year to try and protect it. **We should not just be thinking about our mental health on 16th January this**

year, but on every day of the year. Depression and other mental health problems last for more than a day. And mental health problems can affect people in different ways on any day.

A very small number of people complete the resolutions they set out for at the start of the new year. You can always restart and re focus whenever you like. It is possible that you might fail or slip up.

Accept this failure; own it and forgive yourself. Being harsh on yourself will only do you more harm so instead learn from what went wrong and instead of bailing on the resolution at the end of next year, **see it through until you reach your goal.** (Great advice to those students in Year 13 who were disappointed with their mock results) **Always keep trying each day.** January 1st may be the first day of the year, but every day is an opportunity to reset and resolve to move towards your goals. No matter what you're hoping for in this year, preparing for it with a renewed focus on your mental health is a fantastic way to lay the best foundation possible.

All Sixth Form students will be on late break on Monday 16th January 11.10 – 11.30 please join together in the common room for some light relief and fun activities. Let's try to keep the blues away!!

See below for a list of helpful resources to use if you or a friend are struggling.

In school remember we cannot support you unless we know you are struggling. Please speak to your Tutor, the Sixth Form team or Mrs Allen. We are all here to help and support.

Parents may find the list useful too or click on the link below for further advice on how to help your son/daughter.

Mental Health Guide for Parents of teens.

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/teen-mental-health-a-guide-for-parents/>

Helpful resources for young people's mental health



Here are some trustworthy sources of support, guidance, advice and training around young people's mental health and wellbeing.



Action for Happiness actionforhappiness.org

A not-for-profit providing resources and evidence-based ideas for actions we can take to feel happier and help to reduce and prevent mental ill health – personally, in our communities, workplaces and schools.

Anna Freud Centre annafreud.org | Tel: 0207 794 2313 | Email: info@annafreud.org

A children's mental health charity providing specialist help, research and training for children, young people, families and schools.

Association for Young People's Health (AYPH) youngpeopleshealth.org.uk

A charity and membership forum working to promote the health and wellbeing of 10-24 year olds.

Barnardo's barnardos.org.uk

A leading children's charity which provides services, research and guidance on a range of issues concerning children's wellbeing including child poverty, sexual exploitation, disability and domestic violence.

Charlie Waller Memorial Trust cwmt.org.uk

Awareness, information and resources for young people who are depressed, as well as training for families, schools, colleges, universities, workplaces and GPs.

ChildLine childline.org.uk | Tel: 0800 1111

Counselling service for parents, children and young people, offering free and confidential help and advice. Also offers multilingual services to South Asian communities living in the UK. Languages include Bengali/Sylheti, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and English.

Early Intervention Foundation eif.org.uk

An independent charity and What Works Centre which champions and supports the use of effective early intervention for children with signals of risk.

Family Links familylinks.org.uk

Offers programmes for parents of children from -9 months to 18+ providing adults and children with skills to lead emotionally healthy lives, build resilience, empathy, self-esteem and support positive relationships. Specialist programmes include parenting with Islamic Values, work with parents in prison and with parents of children with a disability or special needs.

Heads Together headstogether.org.uk

A campaign to end mental health stigma spearheaded by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

Hub of Hope hubofhope.co.uk

A national database of organisations and charities of all sizes, enabling easy access to sources of mental health support and advice.



Helpful resources for young people's mental health



Kooth kooth.com

Free support services for young people delivered by qualified counsellors via online chat.

Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools

gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2

The Department for Education (DfE) developed this set of advice and practical tools to help schools promote pupil mental health, identify and support pupils with more severe needs and make appropriate referrals to specialist agencies where necessary.

Mental Health Foundation mentalhealth.org.uk

UK charity dedicated to finding and addressing the sources of mental health issues. Includes information, research, resources and an invaluable A-Z of mental health terms.

Mind mind.org.uk

National charity providing information, advice, and campaigning to promote and protect good mental health for everyone.

MindEd minded.org.uk

Free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults. MindEd for Families has online advice and information from trusted sources and will help you to understand and identify early issues and best support your child. Also includes e-learning resources for professionals and volunteers.

Mindfulness in Schools Project training courses mindfulnessinschools.org/courses

A charity whose aim is to encourage, support and research the teaching of secular mindfulness in schools.

MindUP mindup.org/u-k

A learning programme for teachers and pupils based on positive psychology and mindfulness.

The Mix themix.org.uk | Tel: 0808 808 4994

A leading digital support service on a range of issues impacting young people's wellbeing including mental health, money, homelessness, employment, relationships and drugs. An online chat and a crisis messenger is available on the site.

myHappyMind myhappymind.org

A curriculum to help schools develop resilient children who celebrate themselves and others, build positive relationships and thrive. Supports schools in creating a positive and growth-oriented whole school culture.

Helpful resources for young people's mental health



Place2Be place2be.org.uk | Tel: 0207 923 5500 | Email: enquiries@place2be.org.uk

Offers counselling support for young people in schools helping them to cope with wide-ranging and complex social issues including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, neglect and trauma.

Reading Well Books on Prescription

reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/young-people-mental-health

A set of books about mental health for 13-18 year olds, available at local libraries. Provides advice and information about issues like anxiety, stress and OCD, and difficult experiences like bullying and exams.

Rethink Mental Illness rethink.org | Tel: 300 5000 927 | Email: advice@rethink.org

National mental health membership charity working to help everyone affected by severe mental illness recover a better quality of life. Provides services, information and support.

Rise Above for Schools campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/rise-above/overview

Resources for teaching PSHE curriculum topics to KS3 and KS4 pupils with flexible lesson plans, slide decks and video content. Covers a range of wellbeing topics including bullying and cyberbullying, alcohol, exam stress and body image.

Royal College of Psychiatrists rpsych.ac.uk

Readable and well-researched information about mental health with information for parents, teachers and young people.

Samaritans samaritans.org | Tel: 116 123 (any time) | Email: jo@samaritans.org

A confidential emotional support service for anyone in the UK and Ireland. Available 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide.

Student Minds studentminds.org.uk

A charity working with students, service users, professionals and academics to develop new and innovative ways to improve the mental health of students. Offers information and support for students.

Switchboard switchboard.lgbt | Tel: 0300 330 0630 (10am-10pm every day) |

Email: chris@switchboard.lgbt

Confidential support and information for the lesbian, gay, bi, and trans community.

Time to Change time-to-change.org.uk

An anti-stigma campaign run by the leading mental health charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. Website includes resources for campaigning against mental health stigma and discrimination.

Winston's Wish winstonswish.org.uk | Freephone helpline: 08088 020 021

Provides specialist child bereavement support services across the UK, including in-depth therapeutic help in individual, group and residential settings.

YoungMinds youngminds.org.uk | Tel: 0808 802 5544

A UK charity committed to improving emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people and empowering their parents and carers.

Visit mhfaengland.org for tips to support young people's mental health and information about Youth Mental Health First Aid courses





Class of 2022



On 6 January, members of the Class of 2022 returned to collect their Certificates and catch up with Teachers over Tea and Cake. It was a great opportunity for a little celebration and to hear how everyone was getting on since leaving. All were enjoying University life or the world of work and apprenticeships. Students were able to see the Trophies and Awards they and their peers had been presented with and capture some photos. Here is a snapshot of the afternoon. Well done everyone on all of your achievements.

If students weren't able to attend and they have siblings in school, we will send home certificates via them or students are welcome to come in and collect from the exams office during school hours. Unfortunately we are unable to post them out due to increasing costs. Students are requested to contact the exams office by email if they can't collect certificates in person, but could send a family member. Exams@rwba.org.uk



Holly Sweeby

Geography Award
Winner

Emily Rogers

BTEC Applied Science
Winner



Camille Philipon

International Award
Winner



Keira Suain

Biology Award
Winner



Special Award Winners



Thelma Mogopa
Excellence in Business
& Law Award winner

Ivy Amoako
The Alex Lacey
Award for Courage
& Selflessness

Adele Cotton
Duke of Edinburgh
Award Winner



Michael Redmond
Service to the School Award



Bobby Daykin
Business Award Winner
Mara Daykin
Philosophy Award Winner



Jessica Rees
Psychology Award
Winner



Josh Dilly

Physics Award

Ben Williams

Further Mathematics
Award

Matthew Mason

Chemistry Award



Sophie King

BTEC Public Services Award

Rhiannon Arthur

Lime Kiln Sports Centre Cup - PE



Adam Saxon

Winner of:

History Award

Economics Award

Extended Project Qualification Award

Changing the world
with women and girls

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More Funds raised for The Sixth Form Charity: Action Aid



£36.00 was raised by selling cupcakes on Wednesday for the Sixth Form Charity. Thank you to everyone who bought them. Every donation helps to push the target up. With this amount this can enable the charity to purchase 2 shelter kits which in an emergency or disaster could provide a family with the materials they need to create a safe place to sleep while their rebuild their lives.

More information about the work of Action Aid can be found at: <https://www.actionaid.org.uk/>

[RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk](https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk) invites you and your students to a **FREE Apprenticeship careers virtual event** on **Tuesday 21st February**.

This **information-packed virtual event** is **perfect for students in years 10-13** who are exploring their options and want to learn more about Apprenticeships.

Over 3,000 students, teachers and parents tuned in to our last event in November to hear from current apprentices about their journey of discovering, applying for and gaining an apprenticeship.

This time, we've got even more opportunities for you students to interact with the UK's best employers, including **Deloitte, Mazars, BDO, Accenture and PwC!**

https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/?dm_i=7BMZ,1X71,10QUAC,6A1R,1

ALLEN & OVERY



We are excited to announce that in 2023, [Allen & Overy](https://www.allenandoverly.com) ("A&O") are once again offering **two schemes** that provide year 12s facing socio-economic barriers high-quality insight and interaction with an **international legal**

practice.

Since its launch in 2009, the [Smart Start Experience](#) has supported nearly 1,650 young people and won prestigious awards for its commitment to promoting opportunity through social mobility, becoming the first, and only, work experience scheme in the legal sector to receive City & Guilds Assurance.

These **fully funded year 12 schemes** offer unique **work related learning** for any students interested in developing their awareness of **the world of business.**

“A&O and Smart Start have provided me with an opportunity that will help my career skyrocket forwards.”

Smart Start Attendee 2022

The Smart Start week is scheduled to take place at **A&O's London Office near Liverpool Street station from 24th - 28th July**. All successful applicants are required to attend all five days and to attend a mock assessment day at A&O's London office on Thursday 25th or Wednesday 31st May 2023. Following the week, A&O support continues throughout year 13 and for those going to university throughout their degree.

After it's successful launch last year, [Smart Applications](#), a separate virtual programme will again be delivered across June and July, available to ensure those who cannot or do not want to travel to London do not miss out on gaining real insight into the world of work.

Both schemes offer a fantastic opportunity for your students to develop the skills and belief to take their first steps on the career ladder.

Smart Applications Online (June - July)

Delivered entirely virtually, Smart Applications offers students a quality employer interaction across 8 live evening webinars for those who benefit from an online opportunity.

Participants will focus on their own post-18 transitions within sessions on interviews, university, and apprenticeship applications, complemented by sessions working with employees at a leading law firm and reflecting on how to develop employability skills. All students can receive an individual online mock interview and the most engaged students will be invited to attend an in-person celebration day within the A&O London Office.

Smart Applications is delivered as its own programme, separate to the Smart Start week.

The Smart Start Week (24th-28th July)

Through a five-day timetable of workshops and groups tasks, participants learn about the wide range of careers available within an international business like A&O.

The Smart Start week progresses students in the [Skills Builder Universal Framework](#), giving them the opportunity to practice and reflect on their use of the 8 essential skills in a professional setting.

During the week students will generate a portfolio of insight and experiences to support future applications, be set an overall challenge for the week and work through tasks based on professional scenarios at Allen & Overy.

Participants in The Smart Start Week can benefit from ongoing support across year 13. Read more about Allen & Overy's e-mentoring programme, Smarter Futures; study-based tutoring; university application mentoring; bursary opportunities and carers and employability support [here](#).

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Smart Choices events, students must meet the **basic eligibility criteria** outlined below. **PLEASE NOTE:** if they do not meet the basic criteria, but do meet more than one of the additional criteria, please do contact us to discuss this, or students can contact us directly to discuss their application:

- be in year 12 and attending, and have always attended, a state-funded, non fee-paying school/college;
- be classed as a home student, or expect to be, by the time they apply for a university place

PLUS, they must also meet a least one of the following **additional criteria**:

- Grew up in a household where no parent or guardian attended University
- Currently in receipt of, or have previously received at secondary school, Pupil Premium, free school meals, Education Maintenance Allowance and/or 16 to 19 Bursary
- Have been, or are currently, in local authority care
- Are, or have been, a full-time or part-time young carer
- Came to the UK as a refugee or asylum seeker
- Have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and a maximum of 5 at grades 9-7, that is a minimum of 5 at grade C and a maximum of 5 at grades A*-A in the old system
- They are attending a school or college with:
 - > below average A-Level or Higher points score **AND/OR**
 - > low rate of progression to higher education

Register here for Smart Choices:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5y2ryeK4x0qHtEHU8A2E99dX94ws2NxMm6U0st0WZ95UNDNP
T0ITMDkwTVdFWTBNWEY4MkdGVVpCRi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5y2ryeK4x0qHtEHU8A2E99dX94ws2NxMm6U0st0WZ95UNDNP
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**VetCam 2023 - Introduction
to Veterinary Medicine at
Cambridge University
Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th
and Wednesday 5th April
2023**

Following the successful courses held here in recent years we are holding another two-and-a-half-day residential programme for Year 11 and 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

The course will take place on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April 2023.

To avoid disappointment, early booking is essential.

The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students.

Places will be limited to 130 on first-come-first-served basis, **and it would be sensible to encourage only likely A/A*-grade candidates to attend. Please note that Chemistry A level (or equivalent) is mandatory, and we strongly recommend two other science subjects, normally Biology, Physics or Maths.**

(For information on entry requirements for different examination systems, please

see www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/requirements)

To view a provisional programme for the event and for more information, please go to www.vet.cam.ac.uk/study/vet/vetcam

Experience life in the creative industry

Follow the lifecycle of a TV show in this 6 week Virtual Work Experience programme



Commissioning



4Studio



Legal & Compliance



Sales



Consumer Insights

- Complete tasks based on **real-world** scenarios
- Get **advice** from current Channel 4 employees
- Attend a post programme **virtual Q&A**

You must be 16 years or older to participate in the programme



**Take the first step
to your new career**
Register now and sign up
to the next programme

2023 Programmes begin 1st February,
1st May or 4th September



SUTTON TRUST UK SUMMER SCHOOLS GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE WHAT UNIVERSITY LIFE IS REALLY LIKE



Applications to UK and Apprenticeship Summer Schools 2023 now open!

A very Happy New Year to you all! We are writing to let you know that [applications to our 2023 UK and Apprenticeship Summer School](#) programmes are now [OPEN!](#)

What are the UK Summer School programmes?

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers school-age students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to **choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers.**

Students will apply to one of our 13 top-tier UK university partners where they will take part in:

- **Social activities**
- **Taster academic sessions**
- **Application skills workshops**

Alongside the in-person programme, every student will have access to long-term support with university applications via our online portal STO.

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

What is the Apprenticeship Summer School programme?

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder. The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential where students can **meet leading employers** and **like-minded peers** and **learn more about how to access top apprenticeships**.

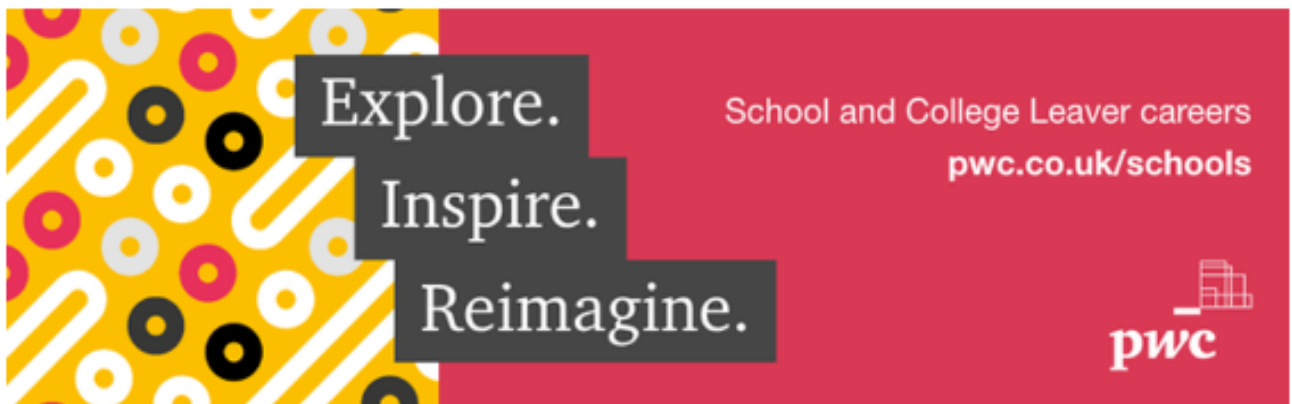
At the end of the programme, students will walk away with:

- **An in depth understanding of apprenticeships** and whether it could be the right route for them.
- **Networking opportunities** for future career opportunities.
- **Access to our online portal STO** for ongoing application support and career advice.
- **Application guidance**, including learning where to find current apprenticeships and understanding different application processes.

• How to apply?

- To apply for either programme, you should:
 - Attend, and have always attended, **a state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college
 - Currently be in **Year 12**
 - We prioritise students based on a range of **social mobility criteria** including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood

- **Both programme applications close on March 10th at midday. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do apply soon!**



As your students start to think about their future careers, they might not be sure what path is right for them. Should they start their career or go to uni? Perhaps they want a combination of both? Here at PwC, we offer a variety of professional opportunities for students straight out of school.

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes.html>

Flying Start degree programmes

Our Flying Start degree programmes offer students the chance to earn a salary and fast-track their career while gaining a degree in Accounting or Technology at the same time. Whichever programme they choose, they'll work on a range of projects in a culture that embraces difference and encourages them to think imaginatively. Remember to encourage your students to apply before the **UCAS deadline on 25 January**.

School and College Leaver opportunities

Our full-time School and College Leaver programmes are designed to help students develop their business skills through real client work, while also completing formal training and studying towards qualifications. They'll earn a competitive salary, benefit from our excellent support networks and have the opportunity to continually progress their career.

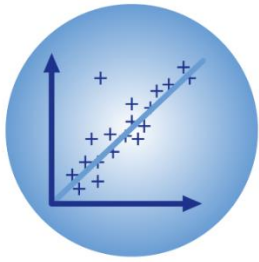
<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes.html>

Learn through experience. Find the skills you'll use to solve challenges today and tomorrow.



Many RWBA students have previously successfully applied for the Scholarship.

The full criteria, with the application form for the award is on the web site: Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund (www.lknmf.com) – **Applications will only be accepted from children of serving or retired HM Forces personnel**, note that selection is not just by academic result and the Council would encourage as wide a range of applicants as possible. Those successful from the initial sift will be called forward for a final interview in the summer months. It is envisaged that these interviews will all be carried out remotely.



BPhO

Computational Challenge

Computational Challenge January 2023

For STUDENTS, although teachers may join as well:

- This consists of a series of talks by Dr Andrew French. They are supported by examples using Excel, Matlab and other coding to

investigate models in physics. You may find that the pace is high, but you are not expected to follow every detail from moment to moment. You should get an overview, note some of the details (so have paper and pen handy) and then try some of the short exercises afterwards. Dr French is fluent in these activities because he has spent some years working in this area, so do not expect that you will have that same fluency because you have listened to the talks. It will require action on your part, practice and learning some aspects of coding. This course is to stimulate your thinking, showing you what can be done and encouraging you to have a go for yourself.

- There is a competition that will be announced at the end, that you may wish to participate in following the course, which is NOT an exercise in using every piece of knowledge covered, but trying out some small aspect to illustrate the computational modelling process.
- This is a webinar.
- This is a set of 6 - 8 sessions which take place for an hour on Thursday between 8.00 and 9.00 pm.
- It begins on **Thursday 19th January**.
- A link will be emailed out by 6:30 pm on the Thursday.
- The link will be sent out in a mass email. Please carefully check the email address that you type in. Please check your junk folder. Some messages we send are blocked by school IT restrictions.
- [Here is the registration form to fill in so that we can send you a link to the webinar. Note the correct starting date of 19th January](#)



Nottingham Summer Schools 2023

A unique opportunity for high-achieving Year 12 students to experience what life is like at university.

APPLY NOW: nottingham.ac.uk/suttontrust

- Live like a student for 5 days on University Park Campus
- Explore subjects and take part in social activities
- Receive ongoing UCAS support throughout Year 13
- Receive an enhanced contextual offer and a bursary of £1000 a year if you enrol at the University of Nottingham with home UK fee status



To be eligible you must:

- Be a home UK student in Year 12 or S5 in Scotland
- Attend a state-maintained school
- Be studying relevant subjects for your chosen strand
- Plus meet some of the additional entry criteria. See our [website](#) for more details

Applications close at midday on Friday 10th March 2023

Check out our Summer School information talk on our [website](#)



2023 LECTURES:

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now>

ENGLISH / ART

The Powers of the Novel by Professor John Mullan considers Adultery in the novel, historical fiction and endings (there are more to 'watch now'); In Portraiture & Power experts like Philip Mould look at Louis XIV and Versailles, images of Queen Victoria, and Queen Elizabeth II and portraits of Native American leaders from Pocahontas to Sitting Bull.

[gres.hm/novel-powers](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/novel-powers) [gres.hm/portrait-power](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/portrait-power)

MATHEMATICS

Maths and Money by Professor Sarah Hart will explore how you can find out if you've been cheated by a goldsmith or use game theory in buying, selling and competitions? What is the probability that you could win the lottery? And Unexpected Mathematical Lives looks at the mathematical achievements of Sir Christopher Wren, Florence Nightingale and Alan Turing.

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BIOLOGY

All The World's A Microbe by Professor Robin May, explains how microbes interact with us and our environment, making us human, helping bread rise, and building the Great Barrier Reef.

[gres.hm/microbes](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/microbes)

IT

Humanising Cyberspace by Professor Victoria Baines will ask, Who owns the internet? What might life in the Metaverse be like? Can we expect our private communications to remain private? Baines is a fantastic lecturer and brings these topics to life.

[gres.hm/human-cyber](https://www.gres.hm/human-cyber)

BUSINESS / ECONOMICS

The Tech Revolution in Finance by Professor Raghavendra Rau explores the risks and benefits of the way that technology is changing the way markets and organizations work, connecting buyers and sellers directly; The Impact of Technology in Medicine, Education & AI will look at how technology could transform them.

[gres.hm/tech-finance](https://www.gres.hm/tech-finance) [gres.hm/technology-ai](https://www.gres.hm/technology-ai)

GEOGRAPHY

Why Net Zero? What is the science behind Net Zero, how are climate impacts emerging, and when and how do we need to act to turn things around, asks the Physicist behind Net Zero, Professor Myles Allen, in this fascinating series.

[gres.hm/net-zero](https://www.gres.hm/net-zero)

ASTRONOMY

Cosmic Conclusions by Professor Katherine Blundell looks at the end of our sun, stars, & Universe in a surprisingly upbeat astrophysics series.

[gres.hm/cosmic-conclusions](https://www.gres.hm/cosmic-conclusions)

ENGINEERING/ WREN

Engineering the Modern World: how engineers are creating our modern world, from Telford to tall buildings today, Wren 300: Sir

Christopher Wren is probably the most famous Gresham Professor in history: a polymath, architect, mathematician, astronomer, anatomist and courtier.

[gres.hm/engineering-world](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/engineering-world) [gres.hm/wren-300](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/wren-300)

HISTORY

[Ancient Landscapes of Britain](#): the latest research on Stonehenge, Roman Landscapes & the Medieval Agricultural Revolution; [Britain's Empire and the Economy](#) by Professor Martin Daunton asks did Britain drain wealth from India and impoverish its economy? Did Atlantic slavery underpin the industrial revolution? [Power, Politics and Nationhood](#) by Professor Richard J Evans, Kavita Puri, Rory Stewart and Vernon Bogdanor examines the history of the 'Irish problem', Partition in India, Afghanistan and Ukraine today; [Architecture & The Court](#) by Simon Thurley looks at Tudor Court Progresses and Christopher Wren as a courtier. You can also catch up on our amazing [Black History Month lectures](#); the one on Toussaint Louverture is our most-watched lecture this year.

[gres.hm/ancient-britain](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/ancient-britain) [gres.hm/britains-empire](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/britains-empire) [gres.hm/power-politics](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/power-politics) [gres.hm/architecture-court](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/architecture-court) [gres.hm/black-history-month](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/black-history-month)

LAW/ POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

[Reimagining the Law](#) by Professor Leslie Thomas KC will ask, do we need Judges? do we need juries? do we need the police?, in a career-relevant series; [Medical Law](#) by Professor Imogen Goold will look at whether we should permit Voluntary Assisted Dying? Make vaccination mandatory? And what are the legal issues with Gene Editing?

[gres.hm/reimagining-law](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/reimagining-law) [gres.hm/medical-law](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/medical-law)

MEDICINE

Three lectures on [Diseases of the Heart](#) by Professor Chris Whitty; [A Cultural History of Disease](#) by acclaimed cultural historian Professor Joanna Bourke covering TB, Polio, Sickle Cell and more, [Environmental](#)

Health by Dr Ian Mudway which will look at the changing ways we have understood the impact of the environment on us and on our health using the new idea of the 'Exposome'; Living With Mental Health will look at how people can live well with mental health conditions, and whether anxiety is growing in children.

[gres.hm/diseases-heart](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/diseases-heart) [gres.hm/cultural-disease](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/cultural-disease) [gres.hm/environmental-health](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/environmental-health) [gres.hm/mental-health-series](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/mental-health-series)

MUSIC

Why do certain chords make us feel a certain way? Why do some of them sound celestial and others invoke horror? Lecture-recitals on The Life of Chords by Professor Marina Frolova-Walker.

[gres.hm/life-chords](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/life-chords)

RELIGION

Finding Britain's Lost Gods by historian Professor Ronald Hutton looks at Gods from prehistoric times through the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and more; Women in World Religions covers: Reclaiming Women in the Hebrew Bible, Women Leaders in Early Christianity and Women, Islam and Prophecy.

[gres.hm/lost-gods](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/lost-gods) [gres.hm/women-religions](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/gres.hm/women-religions)

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What's happening in National Boots Camp?

Session 1: 25th January – The launch

Session 2: 1st February – Healthcare

Session 3: 22nd February – Retail & Beauty

Session 4: 1st March – Digital & IT

Session 5: 22nd March – Project Week 1

Session 6: 29th March – Project Week 2

Session 7: 30th March – Celebration



National Boots Camp Rewards

Attend all the sessions to collect Boots Camp Points as you go!

Tick off the placements for **200 points** every time



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1

Wednesday 25th January The Launch National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

There's more to Boots than you think. In this session you will meet some of the Boots team and hear the story behind this market leading brand.

This interactive session is a chance to find out more about Boots Camp 2023 – what you will be doing, who you will be meeting and what you will be learning. It's also going to be a great session to build your knowledge, skills and confidence.

Together we'll bust some of the myths that you may have and explore what you think are the essential skills to succeed in a career with Boots.

2

Wednesday 1st February Healthcare National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

Let's explore Healthcare. In this session you will meet members of the Boots pharmacy and opticians' teams and learn why a pharmacy and opticians are so important to our local communities and why people visit them.

You will also find out about all the different roles and responsibilities within these teams and how they all work together.



3

Wednesday 22nd
February

Retail & Beauty National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

Do you love shopping? Perhaps you or your friends have been in-store or shopped online at Boots.

In this session you'll find out more about the fast-paced and exciting environment of Retail and Beauty.

Exploring why customer care is so important and learn more about award winning brands, products and services. You'll also get the opportunity to meet some of the Retail and Beauty teams to ask questions about their role and careers.



4

Wednesday 1st
March

Digital & IT National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

Interested in Digital or Technology? Join the Digital team to find out how they interact with customers to showcase all the products, brands and services Boots has to offer.

From keeping up to date with the latest trends and insights to providing a smooth and seamless customer experience.

This session will also give you the opportunity to meet some of the IT team to find out how Boots use technology across its business and find out more about the roles and responsibilities in this exciting area.



5

Wednesday 22nd
March

Project Week 1 National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

Let's get Creative! You will have the opportunity to consolidate everything you've learnt from the programme so far and carry out a project given by the Boots team.

Working in small virtual groups you'll develop your teamwork, communication and creative skills.



6

Wednesday 29th
March

Project Week 2 National Boots Camp

3.30pm – 5pm

This week you'll continue to work on your project with the support of the Boots team to help answer any questions and provide guidance as needed.

By the end of this session you will submit your final concepts for Boots to be able to view.



Thursday 30th
March
9am – 10am

Celebration National Boots Camp

Let's Celebrate! This will be the final part of Boots Camp 2023. You will get the opportunity to reflect on the knowledge and skills you've learnt on the programme.

We will share the projects Boots were most impressed by and why. We also offer some hints and tips for the future.

Throughout the programme you will be collecting points for attending, at this last session a winner will be selected from all eligible entries to win a voucher!

Need more information?

Click below
to register for a
virtual event, where
you'll get to find out more

Boots Camp Info Session
29th November 4pm – 4.30pm

Boots Camp Info Session
14th December 4.30pm – 5pm

Boots Camp Info Session
20th December 3.30pm – 4pm



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Exeter Northcott Theatre

Date: Thursday 16/02/23. 10-3pm

Application deadline: 20/01/23

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Discover how a live show is staged.
You will discover what goes on backstage when you watch a performance and learn about the roles needed to make the show is a resounding success.

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Nursing represents a huge growth area for employment and a critical part of the NHS workforce.

That's why Speakers for Schools and NHS England have joined forces to create a new NHS Next Gen Nurse programme – an exciting yearlong project to entice more young people from across England into rewarding NHS careers through an exclusive series of eye-opening, employer-led, virtual work experience sessions.

WHEN?

Running from September 2022 through to March 2023, the programme is available to any 14-19-year-old who attends a state secondary school or college.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Choose from Insight Days lasting several hours that give an overview of nursing or a particular speciality to multiday placements with a deeper dive into the nursing profession where young people can explore a wider variety of specialities in a single placement.

All sessions are live, interactive and facilitated by experts and staff from the NHS. Young people can also choose to join specially themed sessions around Black History Month, National Apprenticeship Week, International Women's Day and many more.



Click here to discover more work experience opportunities or continue reading to see a full timetable of upcoming sessions.

Careers at the Beating Heart of the NHS

Do you want a rewarding career with a competitive starting salary where you can improve people's lives and harness your potential and professional development?

Nurses represent a critical part of the NHS workforce and there is a high demand for young people to join the profession across all the different fields of nursing.

- Hear from nurses working across a range of nursing fields
- Take part in live, interactive activities
- Learn what key skills are needed in the workplace
- Find out how you can get started in a nursing career

Monday 23rd January 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Friday 13th January	Apply here!
Monday 6th February 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Friday 27th January	Apply here!
Monday 20th February 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Friday 3rd February	Apply here!
Monday 13th March 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Monday 27th February	Apply here!
Monday 20th March 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Friday 3rd March	Apply here!

NextGen Nurse: Themed Days

The role of a nurse is rewarding and diverse with so many different career pathways you could take. Let us show you what a career in nursing can offer and introduce you to the faces behind the masks. You might be surprised at what you learn.

Join one of our three themed Insight Days to discover more about the exciting field of Learning Disability Nursing, starting an apprenticeship or celebrating the amazing achievements of women in nursing and find out if nursing could be a career for you.

Explore one of the most exciting fields of nursing Tuesday 31st January 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Sunday 22nd January	Apply here!
Find out about nursing apprenticeships & more Tuesday 7th February 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Tuesday 24th January	Apply here!
Aiming High: Women in Senior Leadership Wednesday 8th March 2023	10-2.30pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Friday 24th February	Apply here!

Meet the Faces Behind the Mask: Fields of Nursing

Want the skills and training that enable you to work all around the world? Want to work with science and technology? Want to make a positive difference to people's lives? Come along to our three-day Virtual Work Experience opportunity and find out more.

During the three days of your placement, you'll get to meet a variety of nurses and hear their stories and advice, including how they have developed their career and what they love about being a nurse. You'll have the chance to develop your leadership, communication and listening skills as well as gain a thorough insight into the different available careers nursing has to offer.

- Hear from nurses working across a range of nursing fields
- Hear more about the different nursing specialisms available
- Take part in live, interactive activities
- Learn what key skills are needed in the workplace
- Find out how you can get started in a nursing career

Monday 13th - 15th February 2023	10-3pm	Ages 14 - 19	Apply by: Wednesday 1st February	Apply here!
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Do you know what you would like to be when you leave school or college? If you're unsure, we have plenty of opportunities to help you decide. Applying for one of our insight sessions is great for your CV and evidence of work experience that you can mention in any interview!

What can I do with Speakers for Schools?

Insight sessions: Get an in-depth introduction into a certain industry, job role or company. Hear from the professionals what their job involves, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. Can be virtual or face-to-face.

Work experience: Discover more about what it's like to work in a certain industry, job role or company over a 3-5 day placement. Take part in activities to help develop key skills and gain experience. Can be virtual or face-to-face.

How can I get involved?

- 1 Not sure which career might be for you? Give our personality quiz a try to see what might suit you [GIVE IT A GO!](#)
- 2 Have a look at the virtual insight sessions and work experience opportunities listed (below). You'll find even more opportunities on our website [GO TO OUR WEBSITE](#)
- 3 Click the opportunity link to apply. If you haven't already, you'll need to create an account [REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT](#)
- 4 Fill in a short application form for your chosen opportunity and let your teacher know that you've applied
- 5 Wait to hear whether you've been accepted onto the opportunity!

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Students apply via the portal

Graphic Design, Web
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Behind the scenes
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show

Dates: 16/02/23



Application deadline:
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Boots Camp – go
behind the scenes of
this iconic brand

Dates: 25/01/23 - 30/03/22



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Application deadline:
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Delve into the world of
Digital Forensics, be a
Digital Detective

Dates: 21/02/2023



Application deadline:
03/02/2023

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Join Network Rail to
learn more about a
career in the rail
industry

Dates: 10/03/2023



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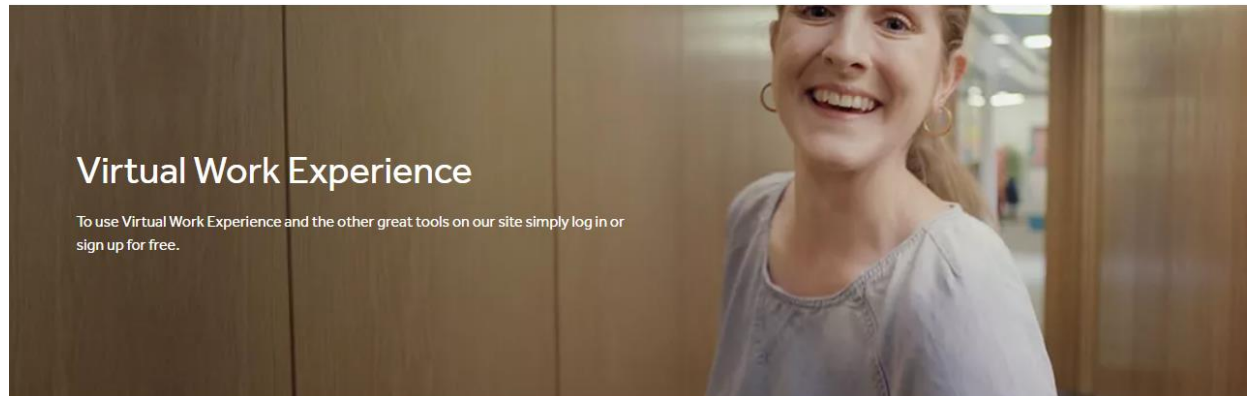
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