



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #97
20 January 2023**



Congratulations to our new Diana Trust Award antibullying ambassadors – **Siddarth Senthilkamar and Isobel Baker**



Please can all Sixth Form students answer the anti bullying survey. The link has been sent out via Show My Homework.

More information will follow next week.





Year 13 Revision plans



Having analysed the Year 13 mock exam results some students are asking for more support with revision where others need to engage in different, more effective strategies.

Year 13 will be required to attend iLearns **every Monday from 30th January** to take part in a series of Revision sessions planned specifically for the Year group. The first assembly will be delivered by Mr Day and Dr Shepperson on **Monday 30th January**, this will be followed up by activities in **Skills for life day in Tuesday 31st January**.

These sessions are compulsory and aimed at supporting students to achieve their goals.

By the end of next week all Students in Year 13 should have a bespoke revision plan that takes them from now until their final examinations.

The next assessment window for Yr 13 students will start on Monday 27th February – these will be a second round of Mock examinations in exam venues.

Year 12 in class assessments started today and will finish at the end of next week,

Good luck to all!



The deadline for students to receive equal consideration is Wednesday 25th January.

Students need to complete their application accurately, add a personal statement, pay and submit it so that we as a school can then do the final checks and add our references.

THIS ALL HAS TO HAPPEN THIS WEEKEND

To allow us as a school to process the remainder of applications all need to be submitted by the end of MONDAY 23rd January.

Any received after this date may not be processed until after the deadline.



Really great trip for 13E
Geography class today to look at what is going on at Crappers and Sons. Organic and Landfill projects going on just over the road from us! **Big thank you** to Richard and Joseph Crapper and Paul Heaphy for having us. It was an Informative and memorable visit, the other 2 classes will be visiting in Feb.



Poetry By Heart competition

Students interested in learning and reciting poetry can enter this national competition. Winners get a day out in London, meet famous poets and perform on stage at... **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.**

Key Dates

Learn more and sign up	3pm, Thursday 26 January, drama studio
Optional coaching and rehearsals	3pm, Thursdays 2 & 9 February, 2 March, L12
Filming recitals	3pm, Thursday 9 March, School location TBC
Filming school winners	3pm, Thursday 16 March, School location TBC



**Build confidence
in public speaking**

**All school key
stage winners get
written feedback**

Great for you CV

Smajo Bešo



As part of our #HMD2023 commemorations, RWBA6 welcome Bosnian survivor, **Smajo Bešo OBE**, to provide his testimony.

Join this special Zoom online opportunity to hear direct personal testimony, to understand how an 'ordinary' persons, one families' experience of war, genocide and as a refugee...

**30th January,
3.15-4.40pm**

(Room for zoom screening: to be confirmed – more details via Mrs Salmon or Mr Radford)

*Special thanks to Smajo and the Bosnian Genocide Education Trust for this special RWBA/Ascend LT opportunity.



@RWBAHolocaust
#Smajosstory





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!**



IBM Apprenticeships – Accepting Applications Soon!

New year means new opportunities at IBM! We will soon be opening applications for many of our apprenticeship schemes. We will be hiring for both degree and regular apprenticeships and will be accepting applications during national apprenticeship week (6th – 12th of February 2023).

Opening Monday 6th of February 2023 - Level 4 Junior Management Consultant, DevOps and Test

Opening Thursday 9th of February 2023 (open for one day only) – Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Degree

Register your interest here:

https://careers.ibm.com/campaign/entrylevel/?goal=0_65c6d67e71-7177e9ef61-211973597&mc_cid=7177e9ef61&mc_eid=bd69c7df25

Why Work at IBM?

At IBM, work is more than a job—it's a calling. To build. To design. To code. To consult. To think along with clients and sell. To make markets. To invent. To collaborate. Not just to do something better, but to attempt things you've never thought possible. To lead in this new era of technology and solve some of the world's most challenging problems.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at IBM are all about picking up skills for the workplace and embarking on a long and successful career. We have your professional development in mind from the day you join us as a permanent employee. Our apprenticeships range from Level 3 to Level 6 and each pathway gives you everything you need to start your career in the industry!

You will get lots of exposure to set you up for a lifelong career. In addition to the day job there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in social activities and volunteering with other Apprentices, Students and Graduates.

Degree Apprenticeships

Degree Apprenticeships allow you to work and achieve a Bachelor Honours degree at the same time. You will be doing a real role at IBM and using what you learn in the workplace as part of your degree.

Apprentices on our Digital & Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship are currently studying at University of Exeter and Manchester Metropolitan University. Choice of University is made in response to the needs of our IBM businesses. Time at University is typically one day a week either on site or via online education and you will be required to work during university vacations.

Register your interest to be notified when our apprenticeships open on the 6th of February 2023.



The Hay Festival Academy is a skills development programme that gives talented young people from across the UK, aged 18–25, the opportunity to join the Hay Festival team to develop their skills, knowledge, and potential career path in the creative industries, while volunteering in a professional working environment.

Young people who've attended a Hay Festival Academy have gone on to run festivals, write books and films, and to enjoy careers in publishing and in the wider creative and media industries.

There are academy places available for student volunteers in the following disciplines:

- Events management
- Press office.

More info

ere: <https://www.hayfestival.com/wales/jobs?fbclid=IwAR3RWUqOEMpxNs4ockrWJyIgrEeSmHkA6m-lorTWqTIgPDF5JEjN4rEQZMc>



MISSION ZERO

Mission Zero offers young people the chance to have their code run in space! Write a simple program to take a reading from the colour and luminosity sensor on an Astro Pi computer on board the International Space Station, and use it to set the background colour in a personalised image for the astronauts to see as they go about their daily tasks.

Entries for Mission Zero 2022/23 are open from 22 September 2022 to 17 March 2023.

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/astro-pi-mission-zero>





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SHORT BREAKS

NOW HIRING: SUPPORT WORKERS

Short Breaks provides fun, social activities after school, weekends and during school holidays for children with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND) aged 5 – 18. You will be working with a team of experienced support workers and leaders to introduce you to this exciting and rewarding role.

Short Breaks are currently recruiting for:

Evening Support Workers

Monday to Thursday, 15.30 – 18.15 (11 hours per week)

Weekend Support Workers

Saturday and Sunday, 9.45 – 16.15 with a 20 minute lunch break. You could do both or either a Saturday or Sunday

If you want to do some of these days but cannot commit to them all, we're listening. Just tell us in your application what days you could do, we're flexible for the right candidates who have a real interest in helping our children and young people.

£11.46 – £13.25ph depending on experience

Please visit our Brunel Vacancies page by following the link below:

Apply online at <https://www.eteach.com/careers/brunel/>

For more information please contact:

resourcing@brunel.org.uk or call 01793 286634

Virtual Work Experience Programmes 2023

<p>Health and Care Careers in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Mental Health Virtual Work Experience</p> <p>Start date: 20th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Business, Marketing and More - Careers in Housebuilding</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Step Inside Accountancy - ICAEW Insight Event</p> <p>Start date: 27th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Sustainability, Support and STEM Careers with Severn Trent</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust - Inspiring Our Future Workforce Programme</p> <p>Start date: 25th July</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Thames Water Work Experience</p> <p>Start date: 27th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Careers in the Allied Health Professions with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Care Support Careers with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Allied Health Professions Work Experience</p> <p>Start date: 26th June</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Experience the world of Real Estate</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Barclays LifeSkills</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Network Rail Insight Event</p> <p>Start date: 6th March</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Loving Hospitality Employability Programme</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Primary Care Careers with Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Nursing & Midwifery Careers with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Social Work Careers with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Pharmacy Careers with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Healthcare Science Careers with North East & North Cumbria ICB</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Vodafone Innovators</p> <p>Start date: 3rd April</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Fujitsu WorkX</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Aim 'Hire' - Careers at Speedy</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 

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<p>Access Insurance Careers</p> <p>Start date: 6th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Atkins Future Innovators</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>All about engineering and technology from one of the biggest innovators</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK</p> <p>Start date: 26th Sep</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Health and Social Care - BSW Integrated Care System</p> <p>Start date: 13th Feb</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Careers in the NHS with Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust</p> <p>Start date: 6th March</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>HHFT Healthcare</p> <p>Start date: 15th Aug</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Aviation & Aerospace Virtual Work Experience</p> <p>Start date: 28th Sep</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Developing Future Heroes with Joined Up Careers Derbyshire</p> <p>Start date: 3rd Oct</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>BNSSG NHS: Nursing and Healthcare Careers</p> <p>Start date: 27th June</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>North Cumbria Healthcare</p> <p>Start date: 24th Oct</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Hertfordshire and West Essex Health and Care Academy Insight into NHS Careers</p> <p>Start date: 24th Oct</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>'Work Insights' - Your window into work with Coventry Building Society</p> <p>Start now!</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Health and Care Careers in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent</p> <p>Start date: 20th Oct</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Non-Clinical Health Care Careers</p> <p>Start now!</p> <p>More info</p> 
<p>Leeds Health & Care Academy On Demand</p> <p>Start now!</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>Civil Engineers: Shaping the World</p> <p>Start date: 3rd April</p> <p>More info</p> 	<p>One Bromley</p> <p>Start date: 23rd Jan</p> <p>More info</p> 



I'm emailing to invite your students in years 10-12 to a **free, virtual Get into Medicine conference.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for your students to receive a full guide to the UCAS application process from doctors and medical school students.

Registration link: <https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>

The next conferences are on:

Saturday 28th January (10am - 3pm)

Sunday 29th January (10am - 3pm)

Dr Siva and I will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
 - Personal statements
 - Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
 - Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities that medical school love
 - Work experience
 - Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

We will be taking questions throughout the conference, so if your students have any questions about the application process or day-to-day life as a doctor, next week is their chance to ask them!

Applying to medicine is as much about working tactically as it is about working hard. With the right support and guidance, it does not need to be an overwhelmingly confusing process. I encourage all aspiring doctors to register here: <https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>



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Your login details are as follows:

DEADLINE
10 February

USERNAME: SL61334

PASSWORD: 61334rwba

**Colours and Sizes are detailed on the
Sixth Form Reception Noticeboard**

Summer-in-Winter Chicken



A straightforward, one pan recipe for those of you already looking forward to summer and wanting to see the back of these cold January days.

Recipe from BBC Good Food.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon of olive oil
4 Boneless skinless chicken breasts
200g pack cherry tomatoes
3 tablespoons of pesto
3 tablespoons of crème fraîche (half fat is fine)
Fresh basil leaves (optional)

a great dish for weekdays - to serve with rice, salad, pasta or potatoes ... you choose!

STEP 1: Heat the oil in a frying pan. Add the chicken and fry without moving it until it takes on a bit of colour. Turn the chicken and cook on the other side. Continue cooking for around 12-15 minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Season all over with a little salt and pepper.

STEP 2: Halve the tomatoes and throw them into the pan, stirring them around for a couple of minutes until they start to soften. Reduce the heat and stir in the pesto and crème fraiche until it makes a sauce. Scatter with a few basil leaves if you have them.

STEP 3: Serve with rice and salad or mash and broccoli or serve with tagliatelle pasta if you prefer.

To make a vegetarian option:

Fry the tomatoes in the oil, add the pesto and crème fraiche and serve over griddled halloumi slices or spoon over some spinach and ricotta-stuffed ravioli.