



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #106
31 March 2023**



Year 13, showing off their new Leavers Hoodies





The A level drama students did well performing their monologues and their group piece for the external examiner yesterday. Congratulations to Maddie Ralph, Amber Walker, Hollie Bell and Chandni Patel for keeping their cool, remembering all their lines and being able to see whilst in the dark and through the smoke machine!





Mad Dog Rugby

Term 4 is an exciting one for Mad Dog Rugby with the players wrapping up the XV season and moving into the VII season. Usually this means much better weather, no coats needed, and a really good standard of rugby being played...this year was slightly different. The Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 1st XV & Girls U16s braved the grim conditions for the entire term, training hard and putting full commitment into all of their sessions. Both groups showed huge development which was key in preparing ourselves for Rosslyn Park National School's Sevens and Mad Dog 7s.

Rosslyn Park 7s

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 1st XV

The Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 1st XV are huge underdogs when it comes to Rosslyn Park 7s. Most teams that enter the tournament are independent schools, rugby academy feeder schools or sports playing grammar schools. There is a massive lack of state school teams that enter the tournament due to funding, squad size & selection, travel concerns, etc, but the 1st XV are used to being underdogs and rise to that challenge.

In grim conditions the 1st XV battled hard in their three pool matches, losing to previous winners St Peters of York and then falling to final play tries in their final two matches against Graveny School and Weston College. With a slightly different bounce of the ball or a few refereeing decisions going our way, the 1st XV would be returning as the most successful RP7s team in Mad Dog history. The boys held themselves incredibly well both on and off the pitch and did the school proud.

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy U16s

Girls rugby at RWBA goes from strength to strength! The talent of the players is phenomenal with a number having the potential to go all the way in rugby. The girls had limited training going into the tournament, coming up against schools

who play every week and with much larger playing numbers. Just like the boys, the girls didn't let this deter them winning their first two games 20 – 0 against Kingsdale Foundation School and Denstone College. The girls put on a gutsy display in their final game but lost to group winners Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive 12 – 24. I hope the girls use this as motivation to continue with rugby moving into Sixth Form and hope to see even more RWBA teams at Rosslyn Park 7s next season.



Mad Dog 7s

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 1st XV

The sixth annual Mad Dog 7s Tournament took place this week involving two RWBA teams (Y13s & Y12s), two teams from Millfield and Beechen Cliff. The tournament was held at Chippenham RFC's 3G pitch to negate the constant rain. Despite the conditions, there was some incredible rugby on display with the

RWBA teams putting in great performances. Millfield rugby have been on incredible form these past few seasons and were too strong for all their opponents eventually lifting the Mad Dog 7s trophy. The Y13s take bragging rights over the Y12s having beat them in the opening game of the tournament. Try of the tournament goes to **Alfie Whetham** © who finished off a great team try; **Michael Clifton** being his normal self and carrying the ball half a pitch with most of the Millfield team on his back – great support and ruck control from his teammates – a two person miss pass perfectly sailing over the head of a helpless Millfield defender straight into Alfie’s hands who finished from 30m out. I am incredibly proud of the effort the RWBA 1st XV have put in this season, consistently playing against prestigious rugby schools but never using that as an excuse not to try. The players have developed phenomenally both as rugby players and young men and I am very confident they will all go on to great success.





As presented in assembly this morning. We look forward to receiving your applications and thank you to Alex and Beki for taking the time to share their experiences in the role.

Roles

- ◇ The RWBA Sixth Form Leadership team represent RWBA Sixth Form and all the students within Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.
- ◇ They are an inclusive, comprehensive group of students acting on behalf of the student body and representing Royal Wootton Bassett Academy during the school day in the in community.
- ◇ They must be known and visible as a group to all students and engage with all school events.
- ◇ They will act as role models for younger students and have a passion for learning.
- ◇ They will be called on to be positive ambassadors for the school and Trust throughout the year.

Qualities

Students must :

Be hard working and have a love of learning

Have good attendance rates

Be approachable

Have good communication skills

Have a passion for life

Be prepared to meet regularly with students and staff

Have the initiative to work on their own but also skills to work within a team.

Innovative and creative in the ways they want to represent the student body.

Have time to dedicate to the role.

Most of all want to make a positive impact on the lives of all RWBA students.

Letter of Application

Interested Students must apply for a role within the SSLT

- ◇ Feel free to speak to your tutor or a member of the Sixth Form team
- ◇ Write a letter of Application to Mrs Salmon Head of RWBA Sixth Form
- ◇ The letter should be no more than a page of A4 detailing the experience and qualities you have to make you a fantastic SSLT member.
- ◇ You must also suggest ideas of how you are going to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of RWBA students.
- ◇ If you have a passion you wish to share with students or an area you wish the school would focus on please do share this and it can be discussed at interview.
- ◇ If you wish to be considered for the post of Head Student please indicate this. Once the SSLT has been appointed, two students will then be appointed as Head students supported by the senior prefects.

Please email all applications before 3pm on Friday 21st April 2023.



**Get into Law & Business Work Experience Day -
London Leicester Square -
Saturday 22nd April, 9:30am - 2pm**

We have a brilliant and exciting in-person work experience opportunity to share with you! If you are interested in a career in Law or Business or you would like to attend an event with multiple global employers to learn about the possible future career pathways and opportunities for yourself, then this is something you need to book onto!

We are putting on a huge in-person Law / Business Work Experience Day in London on Saturday 22nd April. Yes, you heard it's on a Saturday, so you don't have to take time off school! You might even want to make a day of it in London after the event!

We have booked the largest Cinema in the UK at the infamous Odeon London Leicester Square where we have a complete shutdown of the venue for this Work Experience Event! We are so excited for this as it will give so many students just like you an opportunity to gain some incredible work experience, network with some huge employers and take part in some incredible industry leading workshops and sessions.

We have an incredible guest speaker, quite possibly one of the most influential female business leaders within the beauty industry! Judy Naake will be opening the event up, who was the founder and CEO of the St Tropez spray tanning business. She was famous for bringing fake tan into the UK and European markets, spray tanning celebrities such as the Beckhams and other TV personnel. Judy then went on to sell her business for a cool £70million. During her keynote she will be giving us her business insights and how she grew the brand whilst fighting off all the business and legal challenges along the way!

We will be joined by some HUGE global companies, we are still in the process of confirming all the employer's lined up, but we have world renowned Magic Circle Law Firm Linklaters coming along with some of their most senior legal professionals as well as the University of Law and their Business school where we will hear from some of their lectures as we go through an interactive workshop style lecture!

Places are strictly limited and will be given out on a first come first serve basis. We do ask before you book on, to make sure you can 100% attend as we have very limited places due to this being an in-person event and we would not like anyone to miss out if capacity isn't filled. We always have lots of students on waiting lists to attend so please only apply if you are fully committed to attending. If you live outside of London, it would be worth checking train tickets ASAP to make sure this will be feasible to get too.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Odeon-London>



Thur 13 April 2023 | 10:00-15:00

Virtual Engineering Taster Day

Ever wondered what it would be like to be an engineer for Thorpe Park or Dyson Institute?

Come along to this Virtual Taster Day to learn all about routes, opportunities, and roles within engineering. Along with Dyson Institute, Thorpe Park and other top brands, you will gain valuable industry experience and have the opportunity to hear from current apprentices.

Event Details:



Virtual



10am-3pm



Dyson Institute, Thorpe Park and more brands to be announced

This event will be recorded by Pathway CTM any issues or questions please contact us via events@pathwayctm.com

Please Arrive 5 Minutes Early if Possible

REGISTER HERE:

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/ticket-type/?eid=72996&zid=89507787412&zt=Meeting&za=primary>



Wed 24 May 2023 | 18:00-19:00

Understanding Degree Apprenticeships

How much do you know about degree apprenticeships?

This is an opportunity to find out more! Join us virtually for an evening along with **Dyson Institute** and other brands in the industry where they will be sharing more about the different **degree apprenticeships programmes**. Gain a deeper understanding around degree apprenticeships, what the process is like and tips from the professionals!

Event Details:

Virtual

6pm-7pm

Dyson Institute & more brands!

This event will be recorded by Pathway CTM any issues or questions please contact us via **events@pathwayctm.com**

Please Arrive 5 Minutes Early if Possible

REGISTER HERE:

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/ticket-type/?eid=73000&zid=87992886874&zt=Webinar&za=primary>



Hi All

I'm Aaron (Yr 12) and as I'm sure most of you are aware I've been growing out my hair and have been since August. As you can see there is a notable difference from the short tidy hair then to the mop it's now become.

It's time for it to go!

I want to raise some money at the same time. I will be shaving it all off during the Easter holidays so keep an eye out when we come back for the reveal.

My goal is to raise £300 for Cancer Research and I'm currently at £150, so I'm halfway there! I know things are a little expensive at the moment but if you would like to donate something – every little helps.

Thank you in advance!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/aaronsheadshave>



**GO BIG OR GO
BALD!**



4th HOLODOMOR ESSAY PRIZE | 2023

Historical Essay Prize Competition for Y12/Y13

1st Prize £1000, Submission deadline Monday 17th July 2023

Are your Sixth Form History students looking for an Essay Prize Competition that will stretch their evaluation skills and encourage them to delve beyond the standard school syllabus?

The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB), in partnership with the Nadia Diuk Memorial Programme is offering a **prize worth up to £1000**, for the best historical essay on the topic of the Holodomor of 1932 – 1933 in Ukraine - the famine in which an estimated 7 million Ukrainians died over a period of 18 months.

The Essay Prize Competition is particularly suitable for any students seeking:

- Extension for the study of Russian, European, or Ukrainian history of the early – mid 20th century
- Further understanding of historical concepts such as motivation, causation or revolution.
- Experience of historical sources and methods used by historians, to develop study skills and justify their own ideas about the past.
- Extension for Genocide studies
- General intellectual stimulation regardless of area of study

This Essay Prize Competition is open to Sixth Form students (Years 12 and 13) attending any school or college in the United Kingdom and studying any

subject. **Candidates are invited to submit an essay in English, of between 1500 and 2000 words.**

Prizes include:

- 1st prize: £1000 to be split equally between the candidate and their school or college
- 2nd prize: £400 to be split equally between the candidate and their school or college
- 3rd prize: £200 to be split equally between the candidate and their school or college

This is the fourth Holodomor Essay Prize Competition and winners last time included pupils from schools and colleges in Ingatestone, Godalming and Mansfield.

More information on rules, an Essay Cover Sheet and printable poster/leaflet are available through this link:

https://www.augb.co.uk/holodomor/holodomor-essay-prize-2023?utm_campaign=123402_AUGB%20Holodomor%20Email%201%20-%20March%202023%20%28Missing%20Audience%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EdCo&dm_i=7JVM,2N7U,10SJ1G,92VW,1

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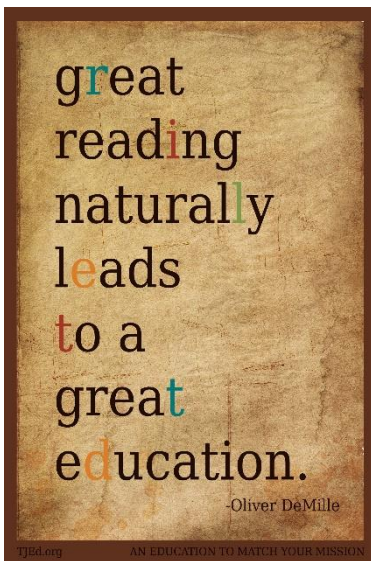
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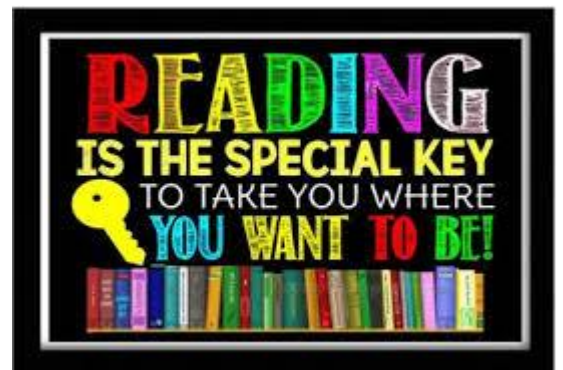
<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open&page=2>



A huge thank you to all the reading mentors. The feedback forms completed this week, at first glance show a really positive experience for both mentor and mentee. We will complete the analysis and produce a list of strategies that have worked well as well as publish the most popular books that have been read this term in the next few weeks.

Thank you for really making a difference.

There is still room for more volunteers. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Stubbs.





Due to popular demand, more dates have been added to the next **Get into Law conference!** Your students are invited to attend a full guide to the UCAS process for Law degrees, where I'll provide my insight as a Judge into what they need to stand out in a highly competitive application pool.

The next conferences are on:

Saturday 23rd April (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 24th April (9:30am - 2pm)

Saturday 13th May (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 14th May (9:30am - 2pm)

Saturday 10th June (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 11th June (9:30am - 2pm)

Registration link: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

Spaces are filling up very quickly, so any interested students are encouraged to book as soon as possible. Students from all year groups are welcome!

As a Judge, I will share my insight into law and offer my best advice for building an application to the best law schools in the country. Please feel free to forward this information to your students so that they can get involved!

Tickets are £15 to cover administrative and technological costs.

Topics covered in the conference include:

- Life as a law student, solicitor, barrister, and judge
- Legal myth-busting

- Application timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities, and transferable skills for law
 - UCAS – key components to be aware of
 - Personal statements
 - Interviews
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam

I will be answering questions throughout the conference.
Applying to law can be a pretty overwhelming process, so I hope to help your students organise their applications and shine through as future courthouse powerhouses!

Registration link: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>



ARE YOU G.A.M.E: *COMING SOON!* (Monday 26th June – Friday 7th July)

Get involved with Speakers for Schools' ARE YOU G.A.M.E showcase

A two-week timetable of experiences themed around **GREEN**, **ARTISTIC**, **MECHANICAL** and **ENTREPRENEURIAL** (G.A.M.E) skills in **STEM**.



Monday 17th April will be Skills for Life day. We have a range of activities and speakers in to inspire students, consolidate knowledge and help prepare for apprenticeships, upcoming exams or University applications.

During the day Ruth Boyce from Winchester University will be presenting to Year 13 students about student finance/transitioning to self living and budgeting for Uni life.



**STUDENT
SURVIVAL
GUIDE**

Work Hard, Rest Hard



All staff and students need to take the next two weeks to reset and rest as well as prepare for next term.

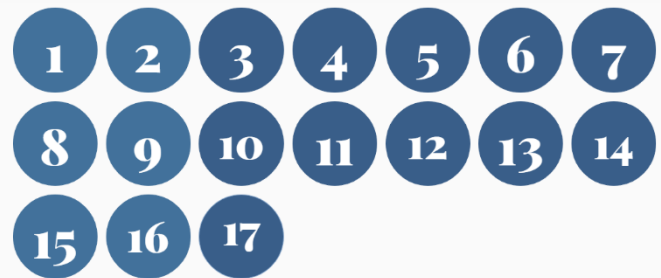
Please find a balance that works for you!!

Revision Tips To Reduce Stress

Revisit learning effectively...
Revisit learning for long enough...
Feel less stressed...



Over Easter you have at least 17 days without lessons...



How can i get the most out of that time?



Structure!



Rule of 8: York University suggests...

8 hours sleeping

8 hours studying/revisiting learning

8 hours your time

How can i stay motivated?

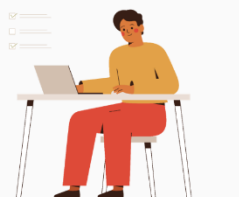


Learning is a transformational process

Revision needs to turn the information into another format - create tables, diagrams, mind maps, flashcards



Controlling your emotions leads to this in an exam...

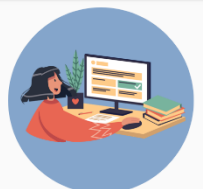


Panicking, cramming and rushing leads to this in an exam...



Don't avoid hard exam questions

Search for hard questions and make up your own hard questions using topics and mark schemes



Easter Hot Cross Buns



With Easter just a week away, it's perfect timing to make your own Hot Cross Buns, the Paul Hollywood way.

Give this recipe a try and enjoy a bun with your coffee on Good Friday!

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Ingredients

For the buns

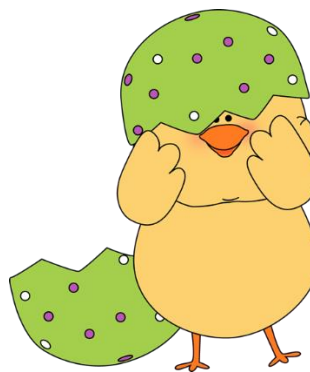
300ml full-fat milk, plus 2 tbsp more
50g butter
500g strong bread flour
1tsp salt
75g caster sugar
1tbsp sunflower oil
7g sachet fast-action or easy-blend yeast
1 egg, beaten
75g sultanas
50g mixed peel
zest 1 orange
1 apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped
1tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp mixed spice

For the cross

75g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

For the glaze

3tbsp apricot jam



STEP 1: Bring 300ml full-fat milk to the boil, then remove from the heat and add 50g butter. Leave to cool until it reaches hand temperature. Put 500g strong bread flour, 1 tsp salt, 75g caster sugar and 7g sachet fast-action or easy-blend yeast into a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Pour in the warm milk and butter mixture, then add 1 beaten egg. Using a wooden spoon, mix well, then bring everything together with your hands until you have a sticky dough.

STEP 2: Tip on to a lightly floured surface and knead by holding the dough with one hand and stretching it with the heel of the other hand, then folding it back on itself. Repeat for 5 mins until smooth and elastic. Put the dough in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise in a warm place for 1 hr or until doubled in size and a finger pressed into it leaves a dent.

STEP 3: With the dough still in the bowl, tip in 75g sultanas, 50g mixed peel, zest of 1 orange, 1 finely chopped apple and 1 tsp ground cinnamon. Knead into the dough, making sure everything is well distributed. Leave to rise for 1 hr more, or until doubled in size, again covered by some well-oiled cling film to stop the dough getting a crust.

STEP 4: Divide the dough into 15 even pieces (about 75g per piece). Roll each piece into a smooth ball on a lightly floured work surface. Arrange the buns on one or two baking trays lined with parchment, leaving enough space for the dough to expand. Cover (but don't wrap) with more oiled cling film, or a clean tea towel, then set aside to prove for 1 hr more.

STEP 5: Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Mix 75g plain flour with about 5 tbsp water to make the paste for the cross – add the water 1 tbsp at a time, so you add just enough for a thick paste. Spoon into a piping bag with a small nozzle. Pipe a line along each row of buns, then repeat in the other direction to create crosses. Bake for 20 mins on the middle shelf of the oven, until golden brown.

STEP 6: Gently heat 3 tbsp apricot jam to melt, then sieve to get rid of any chunks. While the jam is still warm, brush over the top of the warm buns and leave to cool.

TIP – if you don't have a piping bag, use a small plastic bag and cut a small triangle off one corner and push the mixture through to pipe a thin line.

