



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #107
21 April 2023**



A reminder to Y13 students and parents that you are invited into school on **Monday 24th April at anytime between 5 and 6pm**, to experience the school as it will be set up for the external exams period. Key staff will be available should you wish to ask any questions. There is no need to book for this event as it is a 'drop in and wander' format.

On **9th May** the Yr 13 leavers photographs will be taken. A schedule will come out nearer the time and all students will have the opportunity for their photograph to be taken. This includes students who are in an exam for part of the day.



**INDUSTRIAL
ACTION
UPDATE**

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

Year 13 are expected to attend school and lessons for the full day to focus on examination preparation.

Year 12 students are asked to work from home and use the time to prepare for their upcoming end of Year assessments.



Cardiff University Open Day Trip

Please make your payments on Parent Pay for the Year 12 Trip on 30 June. The trip is £9.00 and covers the cost of the coach.

Any Bursary Students attending can contact Mrs Stubbs for bursary support.



Enrichment Trips: Ten Pin Bowling (18 July) & Bath on the Train (19 July)



Year 12 Students - If you haven't already completed the MS Form to register your interest, please do so by **Monday 24 April** at the latest.

Please also complete the form, even if you do not wish to attend.

Valedictory

**Year 13 Students - Valedictory Dinner –
Blunsdon House Hotel - 4 July 2023**

If you haven't already done so, please pay your deposit of £20 to confirm you are coming. **The final balance is due on Tuesday 2 May.**

Confirm your menu choice and table on the MS Form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=spD4XJRqL0WMKZ9zZbaL0PdXHvgJSLBNkKZLBzXsaBpURTQxN0tJRktMVkm3WTQ3RDZBUKRKUIg3Mi4u>





Student Parliament Cake Sale
Raising funds for the Wellbeing &
Identity and Environment Cabinets

Friday 28th April

We are looking for people to donate cakes for the Bake Sale. It will be a nut free sale, and we ask that people provide an ingredient list of what their cakes contain. We will be selling the cakes from centrepoint (next to the science corridor) at break and lunchtime.

If people are able to make cakes we would ask them to bring them to centrepoint on the morning of Friday 28th April, before iLearn.

The Environment cabinet are raising funds for the WWF, a charity dedicated to the environment. The Wellbeing and Identity cabinet will be raising funds for the creation of pronoun bracelets, a new initiative that will be introduced in due course. Any excess funds will be sent to Swindon & Wiltshire Pride, a charity dedicated to the LGBTQ+ community of Swindon and Wiltshire.



Free Revision Masterclass!



Join our online webinar to learn how you can ace your upcoming exams



10th May, 2023

18:30-19:30



Come join our Free Revision Masterclass!

Are you beginning to revise for your upcoming GCSE and A-Level exams?

Come to our Revision Masterclass with Liverpool John Moores University and learn;

- How to create a personalised revision timetable,
- The most effective revision techniques,
- Mental health advice for the exam period.

On: 10th May 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30pm

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

Register by clicking the link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)



Want to find out more about Life at Deloitte as an Apprentice?

Did you know that you can start your career at one of the biggest global accountancy firms whilst gaining a degree-level qualification?

Join our upcoming webinar with Deloitte and:

- Hear from current Deloitte apprentices about their journey,
- Learn how to make your application stand out from the rest,
- Have your questions answered directly from a member of the recruitment team at Deloitte.

On: 25th April 2023 at 6.30 - 7.15pm

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

Register by clicking on the link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

This weeks' latest apprenticeship vacancies:

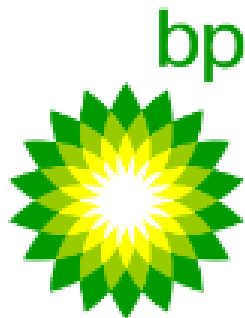


[Explore opportunities with Lloyds Banking Group](#)

Locations: Greater London, Midlands, Leeds, Isle of Man, Bristol, Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast & more!

Deadline: **30 April 2023**

Latest opportunities: Begin your career with the UK's largest retail bank! Gain a higher apprenticeship qualification across financial services, digital and technology solutions, business analytics and more!



[Explore opportunities with bp](#)

Location: Nationwide

Deadline: **26 April 2023**

Latest opportunities: For students interested in Marketing, Operations, Business Sales, Tech Solutions and Product Design. Degree apprenticeships available in Business Management and Sales.



[Explore opportunities with PwC](#)

Location: Cardiff, Northern Ireland, Manchester & London

Latest opportunities: For students who want to kick-start their careers in Business and Management Consultancy, Banking & Finance, Audit, or Technology.



TV PROGRAMME

Graduate Careers Live!

2pm-3.30pm Thursday 27th April 2023

A special TV programme for Year 12 sixth form students on the graduate job market & degree apprenticeships.

Graduate Careers Live! is a new twice-yearly 90-minute programme, introducing **sixth form students, their parents, and schools' careers & university admissions staff** to today's graduate job market.

Broadcasting from a TV studio in central London, the April programme is specifically aimed at Year 12 students and their parents – and will showcase many of the graduate job opportunities, occupations and professions that sixth form students can aspire to in the future.

It will provide invaluable inspiration, information and practical careers guidance on how university – or one of the growing number of degree apprenticeships – can lead to rewarding careers in areas like **engineering, technology, banking & finance, law, accountancy, the media and the public sector.**

But with employers currently receiving an average of **40 applicants per graduate job** – and **fewer than a third** of the country's undergraduates now securing a job offer by the time they leave university – choosing the right university course or degree apprenticeship has never been more important.

Featuring employers, recent graduates, degree apprentices, recruitment experts, special guests and the very latest research and insight on what it takes to be successful in the highly-competitive graduate job market, the programme is being presented by **Martin Birchall**, Editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and **Levi Jouavel**, presenter of BBC Three's *The Catch Up* and a former BBC apprentice.

Graduate Careers Live! will be essential viewing for all Year 12 students at schools & sixth form colleges across the UK, just before they begin considering their post-sixth form options, visiting universities and researching degree apprenticeship opportunities.

The programme is produced by **High Fliers Research**, in partnership with the **Department for Education**.

Register at [GraduateCareers.Live](https://www.graduatematters.com/graduate-careers-live) to watch the first programme on **Thursday 27th April** – live at **2pm** – or on 'catch-up' afterwards.

Fujitsu – Girls in ICT Insight Event



If you haven't booked already, we still have places available on our ICT insight experience with Springpod and Fujitsu taking place 26th to 28th April. It is being planned to commemorate International Girls in ICT Day, and students will hear from speakers such as award-winning STEM Ambassador Tim Chapman, Fujitsu Apprentice Maddison Forrester and Fujitsu Graduate Nadiyah Mughal.

This [Pre-Event Pack](#) provides all the information you need. As a reminder you have two ways to access this event. Both options are below.

Option 1: You can log onto the event and show it on a screen.

Option 2: **Students can access this event individually.** This will involve students working their way through the content and watching webinars independently.

We're keen to break down barriers in education as I'm sure you are too and women in STEM is a massive growth area; especially in the IT sector. You can find out more about this event and the link to apply below.

[APPLY](#)

Here's what a student said last time around:

"Thank you very much for your time! It's really inspiring hearing what females can achieve in still such a male-dominated industry. It's also really encouraging to hear that you enjoy your jobs and how rewarding they can be. I hope one day to be in a similar position to you and I'd like to think I'll remember some of the women I looked up to who encouraged me to pursue that path." - Rosie

We're keen to maximise participation and so the event will be accessible on-demand after it takes place on the 26th April. Links to access this will be emailed to any registrants after the event. You can then share content at a time that suits you.

Discover a new way to choose *your degree* with Springpod Subject Spotlights

- On-demand
- Explore your subject interests
- Discover new subjects
- Develop academic skills
- Strengthen your university application



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Create your student account by scanning the QR code on the left hand side of this poster, add your school or college email address and then verify your account. If you already have a Springpod account, then login as normal.



Subject Spotlights



Step by step – Getting Started with Subject Spotlights

What is a Subject Spotlight?

A Subject Spotlight is a pathway for students, like you, to experience what you will be studying at university, through a series of engaging and interactive mini-lecture episodes with top academics - completely on-demand, so you can get started and complete in your own time!

What can I expect from a Subject Spotlight?

You'll experience a *mini-lecture with a established academic*.

An understanding of a course module in a university degree course.

Feel more confident in deciding your undergraduate course at university.

And more importantly, **strengthen your personal statement!** A Subject Spotlight will benefit your course understanding before applying.

Once complete, this Subject Spotlight will look great to mention on your personal statement so don't miss out!

How to get started:

- 1** Visit university.springpod.com
- 2** Find a Subject Spotlight that you are interested in - we have opportunities in a selection of subjects from a host of top universities.
- 3** Click 'get started' on the Subject Spotlight.
- 4** Create a FREE account, or sign-in.
- 5** Click 'Start watching, {name}': This will automatically enrol you into the Spotlight.
- 6** You will be taken to your programme for you to complete. You can also come back to the programme and pick up where you left off!



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Subject Spotlights





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A VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE



On demand interactive video content



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Content to enhance UCAS personal statements



Remarkable and reliable academics

More about this Subject Spotlight...

Scan the QR codes to learn more!



Animal Management & Science

with Dr Eleanor Drinkwater & Darren Vetch



Canine Therapy

with Lauren Hunt



Equine Performance Science

with Jaime Finch



Veterinary Physiotherapy

with Claire Boyle

Big Think Competition



St Edmund Hall
University of Oxford



UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

<https://www.seh.ox.ac.uk/study/outreach/events-and-competitions/big-think-competition>

We are inviting students across the UK to tackle one of our academics' 'big' questions. These have been specially designed to challenge you beyond your normal school curriculum and get you thinking big about your subject and what it might be like to study it at university. Simply record a video of 5 minutes or less presenting your arguments, research, evidence or opinions.

The Prize

Our winners will receive:

£100 1st Prize

£50 2nd Prize

£35 Subject Commendations

Winners will also all be invited to Oxford for the day where they will get to discuss their entries with subject tutors, tour round with current students and enjoy lunch in our Wolfson Hall.

To enter you must:

live in the UK

attend a state school
be in Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13

How to enter:

Send us a video of no more than 5 minutes in length.
You don't need any fancy equipment, you can film it on your phone if you like – we will be judging based on your engagement with the questions.
Your video doesn't have to include your face if you don't want – feel free to get creative! You could narrate a PowerPoint, record you drawing or even apply your TikTok-making skills...
Submit your video as an unlisted YouTube video or via WeTransfer when completing the entry form.

Entries close Monday 1st May 2023. Good luck!

English

What can we learn from reading books whose attitudes we dislike?

Earth Sciences

How unique is Earth as a habitable planet?

Economics & Management

Are CEOs overpaid?

Fine Art

Does placing art in a museum build a wall around it or make it more accessible?

Law

Is privacy dead? Should it be?

Languages

Does language influence society or society influence language?

Chemistry

To what extent can Chemistry solve the greatest problems facing our times?

History

How can we retrieve the ideas of people who left no written records?

Engineering

Are device longevity and repairability important when designing consumer electronics (eg. smartphones)?

Maths

Can important decisions be made on the basis of mathematical models only?

Politics

If I have less money than you, am I less free than you?

Medical Sciences

How does the environment influence our brain?

Physics

Will we ever discover extra-terrestrial life?

Psychology

Is social media making us unhappy?



**A great Super Curricular
opportunity**

For more opportunities download the Rushcliffe Super Curriculum app. Created by the fantastic team at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy.

What is the Super Curriculum?

Super curricular activities are those that take your regular curriculum further. They take the subject you study in the classroom beyond that which your teacher has taught you or what you've done for homework. On our downloadable app, there are a range of activities, suggested by teachers for you to stretch yourself and explore your subjects.

You will find our app available to download for iOS and Android.

You can download for Apple devices here:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/id1560629360>

You can download for Android devices

here: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.AppInstitute.u70c2>

The importance of super-curricular activities

To do well at A Level, it is important to have a) enthusiasm and curiosity for your subject and b) the capacity for independent study.

Super-curricular activities can help you:

- Choose a subject to study.
- Provide evidence on a personal statement or for an interview.
- Develop important skills.

The Super-curricular Hour

By just adding in an hour a week of super curricular activities, you could be enhancing your grades and opening more opportunities for your future, simply by broadening your understanding of a particular subject area.

Could you help children with their reading this summer?



We are looking for outgoing and enthusiastic
volunteers to support children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in Royal Wootton Bassett library

between 15th July and 9th Sept

- ★ Gain experience and skills for
CVs or UCAS applications
- ★ Support your local community
 - ★ Make a difference
 - ★ Have fun!

Ask staff for details about this rewarding
volunteering opportunity, deadline for
applications – 6 May 2023

For more information: 01793 853249
or email: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Minimum commitment: 16 hours over the duration of the challenge
Parent/guardian permission required for under 18s



Gold DofE Residential Pathfinders Camp

Making Camping Accessible

Could you help a disabled woman have
the camping holiday of her dreams?

Where: Farnham, Surrey

When: 13-18th August 2023

How much: £160 (bursaries available)



Pathfinders Camp
Charity: 1171466



Find Out More

Please see a letter from the camp leader below:

We are looking for volunteers to help with a project that is very dear to my heart and I just wondered whether anyone connected with your school might like to be involved?

I help to run a camping holiday for disabled women (ages 18 to 80+!!). Our main need is for female volunteer carers aged 17 and over, though we do take some 16 year olds who are sufficiently mature to assist with personal care and show some initiative, and we also take a small intake of young men (who would not be involved in the personal care side). We don't have an upper age limit for our helpers. Everyone is allocated to a team and there are always experienced helpers in each team alongside new recruits.

We provide a great opportunity for young people considering careers in medicine, nursing, physio/OT, health & social care, social work and teaching, to work with disabled people in a fun and supportive environment. It is all fantastic 'life experience' and is also a great line for any young person to have on their CV. We are often used for the residential placement for Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award as an Approved Activity Provider.

If anyone might be interested in signing up for an opportunity to volunteer and have some fun, whilst helping a disabled person to enjoy their holiday, during the summer break this year, I'd really like to hear from them

Our camp this year runs from **Sunday 13th to Friday 18th August and will take place at Woodlarks Campsite, which is based in Farnham in Surrey**. There is a small charge levied for everyone who comes to camp – whether they are a disabled participant or volunteer helper and this year we are charging £160 for the week to cover food and camp fees, a full programme of activities.

We were fortunate enough to be involved in the production of a “video” for the campsite that we use, with the footage being taken at Pathfinders Camp in 2017. The link to this is here, and this can help give a sense of what the camp is like. <http://www.woodlarks.org.uk/our-2018-video/>

I have attached an Information Sheet covering some basic information about us, but am happy to discuss this in more detail or provide more information by e-mail, telephone (07401 870474), or paper copy to anyone who is interested. Our website can be found at www.pathfinderscamp.com.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Sam Dunn
Camp Leader & Trustee
Pathfinders Camp (Woodlarks)
pathfinderscamp.com



PR Entry Level Training Programme - £25,000
London, England, United Kingdom

Golin Launched an exclusive partnership with Your Game Plan (YGP) to support young people into **PR and Comms Careers**. Your Game Plan bridges the gap between classroom and career by educating young people about the careers available to them.

The ed-tech platform offers online training to help students develop the skills and knowledge needed for employability, financial health and mental wellbeing.

As part of our partnership, we are running a **6 week paid training programme with Golin trainers, mentors and buddies**. The aim of this program is to bolster skills and help you develop a career in PR. The training will follow Golin's bespoke foundational training programme that covers a vast number of topics for entry level and junior PR employees.

For those who apply and complete the YGP online programme, Golin will invite a group to take part in the 6-week programme with Golin trainers, mentors and buddies to bolster their skills and help them develop a career in PR.

The training will follow Golin's new, bespoke foundational training programme currently available for all our junior new starters.

More detail click here:

https://golin.com/careers/open-positions/?gh_jid=6707317002



The Department of Information Studies at Aberystwyth University is particularly excited to tell you about its **BA Cultural Heritage Studies: Libraries Archives and Museums**, which is professionally accredited by CILIP: The Library and Information Association with a clear pathway to recognised professions. If you have an interest in libraries, archives, museums or the impact of information in society then this course could be what you have been looking for.

You can find information about the Department and its range of courses here: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/dis/about-us/> and further details of the Cultural Heritage course here: <https://courses.aber.ac.uk/undergraduate/cultural-heritage-studies/>. Comments from the accrediting body CILIP: The Library and Information Association, can be found here: <https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/556298/First-Cultural-Heritage-Studies-course-receives-CILIP-accreditation.htm>.

We are a small, friendly department and would be delighted to welcome your students to study with us in Aberystwyth. **We have on-campus Open Days on the following Saturday – 22nd April 2023, 8th July 2023 and 14th October 2023.** More information can be found here: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/study-with-us/open-days/>.



Russell Group Webinars

Tuesday 25th April 2023 - Thursday 27th April 2023

UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the **Russell Group** once again to bring you our popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics.

Taking place from the **25-27th April**, we have **five 90-minute sessions** each featuring **six expert panelists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey.

Each session the chat will be managed by other representatives from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information throughout.

Register here to take part:

[Russell Group Enquiries | UK University Search](#)

ONCE YOU HAVE REGISTERED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TO SELECT THE WEBINAR/S YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN BY CLICKING ON THE ZOOM LINK/S.

The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - Tuesday 25th April:

An Introduction to the Russell Group and why choose to Study there?

12pm to 1:30pm.

Led by: University of York, University of Glasgow, University College London,
University of Sheffield, King's College London and University of Leeds.

Student life at 4:30pm - 6pm.

Led by: Newcastle University, London School of Economics & Political Science,
Durham University, University of Exeter & University of Bristol.

Day 2 - Wednesday 26th April

The International Students Session - 9am to 10:30am

Led by: University of York, University of Glasgow, Newcastle University, Cardiff
University, University of Liverpool & University College London

Day 3 -Thursday 27th April

Researching University Options - 12pm to 1:30pm.

Led by: University of Cambridge, University of Warwick, Cardiff University, University of Southampton, Queen Mary University of London & University of Edinburgh.

Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University - 4:30pm to 6pm

Led by: University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, University of Liverpool, Queen's University Belfast, University of Manchester & University of Birmingham

The Russell Group is made up of:

University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, Cardiff University, Durham University, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, Imperial College London, King's College London, University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, London School of Economics & Political Science, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, Queen Mary, University of London, Queen's University Belfast, University of Sheffield, University of Southampton, University College London, University of Warwick, University of York.

Interested in conservation, wildlife, sustainability?



Want to become a
Young Ambassador
for Wiltshire
Wildlife Trust?

We are looking for aspiring
Climate and Environmental
Champions aged 16-21 years
who want to get involved
in supporting wildlife,
biodiversity, ecosystems
and climate change
in Wiltshire.

If you are interested, please contact us at
info@wiltshirewildlife.org or find us on:   

www.wiltshirewildlife.org





**GO BIG OR GO
BALD!**

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.

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



Well
done!

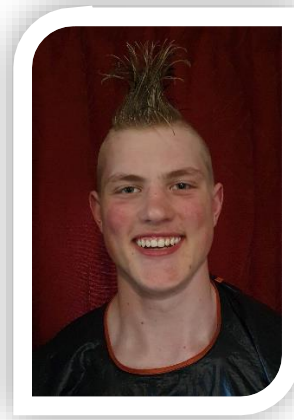
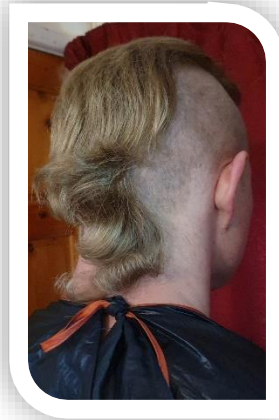
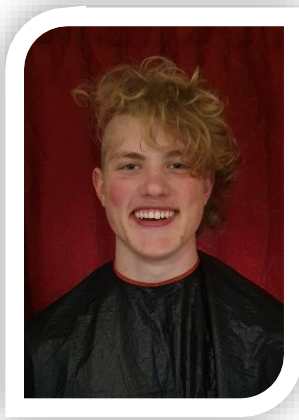
Massive Well Done to Aaron McNeil who completed his fundraising headshave over the Easter Break to raise funds for Cancer Research.

Aaron has raised £270



You saw the Before now here is the during and after photos.
You can still add to his total on the following link:

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





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/>