



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #109
5 May 2023**



Congratulations to the Year 12 students who experienced a range of weather last weekend in Bannau Brycheiniog (the Brecon Beacons) from sunburnt faces to wind swept hair and soggy tents!! They endured it all and had a great time.

They are now all ready to head off to Dartmoor on their final qualifying expedition.



Year 13 Photographs will take place on Tuesday 9th May. Year 13 are asked to attend between 12.30 – 13.30. Photos will be taken individually.

Examinations start next week and as the main school exam location, much of the Sixth Form block will be unavailable for students. Please ensure you read all notices and adhere to all signs, so that the students sitting examinations are not disturbed.

The lecture theatre and much of the top floor will be used for speaking and listening exams next week so it is essential if you are using the study room you do so in silence.

Some classes will also have to be re-roomed, so please look at your emails to ensure you know where to go and are not late for class.



Year 13 BTEC students are expected to continue attending timetabled lessons after 12th May until such time they have completed their exam or completed their coursework. Good luck!!

To those sitting exams a reminder of the rules and checklists that will need to be followed are below. Any questions please ask Mrs Loveday in the exams office.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sifbrx9_do4


On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

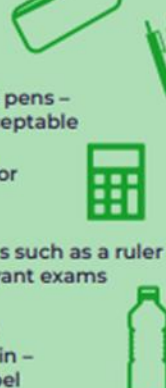
Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of your exams – you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam

What you cannot take into exams:

- any type of phone
 - revision notes
 - any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
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What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
 - at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
 - an approved calculator for relevant exams
 - appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
 - a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label
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Other important information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
- Make sure you stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

If you have any questions about the format on the day, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



You can also find useful information about preparing for exams at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents

RWBA SIXTH FORM SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY: BANK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY: BRING SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME
also... bake sale and karaoke

WEDNESDAY: WEAR LOUNGEWEAR
also... rounders tournament

THURSDAY: DRESS AS YOUR DREAM JOBS (NOW OR AS A CHILD) AND FUTURE ASPIRATIONS
also... uno championship

FRIDAY: DRESS AS EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE
(whatever you want!)

Year 13 Spirit week –

**Tuesday 9th May
– Friday 12th May.**

All members of the Sixth Form community are requested to get involved in making memories and celebrating the end of formal education for Year 13.

Friday Fancy dress is for Yr 13 students and Tutors only!!!

Details on the after-school activities will be coming out daily.

Remember the daily photo shoot will take place in the Sixth Form reception at breaktime.





RWBA SIXTH FORM

**GREAT
BRITISH BAKE
SALE**

all cakes 50p!

**All donations go
towards sixth
form charity,
Action Aid.**

**TUESDAY
9TH MAY
2023**

CASH ONLY!!





BRITISH BAKE SALE - TUESDAY 9 MAY - AS PART OF SPIRIT WEEK

Please Donate, Bake, Bring, Buy and Eat Cakes on Tuesday.

Morning Break 11.10 - 11.30 in the Sixth Form Reception Area. All funds go towards the Sixth Form Charity - Action Aid.

PLEASE BRING CASH!

★ VALEDICTORY DINNER ★

We hope to see lots of you
there! Only 60 days to go!

- DATE:** Tuesday 4 July 2023
TIME: 6.30 – 11.30 pm (plenty of parking available)
MEAL: 7.15 – 9.00 pm followed by Disco
DRESS: Formal Attire
VENUE: Blunsdon House Hotel, Swindon, SN26 7AS
BRING: Proof of ID/Age

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR FINAL BALANCE

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE CHOSEN YOUR MENU BY
COMPLETING THE MS FORM BELOW**



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=spD4XJRqLQWMKZ9zZbaLoPdXHvgJSLBNkKZL-BzXsaBpURTOxN0tJRktMVkM3WTO3RDZBUkRKUJg3Mi4u>



UCAS



Invites have gone out this week to all Year 12 parents to our **future pathways** evening on **Wednesday 10th May 6 – 7pm in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre.**

We will lead parents through the process of applying to university or apprenticeships, discuss what is expected from students throughout the process, publish the timescales and specific support offered at RWBA.

We look forward to seeing you.



Thank you to all those who applied and were interviewed for positions in the Sixth Form Senior Leadership team for 2023 – 2024.

The SSLT leadership assessment afternoon will take place on Thursday 18th May 3 – 4pm.

Politics: UK Voting Behaviour – Who Is Going To Win The Next General Election? Why? And How Can We Tell? With Professor Toby James From University of East Anglia

May 17 @ 15:35 - 16:20

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-university-interactive-talk-on-uk-voting-behaviour-ks5-registration-589796064907>



University of East Anglia

In this Politics session, Toby James, Professor of Politics & Public Policy in the School of Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communication Studies at UEA, will run an interactive talk for students on **UK Voting Behaviour: Who Is Going To Win The Next General Election? Why? And How Can We Tell?**

It is often thought that it is the state of the economy which makes voters decide to re-elect a government or not. But many elections have also been decided by other factors, including whether eligible voters decide to stay at home and not vote at all.

This interactive session will introduce the reasons why people vote for the party and candidate that they do; and why turnout can often be very low.

Lecturer Profile (Please Click): [Professor Toby James](#)

Adult Nursing: Live Treatment In Surrey's Clinical Simulation Centre With Lisa Blazhevski & Undergraduate Students From University of Surrey

May 17 @ 17:45 - 18:30



We would like to welcome you to adult nursing at the University of Surrey.

In this session, we will explore what an adult nurse is and where a career in adult nursing can take you while we also introduce you to our Surrey Clinical Simulation Centre, having fun with a scenario. You will have the opportunity to watch how learning in a simulated environment can enhance your knowledge and skills.

The Sim Centre's job is to give trainee healthcare professionals an experience of their future role, as close to the real thing as possible, making the most of learning opportunities and taking away the risk to patients.

We aim to have Nurses, Paramedics, Midwives and Doctors practice real skills with real equipment, on fake patients; It's a safe place to make mistakes and learn from them.

In the scenario we will be caring for a patient who is feeling short of breath. You will need to make decisions about their care for our student nurses to complete based on the information provided.

From the scenario we will be able to look at how a patient responds to your care treatments and why it is important to consider how human biology links in with nursing decision-making.

If you are interested in a caring profession, biology and interpersonal skills, considering a BSc Hons Degree in Adult Nursing can bring a multitude of opportunities, lifelong learning and an incredibly rewarding career.

Speaker Profile (Please Click): [Lisa Blazhevski](#)

As a live, participative event, this session will not be recorded but slides and other resources will be shared after the event, where available.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adult-nursing-live-treatment-in-a-clinical-simulation-centre-surrey-registration-595735379557>



Students in all year groups still have time to enrol on the next NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience session! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to build a strong portfolio of healthcare experience and gain insight into the NHS interdisciplinary team. No previous experience is necessary!

We encourage all students considering a career in the NHS to book as soon as possible using the link below:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

The next session will take place virtually on Sunday 7th May.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team. This includes:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Attendees will interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications!

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



Introducing the Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology at North Star

An Institute of Technology (IoT) is a collaboration between Further Education (FE) providers, universities and employers. We are a state-of-the-art training facility, delivering high quality, higher level technical education and training across a range of STEM occupations and industries.

The Sixth Form team and other staff enjoyed a tour of the IOT facilities on Tuesday afternoon. The facilities are impressive and we will be discussing opportunities for students to visit the IOT during Term 6.

For more information watch their youtube advertisement or view their website.

<https://youtu.be/8rNoAv32A44> <https://www.sawiot.ac.uk/>



Unlock Cyber Wiltshire Careers event

A new event for Key Stage 5 students (16–19 years) providing a fantastic opportunity to meet employers and learn about careers in cyber security. It launches in October as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month. It will be of particular interest to those students studying Computer Science and STEM subjects, as well as those who enjoy problem solving and analysing information.

The event takes place on Wednesday 11 October at the Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology in Swindon, 12:30–16:30.

Attendees can attend four different employer-led sessions to help them to understand:

- The breadth of cyber roles within different organisations
- The skills employers look for in applicants
- How to demonstrate knowledge and interests when applying for entry level opportunities
- The different career pathways available

If you are interested in attending such an event please let Mrs Vaughan know.



With the UCAS deadline in October, and a lot to get through in their application, it's very important that students attend the next FREE, VIRTUAL Get into Medicine conference. There is still time to begin their application, but it's important for them to understand the application process as closely as possible.

Getting into medicine is as much about working tactically as it is about working hard, so I encourage all aspiring doctors to register below as soon as they can.

GET INTO MEDICINE CONFERENCE (FREE, VIRTUAL)

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Dr Laura and Dr Hannah will guide students in years 10-12 through the UCAS application process to medicine. This includes personal statements, UCAT, interview skills, scholarships, and what they need to make their medical application stand out.

Saturday 7th May (9:30am - 3:30pm)

Sunday 28th May (9:30am - 3:30pm)

Registration link: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>



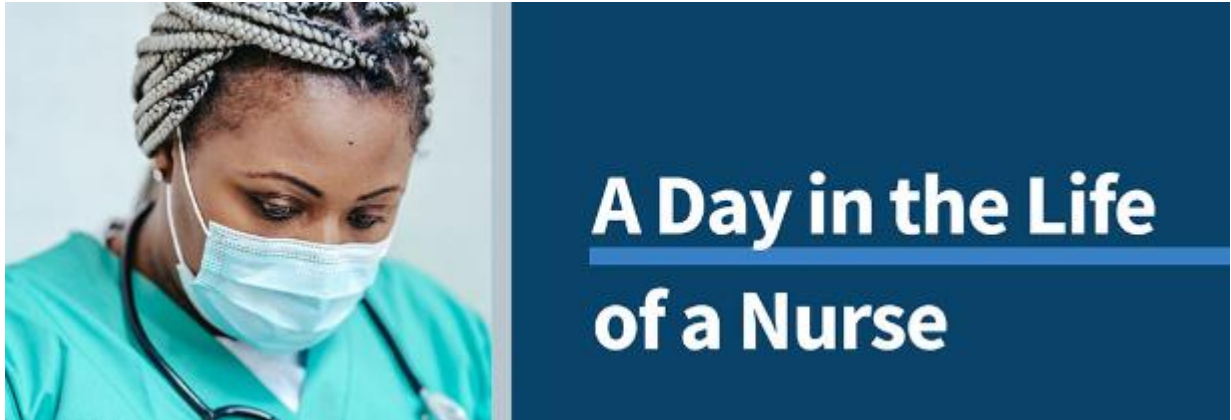
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I'm Tanya, midwife and **Chief Midwife Mentor and AHP Mentor**. I'm writing to let you know that I am launching my virtual Get into Midwifery conference on **Saturday 3rd June (2pm - 7pm)**. Your students in all year groups are invited!

Registration link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/national-healthcare-insight-conference/>

I will lead your students through the entire process of applying to midwifery and what day-to-day life in the profession actually entails. This is a fantastic opportunity for both students pursuing midwifery and those undecided. Student admissions teams notice those who go the extra mile to make an informed course and career decision.

The Get into Midwifery conference is here by popular demand, so I would greatly appreciate it if you forwarded this to your students.



GET INTO NURSING CONFERENCE - Saturday 3rd June (9:30am - 12:30pm)

Registration link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/national-healthcare-insight-conference/>

For students interested in nursing, Chief Nurse Mentor Abbie Dickinson will host a virtual Get into Nursing conference on Saturday 3rd June.

Abbie will break down UCAS for nurses and what applicants need to get admitted to a highly popular profession.

Your students just need to click the link below and enrol on the conference of their choice. As it's important to hear from a variety of healthcare perspectives, they are more than welcome to attend both!

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/national-healthcare-insight-conference/>

Tickets are £10 to cover administrative and technological costs.



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ARE YOU

G A M E ?

Exploring **GREEN**, **ARTISTIC**, **MECHANICAL** & **ENTREPRENEURIAL** skills in **STEM**

With the help of UK industry, this summer from 26th June to 7th July, we'll be tapping into student's hidden STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) potential, offering them a two-week timetable themed around careers and project objectives which are G.A.M.E:

G	GREEN: making the world more ecologically sustainable
A	ARTISTIC: the creative expressions of human existence
M	MECHANICAL: transformative products and systems
E	ENTREPRENEURIAL: innovative ideas in action

Week one - DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS

Monday 26th - Friday 30th June

What is a Discovery Workshop? A live bitesize taster session that is teacher facilitated for whole groups of students. Expect a brief introductory presentation as well as a Q&A session and other fun, short activities! Book for your classes using our online form.

Week two - INSIGHT SESSIONS

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July

What is an insight session? A live session designed for individual students to participate in. Expect a longer, more in depth session, an introductory presentation as well as a Q&A and other activities like breakout rooms or polls. Students apply through our online portal.



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Discovery Workshop
26/06/2023
10:00-11:00am



Discovery Workshop
27/06/2023
2:00-3:00pm



Discovery Workshop
27/06/2023
1:30-2:30pm



Discovery Workshop
29/06/2023
10:00-11:00am

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ARE YOU GAME?



Discovery Workshop
29/06/2023
1:30-2:30pm



Discovery Workshop
30/06/2023
10:00-11:00am

Get the most out of your Discovery Workshop!

- Remember that these sessions are designed for groups of students and are teacher facilitated
- Provide us with the contact details of additional school staff who will be involved in supporting your students with sessions. We recommend at least one staff member for each group of 30 students participating
- Explore the website of the employer in advance of the session and do some research
- Support students to prepare questions in advance to bring along to the session
- Print the session worksheet shared with you in advance of the session

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& **ENTREPRENEURIAL** skills in STEM

If you haven't made a speakers for schools account yet – What are you waiting for???

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>



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Virtual Placement

03/07/2023 - 05/07/2023

09:30am - 3:00pm



Insight Session

06/07/2023

09:30 - 11:30am



Insight Session

07/07/2023

09:00 - 12:30am

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What can your students expect from an Insight Session or Placement?

- Insight Sessions and Placements are applied for by students on an individual basis through our online portal.
- If their application is accepted, students will receive login details in advance of the session.
- These types of sessions go into more depth around careers and pathways and may explore a range of different options and roles, interacting with a range of employees.
- Students can expect to take part in activities involving polls, quizzes, using break out rooms or whiteboards. They may work in groups to complete a task.
- Students should fully participate in session, completing all tasks and taking part in group work.

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GAME? STEM!

ARE YOU GAME for exploring skills in STEM?

Week One DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS - Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June

Who?	What?	When?	Opportunity ID
Coventry University Dance Research Centre	Explore the science of dance and discover how body research is the first step before movement!	26/06/2023 10:00am - 11:00am	PL-4793
Met Office	Communicating weather & climate! Join us to explore the range of communication careers	27/06/2023 2:00 - 3:00pm	PL-4904
Boots	An opportunity to find out more about Science and Technology at Boots & The No7 Beauty Company	27/06/2023 1:30-1:30pm	PL-4352
WSP	Would you like to design the future more sustainably? - WSP	28/06/2023 10:00-11:00am	PL-4927
Midland Metro Alliance	Become a Sustainability Manager and make the world a greener place! - Midland Metro Alliance	29/06/2023 0:00 - 0:00pm	PL-4830
Spaceport Cornwall	Step Into Space! Learn all about space launch from Cornwall and the UK	30/06/2023 09:30-10:30am	PL-4764

GREEN skills in STEM

ARTISTIC skills in STEM

MECHANICAL skills in STEM

ENTREPRENEURIAL skills in STEM

Book here using our online form!



GAME? STEM!

ARE YOU GAME for exploring skills in STEM?



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Week Two INSIGHT SESSIONS - Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July

Who?	What?	When?
Willmott Dixon	Construction, Sustainability and the Green Village Virtual Work Experience	03/07/2023 - 05/07/2023 09:30am-3:00pm
Jae Translations	How my passion for languages enabled me to set up my own business	06/07/2023 09:30-11:30am
WSP	A 'Future Ready' introduction to civil engineering and the built environment	07/07/2023 09:00am-12:30p,

GREEN skills in STEM

ARTISTIC skills in STEM

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ENTREPRENEURIAL skills in STEM

Students apply through our website here!

Why is work experience so important?

1

RAISES FUTURE SALARY

For each additional type of work experience done, future annual earnings increase by £1,088*

2

IMPROVES EMPLOYABILITY

Attending work experience reduces the chance of becoming NEET from 11 to 7%*

YET, 66% OF YOUNG PEOPLE CAN'T RECALL DOING ANY WORK EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16-18, AND PRIVATELY EDUCATED STUDENTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DO MULTIPLE PLACEMENTS AS STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS.*

*Based on the results of a recent YouGov survey of 2,098 18-30-year-olds

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-for-all/>



A reminder that **Monday 8th May** will be a bank holiday to celebrate King Charles III's coronation.

The school will be closed for the day.

What ever you are doing have a lovely extended weekend.



Recipe Corner



Royal Victoria Scones

Why not give this regal scone recipe a go over the weekend. It is an original from the Be Ro Flour recipe book first published in 1928.

Great with clotted cream and strawberry jam or if you prefer butter. Either way they are lovely just out of the oven ... mmm

Ingredients: Makes 4 slightly larger scones – takes around 15 – 20 mins to cook

2 cups (225g) self raising flour

Pinch of salt

¼ cup (50g) of butter or margarine

¼ cup (50g) of caster sugar

½ teaspoon of baking powder for extra rise

1 large egg

100 ml of whole milk

Glacé cherries – cut in half for each scone



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 400F, 200C or gas mark 6, fan oven 180C. Line a baking tray with some baking paper or greaseproof.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Drop in the butter and rub it into the flour using the tips of your fingers. The mixture should resemble fine bread crumbs when done.
3. Stir in the sugar
4. Beat the egg and milk together, and add to the flour mixture. Reserve a bit to brush on the top of the scones. Stir in to make a soft dough.
5. Tip out onto a lightly floured board. Knead lightly a few times and then divide into 4.
6. Shape each quarter into a round about ½ inch thickness. Place onto the baking tray and leave plenty of space between each.
7. Using a sharp knife make a cut across the top of each to mark into quarters. Don't cut all the way through, just score it.
8. Brush with the reserved egg and milk to glaze. Wash and dry the cherries and cut in half and press into each quarter of each scone. Bake until well risen and golden brown.