



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #117

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Year 12 Induction took place on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July.



A huge welcome to all the new Year 12 students and to our current students who described what life is like at RWBA Sixth Form and managed the tuck shop and charity activities.

Good luck for results day and we will see you in September.



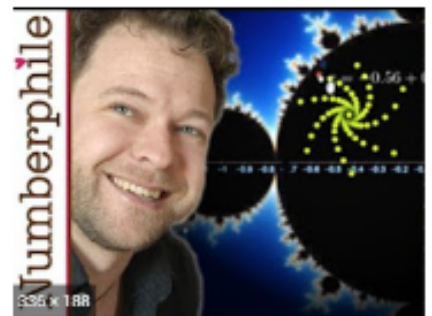
From Monday 10th July Year 12 students will move into their new Tutor groups. All lists have been circulated and each student and tutor is aware of their new group. Tutors and students will conduct the one to one **personal development sessions** between now and the end of term, this will allow them to really get to know each other and identify areas and skills of strength and those that need developing.



On Tuesday, Mrs Powell took a group of year 12 mathematicians to a Maths Problem Solving Day at the University of Bath. The day consisted of lecture-style sessions on how to approach and solve challenging maths problems and time spent solving challenging maths problems. One session was all about how to present solutions and the students worked in small groups to solve problems, before the (un)lucky groups presented their solutions to about 50 students. A daunting challenge for Max, Sam H and Sebastian who had to go first!! Another important part of this session was receiving and giving feedback.

The afternoon gave the students chance to show their competitive side with them competing against each other in teams by solving yet more maths problems. Following a three-way tie-break, Team "MESS" (Max, Ethan, Sam H and Sebastian) won, with each member receiving a highly treasured Rubik's Cube.

And still there was more to come! The highlight of the day was the final talk "Where do numbers come from?" A most entertaining and amusing talk given by Ben Sparks.





Explore  
your   
options  

Year 12 students had a very productive day today exploring their options for the future, starting their UCAS applications and considering their personal statement.

What makes a good personal statement? Click on the link for some fast-paced advice!!

<https://youtu.be/8hFkMAjW-I>

There will be a catch-up session for those that are currently on the geography field trip on Tuesday 18th July 1 – 3pm in the Lecture theatre.

A huge thank you to Mrs Vaughan, Mr Matthews and Ashley from Exeter University for making the day as informative and engaging.

Now it is the students that need to take the lead and create their own future!!





Year 12 Invited parents evening will take place on Thursday 13th July 4.30 -6.30

This will be a face-to-face event. Parents will have the opportunity to speak about student progress directly to class teachers.

An email with all the booking information will be sent out on Monday 10th July.



Log on to see the exciting new summer holiday opportunities for work experience, events, visits and training.

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/>

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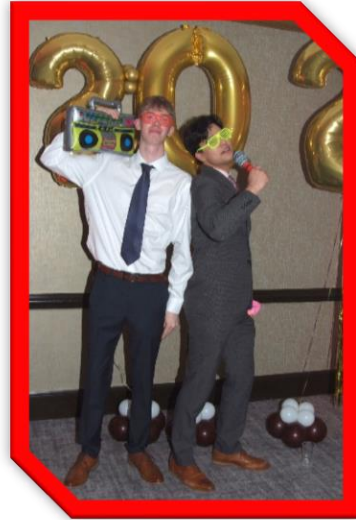
Valedictory Dinner - 4 July 2023

130 Year 13 Students and staff attended the Sixth Form Valedictory Dinner at Blunsdon House Hotel on Tuesday. We had a very enjoyable evening, just a shame the rain decided to arrive on this day!





Just a few photos from the night!



Congratulations to Joey on
his 18th Birthday







Even the Staff can't resist a photo call!



RWBA Summer Concert

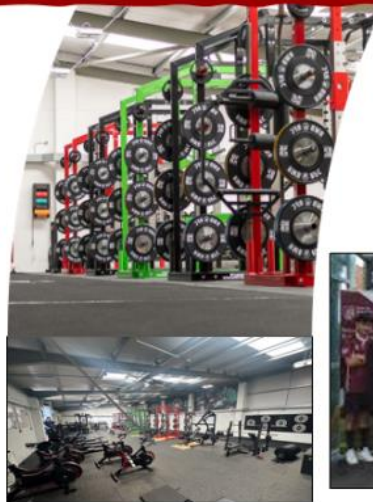
- Thursday 13th July at 3.45pm in the Assembly Hall
- All are welcome!
- Sign up via Mrs Hodgson: ehodgson@rwba.org.uk



RWBA 6th



Sports Performance Pathway



- Developing individual performance skills and team play to support your understanding of athletic development.
- Exposure to high performance facilities, training and opportunities.
- Extended development as coaches, leaders and personal well-being.
- Competitive representation as SPP team for RWBA 6th Form.
- 6 hours curriculum time allocation and provision.



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Changemakers Media Challenge

A challenge competition designed to provide 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to:

- Develop knowledge about the media industry and the range of associated careers.
- Improve key skills such as teamwork, creativity and public speaking.
- Enhance their post-18 applications.

The Competition

Competing teams are challenged with creating a media campaign that will improve the lives and future of 16-24 year old readers. It can be an information campaign, a campaign to change a law or to implement a new government policy, but it must capture the imagination of the target audience.

Recognition and Awards

- All participants will receive a certificate of completion
- The team in 2nd place will receive ASOS Vouchers
- The team judged to have presented the winning pitch will receive:
 - o Two week work experience with Reach plc, where students will work closely with our journalists and the chance to have their work published in 1 or more Reach titles
 - o Travel expenses and lunches will be reimbursed

PLEASE NOTE: If winners are under 18, the work experience will commence following their 18th birthday.

The Format

[OPTION 1] - Launch Event (Wednesday 19 July, 10:30am-4:00pm)

- Teams visit the Reach "hub" office in Manchester and receive an intro to the sector & the competition itself, office tour, Q&A with staff and the opportunity to sit in on an editorial conference.

[OPTION 2] - Virtual Launch Event (Thursday 20 July, 4:30pm-6:30pm)



- Teams that were unable to attend the in-person launch event in Manchester join the virtual launch. They will receive an intro to the sector and the competition itself, along with Q&A with staff.

[For all] Online support (31 July & 16 August, 3pm–5pm)

- Teams have the opportunity to develop, format and refine their pitch with workshops and expert feedback from Reach staff.

[For all] National final (31 August, 10:30am – 4pm)

- Teams deliver the pitch for their media campaign in front of a judging panel. Teams will have submitted an elevator pitch for their campaign in advance.

[For all] Additional benefits

Participants will also be invited to attend online workshops providing advice in relation to UCAS personal statement and apprenticeship applications!

About Reach

Reach plc is the UK's and Ireland's largest commercial news publisher. Reach is home to more than 130 trusted brands, from national titles like the Mirror, Express, Daily Record and Daily Star, to local brands like Manchester Evening News, Bristol Live, Birmingham Live and Nottingham Post.

About Causeway Education

Causeway Education is a social mobility charity that collaborates with schools, universities, employers and other third sector organisations to provide support to young people who may face barriers to progression to post-18 destinations.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Changemakers Media Challenge, team members must meet the following basic eligibility criteria:

- Be 16-18 years of age
- Attend, and have always attended (if not currently in school, previously attended), a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college



Additional Criteria

PLUS, team members must meet at least one of the following additional criteria. Teams of students who meet more than one additional criterion are more likely to receive a place in the competition:

- Currently in receipt of, or have previously received at secondary school, free school meals, Education Maintenance Allowance and/or 16 to 19 Bursary
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) receive Universal Credit
- 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
- Attending a school or college with
- below average A-Level or Higher points score and/or
- low rate of progression to higher education

You do not have to tell us whether you attend a school that has below average attainment and/or progression to higher education, Causeway will verify this directly.

PLEASE NOTE: *The eligibility criteria is used to ensure that students for whom the opportunity can have the biggest impact are recognised and able to participate. It is therefore important that the information provided on any application form is accurate and verifiable by the school. If team members do not meet certain criteria and you would like to discuss an application, please contact aron.rouse@causeway.education.*

Travel

Travel expenses associated with scheduled events will be reimbursed. Guidance will be provided.

To Apply

- Team entry is FREE
- Teaching staff will be required to share the opportunity with students, encouraging participation and commitment.
- Each team member must then complete and submit an individual application form by 5:00pm on 14th July 2023 and Causeway Education will be in contact with further information.

Reach



- A designated member of staff may act as a referee/point of contact for any teams entered.

Click [here](#) for the application form.

Contact

For questions or additional information, please contact aron.rouse@causeway.education.

Application Form:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=5y2ryeK4x0qHtEHU8A2E9yudXuGQruNjkjQXqt3jwPJUQ01YWldGTEhMUK9DSjRKSEq2UzdTMEFWWi4u>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/clearing-and-results-day/clearing-choices/ucas-streetview>

**Changing your mind?
Alternatives to uni:
Degree apprenticeships
and gap years**

Changed your mind? It happens! Whether you want to switch courses, take a gap year, or do an apprenticeship, our students and experts explain how to navigate your choices to make sure you choose the future that's right for you.

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A video thumbnail for UCAS Streetview. The background is a dark blue map with a white location pin. A man in a white sweater is speaking into a microphone. Text on the thumbnail includes 'UCAS STREETVIEW', 'ALTERNATIVES TO UNIVERSITY AND CHANGING YOUR MIND', and 'UCAS 11.6K subscribers'. A 'Copy link' icon is in the top right, and a 'YouTube' logo is in the bottom right.

**Get ready for results day:
What is Clearing
and how does it work?**

From securing your first choice, using Clearing and having a plan B, we've got everything you need to know to help you prepare for the big day.

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<https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch>

Prepare for uni: Budgeting, how to make friends and what to take to uni

Prepare for uni life as we delve into the essentials including what to pack, how to make friends and how to budget like a pro.

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