



**Royal Wootton Bassett  
Academy Sixth Form  
Weekly Newsletter #120  
8 September 2023**



Welcome to all our new students and welcome back to those returning.

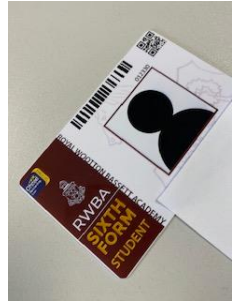




## SECURITY NOTICE

**ID BADGES  
MUST BE WORN  
AT ALL TIMES**

Almost all students have now received their temporary ID badges. These must be worn at all time by Sixth Form students and Staff. ID cards are required to be swiped to access the Sixth Form buildings, sign in/out at the kiosks, login to the printers and purchase food from the canteen.



Supervised  
Study

SF19



Students are now able to study in SF19 the supervised study room. This room is dedicated to silent independent study. Please ensure you sign in and out and respect the rules to ensure all students are able to study effectively.

A reminder that all Sixth Form out of class assignments and homework are set by teachers on the class TEAMS site. If you are unable to access it or not sure how to please speak to your teacher.





Year 12 students wishing to express an interest in the EPQ please complete the follow form by **14<sup>th</sup> September** stating your initial proposal.

Any further information please speak with your tutor a member of the Sixth Form team or Dr Salapatas directly.

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All students who drive to school need to register their car details with Mrs Stubbs. A reminder that you must park in the car park closest to the Sixth Form block only and that you can only leave at the end of the day **once all the buses have left.**

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Sixth Form students may be eligible for financial support via the 16 – 19 bursary.

Application forms are available from Monday and any questions can be directed towards Mrs Stubbs.

The Bursary policy with eligibility is available on the RWBA Sixth Form website.

Students who received Free School Meals and live in Swindon will now need to register with Wiltshire Council. There is no need to re-apply or complete paperwork, but they do need you to register with them in order for the status to continue.

**Wiltshire FSM team can be contacted using these details.**

**(Tel) 01225 713780 (Email) fsm@wiltshire.gov.uk**

## 6th Form Lockers

Lockers are available to 6th form students to hire annually these are situated in the Social Area they have a combination padlock that has 4 digits which you will choose, but please do not use 1234 or your birth year for security reasons. The cost of lockers is £10 deposit and £10 annual rental, this money will need to be paid on Parentpay before a locker is issued.

Miss Barbour will be in the Social Area from 8:15am and during Ilearn on Wednesday 13th September to allocate lockers to those who have paid before then.

If you have any questions regarding the lockers please email [dbarbour@rwba.org.uk](mailto:dbarbour@rwba.org.uk)

All school absences must be reported to [abs@rwba.org.uk](mailto:abs@rwba.org.uk).

This includes informing us if you are going to be late or have medical or appointments in school time.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day and lesson counts. Be here and give yourself your chance to reach your goals.

**Where is your attendance and what is the impact?**

<b>98%-100%</b>	Outstanding. Giving yourself the best chance at achieving your goals.
<b>96%-98%</b>	Up to 3 days missed a year. May impact on your achievement.
<b>94%-96%</b>	Up to 8 days missed a year. Concerns increase of the impact on your achievements.
<b>90%-94%</b>	Up to 18 days missed a year. Could seriously impact your achievements.
<b>Below 90%</b>	Persistent absence. Serious concern for your academic achievements and well being.

**Punctuality** – Being prepared and on time is important. It gives you the time to setup, settle and be ready to learn.

**Being late to school or lesson each day adds up to ...**

5 Minutes – 3 school days	20 Minutes – 12 school days
10 Minutes – 6 school days	25 Minutes – 15 school days
15 minutes – 9 school days	30 Minutes – 18 school days

**Every student, Every day**  
**80% of success is showing up**

# Access to Bristol

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Access to Bristol provides local students with an unprecedented opportunity to experience life at the University of Bristol.

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**Applications for Access to Bristol are now live. You can apply online [here](#). Applications will close on Sunday 8th October at 23:45.**

The Access to Bristol scheme is for local students taking A-levels, BTECs, Access to HE courses or equivalents. Taking part shows a commitment to further study that will strengthen your application when you apply to university. On completion, you will be guaranteed a contextual offer/interview from Bristol, a top ten UK university (QS World University Rankings 2023).

You will get an idea of what it is like to study at the University of Bristol, working with academics and current students who can offer advice and guidance about higher education and their subject area.

**Go to the website for more details or speak to Mrs Vaughan if you are interested in applying. Open to both Year 12 and 13 for most courses.**



## Sports clubs & teams for 6<sup>th</sup> Form

What day?	What activity?	Where abouts?
Tues	Netball	On the courts
Weds	Boys Rugby	On the field
Weds	Girls Rugby	On the field
Thurs	Girls Football	On the Astro/field



- **Extra-Curricular sport** – a chance to develop your specialism in an activity of choice or just to have some fun and be active.
- **Changing rooms are available** - Turn up, change and QR code for the club you want to attend. Then head to the area shown above.
- **Fixtures** - we are building 6<sup>th</sup> form sport back up and will be looking to develop fixtures against other schools where we are able to produce a team.
- **These are for anyone** – you don't have to be on the sports performance pathway to attend these clubs and represent the school in any fixtures or events.
- **Coaching & support** – want to help with younger year groups? Speak to Mr I'Anson who can link you to a club as a coach.
- **Don't see an activity on offer** – speak to the PE team and we will see how we can support provision.

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# Our University Guide 2023-2024 is here

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## **Our Success at School University Guide 2023-24 is here!**

Looking for easy ways to communicate key information to parents and carers on what they need to know about university applications? Our Success at School University Guide is designed to provide parents with all the information they need to support their child in making a successful application to uni.

Covering everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad, this guide will help parents and their children think through everything they need to consider including expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers.

**Download your free copy now!**



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# UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2023/24

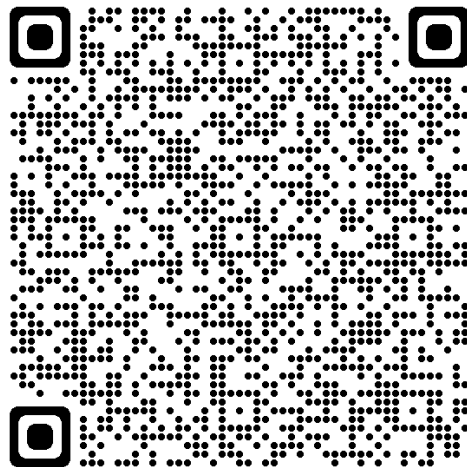
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Success at School is a national careers website for students aged 13-19. Our aim is to help young people make informed decisions about their future. Find out more at:

**SUCCESSATSCHOOL.ORG**

Use the QR code for a useful guide  
for applying to university.



## Our Insight Webinar season has begun!

We are hosting webinars with **IBM and ACCA** to help your students get all the latest information about how they can start their apprenticeship journeys and speak directly to their recruitment teams.

Find out more and sign up through the links below.

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### IBM Early Careers Webinar

Come along and listen to the many different opportunities we have available at IBM and hear from some of our current interns about their experience so far!



**On:** 17th October 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

**For:** Students and parents of those in years 10 to 13. Career leaders and teachers are encouraged to join.

**Click here to book your place.**

[https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b3d16001-027d-4088-8caa-ac1f2cb0d99f@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0\\_65c6d67e71-62f0d1032d-211973597&mc\\_cid=62f0d1032d&mc\\_eid=bd69c7df25](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b3d16001-027d-4088-8caa-ac1f2cb0d99f@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0_65c6d67e71-62f0d1032d-211973597&mc_cid=62f0d1032d&mc_eid=bd69c7df25)

## ACCA's Careers in Business Expo

ACCA are pleased to bring back "Careers in Business", the virtual expo, this time in partnership with Success at School! This opportunity enables them to establish connections with employers and experts in diverse careers across the UK, allowing them to share valuable information about all aspects of the business world.

Throughout the day we will host multiple live and interactive sessions covering topics such as jobs and roles available across various areas of business and entry pathways e.g. T Levels, apprenticeships and university.

**On:** 6th December 2023 at 8.30 - 5.30 pm

**For:** Students, parents and career leaders are encouraged to join.



**Register here now:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-business-expo-hosted-by-acca-and-success-at-school-tickets-709422540917?aff=oddtcreator&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=expoevent&utm\\_content=uk&goal=0\\_65c6d67e71-62f0d1032d-211973597&mc\\_cid=62f0d1032d&mc\\_eid=bd69c7df25&scrllybrkr=f260fbc5](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-business-expo-hosted-by-acca-and-success-at-school-tickets-709422540917?aff=oddtcreator&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=expoevent&utm_content=uk&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62f0d1032d-211973597&mc_cid=62f0d1032d&mc_eid=bd69c7df25&scrllybrkr=f260fbc5)

# Words for Work Virtual Internship with Cleary Gottlieb

**ZONE  
IN**



**CLEARY GOTTLIB**

## **Virtual law internships at Cleary Gottlieb 23 to 27 October**

If you are working with young people who are interested in law as a future career path, or want to broaden their horizons and see what the legal sector is all about, then read on and share this fantastic opportunity with them.

Run in partnership with international law firm Cleary Gottlieb, this week-long virtual internship is open to young people aged 15 to 19 from across the UK. Successful applicants participate online from 9.30am to 1.30pm every day throughout the week of 23 to 27 October.

Participants will benefit from a variety of different activities including:

- Hearing from employees from across the firm about their roles and career journeys.
- Working on key employability skills such as CV writing and presentation skills.
- Taking part in a mock legal negotiation task.

**Deadline for application is 15 September 2023.**

**Apply NOW!!!**

[https://wordsforlife.org.uk/zone-in/activities/virtual-internship-cleary-gottlieb/?mc\\_cid=3c0c4fe4a1&mc\\_eid=b993755afb](https://wordsforlife.org.uk/zone-in/activities/virtual-internship-cleary-gottlieb/?mc_cid=3c0c4fe4a1&mc_eid=b993755afb)



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# Ready to draw inspiration & rewrite their future?



**DISCOVER!**  
creative careers

13th – 17th  
November 2023

Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? But with such a vast range of careers available, how can you help your students to understand their career opportunities and feel inspired to go after them?

Together with Discover! Creative Careers, we will be delivering a week of **FULLY FUNDED** virtual sessions to state schools and colleges as part of Discover! Creative Careers Week 2023 – including face-to-face opportunities in some regions – to showcase careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more!

Simply register for our programmes and **CLICK BELOW** to get involved...

### DISCOVER! INSIGHT SESSIONS

1 to 5-hour work experience from leading employers, for students aged 14-19



### DISCOVER! GROUP WORKSHOPS

Up to 2-hour teacher-led workshops, for whole classes with short activities



### DISCOVER! INSPIRATIONAL TALKS

Broadcasts from experts in the creative industries, for students aged 11-19



### DISCOVER! NATIONAL TEEN BOOK CLUB

Online sessions with speakers from the world of publishing, for students aged 11-19



For more information please contact: [jen.kitching@speakersforschools.org](mailto:jen.kitching@speakersforschools.org)

The Discover! Creative Careers 2023 – 2025 programme is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport with additional support from Arts Council England



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# Picture what's possible & design your own path



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Did you know that the British creative industries are booming?

There are thousands of exciting job roles in areas such as film, computer games, fashion and more. That's why we want you to know about the vast range of career opportunities on offer and feel inspired to go after them.

We're working with Discover! Creative Careers Week 2023 to deliver a week of FREE 1 to 5-hour virtual insight sessions with leading employers – including face-to-face opportunities in some regions – to give you a glimpse of what's out there.

## DISCOVER! OPPORTUNITIES, CLICK HERE!



Through our work experience opportunities page you can find sessions showcasing careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more... Sign up & search Discover!

Plus your school or college can get involved too... There will be plenty more opportunities throughout the week – **group discovery workshops**, **inspirational talks** from amazing speakers and employers already working in the creative industries, and an **online book club** showcasing publishing careers.

**Ask your teacher to sign you up for these sessions!**

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**Work Experience**

Get world-class work experience with top companies to meet employers and explore career options.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

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





**Inspirational Talks**

Listen to great talks from high-achieving professionals to discover the key to career success.

**LIBRARY**

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspirational-talks-library/page/4/>

All Years	All Years
 <p><b>Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2023</b></p> <p>What is your plan for our planet? Our World is changing. The big geographical issues of today need to be addressed now to protect the future of our planet and the people who live on it. KS3 and KS4 students should produce an A3 size poster entry.</p> <p>This can be handmade (then submitted electronically using a scanned copy or photograph) or using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF. KS5 students should produce an Esri Story Map or write an essay – both of which should contain no more than 1,500 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key Stage 3 criteria:</b> Provide your plan for at least two or more geographical issues, using annotated images, maps or diagrams.</li> <li>• <b>Key Stage 4 criteria:</b> Provide your plan for at least three or more geographical issues, using annotated images, maps, diagrams and data.</li> <li>• <b>Key Stage 5 criteria:</b> Provide your plan for multiple geographical issues, using annotated images, maps, diagrams and data.</li> </ul> <p><b>The competition closes at 5.00pm on Monday 2 October 2023</b>  <a href="https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2023-competition/">https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2023-competition/</a></p>	 <p><b>Physical geography student Competition 2023</b></p> <p>The theme of the competition is 'Mobile Earth'. This year's competition is about finding and taking a photo that captures an example that demonstrates the mobile Earth and the Earth as a flowing machine. Your image needs to show or convey movement of Earth material(s), or a landform or feature produced by materials movement, or evidence of a process or an agent that causes movement of Earth materials</p> <p>The photograph needs to be accompanied with its (precise) location and up to 250 words that 'show and tell' the physical geography, describing the focus your example and explaining what it reveals and/or demonstrates about the mobile Earth, and how the movement happened.</p> <p><b>The closing date will be 30 September 2023.</b> Results will be announced on the GA website in November 2023.  <a href="https://geography.org.uk/physical-geography-student-photo-competition/">https://geography.org.uk/physical-geography-student-photo-competition/</a></p>



## A-level Students

**School Essay Competition 2023**

A joint competition run by the Royal Geographical Society and the Financial Times.

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/school-essay-competition/>

*"What risks are associated with climate change and what should we be doing about it?"*

**The competition closes at 5.00pm on Monday 2 October 2023**

**Royal Geographical Society**  
with IBG  
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**ROYAL  
AERONAUTICAL  
SOCIETY**

The Society ([www.aerosciety.com](http://www.aerosciety.com)) has been in existence for 156 years. It is the only organization worldwide dedicated to the pursuit and learning of Aviation and Aeronautics. The new North Wiltshire Branch committee is trying to strike a balance between promoting an interest in the aerospace industry for the young generation, promoting learning on new technologies and providing a historical view of the industry – this is to accommodate the varied composition of the branch membership.

In this context, I am writing to you about **an interesting lecture we will be holding next week, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Deanery CE Academy in Swindon at 7:30 PM. The lecture will be held by Dr Kathryn O’Donnell, COO of In-space Missions Ltd.** In-Space Missions Ltd was founded in 2015 as a satellite mission consultancy and went on to launch the world’s first commercial rideshare satellite mission. The company has since been bought by BAE Systems and is now a small satellite mission prime with multiple missions currently under development.

**In this one-hour lecture, Dr Kathryn O’Donnell and Theodora Varelidi-Strati from In-Space Missions will look at answering the question “Can Space Tech Save the Planet?”**, before looking at what the UK Space Industry is doing to increase sustainability in its domain. They will then talk about some specific mission design approaches In-Space has taken to improve sustainability including an overview of practical considerations needed to operate rideshare satellites. Participation in our lectures, and to other outreach activities organized by the branch is free of charge.

Please email [chair.raesnorthwilts@gmail.com](mailto:chair.raesnorthwilts@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.