

# Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #123 29 September 2023













Thank you to our Visitors and staff for delivering informative and useful sessions to both Year 12 and Year 13. A huge range of topics covered to support students academically, emotionally and plan for the future.



### Parent Information Evening

Thank you for attending the Information evening over the last couple of weeks. The PowerPoint slide sand feedback form will be emailed to you shortly.





20232024

University open days are well underway. Scan the QR code to see the list of all current open days.

October half term is a perfect time to visit a university and explore it's surrounding area.



Click on the link below for a Free Careers cloud Quiz.



### Cakes For MACMILLAN Cancer Support









A Huge well done to the Sixth Form Leadership Team for hosting the Macmillan Cake Sale today.

Thanks to our chefs for cooking and decorating 100 cupcakes and to our sales team who enticed all the students and staff to buy and eat the lovely cakes made and donated.

We raised a grand total of:



**£117.00** 



THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Here are some of the photos of the students participating in baking, decorating and selling for Macmillan.













WELL DONE
FOR ALL
YOUR
EFFORTS
TODAY
TEAM!







Watch our for our next Event .... you

never know WHOOOO may Pop Up!



#### The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge is taking place on TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2023 at 3:10pm, in L10

The Challenge is a 90-minutes long, multiple choice, fun, thought-provoking competition that is taken, nationwide, by students studying maths A-Level. The competition is aimed at talented mathematicians to develop their mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. It is designed to make you think and to challenge your engaging minds. It is highly thought of by universities and an asset to any application for UCAS or apprenticeships.

It is optional - participation is voluntary.

To take part, you need to complete the link below to confirm your participation.

This needs to be completed by **5pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**, so that there is time to sort out entries.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=spD4XJRqL0WMKZ9zZbaLoJAUnlZ0eyNHqOP7KTkTzAFUQkZLWlNBRUZQUjM1U1kzNUFYVkJLMUtLUi4u

The Challenge is a paper version, not online.

There is an opportunity to look at a practice paper. This can be found at <a href="this link">this link</a> you do not need to logon to access the practice paper.

**Good Luck** 



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT IN THE SIXTH FORM LEGACY GARDEN?

Are you interested in volunteering to help out for an hour after school on

#### Tuesday 10 October

We are looking for around 6 helpers to put in a gravel area for a wooden bench to go on, weed the planters and plant up with some new plants.

We will provide tools and gloves.

The Legacy Garden was started by Sixth Formers in Summer 2022 and it would be get back to looking good and be available on "sunny days"

If you want to help, please email Mrs Stubbs at hstubbs@rwba.org.uk

#### Our upcoming Open Days

- 28 October
- 25 November
- 13 January



https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/open-

days/?utm source=schools mailing&utm medium=email paid&utm campaign=
ec ug24&utm content=brand teacher email ad



TV PROGRAMME

#### **Graduate Careers Live!**

2pm-3.30pm Thursday 5th October 2023

A special TV programme for Year 13 sixth-form students on the graduate job market & degree apprenticeships.

#### ABOUT

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

Broadcasting from a studio in central London, the October programme is specifically aimed at **Year 13 students & their parents** and will showcase many of the job opportunities, occupations and professions that sixth form students can aspire to in the future.

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

But which universities and degree courses are most-likely to lead to a well-paid graduate job after graduation?

Which universities do the country's top employers target for their graduate recruitment?

And how can today's sixth-formers use university – or a degree apprenticeship – to develop the skills and experiences that graduate employers are looking for?

The programme features employers, recent graduates, degree apprentices, recruitment experts, and the very latest research and insight on what it takes to be successful in the competitive graduate job market.

The presenters of **Graduate Careers Live!** are **Martin Birchall**, Editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and **Levi Jouave!**, presenter of BBC Three's *The Catch Up* and a former BBC apprentice.

The programme will be essential viewing for all Year 13 students at schools & sixth form colleges across the UK, before they finalise their post-sixth form options and make their UCAS applications – or apply to employers for degree apprenticeships.

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

**REGISTER NOW** 

https://graduatecareers.live/index.php



This is a reminder about the upcoming NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme commencing on **Sunday 1st October**. I would be very grateful if you could pass these details to your students.

Students can register using the link below:

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

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

This programme is suitable for students in year groups Year10- Year 13 who are interested in the following careers:

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

As the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers is in January, the sooner students begin work experience, the better.

Please forward these details to your interested students so they can participate in the monthly virtual work experience days.

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.

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

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

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

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



Find out about Early Career Programmes & Apprenticeships in Horseracing

Have your students ever thought about a career in the Horseracing industry?

There are various career paths they can take, some of which they may never have even thought about and a wide range of training to support them on their journey.

Foundation training at our racing schools, the National Horseracing College and the British Racing School, leads to completing an apprenticeship in a racing yard, which allows you to work hands-on with horses.

There is also an option for those that want to work with horses but maybe don't want to ride. The National Stud offers an Entry to Stud Employment Course for those with no experience handling horses, leading to a role in the breeding industry.

If media interests your students, then there is the Racing Media Academy who provide students with work experience and training at some of the largest media companies within Horseracing. This involves a one-week course at the British Racing School, followed by a paid placement in one of the many racing media outlets. Applications are invited in November.

Click here for more information:

https://careersinracing.com/early-careers-programmesapprenticeships/?utm source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm campaign=d718494986-

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#### Applications to Pathways 2023 now open!

Are you interested in Banking & Finance, Consulting (business and project management), Law, or Veterinary Medicine?

We still have places available on our fully virtual programmes (Pathways to Banking & Finance, Pathways to Consulting, Pathways to Law, and Pathways to Veterinary Medicine).

#### What are the Pathways Online programmes?

Unlike our in-person programmes which are restricted by proximity to partner universities, our virtual programmes can be applied to from anywhere in the UK. So, if you have students interested in our programmes but don't have any on offer nearby, these still have available spaces.

#### **Veterinary Medicine**



We are launching a national Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science Pathways, delivered in collaboration with our academic staff and student ambassadors based at Nottingham University's award-winning School of Veterinary Medicine and School of Animal Science.

https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/



Consulting

Pathways to Consulting is completely virtual. Alongside work experience, there is a programme of after-school skill workshops and info sessions, mentoring opportunities, and networking events with universities and leading professionals, all with opportunities to develop skills needed to access a career in consulting.



#### **LAW**

Pathways to Law Online is completely virtual. Unlike the in-person Law programme, this can be taken from anywhere in the UK and you will receive exactly the same benefits, including work experience, networking opportunities and skill workshops.



**Banking and Finance** 

Pathways to Banking and Finance Online is completely virtual. Unlike the inperson Banking and Finance programme, this can be taken from anywhere in the UK and you will receive the same benefits, including work experience, networking opportunities and skill workshops.

https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/





# EXPLORE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

"Six years on, I still use many of the lessons taught on the programme on a day-to-day basis."

- Pathways to Law alumni, now trainee solicitor at Clifford Chance.











### On our two year programme, you will have the opportunity to:

Attend a national conference Apply for work experience

Access our alumni network Get an undergraduate mentor

Access expert application and admissions support Access employability webinars and workshops

Experience academic and apprenticeship taster sessions Network with leading professionals in the sector

Applications close October to December. For more details, follow the QR code.

We partner with a large range of organisations, including but not limited to:





























Applications for the Academic Attainment Programme 2023-24 are now open! Find out more about the Programme and how to apply below.

Lucy Cavendish College is the most diverse College in Cambridge, admitting over 90% of our UK students from state schools. As part of our commitment to widening participation, we are delighted to launch our flagship virtual outreach programme, the Lucy Cavendish College Academic Attainment Programme, for the third year running. The programme will provide over 700 high-achieving state school students with comprehensive supplementary academic support tailored to their stage in the curriculum, giving them the best chance of achieving their full potential.

Following last year's Programme, 90% of participants feel that the AEP has provided them with the resources and support to achieve the grades they want to at A-Level (Scottish Highers/IB), and 98% of participants feel confident that they now know how to make a competitive application to Cambridge and other top universities.

#### What does the programme involve?

Students will participate in regular subject-specific enrichment classes in each of their core A-Level (or equivalent) subjects, with the aim of strengthening

students' skills and knowledge and raising attainment and confidence in their current studies. Monthly Peer Discussion Groups will also offer students the opportunity to continuously develop their oracy, critical thinking, and problemsolving skills.

A range of additional subject taster sessions, alongside the completion of a Supracurricular Exploration Project in May, will allow students to explore their subject interests further and think more seriously about possible degree choices. Throughout, students will also receive advice from our Admissions Team on every stage of the application process so that they can make their university applications as competitive as possible.

To find out more and see the eligibility criteria click below.

https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/academic-attainment-programme

#### How to apply:

The application deadline is 9am on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_eURZGVRps2Gig74



## OUR PURPOSE IS TO REDEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF AMBITION

Since day one, we have relentlessly pursued a better way. Our purpose – to redefine the boundaries of ambition – is the reason we do it. It's why we exist. It's what drives us forward. It's how we create an enduring legacy in this world.

This purpose challenges and energises us to improve, innovate and exceed expectations. And go beyond. To dream bigger and achieve more for every place, project and person we impact. Building a world where ambition has no boundaries.

#### Project management opportunities.

https://careers.macegroup.com/gb/en/emerging-talent

https://careers.macegroup.com/gb/en/apprentices



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 14-79



#### 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



#### 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

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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#### **OLYMPIC DRESSAGE OPPORTUNITY**

We have an exciting opportunity for students interested in animals, business or equine sport with British Dressage, the National Governing body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage in the UK.



#### Step into the world of British Dressage!

**Industry:** Leisure/Tourism

Target Area for Student Applications: UK wide

**Date:** 18/10/2023

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Ages:** 14 – 19

**Application Closing Date: 10/10/2023** 



#### Opportunity ID: PL-5240

British Dressage is the National Governing body for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of dressage in the UK. If your students are passionate about working with animals and want to learn about what opportunities are available within British Dressage, join us for this one-hour session.

#### **About British Dressage Apprenticeships**

In partnership with our training provider **Sport Structures**, whether you're working in a hands-on role with horses on a yard, or you're working within the equine industry in a business role, our apprenticeship programme offers a range of qualifications to help you upskill in your chosen career path.

#### What is an apprenticeship?

In short, it's a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work. Earn and learn at the same time, with at least 20% of your time spent in off the job training with a training provider.

#### What we offer

Six apprenticeships covering a range of equestrian and business areas, from equine groom to business administration and digital marketing.

Join this workshop where we will explore the following themes:

- What skills and qualifications are required.
- Why is a BD Apprenticeship different from an Equine Apprenticeship.
- The day-to-day life of an apprentice on an equine yard.
- Working in the equine industry and the different options available.
- Career pathways rider, coach, judge, nutritionist, saddle fitter.

#### Click here to find out more:

https://www.speakersforschools.org/discovery-workshop/jump-into-the-world-ofbritish-dressage/



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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## Embracing Talent - Employability Skills workshop. Let's boost yours today!

**Organisation:** Ulster University

**Age:** 14 - 19

**Duration:** 1 day

Industry: Education/Teaching

**Application deadline:** 05/10/2023

**Dates:** 19/10/2023 - 19/10/2023

Timings: 10:00 - 12:30

**Type: Virtual insight day** 

The key to Embracing Talent is simple; not only do we outline <u>WHICH</u> skills employers are seeking, we tell you <u>HOW</u> you can develop these skills.

Embracing Talent is an Employability course aimed toward pupils aged 16-19.

It provides participants with an opportunity to develop a range of skills needed for the workplace or preparing for higher & further education.

This interactive course has been designed in partnership with Career Ready and Business in the Community, alongside Industry Partners.

During this opportunity you will;

- Hear from a recent Ulster University graduate.
- Hear first hand about the challenges and opportunities in today's job market!



- Take part in challenging tasks
- Be immersed in interactive lessons & presentations.

All designed to foster skills development in pupils.

Each lesson also contains an Industry Insight segment featuring a prominent local business person providing their advice for young people.

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During the course you will engage in four lessons.

- · Lesson 0: Pre-programme Evaluation,
- · Lesson 1: Understanding Who I Am,
- · Lesson 2: Time Management & Organisation,
  - · Lesson 3: Communication & Teamwork.

Upon completion you will be awarded an Ulster University Certificate of Completion. You will then have the opportunity to extend your skillset by completing Part 2 of this course (using our online Schools Outreach Academy) with a further 3 interactive lessons covering: Leadership, Commercial Awareness & Problem Solving and Self Confidence & Adaptability.

#### When applying, answer the following questions:

- What skills do you feel are important to have before going into the workplace?
- What do you hope to learn from this session?

#### **Experience You Will Gain:**

Improved communication skills and better understanding of yourself.

#### Skills You Will Gain:

Listening
Speaking
Problem Solving
Creativity
Staying Positive
Leadership
Teamwork

#### **Apply here:**

https://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=8B132ED6-1148-41D6-B0A5-08DBA8681D32





Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? We can help your child to find creative career opportunities and feel inspired to go after them!

Together with Discover! Creative Careers Week 2023, 13th – 17th November, we will be delivering a week of FREE virtual sessions to state schools and colleges – 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!

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

We have lot of exciting opportunities coming up this autumn term including lots of face-to-face opportunities in London and remote workshops with employers nationwide











A Day in the Life of The National Archives!

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 13th October 2-3pm

Apply now



Early Career and Apprenticeship Insight into the Construction Industry with Danny Sullivan

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 24th October 10am - 1pm

Apply now



IT STARTS HERE - Virtual Insight Day with Santander

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 24th October 10am-1pm

Apply now

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Future Careers in Tech with TCS

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 25th October 10am - 12:30pm

Apply now





Learn from a leading global engineering and construction company in a 4 day VWEX

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 23rd -26th October 10am-3pm

Apply now



Discover! More than just books - A day in the life of a university library learning or information centre

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 13th November 10am-12pm

Apply now



Play Your Part - an introduction to Theatre Craft and Production Careers

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 13th November 10am-12:30pm

Apply now



Discover! A taste of the Creative, Brand and Design Industry

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 14th November 11am-12pm

Apply now



Unleash your coding hero and think like a hacker!

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE Multiple Dates

Apply now



Discover! Tools and Techniques for Music Technology Enthusiasts

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 15th November 10am-12pm

Apply now



Discover! Breaking Down Misconceptions: Routes into the Theatre Industry

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE 16th November 10am-12pm

Apply now

Students already registered on the Speakers for Schools
Portal can sign-in to their accounts here

## **Upcoming Broadcasts**

https://www.speakersforschools.org/upcoming-broadcasts/

## Work Experience

https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experienceopportunities/?search=Discover%21

## **Discovery Workshops**

https://www.speakersforschools.org/discovery-workshops/

#### National Teen Book Club

in partnership with Penguin

Our online book club for state schools and colleges is a school reading group with a difference. Created to help 11-19-year-olds enjoy reading within a welcoming peer community, it introduces six books for teens over the course of a year and includes opportunities to meet a diverse range of speakers and industry experts. Educators will need to create a Speakers for Schools account to take part.





#### Find out about our featured reads

For every featured read, we hold four dedicated live events **on Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.**We start the new academic year with a trailblazing verse novel about finding your voice and freedom from expectations by Manjeet Mann.

Our schedule is now shaping up and you can sign up now for the first live event taking place in September 2023.





81 Sixth Form students have signed up to be reading mentors and sessions started this week. Each student has been paired with a younger student in Year 7 or Year 8. Thank you to Mrs Mills and Mrs Stubbs for training and coordinating.

If students need inspiration or books to recommend the National Teen book club or the Book trust recommend appropriate texts to inspire, challenge and improve young readers of all ages.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/





## B 1 M 2 O 2 3 DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

With Black History Month in October have a look at the link below for some reading inspiration.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2021/august/nineessential-books-on-black-british-history/

## ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY & SIXTH FORM





## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 11.10.23 6pm-8pm



Please visit: www.rwba.org.uk/sixthform

Email: sixthform@rwba.org.uk

Phone: 01793 841905 for further information.

