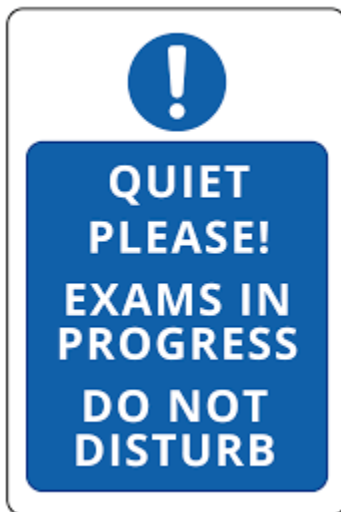




**Royal Wootton Bassett  
Academy Sixth Form  
Weekly Newsletter #124  
6 October 2023**



A reminder that exam season has started and the Sixth Form lecture theatre, the social science corridor and other rooms around the school will be used as exam venues.

**If you see a sign – please respond.**

**Ensure you are quiet and cause no distractions.**



The Year 13 mock exams are fast approaching, and students will have study leave for the **week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

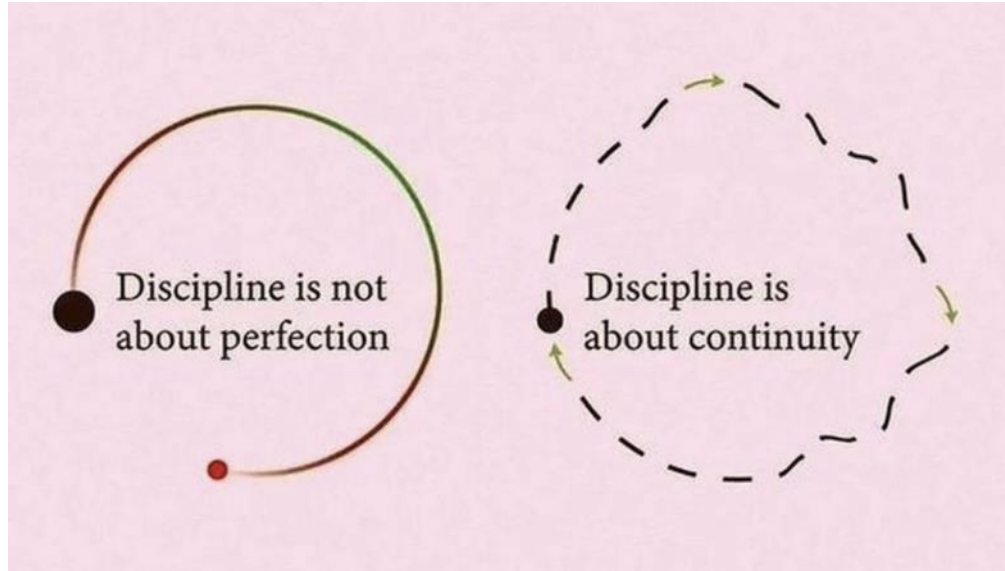
**Exams start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and are on until 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

During study leave week students may choose to work at home and only come in for exams or continue to work in the designated sixth form areas.

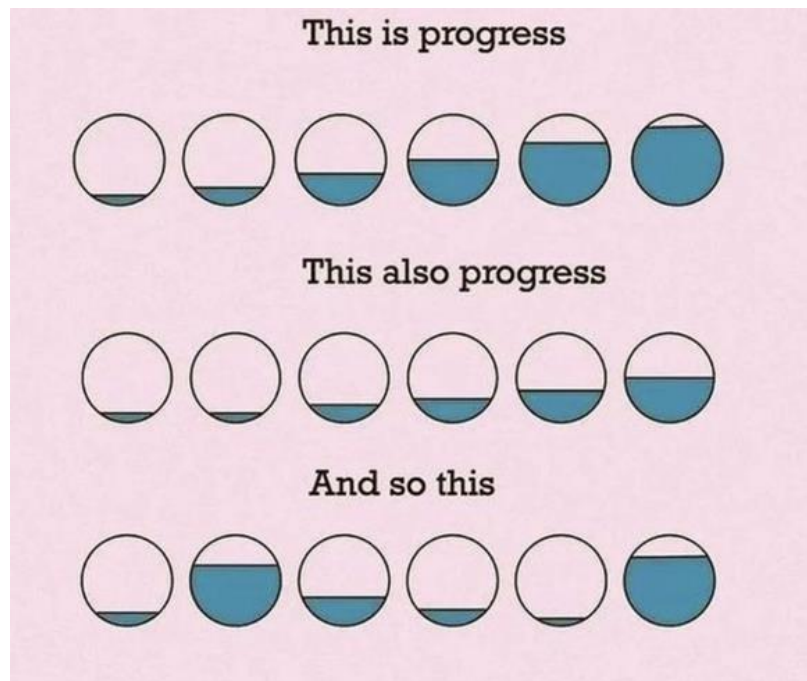
**Good luck with your preparations.**

Remember to plan and target your revision alongside attending lessons and meeting deadlines.

Consistently working hard is the key.

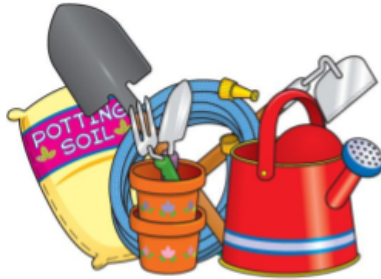


We cannot be expected to be on top form every day and progress looks different for everyone. If progress does slow, intervention will be put in place to support you getting back on track. **You will get there, if you try.**



If you improve by 1%  
everyday, within a year you  
will have improved by 365%.  
Think about that.

## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**



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 and plants.

The Legacy Garden was started by Sixth Formers in Summer 2022 and it would be great to get it back to looking presentable and be available on “sunny days” as an additional work space.

If you want to help, please email Mrs Stubbs at [\*\*hstubbs@rwba.org.uk\*\*](mailto:hstubbs@rwba.org.uk)



**Food Services**

Thank you to the SSLT for organising the food survey. We now have the results and are in discussion about what provision we can put in place.

**Watch this space!!!**

## Would you like to help out as a LIBRARY MENTOR?



Ms Mills is looking for students to help out with her Y7 and Y8 Library lessons that take place across the fortnight. You will only need to sign up for 1 session and if you are thinking of working with children or teaching in the future this may be of interest to you.

If you think you could spare 30 minutes during one of your free lessons to listen to a student read/help out with library activities, please complete the attached MS Form.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.office.com/e/df8fVEWSi4>

### **Whole school Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Thank you to the students who have been busy coordinating, art work and music. Students have been asked to bring in contributions to the food bank from Monday onwards. These can be placed in the boxes in the Sixth Form foyer.

**Thank you in advance for your donations.**







Every year we celebrate World Mental Health Day on 10 October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

During ilearn tutors will be discussing tips for talking about mental health and how to talk to someone about their mental health.

More advice can be found on the mental health foundation website.

If you are in need of support or simply want to talk, Mrs Allen is available in the Sixth Form block as are your tutors and members of the Sixth Form team.





# Staff

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**10** Reasons to play Rounders in School

- 1 ROUNDERS IS FUN
- 2 ENGAGES ALL PUPILS
- 3 DEVELOPS CONFIDENCE
- 4 TACTICAL & STRATEGIC
- 5 COMMITMENT YIELDS REWARDS
- 6 TAILORED LEADERSHIP COURSE
- 7 INVIGORATING FRIENDLY COMPETITION
- 8 ADAPTS FOR INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- 9 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF
- 10 MASTERS FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

# Students

**Rounders Match**

**Thursday 12th October**

**Sports Field**

**Sign up sheets on notice board downstairs in sixth form**





What's a ghost's favorite pasta?

Spookgetti.



HALLOWEEN JOKE - WWW.FUN4ME



## Halloween at Sixth Form

Themed baking competition and sale



Ghost pong 20p

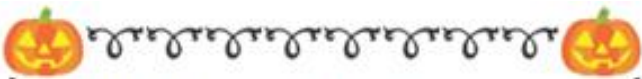
Apple bobbing 50p



Costume competition

Tuesday  
October 31st

Come dressed up and bring £1 donation



## Halloween Baking competition

Tuesday 31st October

Entry's of themed cakes to be brought to sixth form with an ingredients list  
Free entry

Bring Cash

Entry's to be sold Outside the assembly hall break-time



**RAINBOW TRUST**

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH A SERIOUSLY ILL CHILD





University of  
Chester

Geography Degree Programmes at the  
University of Chester



University of  
Chester

Explore places, understand issues, influence change

Gain the knowledge and skills to tackle global priority issues, such as the climate crisis, growing inequality and hazard vulnerability, and play an important part in creating a sustainable future for all.

#### Single Honours Programmes

- BA / BSc Geography
- BA / BSc Geography with a Year in Industry
- BA / BSc Geography with a Year Abroad
- BSc Geography (including a foundation year)

#### Combined Honours Programmes

- BSc Natural Hazard Management
- BSc Natural Hazard Management with a Year in Industry
- BSc Natural Hazard Management with a Year Abroad
- BSc Geography

Our programmes include a five-week work placement or experiential learning opportunity at the end of Year 2. There is also the option to spend a year working in industry or spend a year studying abroad. Fieldwork is an integral part of each programme, including overseas fieldwork opportunities to locations including New York, Norway, Almeria, Barcelona, Vesuvius and the Bay of Naples. Our programmes are very highly regarded: we are 1st in the northwest and 4th in the UK for Academic Support (Geography & Environmental Sciences, National Student Survey 2023) and rank in the top 20 per cent in the UK for student satisfaction (Geography & Environmental Sciences, Complete University Guide 2024). Our graduate outcomes are excellent, with 94 per cent of our graduates in employment or going onto further study after completing their degree with us (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21).

To find out more about our programmes and chat with staff and current students, please come along to one of our Open Days: Saturday 21 October, Saturday 18 November, and Saturday 20 January. More information about our programmes can also be [found here](#).

Want to get in touch? Email us on [geog@chester.ac.uk](mailto:geog@chester.ac.uk) or find us on Twitter [@chestergeog](#) or Instagram [@chestergeog](#)



# UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

2023  
2024

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.



## Spot the Cake Competition

Guess how many spots on the cake



The 3 closest guesses were:

Rhiannon Caple – 500

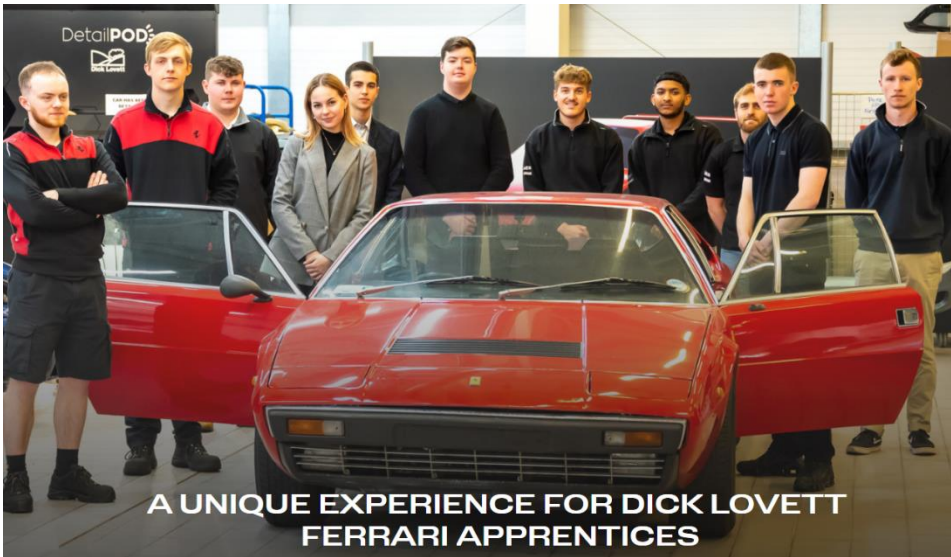
Adriana Voula Nunes – 534

and

Thomas Henderson - 550



**Congratulations to our Winner**  
**Thomas Henderson – 12CO2**



See below a recommendation from RWBA Sixth Form alumni Crystal Butcher.

<https://www.dicklovet.com/careers/apprenticeships>

I would like to share with you a page from the Dick Lovett Careers website where we display our various apprenticeship schemes. As we have many dealerships and job opportunities in Swindon, I thought this may be useful to the Sixth Form students as I appreciated this information when I was in Sixth Form.

I have been a vehicle technician apprentice at Dick Lovett Porsche for 2 years now and the opportunities that have come along with this job have been outstanding. For instance, I have been invited to represent Swindon at 10 Downing street to celebrate local apprenticeships and developing skills. Another opportunity I shall link below was working on a new classic project at Ferrari.

<https://swindon.ferraridealers.com/en-GB/articles/a-unique-experience-for-dick-lovett-ferrari-apprentices>

Hard work has led me to some great opportunities, but I believe our apprenticeship programmes enables students to excel in a practical way for those who aren't sure with their choice of University.

**A great endorsement from an ex-student. Thank you, Crystal, for taking time out to highlight the opportunities at Dick Lovett.**

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/life-sciences/outreach/work-experience/>

## Work Experience Lab Placements

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The University of Bristol understands the importance of young people being able to develop their skills in the work place whilst learning more about different university subject areas to know what might interest them the most and what careers this might lead to. We are delighted to offer opportunities in the below subject areas.

Please note that applications for the STEM work experience programmes have now closed for 2022/2023 and will reopen again in Nov 2023 for next year.

**Yr12 WEX programmes** are available in:

(see [WEX prog info Yr 12 Dec 22 \(Office document, 218kB\)](#))

1. **General Life Sciences** (session covering Cellular Medicine, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Psychology, Biological Sciences involving research methodology and experiments)
2. **Biological Sciences** (Nematode research project)
3. **Engineering: Technical WEX** (practical on-campus activities exploring the field of engineering and the technical services team)
4. **Biological Sciences: Life in the lab.** Experience the variety and learn the skills of the life of a laboratory technician

**Yr10 WEX programmes** are available in:

(see [WEX prog info Yr 10 Dec 22 \(Office document, 386kB\)](#) for further information)

1. **Biochemistry** (explore human genetics, extract DNA, diagnose diabetes and carry out forensic crime scene analysis)
2. **Animal minds:** Evolution and Behaviour
3. **Green planet:** Plants and Ecosystems
4. **Engineering** (Experience sessions in Computer Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and Engineering Maths)
5. **Earth Sciences** (from volcanology, geophysics to Palaeontology, Deep Earth and Planets)
6. **Biological Sciences:** Life in the lab. Experience the variety and learn the skills of the life of a laboratory technician)

Any questions please contact: [outreach-fls@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:outreach-fls@bristol.ac.uk).





This month, the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the **British Army**, is celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships!

For this special episode, Rachel speaks to Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the Army's apprenticeship programme, and parent of a British Army apprentice, Mandy Gregson, to ask all the big questions about their prestigious apprenticeship programmes, including:

- ♦ What does an apprenticeship in the British Army look like?
    - ♦ What options are available?
  - ♦ How do you go about getting an apprenticeship?
    - ♦ What is the training like?
- And many more!

**Listen Now:**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

# British Army apprenticeships webinar

For young people interested in applying (and those supporting them)



Join our webinar on **7th November at 4pm** to find out more about AFC Harrogate and how the college helps 16 – 17 year olds prepare for a career in The British Army.

You'll hear from current/past apprentices on their experiences of Army Foundation College Harrogate and how it has impacted and inspired their career so far.

Register now:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships-with-the-british-army/>

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES

## Find the right career path for you, in your own time!

Navigating the world of work can be daunting and stressful. We understand, we've been through it with thousands of students, we feel your pain. Complete our experiences around your studies and begin your career now.



<https://www.springpod.com/>

Try a **career** before you apply 

Gain experience. Earn certificates.  
Showcase your skills – 100% free!

# MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, which have concluded that **these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially by preparing students for in-person placements and where in-person experiences are extremely limited.**

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers:

Nursing  
Midwifery  
Paramedicine  
Physiotherapy  
Occupational Therapy  
Dietetics  
Radiography  
Prosthetics and Orthotics  
Speech and language therapy  
and Pharmacy!

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with the next virtual work experience day taking place on the **5th November**. Students can participate in the monthly virtual work experience days. It is suitable for students in year groups 10-13.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching.

This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. **Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day.**

Students can register for the programme here:

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





## **JET2 VIRTUAL RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW – EARLY CAREERS**

***Jet2.com is the UK's third-largest registered airline and Jet2holidays is the UK's second-largest tour operator. We have a wide variety of Early Careers roles available throughout the year.***

Our **Jet2 Virtual Recruitment Roadshow** gives you a chance to find out about **Jet2.com** and **Jet2holidays** and our wide range of Early Careers Apprentice, Intern and Graduate programmes before deciding whether to apply to join our team.

Why not visit our **Jet2 Virtual Recruitment Roadshow** on a desktop, tablet, or mobile device today and check out our exciting opportunities. You can view our current live vacancies, register to be the first to hear about future roles and even complete a fun quiz, or trial a video interview.

**We run a range of Early Careers programmes in IT, Finance, Marketing, Engineering, Customer Service and Operations. If you want to find out more and be the first to hear when we announce any new opportunities why not register today.**



## Jet2 Apprenticeships and Emerging Talent Programmes

Title	Level	Duration	Business Area
Business Associate	3	18 months	Human Resources/Health & Safety
Payroll Administrator	3	18 months	Human Resources
Business Analyst	4	18 months	Marketing
Data Analyst	4	18 months	Marketing/IT
Data Scientist	6	3 years	Marketing
Data Technician	3	15 months	Marketing/IT/Operations Development
Digital Marketer	3	15 months	Marketing
Marketing Assistant	3	18 months	Marketing
Marketing Executive	4	18 months	Marketing
Visual Content (Photography)	4	18 months	Marketing
Public Relations & Communications Assistant	4	15 months	Marketing
Accounting Assistant	3	18 months	Finance
Accountancy/Taxation Technician	4	2 years	Finance
Accountancy/Taxation Professional	7	3 years	Finance
Associate Project Manager	4	15 months	IT (Project Management)
Information Communications Technician	3	18 months	IT Support
Software Development Technician	3	18 months	IT
Commercial Procurement & Supply	4	2 years	Procurement
Procurement & Supply Assistant	3	18 months	Procurement
Aviation Grounds Specialist	3	1 months	Operations Control Centre
Engineering Technician	3	4 years	Engineering
Supply Chain Warehouse Operative	2	15 months	Engineering Stores
Safety, Health & Environment Technician	3	18 months	Health & Safety
Customer Service Practitioner	2	15 months	Customer Service

### Jet2 Placements

Software Development	1 year	IT
Overseas Operations	5 months	Overseas (UK based)

### Jet2 Pilot Apprentice Scheme

Pilot Apprentice	12 months	Flight Operations
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### Jet2 Graduate Programmes

Data	2 years	IT
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### Jet2 Graduate Direct Entry Roles

Revenue Analyst	Permanent	Revenue
Product Executive	Permanent	Product
Junior Software Developer	Permanent	IT

### Part-time Opportunities

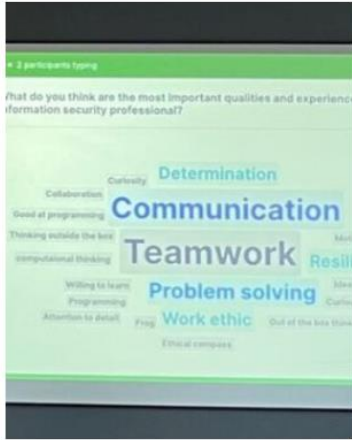
Contact Centre	10+hours/week	Home-based
Operations Support	10+hours/week	Leeds

To find out more, visit our Virtual Recruitment Roadshow, including:  
Case Studies • Live Vacancies • Mock interview tool & register your interest  
Intake periods: April, June/July, September

[Jet2careers.com](http://Jet2careers.com)







**Swindon  
& Wiltshire  
Cyber Cluster**

**Swindon  
& Wiltshire  
CAREERS HUB**

**THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY**

**SWINDON AND WILTSHIRE  
INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY**



## Unlock Cyber Careers Event – Wiltshire

This is a new event for Key Stage 4 and 5 students (Years 11,12,13) which provides a fantastic opportunity to meet employers and learn about careers in cyber security. It is being launched in October as part of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

It will be of particular interest to those students studying Computer Science and STEM subjects, who enjoy problem solving and analysing information.

It is a half-day event taking place on Wednesday 11 October from 12.30pm – 4.30pm at the Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology in Swindon.

Students can attend four different employer-led sessions and ask employers lots of questions about cyber careers to help them 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.

### Date and Time

11-10-2023

@ 12:00 PM

### Location



**Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of  
Technology**

### Event Video

### Share Event



Six students will be attending this event on Wednesday, We look forward to hearing all about it.



## SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

Year 11 students have the opportunity on Wednesday to experience life as a Sixth Former and try out A levels/Level 3 Btecs to help them decide their future options choices.

Thank you to all the current Sixth Form students supporting this and the Open evening.

Your help is much appreciated, you are fabulous ambassadors for the School.



Get tickets for events  
online and across Oxford  
Fri 6–Sun 29 Oct 2023

IF Oxford is a Festival for everyone

6 – 29 October 2023

One week to go before your science and ideas Festival returns!

With performance, children's shows, discussions, workshops and interactive zones, there's something for everyone, everywhere this October. Some activities are fully booked, but there's plenty of intriguing content for you to choose from now — click below to jump to events...

Click here to see all events: <https://if-oxford.com/events/>





# ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ACADEMY & SIXTH FORM



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



Please visit: [www.rwba.org.uk/sixthform](http://www.rwba.org.uk/sixthform)  
Email: [sixthform@rwba.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@rwba.org.uk)  
Phone: 01793 841905 for further information.

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