



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #125 13 October 2023



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.

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LEARNING TRUST



On Wednesday Year 11 students had their Sixth Form taster day and RWBA Sixth Form Open evening also took place.

I wish to thank all staff and students that contributed to making these events so successful.

Some of the student helpers for Open Evening were:

Music - Rhiannon Caple & Aaron Notley-Jones

Economics - Kieran Brudenell

Philosophy: Lukas Creasey, Ellie Fleckney

EPQ: Ellie Fleckney, Emma Beet

Business: Jack Rae, Emily Hubbard, Tom Foster, Jeremy Karanja, Junior Zumaro, Megan Dalton

Engineering: Aidan Haggerstone, Willem Horter, Callum Terrett, Josh Flay, Yevhin Stetiusk, Adam Azmi, Reece Higham

Student Leadership Team Members: Aaron McNeill, Max Chambers, Sarah Javid, Emma Beet, Baron Darko, Dan Cheng.

Particular thanks to **Max, Sarah, Baron and Emma** who spoke so honestly and positively about their experiences at RWBA Sixth Form.

And thank you to those students who have been missed of the list.

The Year 13 mock exams are fast approaching, and students will have study leave for the



week beginning 13th November.

Exams start on Friday 10th November and are on until 21st 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.

Year 13 students received their timetables today. Please check these carefully and discuss any issues with Mrs Loveday the exams officer.

Good luck with your preparations.



Congratulations to the 13 students who have been successful in gaining a place on the Access to Bristol Course. Please check your emails for an email from the University. All successful candidates will have received an email by Monday 16th October, but you are encouraged to check your junk folder!!!

Whole school Harvest Festival took place this morning.



Thank you for your generosity in time, effort and produce.





**This week 4 Students
visited the UWE Cyber
Employer Engagement
Event, held at the Swindon
& Wiltshire Institute of
Technology.**

UWE organised for Cyber & Digital employers to share their knowledge and expertise with young people interested in future careers in this field of industry.

Here are what our students said about the event:

The UWE cyber security and careers event earlier this week provided invaluable insights into the world of cybersecurity with employees from companies like Zurich insurance, PwC, BAE Systems, Capgemini, DSTL Ministry of Defence, Immersive Labs, Leonardo Cyber and Nationwide, sharing their knowledge and experiences. I learnt various things about the latest cyber threats, solutions, and also got a chance to speak with industry professionals and discover apprenticeship opportunities.

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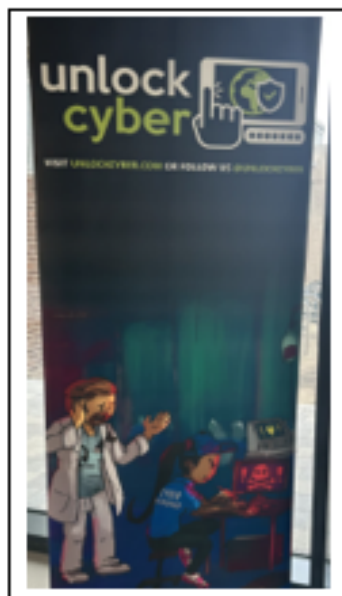
For me it was very helpful and gave me ideas on future career paths. So much so, I have changed my plans. I found the Zurich session the most useful and the amount of support they were offering was amazing, including providing access to on-line company resources.

Baron

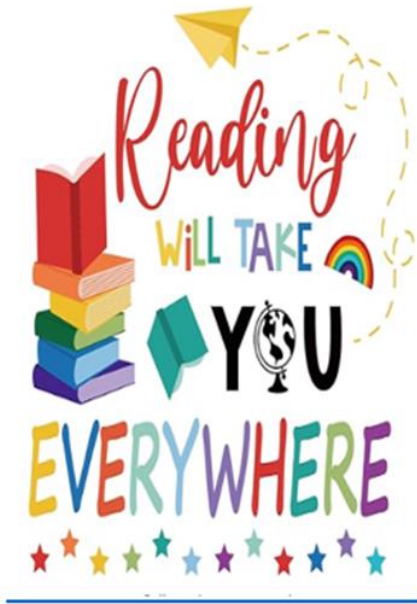
It helped me understand the environment of the Cyberworld and helped break the stereotypical ideas I had. The most useful session I attended was BAE Systems, they stood out as they demonstrated the work environment to be friendly and inclusive rather than overly corporate.

Katie

Ben Kimberley, a former sixth form student was also there representing Leonardo Cyber and the students all found his help on how to get onto an apprenticeship and details about the process extremely helpful.



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>

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REQUIRED!

Do you like helping others?

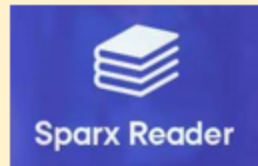
Could you give up an hour of your time to help Y7 with their English homework?

We are looking for Sixth Formers to help support younger students to complete their Sparx homework.

When: Mondays 3-4pm

Where: B10

If you are interested, please email Ms Mills
nmills@rwba.org.uk





What's a ghost's favorite pasta?

Spookgetti.



HALLOWEEN JOKE - WWW.FUN4ME



Halloween at Sixth Form

Themed baking competition and sale



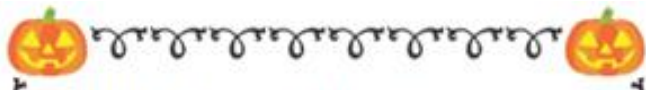
Ghost pong 20p

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

Expect **MORE**
Undergraduate Open Days



Nursing at our Kate Grainger Building, Manor Park Campus
Biosciences on our Stag Hill Campus
Nutritional Science on our Stag Hill Campus

We envision these to be a full day session running from 9:30am to around 2:30pm, we are currently developing programs for the individual days, as soon as these are available, we will open bookings. However, if you would like to register your interest for any of the above days please do complete the below forms;

<https://surrey.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/nursing-taster-day-12th-december-2023>

<https://surrey.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/biosciences-taster-day-12th-december-2023>

<https://surrey.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/nutritional-science-taster-day-12th-december-2023>



Watch the programme here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VDDH-pPPQQ>

Highlights from the 90-minute programme include:

- analysis of the universities and degree courses that are most-likely to lead to a well-paid job after graduation
- an interview with Zoe Thomas, author of *The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide*, on how to use the latest league tables when applying for university
 - the outlook for today's university-leavers and an assessment of the current graduate job market
 - an in-depth introduction to degree apprenticeships, the debt-free alternative to university
 - specially-commissioned films about graduate careers in law and engineering degree apprenticeships
- a countdown of The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers and an interview with this year's number 1 graduate employer
 - an exclusive guide to student finance and how to pay for university
 - useful tips and guidance from current university students

The programme was presented by **Martin Birchall** editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and **Levi Jouavel**, journalist & presenter on BBC Three and a former BBC apprentice.

It was produced by **High Fliers Research** in association with the **Department for Education**, with the support of AWE, BDO, Deutsche Bank, Dyson, Lloyds Banking Group, NHS, PwC, Rolls-Royce, Royal Navy, and Slaughter and May.

I do hope you'll find **Graduate Careers Live!** interesting and useful – the recording of the programme will be available to watch until the **end of October**.

Introduction to the National Cyber Force



Estimated duration:

30 mins

Complete this course to learn about the National Cyber Force partnership, the UK's defence and intelligence ecosystem, and related early careers opportunities.

This course should take 20-30 minutes to complete.

By the end of the course, you will:

- Understand what the National Cyber Force is and their mission
- Be able to identify the partner organisations that make up the National Cyber Force
- Know some of the careers that are available in UK defence and intelligence organisations

Please note that, due to the security requirements of the National Cyber Force and its partners, certificates unfortunately cannot be created for this course. If you have any questions about this, please email educationteam@uptree.co.

Start course here:

<https://uptree.co/a/login/?next=/courses/gchq/introduction-to-the-national-cyber-force/start/>

Careers at J.P. Morgan

J.P.Morgan

Estimated duration:

1 hour

Complete this course to learn about global financial services leader J.P. Morgan and the early careers opportunities they offer.

Each lesson should take about 30 minutes to complete.

Complete both lessons to earn a Certificate of Completion which can be shared on your LinkedIn and saved in your record of achievements.

Start course here:

<https://uptree.co/a/login/?next=/courses/jp-morgan/careers-at-jp-morgan/start/>



Study Mentors

We have launched a FREE initiative to support students with study skills and exam technique mentoring.

We invite ALL students from ANY background to take part in a **Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar**. This is suitable for students in 10-13 year groups studying any subject. If students are unable to attend the webinar live, they can register to receive a recording along with some excellent free handouts describing study techniques that are underpinned by evidence-based research. We are also happy to distribute free resources tailored to different exam boards to conference attendees to assist with exam technique.

Places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served basis', and students can register for free with this conference registration form:

<https://airtable.com/appaypcxGI0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9g>

Please note, that due to high demand, we anticipate that the form may be overloaded if too many people are completing it at the same time. If this happens, please wait a moment and then try again. We have capacity for over 10,000 free registrations so please do not panic, and there will be further webinars later in the academic year!

Conferences Dates:

Sunday 5th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

Saturday 11th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

If neither of these are suitable, students can register to receive the conference recording.

Conference Agenda:

Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills & Exam Techniques

Section 2: The Power of Effective Study Habits

Interactive Session: "Study Styles: Which One Are You?"

Section 3: Memory Boosters for Exam Prep

Section 4: Conquering Exam Anxiety

Section 5: A Day Before the Exam

Section 6: Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR and EDEXCEL

During the conference, we will help students identify what style of learner they are, and how to employ memory and study techniques that suit them most. We will explore active recall, spaced repetition, the pomodoro technique and how to make use of the most appropriate revision methods and resources such as mind mapping, flashcards and practice questions.

We look forward to mentoring your students with the hope to build their confidence academically. We will also be offering additional teaching opportunities to students from Widening Access backgrounds following the conference, which are completely free in order to reduce inequalities in academic attainment. Thank you for passing this along to your students and parents and helping us to make a difference.

Wiltshire Police Ride Along Scheme (Over 18's)



The Ride Along Scheme is the opportunity to follow police staff for a single shift and it is open to Wiltshire residents over 18 years.

Whether you are considering a career with the police or just interested in what we do, our Ride Along scheme is an excellent way to find out.

For more information regarding this scheme and how to apply click

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/ride-along-scheme/>

Departments taking part.

Ride Along are available in these three departments:

Community Policing Team

The CPT is at the heart of the local police service and is generally considered the 'front line'.

From immediate calls for assistance to long term neighbourhood solutions the officers working from our CPT hubs are at the forefront of the service. The teams are made up of Police Officers, Community Support Officers and Local Crime Investigators and together they form the local side of policing.

Communications Centre

If you're interested to see what life is like on the other side of a 999 or 101 call, why not join a two-hour tour of the Crime and Communications Centre?

Every day the CCC deals with on average over 1000 calls a day. These vary from general calls for help to calls involving life and death situations. See how officers are deployed to scenes and how we call on specialist resources when required. This department is where key decisions are made that set out how we respond to all our calls for service.

Wiltshire Police Dog Section

Come and visit Wiltshire Police HQ at Devizes where our police dogs are trained.

Due to the nature of Police Dog work, it will not be possible for you to 'ride along' with an active patrol unit. However, we do encourage those who may be particularly interested in the work of the Dog Section to attend HQ in Devizes during a training day as an observer. Training is undertaken on a regular basis, and you will be offered an appropriate time and date for your experience. The timescales of the visit will vary according to the type of training being undertaken on the day.

Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) apprenticeships applications are now live for enrolment 2024.



All information and application forms can be found here - [Apprenticeships - Defence Equipment & Support \(mod.uk\)](#)

Our first batch of apprenticeship are currently live until Monday 13 November at 23:55. They include the below apprenticeships:

- DE&S Business Administrator Apprenticeship
- DE&S Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship
- DE&S Finance and Accounting Apprenticeship
- DE&S Project Delivery Apprenticeship (Bristol, Portsmouth, and Manchester)

Our second batch of apprenticeship for the following will open on Monday 30 October 2023:

- DE&S Digital Technology Degree Apprenticeship
- DE&S Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship
- DE&S Engineering Degree (Aerospace) Apprenticeship
- DE&S Engineering Degree (Electro-Mechanical) Apprenticeship



University
of Exeter

EXETER SCHOLARS PROGRAMME – YEAR 12

- Exeter Scholars is a widening participation initiative providing students with the opportunity to find out more about the university, develop a passion for a chosen subject and gain first-hand experience of student life at the University of Exeter.
- There are three different pathways that students can apply for the Year 12 Virtual Pathway and the Year 12 South West or National Pathway in-person Campus Residentials. Both are free!
- There are lots of benefits available, including a **reduced offer to the University of Exeter** upon successful completion of the programme.
- I am available to visit your school if you would like me to provide your students with more information about the programme.
- **The Year 12 virtual-only pathway is for both “South West” and “National” students taking place Monday 4th – Friday 8th December 2023** and this will be an online residential experience.
- Applications for the **Year 12 Virtual Pathway** are open and will close on **Sunday 29th October**. [Virtual Application Form](#)
- Applications for the **Year 12 South West Pathway** are open and will close on **Sunday 29th October**. [South West Application Form](#)
- Applications for the **Year 12 National Pathway** campus residentials will open later in the year, but students can submit a [National ‘Expression of Interest’ form](#)

For eligibility and more info on how to apply please click here: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/exeterscholars/apply/year12/>

Science, Tech and Engineering.



Application Masterclass
Tue 31 Oct, Manchester



VP Brandon Hire Station Work Experience Day
Thu 16 Nov, London



Sunbelt Rentals (HAE) Work Experience Day
Thu 7 Dec, London



Technology Work Experience Day
Thu 7 Dec, Sheffield



[Click here to apply or search more events!](#)



For more information go to
www.uptree.co

Finance, Business and Insurance.

J.P.Morgan

Finance and Technology Application Masterclass
Tue 31 Oct, Bournemouth

 BDO

Financial Services Work Experience Day
Thu 2 Nov, Birmingham

 shawbrook

Work Experience Day
Thu 30 Nov, London

 pwc

Tax and Consulting Work Experience Day
Tue 5 Dec , Online



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Marketing and Property.

Ogilvy

Marketing Work Experience Week
Mon 23 Oct - Fri 3 Nov 3:00, London



Marketing Work Experience Day
Tue 28 Nov , London



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Law.

CLYDE&CO

Law Work Experience Day

Wed 1 Nov, Manchester



Solicitor Apprenticeship Work Experience Day

Wed 15 Nov, Birmingham

 Pinsent Masons

Legal Apprenticeships Work Experience Day

Tue 21 Nov, Manchester

Wed 29 Nov, Birmingham

Linklaters

Solicitor Apprenticeship Work Experience Day

Wed 22 Nov, London



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London.

27 October.

12pm
London
E14 5AB



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Ogilvy

Marketing Work Experience Week, London

REQUIREMENTS:

Students meeting the qualifying criteria

KPMG

Thrive Virtual Event: Celebrating Disability

Inclusion, Online

REQUIREMENTS:

Students meeting the qualifying criteria

Mishcon de Reya

Solicitor Apprenticeship, London

REQUIREMENTS:

Students meeting the qualifying criteria

IBM

Technical Consultant, Multiple Locations

REQUIREMENTS:

Students meeting the qualifying criteria



[Click here to apply or search more opportunities!](#)

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Lots of virtual events planned too..

#BelongatBath



Pathway to Bath

Free online curriculum enrichment for
Year 12 students

Develop your skills by completing a project on a topic that you enjoy, and join us on campus for a summer residential

Applications open 11 October 2023
and close 31 January 2024



Find out more and apply now:

www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme



Ask Bath

Offering students in Years 10-13 short-term academic support and information about university applications and student life from a current student E-Mentor.

What is Ask Bath?

Ask Bath is an online chat service for students in Years 10-13 from widening participation backgrounds. Ask Bath offers academic peer support, information about university applications and insight into life at university. It offers instant messaging for students via a secure platform enabling them to link up with an E-Mentor whenever and where ever they want, for as short or long a time as they like. To be eligible to join the programme students will need to meet one or more of our [Widening Participation criteria](#).





How does it work?

Our E-Mentors can give Ask Bath students some short-term academic support in many different subjects that they have studied themselves, as well as providing information and guidance about university, the applications process and student life.

- Students will choose their own E-Mentor based on the subject that they need help with or to ask about university life.
- The E-Mentor will guide the student with questions about homework, the relevant academic subject or with information about university applications and what it's like to study at university.
- If the student would like help with a different academic subject, they can request to be unmatched and then get help from an E-Mentor in the different subject.
- The match with an E-Mentor is a short-term arrangement (up to 6-8 weeks during which students work with their E-Mentor on their chosen mentoring goals). Mentoring matches will expire after a short period of inactivity.

Ask Bath 2023 application form here:

https://app.geckoform.com/public/?_gl=1*1hxrf5*_gcl_au*MTA3MzQxODU4Mi4xNjk3MTkxNjg1#/modern/21FO00klrokrlr00bos18a28x2



Halloween Pumpkin Cupcakes

As we are not far off Halloween, here are some tasty Pumpkin flavoured Cup Cakes to try out.

You may even want to enter them in the Bake Off Competition on 31 October!



Ingredients

200g self-raising flour
1 tsp cinnamon
½ tsp of ground ginger
½ tsp of nutmeg
½ tsp allspice
1 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda
Pinch of salt



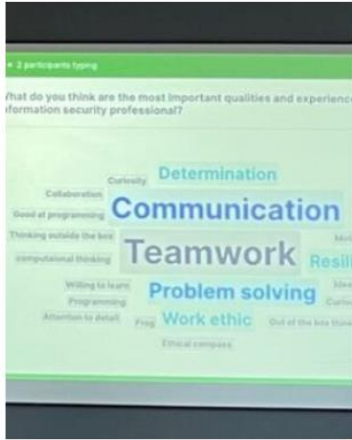
300 g caster sugar
170g pureed pumpkin
2 large eggs
125 ml of vegetable oil
2 tablespoons of maple syrup

For Frosting & Decoration:

60g softened butter
60g cream cheese softened.
240g icing sugar, sifted.
1 tsp vanilla extract
Green and orange food colouring
Pretzel sticks to use as stalks.

Method:

1. Heat the oven to 180C (160C fan, Gas4). Line a 12-hole muffin tin with cupcake cases.
2. Sift the Flour with the ginger, nutmeg, allspice, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda & salt.
3. In a separate bowl, mix the sugar, pumpkin, eggs, oil and maple syrup and evenly combine.
4. Gently fold the wet ingredients into the flour mixture.
5. Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases, filling them around three quarters full. Bake for 18 Minutes or until a cocktail stick inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Leave to cool on a wire rack.
6. For Frosting, cream the butter and cream cheese until smooth, gradually add the icing sugar and continue to cream until light and fluffy. Mix in the vanilla extract.
7. Place a scoop of the frosting into a separate bowl and colour with green food colouring.
8. Colour the remainder orange. Spread a layer onto each cup cake. Then using a piping bag to pipe a pumpkin design around each cupcake.
9. Use the green to pipe the pumpkin leaves and finish with a pretzel stick as the stalk if desired.



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.