



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #127 10 November 2023



Today we held a 2-minute silence of remembrance for Armistice Day. Students were asked to reflect on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Lest We Forget

WE WHO REMAIN
by Anthony Devanny

We are indeed the lucky and unlucky ones,
As we are the ones who have lived to tell the
tales of those we once knew.
We are the ones who carry those scars of
things seen, done and lost.
We are the ones who must never let those
who are not here be forgotten by the new.
We are the ones who will never need to be
reminded that "We will Remember Them",
We are the ones who will always remember
those we forever call friend.





RWBA narrowly missed out on a place in the next round of the English Schools Chess Championship, but it was a lovely event, all students acting as great ambassadors for the school.

There were 8 teams altogether in our region. Sir Thomas Rich's School in Gloucester were the best team on the day and Chipping Campden 'A' came second. We played both teams, losing 4-2 on both occasions. We did beat Chipping Campden 'B' 5.5-0.5, though! It was a pity that there was no time for a fourth match.

Ethan Franklin did particularly well on Board 1, leading the team superbly and demonstrating fantastic resilience. He even beat the top player in the top school in an exciting round 3 match.

Oscar Graham also played very well, showing the younger members of the team how to concentrate and consider each move carefully.

Thank you to Mrs Richmond for coordinating the event.

Just a reminder Chess Club runs on Thursdays after school. Students from all year groups are welcome.



WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED



Design a Christmas logo

The winning Christmas artwork logo will be used on the front cover of the Carol Concert programme!
It must be black and white, include 2023 and be in the shape of a Christmas bauble - see suggestions on this slide.

Hand in to Mrs Hodgson, via SMHW or email ehodgson@rwba.org.uk before Monday 20th November.
Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place!



Any maths students wanting to make a real difference and support younger students with their maths??

If so, please contact Mrs Richmond who is looking for several Sixth Form students to support in lower school maths lessons. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience with young people and perfect for anyone considering teaching careers.



A reminder that during the current exam series the Sixth Form toilets cannot be used, and students should use the English corridor toilets instead.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**Monday 13th
November
2023**

**Be proud to be
different.**



Our call to action:

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as ‘just banter’. It doesn't have to be this way.

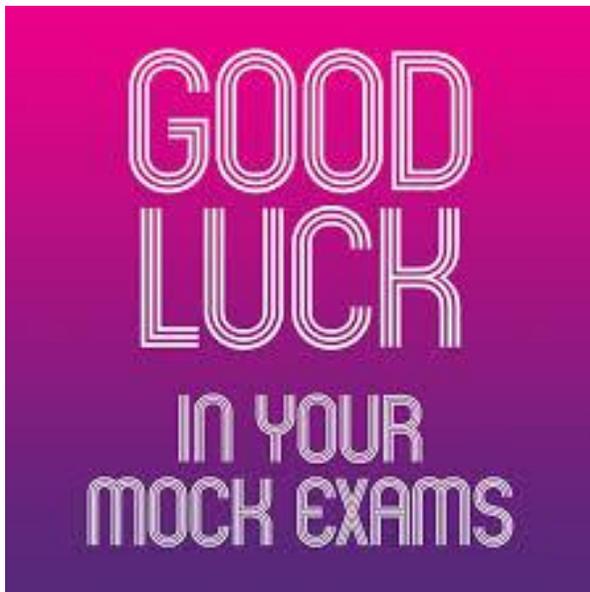
Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose **respect and unity**.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

For more details click below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>



Year 13 A level students are on study leave next week Monday 13th – Friday 17th November.

Students can use the facilities of the Sixth form area and revise in school if they wish but equally, they only need to be in school for examinations.

Btec lessons will run as normal unless you have specifically spoken to your teacher students are expected to attend the usual timetabled Btec lessons.

On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of your exams – you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam

What you cannot take into exams:

- any type of phone
 - revision notes
 - any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
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What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
 - at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
 - an approved calculator for relevant exams
 - appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
 - a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label
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Other important information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
- Make sure you stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

Contingency sessions:

- There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June 2024 and the morning and afternoon of 26 June 2024. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have an exam.

If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.





Senior Choir

Thursdays

3pm in P12

Week A

Be part of the choir



St James's Place

SJP Apprentice 'Careers Fayre' Open Evening, to be held on **Wednesday 22nd November**. This is a brilliant opportunity for students.

We also ask that you please advertise our **Virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening**, to be hosted on **Wednesday 6th December**, which focusses more on the programme itself instead of the individual roles. This will be held via Zoom webinar. This is a great alternative to students who are interested but are unable to attend in person.

Sixth Form/College Leaver- Apprenticeship Open Evening

Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship after completing your A-levels/BTEC Award?

Why not consider **St. James's Place** as an employer for you!

Our Apprenticeship Open Evening is the perfect opportunity for students to find out more about the vast array of roles we have available on our **2024 Apprenticeship programme**.

We have created our own 'SJP Careers Fayre' where students and parents can speak to hiring managers and current/previous apprentices to find out more about the roles and the careers they may lead into.

When? Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Where? SJP Head Office, Cirencester, GL7 1FP

Time? 17:30pm onwards

Information: Students can bring 1 parent/guardian.

The evening will begin with a short presentation from the Early Careers team, shortly followed by a networking session, where students and parents are free to visit the business areas as they please.

Our opportunities span business areas including:

- Accounting
- Actuarial
- Digital Content Creation
- Finance
- Technology & Systems
- Private Client Events
- Investments
- Regulatory
- Audit

Come along to find out more and see our full list of opportunities available.

Please register your attendance by emailing early.careers@sjp.co.uk

Please note that as spaces are limited, we will be allocating places on a first come first served basis so would encourage early applications!

Virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening

Our Virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening is a fantastic alternative to our in-person event and will focus on our Apprenticeship programme and offering in more detail itself, instead of our individual roles. Come along to find out more and

have your questions answered by our current and previous apprentices and hear about their experience on the programme.

Our apprenticeship programme is a fantastic alternative to university where successful applicants can kickstart their career in a business area of their choosing, whilst studying towards a relevant qualification.

Apprentices are paid over £20,000 per annum and are valuable members of the business, with many progressing further into the business once they roll off the programme.

When? Wednesday 6th December

Where? Zoom Webinar

Timings? 16.30-17.50

Please register and secure your spot by emailing early.careers@sjp.co.uk

The logo consists of the letters 'SJP' in a large, bold, dark blue serif font. The 'S' and 'J' are connected at the top, and the 'P' is positioned to the right of the 'J'. The letters are centered on the page.



Students are now beginning to receive university interview invitations, with some securing invites for Veterinary Medicine at Harper and Keele, Surrey, Liverpool, as well as for Medicine at Sunderland. It's worth noting that these interview invitations tend to arrive in waves, so there's no need to be concerned if your students haven't heard back from a university yet; there's plenty of time!

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:
Saturday 11th November

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:
Sunday 12th November
Saturday 25th November
Sunday 26th November

These conferences are entirely cost-free, guaranteeing that students from all backgrounds have equal access to invaluable information that can significantly enhance their university application prospects. During these conferences, we provide comprehensive guidance on interview skills for medical and dental schools, helping students prepare effectively. We also delve into various interview types and the available resources to ensure students excel when the interview phase arrives.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
 - Personal statements
 - UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
 - Awards Programmes
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Work experience
 - Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Spaces are limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Medical Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership,

research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities
12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical/dental student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical/Dental School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical/dental student) and
next steps

Our doctors, dentists, medical and dental students look forward to welcoming
your students at the conferences and they will join our network of successful
students who attended these programmes over the last ten years:

<https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>



Medic Mentor School Societies

Find out more here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

The upcoming NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme on **Sunday 3rd December**, offers a perfect opportunity for students to engage with AHP professionals, gain in-depth insights, experience a patient's journey from health concern to recovery, and receive a work experience certificate that is invaluable for their UCAS application. Those that complete the full 6-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References!

This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10-13 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

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. Please ask students to check their spam folders and mark their attendance on the day to receive their Work Experience Certificates.

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 can register individually at any time throughout the 6-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.**

Please forward these details to your interested students so they can participate in the monthly virtual work experience days: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>





Escape Studios, we're among the top 6% of UK institutions for graduate employment!

What's more, The Rookies have named us number one worldwide for Immersive Media. Our **industry-focused** courses have propelled our alumni into jobs on top films and shows such as *Thor: Love and Thunder*, *Stranger Things* and *Elvis*, and with games studios such as EA, Playground Games and Rockstar. Could your students thrive as part of our successful, close-knit student and alumni community?

Escape Studios open day

- 📅 Saturday 18th November
- 🕒 10:00am and 1:00pm
- 📍 6 Mitre Passage, North Greenwich, London, SE10 0ER
- 📺 Livestream option available

Book your place:

https://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-open-days/?utm_source=successatschool&utm_medium=email_influencers&utm_campaign=openevents2023_esc_scp&utm_content=invitation_nov_23&utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=bda3011be6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_11_02_09_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4ab165a965-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_65c6d67e71-bda3011be6-211973597&mc_cid=bda3011be6&mc_eid=bd69c7df25



Why join us on 18th November?

Students can book a place at our open day on Saturday 18th November, starting at 10:00am or 1:00pm, to:

- Explore our **BRAND-NEW** campus on the Greenwich Peninsula
- Learn more about our courses in Animation, Games and Visual Effects
- Hear from our expert tutors and current students
- Check out our motion capture demo

Book now to find out how Escape Studios can make career dreams a reality!



Creative Technology

Our new Creative Technology courses are for those who enjoy both art *and* technology. These programmes in Character Creation, Game Design and Technical Art have been designed with experts from Creative Assembly, Framestore, nDreams, PlayStation London Studio and Rocksteady Studio.

Discover how students graduate with the technical skills that are in demand from creative organisations during our open day on 18th November.



Creative Arts

We have a range of Creative Arts courses in 2D and 3D Animation, Game Art and Visual Effects. These degrees have been developed with experts to give students the skills that are relevant and in demand in the industry. Students are taught by our expert tutors and graduate with a portfolio of high-quality work, ready to apply to their dream jobs.

You'll get to hear all about our degrees at our 18th November open day - make sure to book your place!

School and college leaver careers



Here at PwC we're currently accepting applications from students for our school and college leaver opportunities, and we'd like to invite you to find out more.

We're a leading Professional Services organisation with 19 offices across the UK. We work to build trust, deliver sustained outcomes, and help clients solve their most important problems by combining human ingenuity and understanding with the right technology.

Joining PwC is an opportunity for students to learn with purpose, lead with heart and make a positive impact on the world.

For students looking to go to university whilst starting their career

Applications are open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/flying-start-degrees.html?utm_source=uk_rec_success_at_schools&utm_medium=ct3-dm1-at-1&utm_campaign=sas-careeradvisors-fy24

For students considering an apprenticeship instead of university

Explore PwC's range of school and college leaver opportunities

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/join-us-from-school.html?utm_source=uk_rec_success_at_schools&utm_medium=ct3-dm1-at-2&utm_campaign=sas-parents-scljobs-fy24

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APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR

Fast-track your path to success with our
free virtual event.

30th November 2023
5:00 - 7:30pm



Get your free ticket here:
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We're RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk, the
UK's leading jobs resource for young
people seeking apprenticeships and school
leaver schemes.

We're also home to over **40,000**
apprentice-written reviews. Think of us
like TripAdvisor but for jobs and career
advice rather than restaurants in Liverpool.

APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR

Fast-track your path to success
with our free virtual event.

5:00pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 30th November 2023

<https://apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/#register>

THE APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR

This virtual event is an opportunity for you to learn more about Apprenticeships and all the employers who offer them.

You'll meet current apprentices and various companies, including the University of Law and KPMG, and get the low down on everything from how to apply for an apprenticeship to finding out what it's like to work as an apprentice.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions in two Q&A sessions with some of the leading apprenticeship employers in the UK.

REGISTER



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JOINING US AT THE EVENT



The University of Law

The legal sector is changing rapidly, and the need for rigorous, relevant and business-focused legal education and training has never been greater. The University of Law delivers Level 7 Solicitor Apprenticeships for those starting post-A Level, and Solicitor Graduate Apprenticeships for those starting post-degree.

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Deutsche Bank's UK Apprenticeship programmes combine on-the-job training with study time to provide you with the opportunity to gain professional qualifications and/or full sponsorship towards an Applied Finance degree (Investment Banking Apprenticeship programme only).

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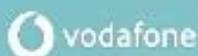
At Deloitte, an Apprenticeship is not just a training scheme, it's the first step in a long and rewarding career. That comes with a generous salary and annual pay reviews, as well as an absolute commitment to your lifelong professional development. You'll be encouraged to be your true self, dream bigger, think creatively and deliver real impact.

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Using technology to transform lives. Help the world to be more inclusive and connected! At Vodafone, we're working towards a more sustainable world that's better for all.

Our technologies and innovations go much further than telecommunications - we put our hearts and imagination into improving learning, healthcare, homes, community, commerce, the environment and more - for everyone.

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KPMG

KPMG's Apprenticeship programmes offer the chance to gain practical work experience and build core skills within their global network of firms. You'll be supported to achieve professional qualifications and accreditations, such as diplomas and degrees, and earn a salary - all at the same time.

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EDF Energy

If you're passionate about tackling climate change, EDF Energy has Apprenticeship programmes that offer the opportunity to develop an exciting career whilst helping to create a more sustainable energy future. Open for applications in January 2024.

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ALL THINGS APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprentices work a minimum of 30 hours a week for 30 weeks a year. The structure of each apprenticeship can vary depending on the scheme type and employer.

An apprentice will work full-time with an industry-leading company while studying for a qualification.

Some employers ask you to work four days a week and study for the fifth day, while others will ask you to attend college for a few weeks at a time, in between periods spent working for the employer.

An apprenticeship is a marvellous option for school leavers because they finish their course with qualifications and relevant work experience.

If you thought it couldn't get any better, you were wrong. Apprentices are also **paid a wage** for the duration of their apprenticeship.



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WHY SHOULD YOU DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

That is a cracking question.

An apprenticeship is a great alternative for those who want to start a career early and might not think that university is the best option for them.

If you want to feel like you're proactively upskilling yourself and taking strides forward in your development, apprenticeship programs are something to seriously consider.

While graduates leave university with a degree, their studies often don't impart the skills employers look for. Apprentices, on the other hand, work in **actual professional environments** developing the **soft and hard skills** that entice employers.

Apprenticeships are designed to ensure that you're developing the relevant skills for a job. Even if there isn't the promise of a permanent position at the end of the apprenticeship, you'll be work-ready which'll help you enter a skilled profession much easier.

Not sure about what your next steps are?
Take our Career Quiz on next page...



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WHICH PATH WILL YOU TAKE?

TAKE OUR CAREER QUIZ

DECIDED AN APPRENTICESHIP IS FOR YOU?

Great! Now it's time to search for the right one. There are hundreds of apprenticeships to choose from, and RateMyApprenticeship is the best place to find them. You can use the website to browse through all current vacancies using filters based on your interests and skills.

If you've found the perfect apprenticeship and you're ready to apply, we've broken down the application process step-by-step with tips and tricks to give you that extra edge over your rivals.

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P.S. Our TikTok is really fun. Just saying.



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National: PwC, Tax and Consulting Work Experience Day December 2023

ONLINE EVENT

This event is for students aged 16-21 who are interested in careers related to Tax and Consulting. To be able to attend, you should have an interest in this field and be on track to achieve at least CCC (96 UCAS points) or equivalent.

Date: Tue 5th Dec 10:00AM - 12:30PM

PwC is one of the biggest professional service firms, specialising in areas including finance, accountancy (audit), advisory, tax and technology.

By taking part in this interactive virtual event, you will discover more about life at PwC from the people who work there.

[Find out more about PwC on their Company Page.](#)

Agenda

This is what your day could look like...

- Welcome and introduction
- PwC careers overview
- Interactive industry task (real-life client problem solving)
- Meeting ambassadors from different careers and young people who have recently joined with a chance to network!
- Wrap up and Q&As

Next steps

- Register for this virtual event using your Uptree account. [If you do not have an Uptree account, register here.](#)
- There are 65 spaces available for this event
- Prioritisation will begin two weeks before the event: successful applicants will receive an invitation 1-2 weeks before the event. If you register after this time, you might not receive a response.

Any questions, please do contact us: educationteam@uptree.co



Tax and Consulting Work Experience Day

with



Tuesday 5 December 2023

Online

Students aged 16-21

By taking part in this interactive virtual event, students will discover more about life at PwC from the people who work there.

Apply now!



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Masterclasses

Masterclasses are a range of online, subject-specific, hour-long sessions for students in Year 12. Sessions run weekly on Tuesday and Thursday (4-5pm) from January to April. Applications are now open!

About Masterclasses

Masterclasses are online, subject-specific, hour-long sessions for students in Year 12 to get a taste of university. Masterclasses will introduce you to subjects available at UCL in 2024. The hour-long sessions will feature a lecture on a specific topic from UCL academics and PhD students.

This year, Masterclasses will be online. The sessions are interactive, and we encourage you to engage with the presenters, as there is an opportunity at the end to ask questions about the topic presented.

In the **Subjects** section of this page you can find out more about the topics covered, who is presenting the session, and the date of the Masterclass.

Deadline for applications:

- January Masterclasses - Tuesday 2 January, 11:59pm.
- February Masterclasses - Sunday 21 January, 11:59pm.
- March Masterclasses - Sunday 18 February, 11:59pm.
- April Masterclasses - Sunday 24 March, 11:59pm.

Subjects

Please find below the subjects for the Masterclasses sessions running in 2024.

January - Arts & Design

History of Art

Sustainable Built Environments, Energy and Resources

Creative Arts and Humanities

English

February - Sciences

Medicine

Chemical Engineering

Statistics

Population Health Sciences

Science and Engineering for Social Change

Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR)

Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences

Cancer Institute

March - Social Sciences

Economics

Sociology

Geography

Political Science

Law

School of Management

History

April - Sciences and Social Sciences

Philosophy

Computer Science

Mathematics

Education, Society and Culture

Apply for the masterclass here:

https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_3JyjHyEo0AqMEgS

ARE YOU 15-17 YEARS OLD?

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Rise is a program that **finds promising young people and provides opportunity** as they work to serve others.

The program seeks young people ages **15 to 17** and encourages a lifetime of service and learning by providing support that may include **need-based scholarships, mentorship, networking, access to career development opportunities**, and the potential for additional funding as Rise Global Winners work to develop bold ideas for public benefit.

risefortheworld.org

Note: Applicants must be 15-17 as of July 1, 2024, meaning they were born on or between July 2, 2006 and July 1, 2009.

