



Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #130
1 December 2023



Year 13 will receive their Mock exam results in ilearn on **Monday 11th December**. Students need to go to the lecture theatre to collect their results from the exams team and then go to their tutor room to celebrate and discuss next steps.

All members of the Sixth Form team will be around to support students.



Year 13 progress reports will be communicated with parents **on Monday 11th December** and Parents evening will take place in the Sixth form block on **Wednesday 13th December**.

Bookings will be open next week.

This event is face to face and parents will be able to speak directly to the subject teachers.



Any Mathematicians interested in supporting Year 7 & 8 students in maths classes. Please click on the link or speak directly to Mrs Richmond.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jXKjY2u83w>



Whole school Christmas Jumper day raising money for Save the Children is on **Thursday 7th December.**



SPIRIT WEEK

THURSDAY 14TH- WEDNESDAY 20TH

THURSDAY 14TH- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



FRIDAY 15TH- RED AND GREEN DAY



MONDAY 18TH- PJ DAY

TUESDAY 19TH- CHRISTMAS HAT DAY



WEDNESDAY 20TH- FESTIVE NON-UNIFORM

**A WEEK OF FUN FOR ALL OF SIXTH
FORM**



Year 13 Leavers Hoodies:



An on-line shop is being set up for students and will be available next week to place orders. Watch out for the posters and link to go in and make your order direct. The front design will have the School Logo as per the example. There will be an example in the Sixth Form Reception if anyone wants to have a look. Sizes and details shown below:



£27.45

Garment: Classic Leavers Hoodie
Colour: Black / Bottle Green / Brown / Charcoal Grey / Heather Grey / Hot Pink / Jade / Kelly Green / Maroon / Military Green / Navy Blue / Olive / Orange / Pink / Purple / Red / Royal Blue / Sapphire Blue / Sky Blue / Violet / White / Yellow
Size range: Adult Sizes
Validity date: 31-08-2025
[View price tables](#)



Great Idea for Parents or Grandparents to buy for Christmas!



Front design



Rear design

	CHEST To fit body	PIT-TO-PIT Garment Measurement	SLEEVE Shoulder to End of Sleeve	LENGTH Neck Point on Shoulder to Hem
2yrs	22"-24"	13"	11"	16.5"
3-4yrs	24"-26"	14"	12"	16.5"
5-6yrs	26"-28"	15"	14"	19"
7-8yrs	28"-30"	16"	16"	21"
9-10yrs	30"-32"	17"	18"	22"
11-13yrs	32"-34"	18"	21"	24"
XSmall	36"-38"	19.5"	22.5"	25"
Small	38"-40"	20.5"	23"	27"
Medium	40"-42"	22"	23.5"	28"
Large	42"-44"	23.5"	24.5"	29"
XL	44"-46"	25"	25"	30"
2XL	46"-48"	26"	26"	30"
3XL	50"-52"	28"	27"	31"
4XL	52"-54"	30"	27"	32"



Shaping change-makers

The UK has one of the worst rates of social mobility in Europe. Zero Gravity is changing that through the power of tech, with millions in funding from visionary investors.

Our platform is a lifeline, connecting untapped talent in low-opportunity areas to a world of possibilities. Zero Gravity is packed with features designed to take talent to the top – from mentoring, masterclasses, internships and scholarships to personalised career opportunities. Our members get totally free access to a digital community of over 15,000 students, all working together to make their ambitions real.

Our impact? We double the chances of securing top university offers and career paths, having already enhanced lifetime earnings by £270m. By 2025, we aim to create a £1bn uplift – creating impact that's good for individuals, businesses and society.

Zero Gravity is more than a platform. It's a value-driven movement, powering people to tackle the UK's biggest challenges.

Level the playing field

All our members get the opportunity to mentor while they're at uni. We match you with a school student to pass on your wisdom and power them to follow in your footsteps.

How to get started

1

Become a Zero Gravity school

Sign up in a couple of minutes and our dashboard will guide you step-by-step on how to refer your students to Zero Gravity.



2

Dive into the platform

See which of your students have been accepted to Zero Gravity and how they are engaging with the platform.



3

See the uni offers roll in

Get live data that shows the impact of our platform on your students' success and tracks their destinations. Simple.

Zero Gravity Fund

£3000 scholarships for your top students

The Zero Gravity Fund unlocks the potential of your students who reach the best universities. We identify students within the platform who've proven their potential during their journey to uni and give them £1000 a year across three years of their degree. This accelerates their journey and lets them land the future they didn't think possible.

<https://www.zerogravity.co.uk/>



As we approach 2024, the upcoming **Get Into Dentistry conference** will be the LAST opportunity of the year for your students to gather essential insights into dentistry, and understand the key steps of the UCAS application process.

Our FREE virtual UCAS conferences ensure that students from all backgrounds have equal access to invaluable information. These sessions provide comprehensive guidance on the skills necessary for dental schools, assisting students in their effective preparation. Additionally, we explore various resources to help students excel when their time comes.

The next upcoming UCAS conferences are for aspiring Dentists at the **FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference on Saturday 2nd December 9:30am - 3pm.**

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring dental in years 10-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for dental, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- 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.

Dental Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Dental 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 (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 Dental School interviews

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

Our dentists 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://dental-mentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>





The Gresham Schools Oracy Competition: Deadline Approaching!

Launched in October 2023, the competition is designed to help students develop their oracy skills, and to better understand the topics being discussed. This year the competition has broad topics to include music, law, AI, science and others. Entrants are required to record a presentation of no more than 5 minutes, and the shortlisted candidates will present in person at Barnard's Inn Hall in London.

The deadline is 8 December at 6pm, don't miss out!

Read more here: gres.hm/competition

Why Enter?

Prizes this year include the first year of university fees (£9,250) for the overall winner, money towards devices, money for the schools of the winners, mentoring opportunities, and both remote and in-house presentation and oracy skills training for those who enter.

What are the rules for entering?

- Presentations must be **no longer than 5 minutes** – if you submit a video that is longer than 5 minutes **your entry will be disqualified**
- You must submit a summary of your presentation citing sources
- Act as though you are presenting to a live audience at Gresham College

- Don't sit and read from your notes throughout your presentation
- If shortlisted, you will perform the same presentation as the one you entered

Don't miss this great opportunity - Deadline 8 December!



Application Masterclass Events

Our Application Masterclasses aim to demystify company application processes. They are made up of workshops, discussions and other activities that help and support you with CV writing, interview skills and assessment centres. Companies highlight what they look for in a candidate and what you should include to make your application stand out.

An Application Masterclass event is a great opportunity to ask about Partner opportunities and learn about potential career paths.

Events are added to our platform regularly, so we recommend either checking our Event page regularly or bookmarking company pages that are of interest to you - you'll then receive email reminders when new events and opportunities go live at this company.

<https://uptree.co/events/>

Work Experience Days

Our Work Experience Days are designed to introduce you to a company and industry. They are a great opportunity for you to interact with professionals in the workplace. Don't forget to connect with people you meet at the events on LinkedIn! We want these events to inspire you and help you make career decisions. Work experience days can either be in person or online (usually over Zoom).

You can filter our Events page for online or in person events, the location of the event as well as the industry to find the most suitable opportunities for you.

<https://uptree.co/events/>

Opportunities

Our Opportunities page has all the upcoming longer work experience placements, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, job roles and more with our partner companies.

This page provides you with direct access to applications to our partner company opportunities.

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Downloadable resources

CV Template

Download a template CV to get started in creating your own.

CV Examples

Click here to look at an example of a good CV and a bad CV.

Cover Letter Template

Click here to find our Cover Letter Template to help you structure your Cover Letter.

FAQs

CVs

Find here some frequently asked questions and answers about CVs.

Cover Letters

Find here some frequently asked questions and answers about Cover Letters.

Interviews

Find here some frequently asked questions and answers about Interviews.

Dress code

Find here a guide on how to select an outfit for your first day of work, a networking event or an interview.

Uptree Careers Learning Programme

Find here frequently asked questions about our free online courses.

<https://uptree.co/students/student-resource-hub/>

Young Writer Competitions



Our writing competitions for young people aged 16-18 aim to uncover the next generation of writing talent.

Become the next Young Writer (a short story writing competition for creative writers) or Young Anthropologist (for writing about identity and culture). You can [register to enter now!](#)

Both competitions have a £1,000 first prize and two runner-up prizes of £50. All shortlisted entries will also receive a small prize.

If you register, you'll be invited to online workshops throughout the year delivered by our [English and Creative Writing](#) and/or [Anthropology](#) departments to help you hone your writing skills and learn from our academic staff. You'll also receive information about upcoming Goldsmiths events, resources, recommendations and opportunities that will help your entry be the best it can be before submission.

You must [register for the competition](#) and submit your final entry by the 11.59pm (BST) on Friday 19 April 2024.

Register here:

[Young Writer Competitions | Goldsmiths, University of London](#)



Robinson Access Programme 2024

All sessions run from 5-6pm

Session date	Session	Who for?
Wednesday 18th Jan	Introductions	Year 11 and Year 12
Wednesday 24th Jan	Study skills, critical thinking and 'thinking big'	Year 11 and Year 12
Wednesday 31st Jan	Studying Arts & Humanities at Cambridge	Year 11 and Year 12
Tuesday 6th Feb	Studying Sciences at Cambridge	Year 11 and Year 12
Wednesday 21st Feb	Thinking about A Levels	Year 11 only
Wednesday 28th Feb	Personal statement workshop	Year 12 only
Wednesday 6th March	Q&A with current Robinson students	Year 11 and Year 12
Wednesday 27th March	Beyond university... careers and what next	Year 11 and Year 12

Interested in studying in Cambridge??

Now open for applications:

<https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/access-and-outreach/access-and-outreach-events/robinson-access-programme-rap>



Watch the youtube clip from Cardiff if you are interested in attending Cardiff University.

Staff from our Schools Liaison, Accommodation, Admissions and Student Finance teams were on hand to answer your questions and our current students shared their views and experience of being a Cardiff student.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elqhqRPxE9U>



About Pathway CTM

Pathway CTM is an award winning Social Enterprise, founded over 6 years ago, transforming employability training, support and opportunities for schools and students across the UK. We provide our award-winning FREE Programme to 60,000+ students, and over 300 schools and colleges throughout the UK, helping young people make informed decisions about their next steps post GCSE and A-Level.



Log on and search all the opportunities and events available to support making the right career choices for you.

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/>

<https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/>

I encourage parents to take a keen interest in supporting career decisions.

Pathways has a designated Parent service. Details below.



Supporting YOUR young people

With so many options out there for young people post school/college, it can be difficult to help them navigate and understand what's next. Sign up to our FREE programme to receive updates on the available opportunities for your young people and gain access to exclusive Parent & Teacher events.

<https://pathwayctm.com/services/for-parents-carers/>