



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #131
7 December 2023**



Whole school Christmas Jumper day raising money for Save the Children was yesterday.

Thank you for all your donations.



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**.

Booking is now open!!!

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

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

The Sixth Form toilets are now fully functioning so please revert back to **only** using these toilets and **DO NOT** use the toilets in the English Corridor.

Thank you.





On Monday 18th December, we look forward to welcoming back the Class of 2023 for their celebration evening.

We can't wait to hear how the world of work and University is going!



Looking for stocking fillers or Christmas presents for awkward teens???

Scan the QR codes to access reading lists for every subject.

The recommended books for reading for pleasure would also make a great present.



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**



YOU'RE LEAVING!

Order Your Sixth Form Leavers Hoodie
now from the link below—£27.45



Great idea to ask parents to buy or grandparents to buy you for Xmas!



Size Guide X-Small (36) Small (38) Medium (40) Large (42-44) X-Large (46) 2X-Large (48) 3X-Large (50-52) 4X-Large (54)

Order Direct with our on-line shop:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shop/2833> —click on the image of the student in the orange hoodie and place your order!



**ORDER BY
26 February**

Your login details are as follows:

**USERNAME: 2833
PASSWORD: vC5b+UUD**



Pathways to Medicine at Swansea University

Friday 12 January 2024 17:00 - 18:00

At Swansea, our Medicine degree is Graduate Entry, which means you have to study a first degree before you can progress onto Medicine. However, we have undergraduate Pathways to Medicine BSc degrees that are open to students to apply straight from A levels which help prepare them to go onto study Medicine and offers a guaranteed interview for our Graduate Entry Medicine programme. Our Pathway degrees allow students to explore if Medicine is the right career for them, while also providing many alternative career options.

The Pathway degrees have been specifically designed to fill that UCAS 5th choice for any student who is applying for undergraduate Medicine should they not be successful, or if students find themselves applying to University

through clearing, then our Pathways degrees can be an ideal choice giving students an alternative route into Medicine.

Join us to hear more about our Pathway to Medicine degrees and what benefits you will receive by studying with us here in Swansea.

https://swanseauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-7xX3nlqQqSRzm-l4nne1w?utm_campaign=14236349_SCHED_BILINGUAL_ENG%20FIRST_SRO_SCHOOLS_WINTER%20NEWSLETTER_06DEC23&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Swansea%20University%20Admin%20Office&dm_i=1SLH,8H4U5,486M39,Z0QCV,1#/registration

MASTERCLASS SERIES RECORDINGS



Unsure of what subject you'd like to study at university?

Our Masterclass Series takes place at various times through-out the year to give you a flavour of the different subjects we offer. We've had a fantastic lineup of academics so far that have delivered sessions across a range of subject areas.

They are a great way to get a feel for what university lectures are like.

To catch up on our series so far, take a look at our recordings below.

Our next series will start again in Spring 2024.

- TIME WELL SPENT OR WASTED? HOW 'HASSLE-COSTS' AFFECT YOUR ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING – **ECONOMICS**

- APPLICATIONS OF RNA INTERFERENCE: TARGETING CANCER AND INSECT PESTS – **BIOCHEMISTRY**

- NURSING AT SWANSEA UNIVERSITY - A SNAPSHOT – **NURSING**

- AERODYNAMICS: HOW CAN SOMETHING WITH SO MUCH MATHS BE FUN? - **AEROSPACE ENGINEERING**

- TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND OUR BEHAVIOUR – **PSYCHOLOGY**

- RESHAPING TOMORROW: THE VITAL ROLE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING - **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

- HOW TO BUILD A SALTMARSH – **GEOGRAPHY**

- FINANCE - LET'S MAKE SOME MONEY! – **FINANCE**

- METAL 3D PRINTING: BUILDING THE UN-MACHINABLE - **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

- GENDER INCLUSIVITY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR LINGUISTIC CHANGE - **MODERN LANGUAGES**

- MEDICAL LAW: PRENATAL SCREENING AND INFORMED CONSENT – **LAW**

- NEW MATERIALS FOR SOLAR CELLS FOR AEROSPACE APPLICATIONS? - **MATERIALS SCIENCE**

https://www.swansea.ac.uk/study/webinar-series/masterclass-series-recordings/?utm_source=Admissions&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=sro24&utm_content=schoolswinternewsletter&dm_i=1SLH,8H4U5,486M39,Z0QCU,1



The **Morgan Stanley Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship** enables students to benefit from theory-based learning at university whilst working alongside industry experts within the Morgan Stanley Technology division.

Delivered in partnership with **Queen Mary University of London**, students are supported to achieve their degree whilst developing valuable practical skills within the financial services industry.

Why choose a degree apprenticeship at Morgan Stanley?

- Kick-start your career in a supportive environment, making valuable contributions from the outset.
- Support on exciting projects from designing and building software to interacting with internal clients to help deliver innovative solutions.
- Rotate across different areas of the Morgan Stanley Technology division, gaining exposure and hands on experience across different teams.
- Immerse yourself in the Morgan Stanley culture and the student community at university.
- Earn a salary whilst you learn.

Programme Start Date: September 2024

Application Deadline: **19 February 2024**

<https://outlook.office.com/mail/inbox/id/AAQkADY2ZGIwODZhLTczMGIiNDYxZC04MjQwLWlxOWU5NWJlMWYzNgAQAj5MTyiCjdNLtjJGfOCKSmI%3D>



Medicine Virtual Work Experience

Are you interested in gaining work experience in a hospital setting?

The University of Southampton and University Hospital Southampton are pleased to offer students in Year 12 the opportunity to apply for **LIVE virtual work experience** delivered through Microsoft Teams. This is project aimed at students who are interested in studying Medicine. It is a very popular programme so please ensure you check the eligibility criteria before you apply.

These are:

- Currently in Year 12.

- Interested in studying medicine
- Currently studying A Level Biology
- Living in the UK

This programme is open to **all students based in the UK.**

A typical timetable usually includes:

- Operating Theatre
- Ward Rounds
- Outpatient Clinic
- WISH Lab
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Opportunity to speak to current medical students.
- Opportunities to speak with a variety of clinicians representing Pharmacology, Health Sciences, Histopathology, Cardiac Physiology and more.

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As this is a live programme, it is always subject to change depending on the day-to-day happenings within the hospital.

We expect students to treat this experience like a face-to-face work experience placement and students who are late or fail to attend sessions will be removed from the programme. Please ensure you are available for all days before you apply.

Usually, the programme is delivered online between 9am and 4pm.

The application form link for our work experience dates are below. Please note the opening and closing date for these applications.

The dates for 2023/24 are now confirmed as:

February 13 and 14 2024 (applications open 28 December 2023 and closes 15 January 2024) [Apply when open](#)

August 28 and 29 2024 (applications open 17 June and closes 1 July 2024) [Apply when open](#)

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/medical-work-experience.page>

Widening Access to Medicine Taster Course and Virtual Work Experience

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th April 2024

Applications open in December and close on 4th March 2024. When live, please complete the application here <https://gck.fm/iepub>. Please see below for more information on eligibility criteria and a typical programme. Please check you have submitted a teachers reference before you submit.

This is a **free of charge 4-day Virtual Work Experience and Taster Course** for thirty Year 12 students, designed to increase the applicant's knowledge of the role of doctors and the training they undergo. **The taster course will provide opportunities to develop interpersonal skills, increase awareness of the undergraduate medical student experience and support students in their applications to study Medicine.**

The Widening Access to Medicine event includes:

- 2 days of live virtual work experience with University Hospital Southampton experiencing ward rounds, outpatient clinics, talks with a variety of clinicians and medical students and more. This will be delivered through Microsoft Teams.
- In person Q&A with clinicians
- In person practical workshops with medical students and staff
- Clinical skills and other topical sessions
- Interview techniques and application support
- Sessions on UCAT and completing your application
- Support of a medical student mentor

Please see an example of the [course programme](#).

This opportunity is for Year 12 students who want to study Medicine at university and intend to apply through a widening access programme, or contextual admissions route. To qualify for this event, you will need to be studying A Level Biology and one additional science, be under 18, and meet at least two of the following eligibility criteria:

- First generation applicant to Higher Education
- Parents, guardian, or self in receipt of a means tested benefit

- Young people looked after by a Local Authority
 - In receipt of 16-19 bursary or similar grant (1)
 - Resident in an area with a postcode which falls within the lowest 20% of the IMD (2) (Index of Multiple Deprivation), or a member of a travelling family.
 - In receipt of free school meals at any time during Years 10-13 (normally for a minimum period of at least one school term/2 months).
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<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page>

Health Sciences Open Day Programme

We want you to embrace every opportunity to learn about our award-winning teaching and the fantastic new facilities you can enjoy when you study a Health Sciences degree at the University of Southampton. Health Sciences Open Day activities take place per discipline, in Nightingale Building (67); [Cardiac Physiology](#) (Healthcare Science), [Midwifery](#), [Nursing](#), [Occupational Therapy](#), [Physiotherapy](#) and [Podiatry](#).

Don't forget to check the University of Southampton [Open Day](#) pages for information about the other activities available around our campuses.

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/healthsciences/undergraduate/open-day-programme.page>

UCAS

<https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/post-16-events/personal-statement-hub-registration>



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD STUDY DAY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Study Days are one-day, multi-subject events hosted in University College, Oxford for Year 12 (16-17 year old)s. You don't need to be set on the courses in question, but you do need a good academic profile.

The majority of the content in a Study Day will be delivered by Univ's academic tutors, and usually comprises a mixture of lectures and group work.

Study Days are a valuable opportunity to gain insight into:

- university level study
- study of particular courses with a mind to narrowing down their subject choice;
- Oxford applications, and University College

There are two upcoming study days:

Maths and Computer Science Study Day - 6th February

English History and Classics Study Day - 7th March



Apply here by 12th
January 2024



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

Get in touch at access@univ.ox.ac.uk
or [@univstaircase12](https://twitter.com/univstaircase12) on twitter





Did you hear about University of Hull Chancellor's Scholarship?

The Chancellor's Scholarship will reward high-achieving students who have a great potential for academic excellence.

It will cover the full cost of their undergraduate tuition fees and will be awarded to 10 new University of Hull students per year, starting with 2024/25 entry and will run for three years.

Key Dates:

- * Applications are now open, and the application deadline is 31st January 2024.
- * Scholarship winners will be announced by the end of March 2024.

Key Criteria:

- * Applicants must be UK resident and qualify for home fee status.
- * All undergraduate degree courses commencing Autumn 2024 are eligible with the exceptions of Foundation courses and Medicine.
- * Applicants will need to submit a written application (max 500 words) and a video (max 2 minutes) explaining why they should be considered.
 - * A predicted grade of at least 128 UCAS points.
- * Applications will be assessed on multiple criteria rather than just grades alone. This includes a student's passion for their chosen subject, their overall communication skills and their plans to contribute to university life.

Further information is available on our website at

www.hull.ac.uk/chancellors-scholarship .

A direct link to the application form is available at Chancellors Scholarship.

For any scholarship enquiries, please email hefunding@hull.ac.uk .



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS TO STUDY MEDICINE

In person Taster Course and Virtual Work Experience

Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 April 2024

Are you in Year 12? Do you dream of being a doctor but don't know where to start?

Our free, 4-day Widening Participation Taster Course and Virtual Work Experience will help you explore how you can study medicine. Applications are now open. Eligibility criteria apply.

To find out more visit:

www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page

 www.facebook.com/unisouthamptonmedicine

 @UoS_Medicine  [yt.vu/+uos_medicine](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvUjvUjvUjvUjvUjvUjvUjv)





Are you a Year 12 student talented in STEM subjects?

Do you want a real-life research or development project?




Learn more at stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements

Find out more by emailing nuffield@cswgroup.co.uk



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We need the best people from all backgrounds to work with us. All of our schemes allow you to gain on-the-job experience, a salary and training at the BBC. Our apprenticeships also allow you to gain a formal qualification. Discover which opportunity would be best for you and your career journey.

The BBC has opened its apprenticeship vacancies across the UK, including Level 6 (Degree) and Level 7 (Higher/Masters) apprenticeship schemes. The range of schemes span **Business, Editorial, Technology and Journalism**. 156 roles are on offer across 7 different schemes in 36 towns and cities in the UK.

Most close on 8th January, with others closing sooner.



https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Schemes-on-Offer/?locale=en_GB

DISCOVER!

creative careers

Creative Careers online events with students

Aimed at students aged 11-18, these online events feature industry professionals talking about their jobs – what they involve, what it's like working in their sector, how they got into it and also some advice and tips for young people looking to enter a similar field.

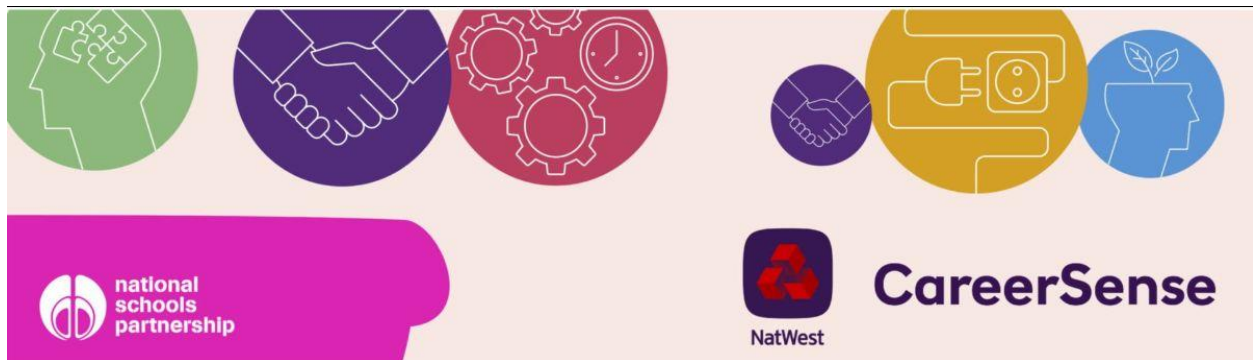
- Wednesday 31 Jan (10:00-10:45) – Focus on visual effects (VFX)
- Wednesday 28 Feb (10:00-10:45) – Focus on architecture
- Friday 22 March (10:00-10:45) – Focus on film and TV

<https://discovercreative.careers/teachers-career-leaders/online-career-insight-events/upcoming-insights/>



Wiltshire Creative's Creative Careers Day: 27 February 2024

Limited spaces available for this popular event: 27 Feb 09:30-14:30. An opportunity for your students to find out more about the Performing Arts Industry. Head backstage and take part in practical workshops led by industry professionals. Workshops have previously included lighting and sound, performance, producing, stage management and costume. Contact takepart@wiltshirecreative.co.uk to book.



NatWest CareerSense: Exploration Workshops

This FREE, 1-hour workshop is designed for students aged 13-18. Students can explore key transferrable skills through a series of tasks, identifying when each skill is used and reflecting on their own capabilities. The workshop brings work to life and helps students to recognise the vital transferable skills they can develop.

https://nationalschoolspartnership.com/initiatives/natwest-careersense/?utm_source=nsp&utm_medium=partnership&utm_campaign=crs5&utm_content=cdi1&dm t=0,0,0,0



Civil Service

The Civil Service are running 'Meet the Apprentice' webinars through National Apprenticeship Week. A number of different departments will be getting involved and apprentices will be sharing their experience and journey within the Civil Service. Dates are:

[6th February 6.00pm](#)

[7th February 9.00am](#)

<https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/apprenticeships/>



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This digital platform contains free courses to equip students with life skills such as financial education, careers education, digital wellbeing and mental wellbeing. All courses come with supporting offline resources such as course overviews, lesson plans and worksheets to support teachers with delivery.

<https://everfiteachers.co.uk/our-resources/>

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https://ibmglobal.yello.co/app/collect/form/xG3NWivdUKAo0IXmExFAkA?utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=fb94200718-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_12_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_65c6d67e71-fb94200718-211973597&goal=0_65c6d67e71-fb94200718-211973597&mc_cid=fb94200718

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at IBM are all about picking up skills for the workplace and embarking on a long and successful career. We have your professional development in mind from the day you join us as a permanent employee. Our apprenticeships range from **Level 3 to Level 6** and each pathway gives you everything you need to start your career in the industry!

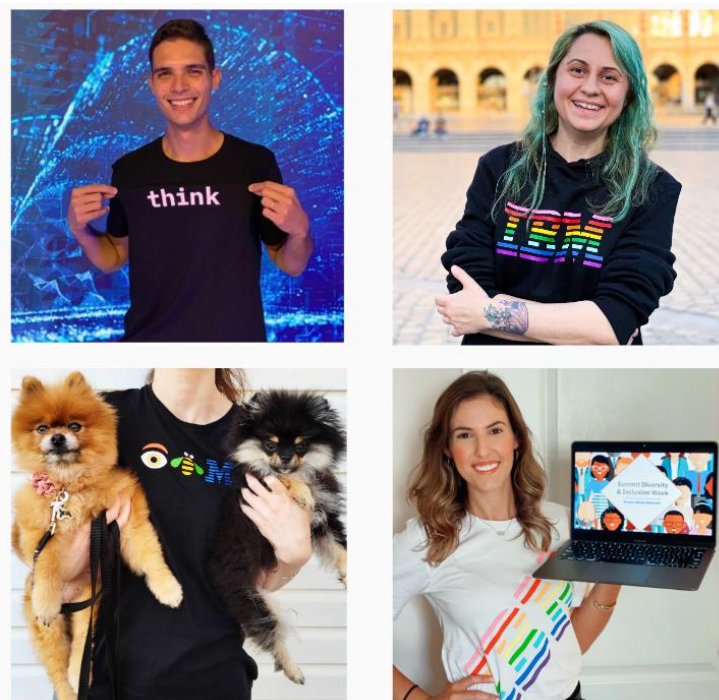
You will get lots of exposure to set you up for a lifelong career. In addition to the day job there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in social activities and volunteering with other Apprentices, Students and Graduates.

Degree Apprenticeships

Degree Apprenticeships allow you to work and achieve a **Bachelors Honours degree** at the same time. You will be doing a real role at IBM and using what you learn in the workplace as part of your degree.

Apprentices on our **Digital & Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship** are currently studying at **University of Exeter** and **Manchester Metropolitan University**. Choice of University is made in response to the needs of our IBM businesses. Time at University is typically one day a week either on site or via online education and you will be required to work during university vacations.

It's time to define your career.



Almost a quarter of students in the UK lack confidence in their ability to achieve their career ambitions.

The **NatWest CareerSense Find Your Potential tool** allows students to unlock potential careers that match their strengths and passions with a **short 10-minute survey**.

Taking the survey couldn't be easier. Students can access the online questionnaire to generate a personalised report. This can be used to support students in writing personal statements and applications for higher education or work.

The CareerSense Find Your Potential tool is suitable for **students aged 13-18**.

<https://platform.evolveassess.com/Account/Register?returnUrl=%2Ffyp>



success at school ↑

Insight Webinar:

Discover bp: Online Apprenticeship Assessments

12th December, 2023
18:30-19:00

bp

Who should attend this webinar?

Students in years 10-13 who are interested in exploring opportunities to start their careers through an apprenticeship programme. You will gain insight into bp's recruitment process giving an overview of our online assessment process and on demand video interview process.

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7ca7267a-5b35-40c7-ab2e-1010645aaf12@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=ba6168988c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_12_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-62a62d9a4d-%5BBLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_65c6d67e71-ba6168988c-211973597&mc_cid=ba6168988c&mc_eid=bd69c7df25



Mince Pies

It's the Season ... well almost

So it wouldn't be right not to put in a recipe for Mince Pies and this one comes from the Master Baker himself Mr Paul Hollywood. So get baking



Ingredients:

1 large jar of mincemeat (about 600g)
2 satsumas, segmented and finely chopped
1 apple finely chopped
Zest of 1 lemon
Little icing sugar for dusting

For Pastry:

375g plain flour
260g unsalted butter softened
125g caster sugar + extra to sprinkle
1 large egg, plus 1 beaten egg for glazing

Cook in preheated oven 220C, 200C Fan, Gas 7

Method:

Place plain flour and softened butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency.

Add Caster sugar and 1 large beaten egg and mix together.

Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and fold until pastry comes together, be careful not to over mix.

Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 minutes.

Scoop the jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add the satsumas, chopped apple and zest of the lemon.

Roll out the pastry to 3mm thick, using a round cutter about 10 cm cut out 16 bases and place them into a muffin tray. Put 1.5 tablespoons of mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge with a little beaten egg.

Re-roll the pastry to cut out 7cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.

Bake the mince pies for 15 – 20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before taking out of the muffin tray and dust with a little more icing sugar. ENJOY!

