

# Royal Wootton Bassett Academy Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter #132 14 December 2023





On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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!



#### Message of thanks from Mr Storey.

Can I just say a really big thank you to students who are staffing Centrepoint at break and lunch. It really makes a massive difference to the younger age groups to have that support. We still require more students for late lunches if anyone can give us their time it would be really appreciated.

Please complete the anti-bullying questionnaire to help us understand your views. These will then inform our provision for students.



As discussed in assembly please find the link to the 11 things A level students wish they'd known.

#### Hindsight is a wonderful thing...

Lots of people get to the end of A-levels and think: "If I'd really known how big a step-up this would be from GCSE, I would have done a lot better."

To help you avoid this, we asked former students to share what they wish they'd been told when they were studying their A-levels – here's what they said.

https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/a-level/11-things-a-level-students-wish-theyd-known











Many thanks to Aaron and the Sixth Form team that got involved in the MFL Christmas market.

Turns out plenty of students will pay for the chance of throwing a wet sponge at a Sixth Form student!!!

Great job all and superb cleaning!!!

The final tuck shop for 2023 will take place on **Tuesday 19**<sup>th</sup> **December** at break and lunch or until we are sold out!!!

Remember to bring your cash!!!







Many thanks to all who performed in and attended the RWBA Christmas Carol Concert last night.









#### WELL DONE and THANK YOU to our READING MENTORS



For all your hard work, commitment, and patience with your mentees this term. We have had some very positive feedback and can tell from the comments that you are making a real difference.

If you haven't collected your badge yet, ask Mrs Stubbs in Tuesday I-learn.



## 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



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



Your login details are as follows:

USERNAME: 2833

PASSWORD: vC5b+UUD



The seven questions below each have a one-word answer which can follow 'Christmas'.

Use the design of the card to help you to put letters from your answers into the grid
below to find the final answer.



These clocks show a four-letter word. Can you work it out?





We've jumbled up our gift tags! Split them into three groups of three and find a word that links each group.

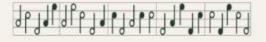
What word links these three link words?





We found a scrap of paper with some bars of music on it which we think are concealing a word.

Next to the music were some 1s and 0s, and the numbers 16,8,4,2,1. Can you work out the hidden word?





Can you solve this riddle?

What breaks but cannot fall, can leap but never crawl, can be seized but never gripped, often present, never skipped?



Each letter represents a different digit:

MI x MI = MAA TI + TI = RA DO - SO + TI - MI = RE RE x RE = ?



Find the pairs of letters which come next in each sequence:

TH, RD, ND, ?? ET, EL, PM, ?? WU, SQ, OM, ?? WR, AP, PI, ??



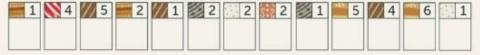
Look at this message.

Can you work it out and find the secret 4-letter word?

Agklq ldhum qom ndem. Gembqgax c 4-hmqqmk vdke. Hddp mumkxvomkm. Ycxim gg'l umkx diugdsl.

#### Can you solve the final challenge below?





## YOUNGMINDS fighting for young people's mental health

#### Helping you stay well over winter

It's been a gloomy month, hasn't it? Winter has well and truly hit - at least here in the UK. If you're struggling with the shorter, darker days, you're not alone. And we're here to help you through them. Winter can be a difficult time of year. The colder months can really bring your mood down. Making it harder to feel positive, leave the house and keep up with your usual self-care routine. Especially if you struggle with seasonal affective disorder (SAD) - a form of depression that's typically most present at this time of year.

With rising bills and the soaring cost of living, this winter might feel even tougher than usual. Which can have you feeling a lot less than 'festive'! But no matter what you're going through, we're here for you this winter. Below are some advice guides we think are particularly helpful at this time of year. And remember, there's loads more advice on our website. We hope you have a positive end to the year – whatever that looks like to you – and enjoy any celebrations you have planned.

Tips for coping with seasonal affective disorder

Money and mental health advice for young people and parents

What to do if seeing friends and family makes you anxious

Coping with grief and loss advice for young people and parents

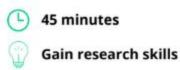
How to help your child if Christmas makes them anxious

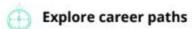


A standalone lesson made exclusively for Uptree by global tech company arm. Learn about the brilliant apprenticeships on offer and find out about the benefits of joining arm as an apprentice.

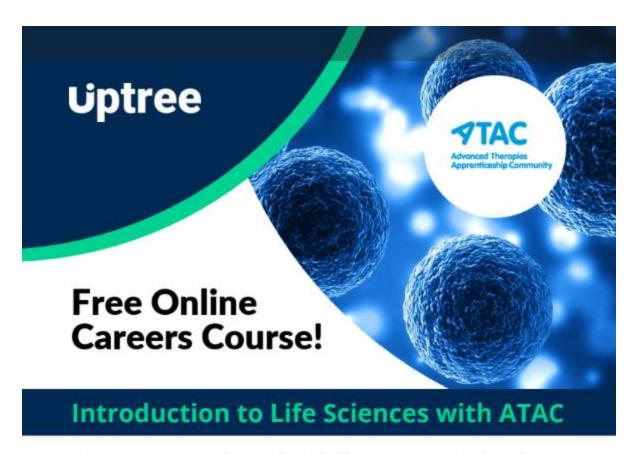
#### Course overview:

- · An overview of arm
- · The Core Beliefs and values of arm
- · Apprenticeship job descriptions
- · Case study: an arm apprentice
- How to find your USP (unique selling point) in the application process
- · Opportunities to connect with arm









A three-part course made exclusively for Uptree by Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community (ATAC). Learn about the life sciences industry, Early Careers opportunities available and the ATAC.

#### Course overview:

- Introduction to Cell and Gene Therapies
- · Working in Cell and Gene Therapy, roles available and whats needed
- · Apprenticeships in Cell and Gene Therapy
- Explanation of apprenticeship with ATAC
- · Best routes into the cell and gene therapy industry

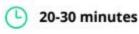




A standalone lesson made exclusively for Uptree by the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency, GCHQ. Learn about the National Cyber Force (NCF) partnership, the UK's defence and intelligence ecosystem, and related early careers opportunities.

#### Course overview:

- · An overview of the partner organisations that make up NCF
- An overview of the mission, purpose and type of work done by NCF and its partner organisations
- How NCF'S partners work together to make up the UK's defence and intelligence sector
- · Potential career opportunities within UK defence and intelligence





Explore career paths





#### **Business apprenticeships at EY**

EY are open for applications to their 2024 apprenticeship opportunities!

Do you know a young person who is ready to kick-start their career? Are they curious, analytical and could help businesses solve complex problems?

#### An EY apprenticeship could be for them!

#### Who are EY?

EY is a professional services organisation that helps companies make better business, finance, and technology decisions. They're a group of over 365,000 talented people spanning the globe in more than 150 countries.

#### What is an apprenticeship at EY?

Joining in either Assurance, Strategy and Transactions or Tax at EY, our apprenticeships are a great way to get on-the-job experience and develop skills for life. By the end of the four-year paid programme, they'll have gained an industry-recognised qualification, a host of transferable skills, lots of practical experience and a network of coaches and mentors to help them continue to progress within EY.

#### Why choose an EY Business Apprenticeship?

Across four years they will:

- -Get to know EY's clients, their businesses, and how they work
- -Deliver real client work and solve complex problems
- -Work with colleagues nationally and internationally
- -Work towards a Level 7 Apprenticeship qualification in Accountancy and Taxation
- -Do the same qualifications as EY graduates. They could even

progress faster than any university-going peers.

EY give their apprentices the knowledge, skills, and opportunity to progress their careers while receiving dedicated support every step of the way.

For more insight into life at EY, why not find or ask a question to EY's current employees?

https://opportunities.springpod.com/employers/ey?utm\_source=customerio& utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=apprenticeships&utm\_term=ey&utm\_con tent=ey



National: 'BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie' Programme, Law Insight

Day

Tue 23rd Jan 2024 @ 10:00 AM

London



National: Deloitte, Professional Services Application Masterclass

Thu 25th Jan 2024@ 10:00 AM

This is an online event

ALLEN & OVERY

National: Allen & Overy, Law

**Application Masterclass** 

Wed 31st Jan 2024 @ 10:00 AM

London



National: PwC, Business, Finance and Technology Virtual Insight Work Experience Day

Thu 1st Feb 2024 @ 10:00 AM

This is an online event

Linklaters

London: Linklaters, Solicitor
Apprenticeship Application

Masterclass

Tue 6th Feb 2024 @ 5:00 PM

This is an online event

Deloitte.

National: Deloitte, Professional Services Application Masterclass

Tue 13th Feb 2024 @ 10:00 AM

This is an online event

bdo.co.uk

Gatwick: BDO, Financial Services

Work Experience Day

Wed 28th Feb 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Crawley, Gatwick



Bristol: KPMG, Business Work

Experience Day

Fri 8th Mar 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Bristol

Book here for these events and to view many more:

https://uptree.co/events/?region=10&filtered=

### Bristol: KPMG, Business Work Experience Day AN IN-PERSON EVENT

This event is for students aged 16-21 interested or curious to learn about apprenticeships in Audit, Consulting, and Tax at KPMG's Bristol office.

Disclaimer: Please note the date of this event is subject to change until venue booking has been confirmed by the Employer company.

Date: Fri 8th Mar 10:00AM - 3:00PM

KPMG in the UK is part of a global network of member firms that offers Audit, Tax, Legal, Consulting, Deal Advisory, and Technology services. Powered by the talent of c.16,000 people, KPMG bring creativity, insight and experience to solve their clients' and communities' biggest problems.

KPMG staff are empowered and equipped to deliver ground-breaking work with real flexibility. They aim to be universally recognised as a place where great people can come and do their best work. KPMG is known for its collaborative culture, with people who are incredibly motivated and inquisitive, diverse in background and perspective, who believe in better, and are committed to delivering extraordinary results.

#### Agenda

Your day could look something like this...

- Ice breaker and welcome
- Introduction to KPMG
- Inspiring speakers from KPMG
- Office tour
- Apprentice panel and Q&A
- Speed Networking with KPMG employees
- Next steps and wrap up

#### Next step

- Register for this in-person event using your Uptree account. <u>If you do not have an Uptree account, register here.</u>
- There are only 15 spaces available for this event priority will be given to students in the region who meet the criteria above.
- 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

#### **DISCOUNTS .....DISCOUNTS ...DISCOUNTS!**

Are you aware of the Totum Student Discount Card?



Read all about it at www.totum.com



