



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



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!



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>

Splash for Cash



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 19th 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.

I've got a little better at reading with more fluency.

Enjoyment & Fluency in reading

It's helped the speed of reading the words.

More fun when reading with someone else, as there is more understanding of the book, more fluency in reading.

I have learnt how to pronounce new words.

It's helped me get into reading more and show more interest in reading.

Amazing!! Improved my confidence

I find it easier to choose books. I enjoy reading more.

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



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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



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-hmqmk vdke.
Hddp mumkxvomkm.
Ycxim qq'l umkx diugdsl.

Can you solve the final challenge below?





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](#)

The Uptree logo is displayed in white text on a dark blue background. The background of the entire page features a satellite view of Earth at night with a network of glowing blue lines connecting various points across the globe, suggesting a global network or technology theme.The arm logo is shown in blue lowercase letters inside a white circle. The circle is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the page, overlapping the satellite background.

Free Online Careers Course!

Arm technology apprenticeships

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



45 minutes



Gain research skills



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ATAC
Advanced Therapies
Apprenticeship Community

Free Online Careers Course!

Introduction to Life Sciences with ATAC

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



30-60 minutes



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Introduction to the National Cyber Force

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



20-30 minutes



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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_content=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



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



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. [If you do not have an Uptree account, register here.](#)
- 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

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