



**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #133
5 January 2024**



Class of 2023 Leavers Celebration Evening
Monday 18 December



We welcomed back our class of 2023 to receive their A level & BTEC certificates and nominated Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS!

SPECIAL AWARDS:	
Service to the School Award <i>(Headteacher's Prize)</i>	Alex Judge Olivia Allen-Cotter
Richard Jones Foundation Award <i>(for Endeavour & Service to the Community)</i>	Charlie Lockley
Angela Angell Shield – PE <i>(In memory of a former teacher)</i>	William Burrige
Dawn Easterling Drama Cup	Chandni Patel
Lime Kiln Sports Centre Cup – PE	Ellie O'Nions
The Alex Lacey Award for Courage & Selflessness <i>(in memory of a former 6th Form Student)</i>	Cerys Rees
Bevirs Law - Excellence in Law Award <i>(Presented to a current Yr 13 Law student)</i>	Emma Beet
Excellence in Business & Law Award <i>(Presented to a student who has completed both a Law and Business-related subject)</i>	Daniel Makin
Student Award for ICT <i>(Sponsored by Awdry Law Solicitors)</i>	Christian Lijs

DT & Innovation Award <i>(Award produced by Wiltshire Woodturners)</i>	Derin Gunal
RWBA Duke of Edinburgh Award <i>(for outstanding effort & achievement)</i>	Edward Aitken
The Peter Sheppard Award for Oracy <i>(in memory of a former teacher & Head of Sixth Form)</i>	Taiga Matsushima
SUBJECT AWARDS:	
Art Award	Xavier Le Pape
Performing Arts Award	Madeleine Ralph
Music	Katie Hughes
DT Designer of the Future Award	Max Garman
English Language Award	Hannah Chesshire
English Literature Award	Rebekah Warner
Geography Award	Rebecca Comley
BTEC Travel & Tourism Award	Jannah Gutierrez
History Award	Christopher Jacobs
Philosophy Award	Louis Stephenson
Politics Award	Charlie Butt
Computing & Electronics Award	Ayran Das
AEA Mathematics Award	Zach Watkins
Further Mathematics Award	Ralph Hargreaves
Mathematics Award 1	Edward Aitken
Mathematics Award 2	Christian Lijs
Mathematical Studies Award	Max Garman
Spanish Award	Michael Leslie
BTEC Applied Science Award	Alexandra Privett
Biology Award	Oliwia Smietanka
Chemistry Award	Alex Judge
Physics Award	Rebecca Comley
BTEC Applied Law Award	Hannah Chesshire
Business Award	Kitty Strange
Economics Award	Taiga Matsushima
Children's Play, Learning & Development	Charlie Lockley
Extended Project Qualification Award	Olivia Allen-Cotter
BTEC Health & Social Care Award	Radhika Tiliija
Law Award	Cerys Rees
Psychology Award	Thomas Dubarry
BTEC Uniformed Protective Services	Alice Steckerl
Sociology Award	Amelia Jack

Mrs Ellis addressed the students and parents and shared some of her memories of their time in Sixth Form.

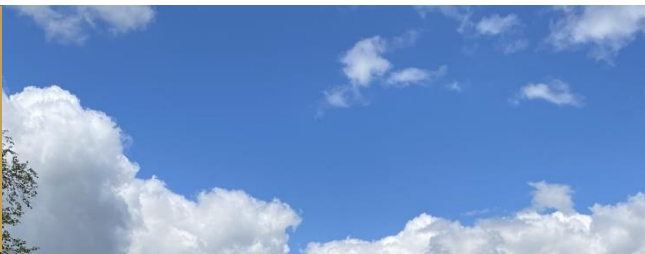
It was lovely to hear about what the students were up to now and see them enjoying their new independence and thriving.



Emma Beet Received the Bevirs Excellence in Law Award from Zoe Deasington, Partner at Bevirs



Taiga Matsushima was the first recipient of the Peter Sheppard Award for Oracy



**RWBA
Annual
Duke of
Edinburgh
Award
Ceremony**



**Monday 29th
January**

6.30 – 8.30pm

Congratulations to
all those who will be
receiving their
Bronze, Silver and
Gold Awards.



As part of Christmas Spirit Week the Sixth Form Students completed the term with:

PJ Day, Christmas Hat Day and be Festive! We also ran the Tuck Shop and raised £29.60 for the Two Charities - Wiltshire Air Ambulance



Thanks to the Students who organised the Spirit week and to all who participated. We know you are all a bit camera shy!





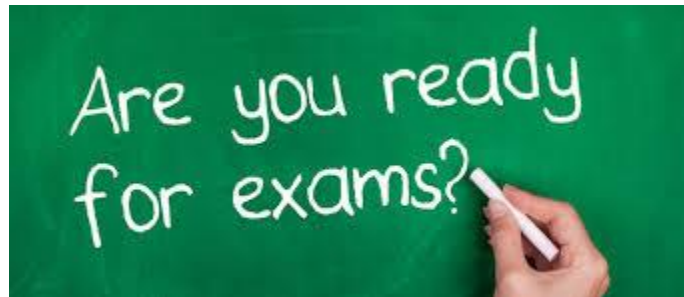
Good luck to the 50 students in Sixth Form who are sitting their final external BTEC exams in Sport, Applied Law, Engineering and Travel & Tourism Next week.



Good luck to the students collecting their EPQ results, and GCSE resit results next week.

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GCSE



Year 12 students have their first Post 16 formal assessments **starting Monday 15th January**. These assessments will take place in the classroom in scheduled lessons.

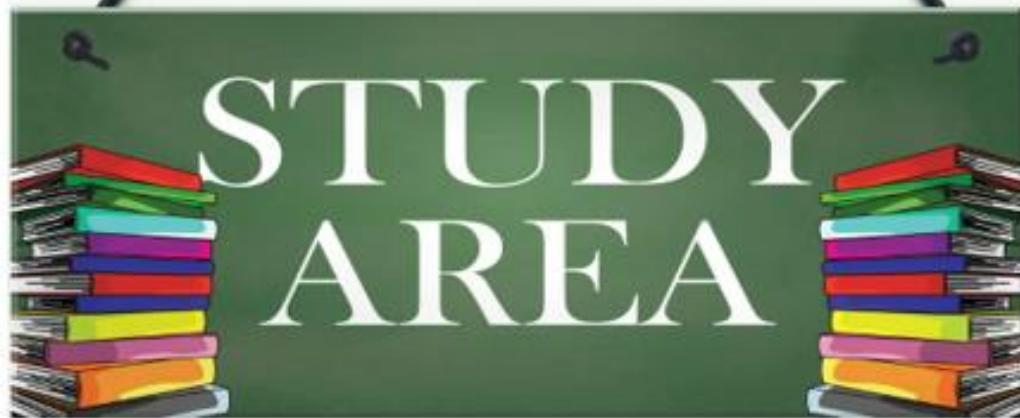
Year 13 resits are next week.

Year 13 final mocks are now timetabled starting on

Monday 26th February for two weeks.

Students will receive their individual timetables and further information in due course.

YEAR 13 ONLY



**PLEASE NOTE: FROM JANUARY - JUNE '24
SF05 WILL BE THE YEAR 13 STUDY ROOM**

**THIS WILL BE A QUIET SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO:
REVISE, FOCUS AND CONCENTRATE ON
ATTAINING THE BEST GRADES POSSIBLE.**

QUIET – BRAINS WORKING:



**PLEASE RESPECT THIS SPACE AND
THOSE WORKING IN IT.**

5 TOP TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE EXAM REVISION

AS RECOMMENDED BY PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!*

1. START EARLY

Don't leave it to last minute! Start revising a couple of weeks before your exams to give your brain time to absorb.

2. PLAN YOUR TIME

Failing to prepare is preparing to fail, so plan wisely. Make a schedule to document what you will revise and when!

3. AVOID YOUR PHONE

Revision is tough, but looking at social media every ten minutes won't help you learn! Put your phone away so you can focus.

4. PRACTISE!

Athletes don't win gold without rigorous training, and neither will you! Actively practising (e.g. doing mock exams) can help re-inforce knowledge.

5. TAKE BREAKS

Your body needs rest in order to get stronger, and so does your brain! Be sure to take regular breaks during revision - your mind will thank you.

Good luck!

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PHYSICS & MATHS TUTOR

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/>

Not just for Maths and Physics!!!

If you are not using this resource, please take time to see what it has to offer, past papers, mark schemes, revision materials, revision activities and support.

Revision

Revision notes, key points, worksheets and questions
by topic from past papers

Maths | Physics

Biology | Chemistry

Economics | Geography

English | Psychology

Computer Science

Past Papers

Past GCSE/IGCSE and A-level papers



Congratulations to **Amar Mashiana** who recently entered the Royal Geographical society essay competition and achieved a Highly Commended Award.

A great performance and good example of engaging with the Super Curricular. We look forward to you receiving your award and reading the essay when published on the Royal Geographical Society website.

UCAS

The UCAS deadline is fast approaching for Year 13 students wishing to put in an application for university. The external deadline for completion is **31st January** however as a school we need to complete the checks and references before this date.

Please do not delay and get your applications submitted.

Any questions please ask you Tutors or a member of the Sixth Form team.

Mrs Vaughan is the lead on UCAS applications but can only complete the final checks when she is in receipt of the applications. **All applications will need to be with Mrs Vaughan by Friday 26th January to guarantee being sent off by the deadline.**

PERSONAL STATEMENT

What to do & what to avoid

Do



Sell yourself



Be enthusiastic



Be relevant



Be clear



Be positive



Get feedback



Don't



Be modest



Exaggerate



Quote others



Leave it late



Copy & paste



Worry



UCAS

The UCAS application

Each applicant has six sections to complete:

- **personal details**
- **student finance (UK and EU only)**
- **choices**
- **education**
- **employment**
- **personal statement**

Once a student submits their application, the reference is added and it is sent to UCAS who pass it on to the university

An admissions tutor may make one of three decisions:

- **Unconditional offer**
- **Conditional offer**
- **Unsuccessful**

Providers may also offer a place on an alternative course

UCAS Track is the online system that allows students to follow the progress of their applications. Track will allow students to:

- **Follow the progress of their application 24/7**
- **See their choices and personal information**
- **Display their offers**
- **Reply to offers online**

They can then hold a maximum of two offers:

- **Firm** – their first choice. If they meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed
- **Insurance** – acts as a back-up choice and only comes into play if they are not placed with their firm choice

If your son or daughter does not get an offer from any of their choices they can use Extra.

Students eligible for Extra:

- **used all five choices**
- **all choices unsuccessful, cancelled or offers declined**
- **no option for insurance**



Diet Cola Chicken

2024 is here – so its time to try new things!

Here's an interesting Chicken dish from BBC Good Food for a warm Chicken Casserole. Perfect for these dark winter nights.

Ingredients:

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| 1 teaspoon of olive oil | 1 teaspoon of light brown sugar |
| 640g boneless and skinless chicken thighs | ½ teaspoon of mustard powder |
| 1 onion, finely chopped | 1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce |
| 300 ml Chicken Stock | 3 tblsp tomato puree |
| 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped | |
| 330 ml diet cola | |
| 1 red pepper & 1 yellow pepper – deseeded and cut into chunks | |
| 1 teaspoon of dried oregano | |
| 2 tblsp reduced salt and sugar ketchup | |
| 2 spring onions trimmed and finely sliced | |

Method:

1. Heat oil in large non-stick saucepan over a high heat, season and then brown chicken thighs all over for 4-5 mins. Remove and set aside on a plate
2. Lower the heat and add the onion to the pan and cook for 8-10 mins until softened, add a splash of stock if needed to prevent burning. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute until fragrant, then add red and yellow peppers.
3. Stir in the oregano, brown sugar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, tomato puree, diet cola, remaining stock and ketchup, bring to the boil then reduce the heat, add the chicken back in and simmer for 10 minutes, covered, until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Turn the heat up and bubble for 10 mins until the sauce is reduced and thickened slightly. Sprinkle with the spring onions and serve over rice or pasta.