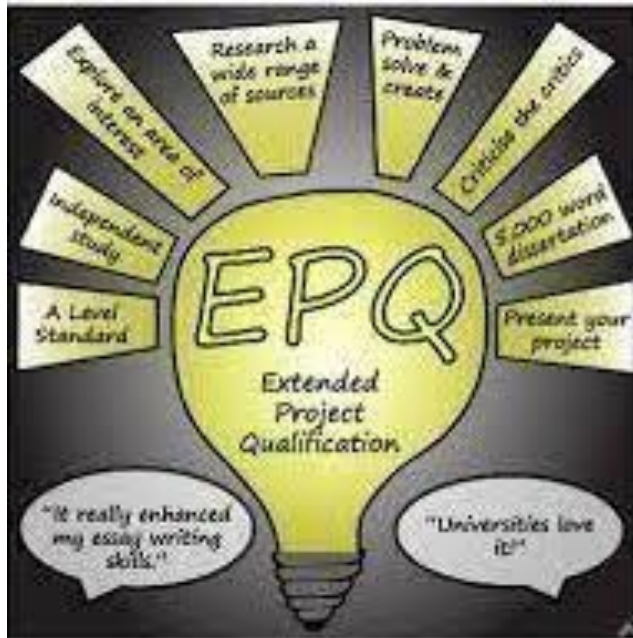




**Royal Wootton Bassett  
Academy Sixth Form  
Weekly Newsletter #134  
12 January 2024**



Congratulations to the Yr 13 students who received their EPQ results yesterday.

**55% at A Grade**

**93% at A & B Grade**

**100% A – D**

A fantastic achievement, well done.

A big thank you to all the supervisors and Dr Salapatas for supporting the students.



**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

More details and invitations will be sent out shortly to the Year 12 students.

# TIPS ON WINTER DRIVING:



With weather changes predicted over the coming weeks and the recent floods here are a few tips on winter driving:

For More advice for driving in heavy rain and flooded areas. see the AA website

## Top Tips from the AA

How to drive safely in snow and ice

The roads can be dangerous in winter when there's snow, ice or sleet. Our top tip is to take it slow. **Stopping distances** can be 10 times longer when it's icy. Gentle manoeuvres and slow speeds are the key to safe **driving in ice and snow**.

1	Allow extra time for winter journeys
2	Plan routes around major roads, which are more likely to be cleared and gritted
3	Give yourself time to de-ice the car before you drive off
4	Wear comfortable dry shoes for driving so your feet don't slip on the pedals
5	Check fuel levels, have at least a quarter of a tank in case of unexpected delays
6	Clear all windows using a scraper and de-icer and wait until the windscreen's fully demisted
7	Check and Replace worn or damaged wiper blades.
8	Don't leave your wipers on auto when you park up if there's a risk of frost. If the blades freeze to the screen, you could damage the blades or wiper motor when you turn the ignition on.
9	Make sure your screen bottle is topped up - use a suitable additive in your screenwash to reduce the chance of it freezing.

10	Make sure all car lights are working and the lenses are clean. You must use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced. If you use fog lights, remember to switch them off when visibility improves so they don't dazzle other drivers or obscure your brake lights.
11	Keep number plates clean, to avoid fines.
12	Keep essentials in your car in case of breakdown. These will help you deal with ice, snow and dark winter nights.  Ice scraper, De-icer, Torch and spare batteries, first aid kit, blanket Remember to take your mobile phone and keep it charged.

**New Drivers – If you have recently passed your Driving Test, and driving to school, please complete the MS Form to register your car:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/JmFa5FE1vR>



**BE SAFE.  
DRIVE SMART.**



## Webinar on university choices

Sessions will be A level subject-specific, giving an insight into courses that you can study with your current A level subjects. **For most degrees, all you need is an interest.**

**Still undecided on what undergraduate course to study?** Unsure about where your A level subjects can take you? Interested in multiple degree programmes?

UCL Choices is for students in Year 12 in England.

**Join us online to hear from current UCL students on a Q&A panel discussing course 'expectations vs reality'.** We will also be discussing specific courses related to your A Level subject in more detail. If you want to get an insight into where your A levels and or interest in a particular subject can take you, along with hints and tips on the application process, this is the series of events for you!

Apply Now: [https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/ife/form/SV\\_6RVh9SHcrTQcRbo](https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/ife/form/SV_6RVh9SHcrTQcRbo)

Deadline for applications is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

# You've got the power.

## UCL Masterclasses



### About Masterclasses

Masterclasses are online, subject-specific, hour-long sessions for students in Year 12 to get a taste of university. Masterclasses will introduce you to subjects available at UCL in 2024. The hour-long sessions will feature a lecture on a specific topic from UCL academics and PhD students.

This year, Masterclasses will be online. The sessions are interactive, and we encourage you to engage with the presenters, as there is an opportunity at the end to ask questions about the topic presented.

**Click here to find out more and apply:**

[https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/information-advice-and-guidance/masterclasses#msdynmkt\\_trackingcontext=77288b51-5e0a-44bf-8033-8d86a09ccd57](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/information-advice-and-guidance/masterclasses#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=77288b51-5e0a-44bf-8033-8d86a09ccd57)



Each year Gresham College provides over one hundred free, academic lectures by international experts and leading academics; suitable for GCSE and A-level students.

Below is a preview of our spring term lectures, available to watch for free online or in-person - just reserve your places by emailing [schools@gresham.ac.uk](mailto:schools@gresham.ac.uk).



## SPRING TERM AT GRESHAM COLLEGE

### Medicine and Biology

This term sees the start of two new series: **New Hope in Cancer**, and **Neurodiversity** - featuring practitioners at the cutting-edge of these fields. Meanwhile, Gresham Professor and CMO Chris Whitty gives two further talks on Medicine After Disasters, while Professor Robin May continues to look into Evolution: The Big Questions.

### Music

Gresham Professor Milton Mermikides continues to explore the universal building blocks of music including prediction, rhythm, pitch, scale, dissonance and

multiplicity, in his series *The Nature of Music*. Visiting Professor of Film and Theatre Music, Dominic Broomfield-McHugh, shines a light on Shirley Bassey.

### **Climate Change & the Environment**

Post COP28, Gresham Professor Myles Allen, the physicist behind net zero, continues his analysis on what it will take to limit global warming to just 1.5° C, and Professor Mudway examines *Lead: A Toxic Legacy*.

### **Maths and Astronomy**

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart kicks off her 2024 lectures with a look at *Mathematical Puzzles and Paradoxes* in her continuing exploration of games, puzzles, riddles, seemingly inexplicable coincidences, confounding conundrums, and mathematical sleight-of-hand. Gresham Professor Chris Linott, also of Cambridge University and the BBC's *Sky at Night*, presents his next two lectures on *Discovering the Universe*.

### **History, Law and the Humanities**

Gresham Professor of Rhetoric Melissa Lane joins us from Princeton University, to continue her lectures on *Ancient Greek Ideas and their relevance today*, beginning with a look at the concept of Justice. Professor Leslie Thomas KC examines the state of LGBT Legal Rights, with particular reference to the Commonwealth Caribbean, and we begin our new series on *Migration and Refugeehood*.

### **Information Technology**

Gresham Professor of IT, Victoria Baines, continues delivering her *Tech Change Survival Guide* with a lecture on *Sex and the Internet*.

**For over 2000 further lecture videos, on topics across the Arts & Sciences, visit:**

**[www.gresham.ac.uk](http://www.gresham.ac.uk)**



## Experience University of Southampton Residential 16th-19th July 2024 – Application Form

This year you can join us on campus for a 4-day, 3-night programme. Giving you the opportunity to experience the academic and social side of university life. You'll learn in an academic environment and work with students from other schools and colleges through a timetable of lectures, practical activities and a variety of fun evening social activities.

You'll get to meet our enthusiastic team of Student Ambassadors studying the courses you are aspiring to, as well as academics, researchers and alumni. These residentials are free and open to Year 12 or Level 3 (Year 1) students who meet our academic and Widening Participation eligibility criteria (see below). You'll be provided with free accommodation and meals for the duration of the residential.

We need a reference, to support your application, from a teacher, school guidance counsellor, principal/head teacher, head of year/sixth-form or careers advisor at your current FE institution. Applications submitted without a reference will not be considered. Please speak to your teacher and ask them to provide a reference.

The supporting statement is the chance to explain to us why you wish to attend the residential and what you hope to learn from the experience. We suggest you make the most of the word count to explain and reflect on why you have chosen the subject area and the University of Southampton. In order to provide us with a clear picture of you as an applicant.

### **Degree programmes/ Subject areas on offer for 2024:**

**Biological Sciences**

**Business**

**Chemistry**

**English**



Geography  
History  
Modern Languages  
Mechanical Engineering  
Music  
Physics

Apply here:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/experience-summer-event.page>

# UCAS

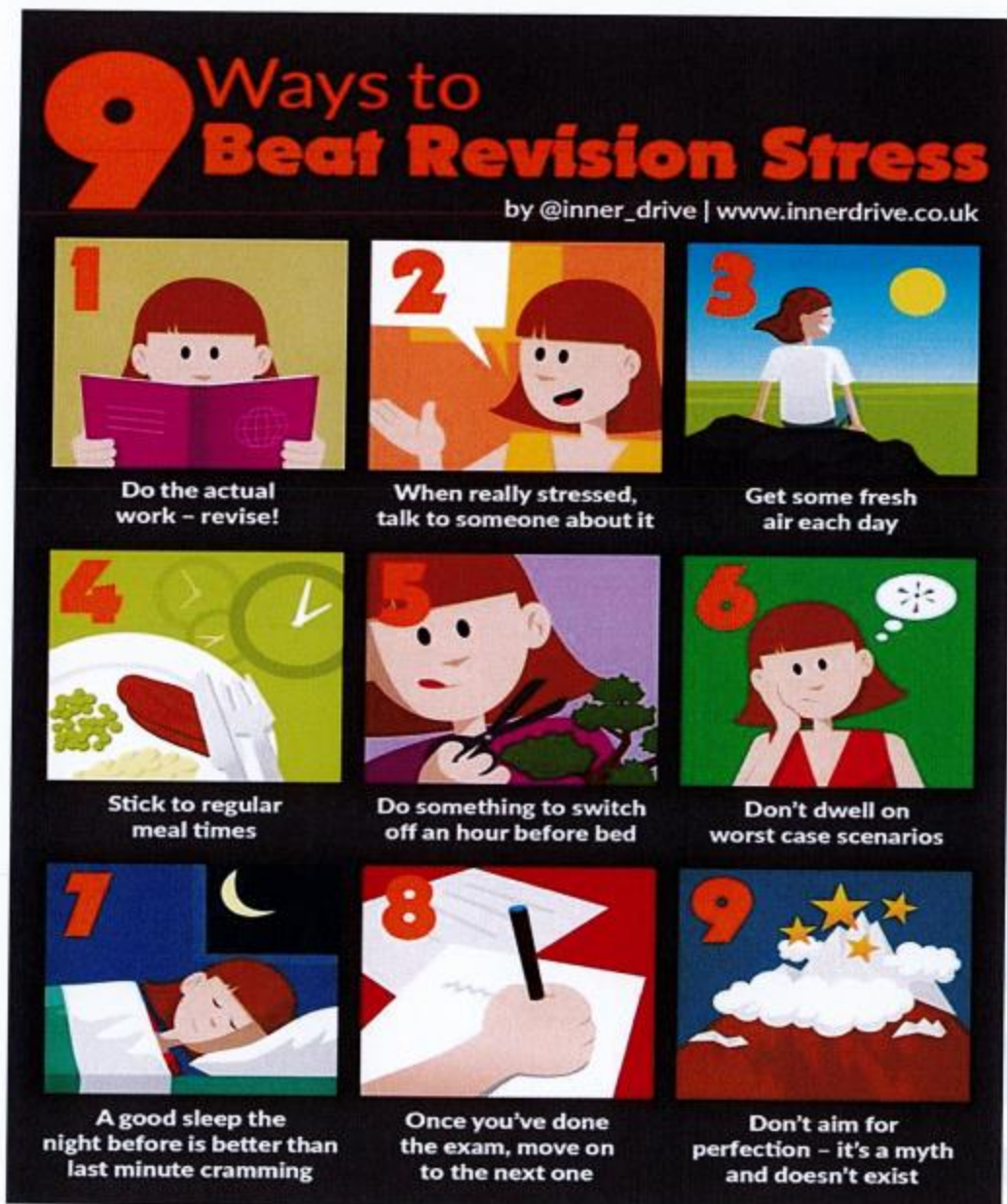
One last week to complete your UCAS applications for September 2024.

Please ensure you have completed your application, paid and submitted it.

Mrs Vaughan will then do the final checks add references and send it off.

Please do meet **the deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> January** to ensure it is complete, checked and sent off before the UCAS deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January.





As discussed in ilearn this week students should be using their time effectively. Use the revision technique resources to ensure you are working to your full potential.

Do what works for you, be it Interleaving, the pomodoro technique, quizzing, dual coding, blank page retrieval, flash cards, mind maps **but always use past papers**.



Competition dates:  
29th January to 8th February 2024

# British Biology Olympiad

Join over 13,000 students worldwide and take part in this year's online competition.

- Free for UK schools
- Open to post-16 students
- No extra material or revision required
- Students are rewarded with e-certificates
  
- Top-scoring students are given the opportunity to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad



Further details can be found at:  
[ukbiologycompetitions.org](http://ukbiologycompetitions.org)



United Kingdom Biology Competitions. Registered Charity No. 1191037

**If you wish to take part, please email Dr Cameron by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at the latest.**

# Applications for UNIQ 2024 are now open.

Learn more about how to apply here

<https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

## What is UNIQ?

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for UK state school students. We prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ.

The UNIQ residential summer school started in 2010 and we continually make changes to improve the support we provide to UNIQ students. Owing to the pandemic, UNIQ was delivered entirely online for 2 years before the residential component returned in 2022. Since then, UNIQ has been a hybrid programme, offering students both an academic residential in Oxford and a sustained online admissions support programme.

## Here are the top things you need to know about UNIQ:

- UNIQ offers both an in-person residential in Oxford and an online support programme.
- UNIQ starts online in April, with academic courses in the summer, followed by further online admissions support until December.
- UNIQ is a free programme and applications close in January.
- Applying to UNIQ via our website is very simple and takes about 15 minutes.
- UNIQ gives students the opportunity to find out if Oxford is right for them.
- Many UNIQ students get the opportunity to stay in an Oxford college and explore Oxford for themselves.
- UNIQ helps students prepare for university and explore subjects that interest them.

- UNIQ students get to know our Oxford undergraduates and work with our academics in face-to-face lectures, labs and tutorials.
- UNIQ enables students with similar interests in local regions and across the UK to connect with each other through social and academic activities.
- There are over 1000 places on the UNIQ academic summer residential.
- Information about the admissions process is available throughout the programme, and, for those who decide to apply to Oxford, there is more intensive support available in the autumn to help with preparation for our admissions tests and interviews.
- UNIQ is open to students attending UK state schools and selection considers students' school grades and their socio-economic and educational background.
- UNIQ students who apply to Oxford have a higher rate of success than other students.

<https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>



Our Summer Schools offer over 40 different courses at 13 of the UK's top universities. We've created an easy search tool below to help you find a programme that's right for you.

Do you want to try a new subject? Or do you want to check whether your current course choice is actually for you? Keen to visit a university or city you've never

been to?

We'll cover the full costs of your travel, accommodation, food, and activities at any partner university – not just one that's local to where you live – so choose a Summer School based on your subject interests at a university you'd like to explore.

Courses in:

Arts & Humanities

Engineering

Medicine & Health Services

Science

Social Science

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/how-to-apply/>



**Applications to our UK  
Summer Schools and brand-  
new Access Apprenticeships  
are now open!**



A very Happy New Year to you all! We are writing to let you know that applications to our 2024 UK Summer School and Access Apprenticeships programmes are now OPEN!

**What are the UK Summer School programmes?**

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers school-age students the opportunity, to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers.

Students will apply to one of our 13 top-tier UK university partners where they will take part in:

- Social activities
- Taster academic sessions
- Application skills workshops

Alongside the in-person programme, every student will have access to long-term support with university applications via our online portal.

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.



## What is the new Access Apprenticeships programme?

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder.

Over a year, we will be offering students the opportunity to learn more about one of three different apprenticeship sectors: **Banking and Finance** (London based), **Engineering** (Birmingham based), and **Law** (London based). They will need to live within commutable distance of the programme they are applying for.

### **At the end of the programme, students will walk away with:**

A work experience placement at one of our partner organisation.

An in depth understanding of apprenticeships and whether it could be the right route for them.

Networking opportunities for future career opportunities.

Access to our online portal for ongoing application support and career advice.

A personal application mentor, including learning where to find current apprenticeships and understanding different application processes.

All costs including travel, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>

### **How to apply?**

To apply for either programme, students should:

- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college
- Currently be in Year 12
- We prioritise students based on a range of social mobility criteria including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood.

**Both programme applications close on March 7th at midday.  
We are unable to accept any late submissions.**



# Royal Wootton Bassett Academy



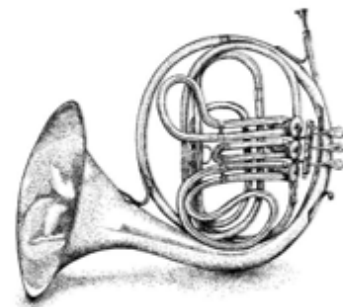
## Sixth Form A Level Music Chamber Concert



Monday

5<sup>th</sup> February

6pm



Assembly Hall

Click or scan here to sign up to perform:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QK1YJtb0zM>



# Bristol: KPMG, Business Work Experience Day

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:** Wed 6th Mar 10:00AM - 3:00PM

***KPMG 66 Queen Square Bristol BS1 4***

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

Sign into Uptree and follow the events link.

<https://uptree.co/a/signup/student/>



## National: Deloitte, Professional Services Application Masterclass

ONLINE EVENT

*This event is for: Year 12/college students interested in a career in professional services and looking for an apprenticeship/full time job.*

**Date:** Tue 13th Feb 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Students must meet one of the below criteria:

- The occupation of your main household earner when you were aged 14 is categorised as a lower socio-economic background **or**
- You are/have been eligible for free school meals **or**
- You attend a school that's above the regional average in terms of the number of students eligible for free school meals **or**
- You'd be the first member of your immediate family to attend university.

## About Deloitte

Deloitte is one of the largest, leading professional-services firm in the UK. They are part of a global network spanning 150 countries. Deloitte have opportunities ranging from Audit & Assurance and Human Capital to Technology and Governance & Risk.

By attending this Application Masterclass you'll gain knowledge on Deloitte's Aspire programme and have the opportunity to network with Deloitte employees. You'll leave feeling confident to make a great application to Deloitte in the future.

The Aspire Programme runs between 17th July - 31st July 2024 in London and Manchester. For those unable to join in-person, the event will also run virtually.

Find out more about Deloitte on their [company page](#).

### Agenda

- Ice breaker and welcome
- Introduction to Deloitte roles and opportunities
- The Aspire application process
- CV workshop
- Interview skills
- Application tips and Q&A
- Next steps, and how to apply to work at Deloitte

For more in person and online events.

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

**If events fall on school days please speak to Mrs Vaughan to confirm your place and she will authorise your attendance.**



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[Discovery Workshop](#)

**Wednesday 28th February 10-11am Age: 14-19**

**Apply by 28th January**

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Please register your students interest [here!](#)



Find out more about this opportunity by booking a place at our educator information event [here.](#)



# University of Reading

## Upcoming Webinars

### Introducing pixel fonts

Monday 15 January, 4pm to 4.45pm

Join James Lloyd, Lecturer in Graphic Communication, for an introduction to the deceptively simple world of pixel fonts – colourful letters made on a grid of 8 small squares. These letterforms, a product of their time during the development of early computer and videogame technologies, allow endless creativity in a tiny package. In this interactive session, you'll draw some simple letters together and scratch the surface of what's possible on this tiny, but somehow infinite, grid. You will also hear from current students and staff about our highly-ranked Graphic Communication course, and have a chance to ask questions to inform key decisions about your own design future.

**Sign up here:**

[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5620083752309989722?source=teachernewsletter&dm\\_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUO,1](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5620083752309989722?source=teachernewsletter&dm_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUO,1)

### Subject Spotlight: Education Studies

Tuesday 16 January, 4pm to 4.45pm

Our academic from the Education Studies department, Dr David Dobraszcyk will give you an exciting insight into studying Education Studies at the University of Reading.

Topics covered by this webinar will include:

- Key topics you will study on the course
- Careers with an Education Studies degree
- Exploring the question of "Why do some students do better in their education than others"

**Whether you're currently studying Sociology, Psychology, Childcare or something else. The diverse subject content in BA Education Studies means this webinar is for you!**

[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6376538956126918747?source=teachernewsletter&dm\\_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUO,1](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6376538956126918747?source=teachernewsletter&dm_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUO,1)

## **‘Strategy sets the scene for the tale’: Stagecraft and design**

Monday 22 January, 4pm to 4.45pm

‘Strategy sets the scene for the tale’: Stagecraft and design in Samuel Beckett’s *Waiting for Godot* and Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour.

Join PhD student, Chloe, in this interactive webinar as we explore stage design, including costuming and lighting, through the lens of choreography using Beckett’s *Godot* and Swift’s Eras Tour. The webinar will include video footage, images and interactive games to explore these topics.

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## **Subject Spotlight: Primary Education- How to prepare for your interview**

Wednesday 31 January, 4pm to 4.45pm



Our academic from BA Primary Education (QTS) department, Laura Purser will give you insight into the interview process for BA Primary Education (QTS) at the University of Reading.

Topics covered by this webinar will include:

- How to prepare for your interview
- Things to be aware of for your interview
- Top tips for the best interview process

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## Course Spotlight: Construction Management & Surveying



With **BSc Construction Management and Surveying** you will develop a thorough knowledge of technical and managerial issues within the construction sector and open up a wide range of alternative career paths.

This course is designed to prepare you for a successful career in a management position within the construction sector. You will benefit from the Department's

strong links with industry and with the surveying professions. Additionally, the degree is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and by the Chartered Institute of Building.

[https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/subject-area/surveying-and-construction-ug/bsc-construction-management-and-surveying?dm\\_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUM,1](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/subject-area/surveying-and-construction-ug/bsc-construction-management-and-surveying?dm_i=4R68,W4M4,YYP1E,42OUM,1)



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## **ARE YOU IN 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM OR COLLEGE AND LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?**

**If you enjoy being active, playing Sports, games, arts & crafts then Rascals is the perfect place for you! Children in our care range from 4- 11 years old and our after-school club is open weekdays from 3pm – 6pm. Our holiday club is open 8am – 5.30pm during half terms.**

- Flexible hours available at our After-School Club at Wroughton Infants' School & St Bartholomew's Primary School
- More flexible hours available during the School holidays & half terms at our Outstanding Holiday club based at the Ridgeway Leisure Centre.
- Job includes Holiday pay & flexibility around your studies

**If you are interested in working for Rascals, please email:  
[admin@rascalsclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@rascalsclub.co.uk)**

**We look forward to hearing from you!**