



**Royal Wootton Bassett  
Academy Sixth Form  
Weekly Newsletter #136  
26 January 2024**



International Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27 January every year, and this year falls on Saturday 27 January 2024.

Students have been reflecting during iLearn this week and some have been preparing for a conference on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at RWBA.



The Holocaust is a reminder that genocide must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Even in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all.



# Royal Wootton Bassett Academy



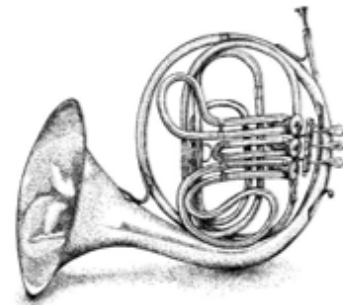
## Sixth Form A Level Music Chamber Concert



Monday

5<sup>th</sup> February

6pm



Assembly Hall

Click or scan here to sign up to perform:

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



# UCAS

Today is the internal deadline to get your UCAS applications to Mrs Vaughan.

All applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January and all applications need to be checked and staff need to write references. This can not be done until you have **PRESSED THE BUTTON** and given us control of your application.

**DO NOT DELAY – We only have so many hours in the day!!!**



Year 12 students have now completed their assessments and Yr 12 Parent evening will be held in school on **7<sup>th</sup> February**.

This will be a face to face event and will allow parents and students to speak with subject staff.

Invitations and booking information will be emailed out shortly.



## **Year 13 Leavers' Hoodies**

Please place your order as soon as possible.



## University of Surrey Summer School Programme

Do you know a year 12 student who would like to delve into the university life and see if it's the right path for them? 😞  
If so, we've got the perfect opportunity below! 👁️🌟

The university of Surrey are hosting an Insight event to promote their Summer school programme!

### This 1 hour virtual webinar will talk through:

- Uni of Surreys' **Year 12** Residential and virtual summer schools 🏠
- Hear direct from Surrey about their summer programmes and how students can apply ✍️
- Ask direct questions in a live Q&A ?
- Hear from academic staff and a team of student ambassadors who are currently studying their courses 📖

**Thursday 8th February**

**18:00 - 19:00**

**Virtual**

**REGISTER HERE: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/uni-of-surrey/>**



**So many amazing opportunities linked to National Apprenticeship week. If you are considering an apprenticeship or a specific career, please use the resources to access expert advice, guidance, and amazing opportunities.**

**RATE MY APPRENTICESHIP**

# APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR

Fast-track your path to success with our free virtual event.

Thursday 1st February 2024  
5:00 - 6:40pm

Get your free ticket here:  
[apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](https://apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)

A yellow poster for the 'Rate My Apprenticeship Apprenticeship Accelerator' event. It features the 'Rate My Apprenticeship' logo at the top left. The main title 'APPRENTICESHIP ACCELERATOR' is in large, bold, white and purple letters. Below the title, it says 'Fast-track your path to success with our free virtual event.' and provides the date and time: 'Thursday 1st February 2024, 5:00 - 6:40pm'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text 'Get your free ticket here: apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk'. On the right side, there is an illustration of a man in a purple hoodie and blue jeans sitting in a grey armchair, using a laptop. He has a surprised or excited expression, with his hands raised and some white lines around his head suggesting energy or excitement.



<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/what-path-will-you-take/>



**4 Ways to Get Parents Involved  
in National Apprenticeship Week 2024!**

We've highlighted 4 ways you can get parents and carers involved and informed this National Apprenticeship Week.

There's something for everyone, with resources to **watch, listen, read** and **do!**



### WATCH

Understanding Apprenticeships animated film answers some of the key questions around apprenticeships and covers what to expect, the benefits of apprenticeships and the range of opportunities available.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/the-apprenticeship-assembly-film/>



### LISTEN

The Parents Perspective Podcast, hosted by Rachel Burden, is an engaging podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance from a variety of expert speakers.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>



### READ

**The Parents & Carers Pack** is a monthly magazine containing the latest apprenticeship information, advice and case studies for parents and carers, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>



**DO**

**The Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships** helps parents and carers to explore the world of apprenticeships with their child, understand the range of resources and support services available to them, and how to access them

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/hints-tips-for-parents-carers/>

**Join RWBA Sixth Form staff at Appren.T.Fest on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.  
A super-sized careers fair to really inspire and provide  
Local and National opportunities.**

**Appren.T.Fest**  
Twilight Session

**STEAM Museum, SN2 2EY**  
Tues 6th Feb 2024 4pm - 7pm

 New College Swindon  
APPRENTICESHIPS

 **Appren.T.Fest**

Celebrating Apprenticeships & Technical Education in Swindon & Wiltshire Powered by Swindon & Wiltshire Careers Hub

**Students and parents are asked to book tickets via Eventbrite.  
Click on the link below:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprentfest-twilight-session-tickets-767637894607?aff=eemailordconf&utm\\_campaign=order\\_confirm&ref=eemailordconf&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_term=viewevent](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprentfest-twilight-session-tickets-767637894607?aff=eemailordconf&utm_campaign=order_confirm&ref=eemailordconf&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_term=viewevent)





You're invited to Warner Bros. Discovery's Championing Apprenticeship Virtual Event!

Warner Bros. Discovery's Early Talent Team is hosting a virtual event - Championing Apprenticeships - on Tuesday 6th February at 6:00PM GMT in support of National Apprenticeship Week and we would love to invite you to attend!

Through this conversation, attendees will get the opportunity to hear from our current apprentices and how the different projects they have worked on has provided them with the #SkillsforLife. We are so proud of all that our apprentices have accomplished, and we're excited to share with you more information about the programme we have built.

Don't miss out and learn how an apprenticeship can make an impact on what's next for you!

**Register Here:**

[https://wbd.zoom.us/webinar/register/2717055894725/WN\\_vIZMjorWSFKNZOJyKiFPPQ?utm\\_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm\\_campaign=5f3ac3a712-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2024\\_01\\_24&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-5f3ac3a712-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D&goal=0\\_65c6d67e71-5f3ac3a712-211973597&mc\\_cid=5f3ac3a712#/registration](https://wbd.zoom.us/webinar/register/2717055894725/WN_vIZMjorWSFKNZOJyKiFPPQ?utm_source=Success+at+School+-+Newsletter+Signups&utm_campaign=5f3ac3a712-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_01_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-5f3ac3a712-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&goal=0_65c6d67e71-5f3ac3a712-211973597&mc_cid=5f3ac3a712#/registration)



**Every Friday in the street, music will be playing but which department chose the music????**

**Listen carefully for the clues.  
Let us know your thoughts and guesses!!**

**Are you ready to take your career journey to the next level?**



Look no further than Uptree's events! Our events are jam-packed with invaluable interactive tasks and opportunities to connect with industry professionals. Whether your students are interested in technology, finance, or creative fields, our events cater to a wide variety of interests. <https://uptree.co/events/>



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We show you how to get into uni and double your chances of achieving a top uni offer.

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<https://www.zerogravity.co.uk/>

## **Are you starting university this year?**

Wiltshire Community Foundation offers grants to young people in Wiltshire and Swindon who need support with the costs of studying an undergraduate degree at university. The One Degree More bursary is £1,600 for each year of the course to help with general living expenses, course costs, books and equipment. We are now open for applications for those starting university this year.

### **Who is eligible to apply – young people can apply for a university bursary if they:**

- are under 24 years old
- have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least 2 years
- parents or guardians receive 2 means-tested benefits (2 elements of Universal Credit)
- eligible for funding through Student Finance England
- studying for first undergraduate degree at a UK university or college

**Or**

- are a young person in the care of Wiltshire or Swindon Borough Council (LAC)

**Applications close on 5 April 2024. Apply today by visiting: [www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/university-bursary-one-degree-more/](http://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/university-bursary-one-degree-more/)**





## Library resource – Career challenges

Use this library resource to gain virtual work experience with our data champions listed below. Simply complete the relevant registration form and we will send you all the information and tools required to complete the career challenges. On receipt of your work experience submittals you will receive a certificate. We recommend that you allow 7-10 days to complete each challenge.



› BT Career Challenge



› CACI Career Challenge



› Capital One Career Challenge



› Experian Career Challenge



› GSK Career Challenge



› ITV Career Challenge



› Lloyds Banking Group Career Challenge



› Meta Career Challenge



› OMG & Rapp Career Challenge



› Shell Career Challenge



Unilever

› Unilever Career Challenge

[https://digdata.online/library-resource/?utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=290013241&utm\\_content=290013241&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://digdata.online/library-resource/?utm_medium=email&hsmi=290013241&utm_content=290013241&utm_source=hs_email)

## Library resource – Career panels

Use this library resource to learn about the breadth of exciting data careers and opportunities available with our data champions.

These recorded sessions will give you an insight into our panellists career journey's so far, the placement, apprenticeship and graduate opportunities available every year. Learn useful hints and tips about their application and recruitment process from their talent expert too.



› BT Career Panel



› CACI Career Panel



› Capital One Career Panel



› Experian Career Panel



› GSK Career Panel



› Lloyds Banking Group  
Career Panel



› OMG & Rapp Career panel



› Shell Career Panel

**All participating students receive a virtual work experience certificate for each completed career challenge.**

<https://digdata.online/register-now/>

**REGISTER TO BECOME A MEMBER**

Everyone should digdata!



In February the Wiltshire Air Ambulance have arranged a fundraising event to GO THE EXTRA MILE. They have asked people to celebrate February 2024, being a leap year and to challenge themselves with setting a new goal or trying something new for each day of the month.

## So How Can RWBA Sixth Form GO THE EXTRA MILE?

**We would like to run a challenge of our own:**

**to get 29 people  
to do 29 challenges  
over 29 Days**

**This would mean you would need to volunteer to do a challenge on ONE day  
during the month:**

(More people can join in if they wish, the more the merrier, but we need a commitment of a minimum of 29).

### **WHAT COULD YOU DO?**

**You could:**

- **Walk, Run, Cycle, Ride, Row a mile a day at home, in the gym, local park, or at school.**

We have arranged for anyone participating to be able to use the School Gym after school (3.00 – 4.00 pm – supervised) from 1 February to 29 February to do their challenge if you choose to do this option (not over half term of course). You need to get someone to take a photo of you

doing it - and why not dress up to make it more fun! All the pictures can then be used to promote the event and get more people involved.

- **Do a random act of kindness**

For example: If you can't cook or avoid the kitchen, why not offer to prepare a meal for your family for a night, check out a recipe book and go for it!

Make 29 cupcakes and gift them to brighten someone's day who won't be expecting it.

- **Do something out of the ordinary**

- **Learn something new in just 29 days.**

### **THE LIST IS ENDLESS!**

We would ask people to donate in support of you taking on the challenge, so you will need to drum up support from your friends and family.

**The challenges need to be realistic, safe and not too complicated, but wild and wacky will be acceptable.**



**Like the sound of this and want to get involved?** IT WILL BE FUN AND FOR A GENUINE GOOD CAUSE. You might even learn something about yourself or learn a new skill along the way.

To sign up you need to complete the MS Form asap and be ready to do your challenge in February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/0dpggnTktT>

**LET'S SEE HOW GREAT RWBA SIXTH FORMERS ARE AT RISING TO A CHALLENGE!**



## OUR PROGRAMMES

We support young people from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers. In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Our programmes are completely free to attend. All costs - including travel, accommodation, food and activities - are paid for by the Trust and our partners.

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

**Our Pathways programmes cover five competitive professions:**

**Banking & Finance**

**Consulting\* (solely online)**

**Engineering**

**Law**

**Medicine**

**Applications close across December and January, with deadlines specific to each individual programme and university.**

[https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/?utm\\_source=Head+of+Sixth+Free+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=2ab0d7d09f-January+issue+2024+-+students&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_36c44588b4-2ab0d7d09f-116077277](https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/?utm_source=Head+of+Sixth+Free+Newsletter&utm_campaign=2ab0d7d09f-January+issue+2024+-+students&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_36c44588b4-2ab0d7d09f-116077277)





**University of Exeter Year 12 Virtual  
Conference  
Why University?  
Saturday 3rd February 13:00-15:30**

Join our free online conference designed to get you to start to think about all things Higher Education.

Sessions will include: An Introduction to Higher Education, Considering Competitive Universities/ Choosing a Course, Student Life and a Q&A with current students.