



Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #143
22 March 2024



BTEC

Huge congratulations to the students who collected their BTEC results yesterday. An outstanding set of results and a brilliant motivator to now get that coursework done!!

A huge thank you to the staff and students for their hard work in making every module count.





Mrs Hodgson has asked for volunteers to help with the North Wilts Music Festival:
Monday 25th March.

RWBA are hosting the North Wilts Music Festival. We have 170 primary pupils performing from six schools plus Function Band.

We need approx. a **dozen helpers**. You will be allocated a school from the list in pairs or threes. Infants and Junior pupils will arrive with their teachers after 3pm and make their way to a humanities classroom. Sound checks from 3:45pm. The performance will begin at 6pm and finish by 7pm.

Students are coming from the following schools,

Wootton Bassett Infants – 23 children + 2 more staff

Malmesbury Primary – 20 children + 3 more staff

Lydiard Millicent – 12 children + 1 more staff

St Josephs – 26 children + 3 more staff

Ashton Keynes – 45 children + 3 more staff

Crudwell – 15 children + 1 more staff

This is a ticketed event. As a sixth form helper you will not need a ticket.

If you are interested in helping out, please email Mrs Hodgson direct
- lhodgson@rwba.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk



A Huge **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped with selling refreshments, programmes and raffle tickets at the **Bugsy Malone** Production this week.

Amy Moody, Molly Gallagher, Lyra Forsythe, Aliyah Nickles, Amelia Cooper, Chloe Lewis, Tom Henderson & Millie Woods.

Well done to our performers – Amelia Smith & Naomi Coombs who performed in the Band and Amelia Stammers who helped with Choreography.

Amazing cast, lots of fun to watch and a lot of cleaning up at the end after those blast guns!





Year 13 Leavers' hoodies have arrived and looking great!!

Final leavers arrangements are in the final planning stage, Spirit week, Valedictory, Leavers assembly and more.





Sixth Form

Valedictory

3 July

**ONE WEEKEND TO GO until the
deadline for your Deposit**

**£20 NEEDS TO BE PAID ON PARENT PAY
BY Monday 25 March**

Only 100 Days to Valedictory

At

DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, Swindon, SN5 8UZ

18.30 - Midnight

Hot Buffet Meal

Smart Attire

DJ & Dancing

£36.00 (pay on Parent Pay)

Pay Deposit of £20 by **25 March** to confirm your
place



We're all busy and we all wish we could have more time, but, unfortunately, there's only so many hours in the day. This is especially true of students who are preparing to sit their end-of-year exams.

Here are three super-quick hacks that you might want to use to help make revision sessions and exam preparation more effective:

- **The 2-Minute Rule:** The 2-minute rule is very simple – **if a task can be achieved in 2 minutes or less, just do it.** The longer you put it off, the more opportunity it must morph into a much larger task, or you risk forgetting to do it altogether.



- **Eat the Frog:** While it might not conjure up the nicest imagery, eating your frog is actually one of the most effective ways to prioritise your workload. It simply means to **get your most difficult or daunting task out of the way first** before you move on to something else.

How To Eat The Frog



1. Identify Your Frog

Find your hardest task of the day or the task that scares you the most.

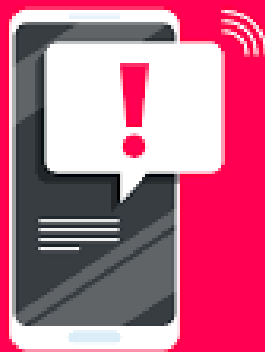
2. Eat It

Don't procrastinate any further. Eat the frog! a.k.a. do your most important task first thing in the morning.

3. Repeat Every Day

Stick with it! You'll be amazed by how this method lets you accomplish impactful work.

- **No Notifications:** Your phone is a fantastic source of communication, entertainment, and knowledge, but it comes with a pretty hefty price – your attention. **By limiting notifications**, you will find yourself able to get much more (and higher quality) work done throughout the day.





I wanted to remind you of the upcoming NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session happening next **Sunday 7th April**. It's a fantastic opportunity for students in years 10 through 13 who are considering a career in healthcare.

At the start of the session, attendees will engage with a distinguished guest speaker, providing a rare chance to glean insights from a seasoned AHP professional. They will then delve into the pivotal aspects of Communication and Fractures.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>.

Our guest speaker, Melanie Dalby, a seasoned pharmacist specialising in haematology and clinical academic research lead for pharmacy at King's College Hospital, will share their wealth of knowledge and insights, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring healthcare professionals.

Following their talk, students will be guided through various allied health careers by exploring the journeys of two patients from initial presentation to full recovery. Students will gain invaluable perspectives on patient care dynamics and the collaborative efforts within the NHS, including exploring careers within:

- Nursing
- Midwifery

- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy



Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. **Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.**

Sign up here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Thank you for highlighting this opportunity to the next generation of NHS workers. I look forward to meeting your students at the next work experience day on Sunday 7th April.



UWE Bristol subject taster days – spaces still available!

We still have some spaces available on our four upcoming subject taster days for Year 12 students. These events are designed to inspire and support students with their future career and progression choices. Each event will include lots of interactive opportunities to explore our range of courses, as well as the opportunity to meet current students and take a tour of our specialist facilities and picturesque campuses.

Education, Primary Education and Early Childhood Studies

Monday 20 May, Frenchay campus

This event will offer students a fascinating insight into studying Education and Early Childhood Studies. [Have a look at the event itinerary \(PDF\)](#).

Business and Law

Wednesday 12 June, Frenchay campus

Learn more about an exciting range of business and law courses including Accounting & Finance, Economics, Law LLB, Marketing, Business & Management and Team Entrepreneurship. [Here's the event itinerary \(PDF\)](#).

Art and Design

Wednesday 19 June, Bower Ashton campus

Find out more about an exciting range of creative courses, including Fine Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Fashion Textiles, Fashion Communication and Interior Design. Each session will be combined with a technical activity, ranging from screen printing to bookbinding. [Here's the event itinerary \(PDF\)](#).

Health and Social Care

Wednesday 26 June, Glenside campus

This event will provide a range of engaging experiences of what it's like to study Nursing (adult, learning disability and mental health), Midwifery, Radiography, Social Work and Occupational Therapy. [Here's the event itinerary \(PDF\)](#).

Creative Industries Degree Showcase

Guided tours with our Student Ambassadors

Come and view the work of our **filmmaking, animation, illustration, print making, textiles, interior design** and **graphic arts** students at our Bower Ashton site. Students in Years 9-13 can visit for a guided tour during our dedicated schools and colleges visit times on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June (between 11am-3pm)**.

Environment and Technology Degree Showcase

See the work of our talented graduates from **architecture, product design, creative technologies, geography, environmental management** and **engineering**. Students in Years 9-13 can attend during our dedicated schools and colleges visit times on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June (between 11am-3pm)**.



<https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses>



Join our MediCafé live webinar: Applying to Medical School

Join us for our 'Applying to Medical School' live Medi Café webinar **on Thursday 4 April, 5pm**, and learn about:

- The different types of Medicine courses
- The teaching styles at medical schools, and how to choose which style would suit your students.
- The context around the demand for Medicine places
- Entry requirements and admissions tests
- What to consider when shortlisting Medical Schools to apply to
- How to apply – what your students need to do, and when

We will also be joined by current medical students, who will share their experiences of applying to Medicine and offer some tips and advice. There will also be a Q&A where you can ask any questions you may have.

The event is part of our MediCafé webinar series, whether your students are simply considering becoming a doctor, or are completely certain that it's the route that they want to go down, MediCafé is open to anyone interested in a future in Medicine.

Book Now:

https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1Y2T2HJMRSadYGgXYWQYYA#/registration



Click on the link for help with CVs and covering letters.

<https://uptree.co/students/student-resource-hub/>

CV template

Download a template CV to get started in creating your own.

CV examples

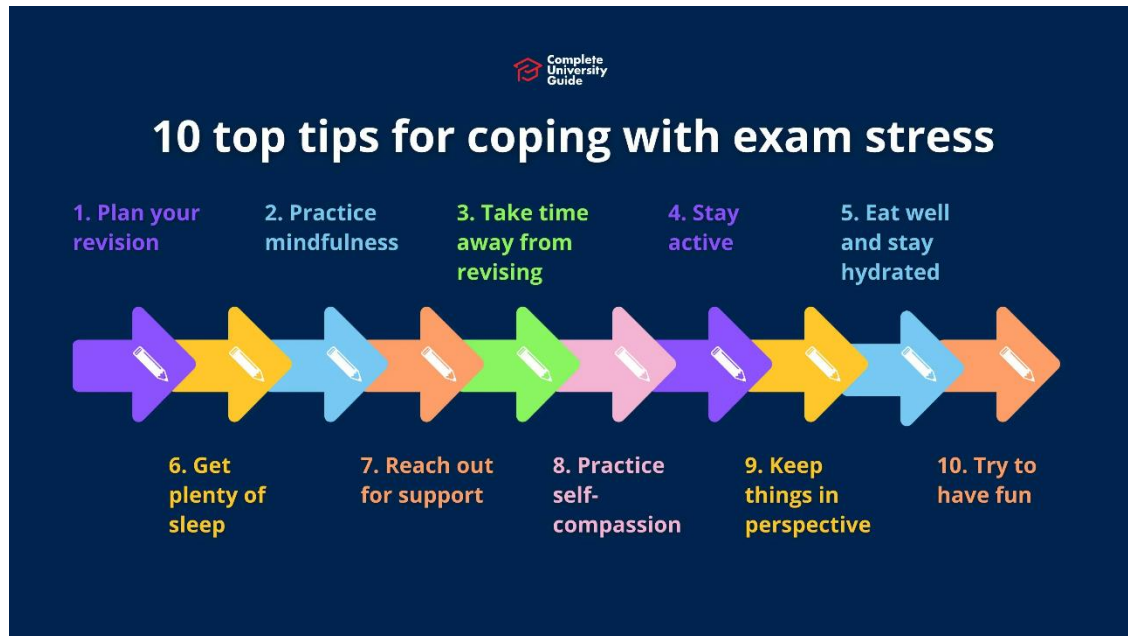
Click here to look at an example of a good CV and a bad CV.

Cover letter template

Click here to find our cover letter template to help you structure your cover letter.

10 top tips for coping with exam stress

Exam stress is a common experience, but it doesn't have to hold you back. Here are 10 top tips to help you manage your stress, stay focused, and feel ready for your exams.



https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/before-you-start/top-tips-for-coping-with-exam-stress?campaign=58826&utm_source=cugsocial%20&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=General2024&utm_term=brand&utm_content=cug_social_cugsocial%20_general2024_brand_allchannels_null_null_null

The run up to your A levels can be a stressful time. There is a pressure to perform well and a lot of different subjects to revise for. This can often feel overwhelming. However, it's essential to remember that stress is a natural response to challenging situations, and there are strategies you can employ to manage it effectively. Here are our tips to help you cope with exam stress, revision and prepare you to perform at your best.



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office



Hub for Equal Representation
in the economy (H.E.R)

FCDO Next Generation Economics Competition

Applications close: 28th June

Write a letter to FCDO's Chief Economist on the biggest global policy questions, chose from: the gender pay gap, carbon emissions, food security and debt. We want to hear YOUR ideas!

Open to all UK school students aged 14-18. You don't have to study economics to enter.

Win up to **£500** and a free visit to the FCDO and London School of Economics.

We want to **inspire** the next generation of economists and **increase diversity** in the profession.

Please email **NextGenerationEconomics@fcdo.gov.uk** with any queries.

Scan the QR code
for more details.



Organised by **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office** in collaboration with the **LSE Hub for Equal Representation in the economy**.

The FCDO's [Next Generation Economics Competition](#) is LIVE!

We would like to invite you and your school to participate in this year's competition. We have a choice of 4 essay questions focusing on topics right at the heart of the work of FCDO economists: the gender pay gap, carbon emissions, food security and debt.

What is the purpose of the competition?

Economics has a diversity problem: only 1 in every 17 girls takes economics at A-level compared to 1 in 6 boys, and despite significant progress in ethnic diversity, black economists remain under-represented at UK universities. Socioeconomic background also affects who studies economics; only 1 in 12 students at state schools study A-level economics compared to 1 in 5 students at independent schools.

With this in mind, the FCDO has collaborated with LSE to create a competition which invites UK school students to write to the FCDO Chief Economist about the biggest economic challenges facing their generation, and has two main aims:

- **Inspire** the next generation of economists.
- **Increase diversity** in the economics profession, enabling better policy-making.

Who can apply?

- Any student aged 14-18 studying at a school in the UK or International British School.
- You do not have to be studying economics or have any prior knowledge of economics.

Still need convincing.

There are multiple prizes on offer:

- The winner will receive a cash prize of £500
- 2 runners up will each receive £250.
- 5 remaining shortlisted entries will receive £100
- The top 25 entrants will each receive an economics book.



SIXTH FORM READING MENTORS

Sixth Form students have been supporting Y7 and Y8 pupils with their reading once a week during iLearn since September.

Over eighty Y12 and Y13 students responded to a request to receive training to help the younger students improve their reading skills. The Sixth Formers undertook training which included recalling their own experiences in learning to read, tips on how to listen and support younger students and checking whether the reader understands what they have just read aloud.

The atmosphere in the Sixth Form is very calm and it is rewarding seeing the older students being encouraging and patient with the younger students. Y7 and Y8 students are becoming much more confident, and the Sixth Formers are great role models. They are developing important mentoring and training skills which they will be able to take with them to Higher Education and employment.

This is some of the feedback received from the Y7 and Y8 students:

'It has helped me to read a lot more.'

'I believe it has helped me with my confidence and fluency.'

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

'It has helped me with my dyslexia.'

'Amazing! It has improved my confidence with reading.'

'I have learnt how to pronounce new words.'

'It has helped me to read out loud in class.'

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has participated over the last 8 months. You have made a real difference. We look forward to being able to offer the programme again next year.





READING IS KEY

**The more you read,
The more you know.
The more you know,
The smarter you grow.
The smarter you grow,
The stronger your voice,
When speaking your mind
or making your choice**





Wiltshire
Community
Foundation



WORRIED ABOUT THE COST OF GOING TO UNIVERSITY?

Wiltshire Community Foundation offers bursaries of £1,600 a year to young people who need support with the costs of studying an undergraduate degree at university.

Bursaries can be used towards:

- general living expenses
- course costs
- travel costs
- books and equipment

For more information scan the QR Code below, visit our www.wiltshirecf.org.uk or call 01380 738985.



You can apply for a bursary if:

- you, your parents or guardians receive two means-tested benefits, two elements of Universal Credit or you are in the care of the local authority
- you are between 17 and 24 years old
- you have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least two years
- you are eligible for funding through Student Finance England
- you are planning to study (or already studying) for your first undergraduate degree at a UK university/institution



For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 24th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Sunday 14th April from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Saturday 23rd March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

At this conference, Dr Kennedy will dive into the specific qualities and experiences that admissions committees love to see in a personal statement, and most importantly, how to make sure students obtain these experiences in time for their application.

We will also explore:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Entrance Exams: UCAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

Our aim is to equip aspiring medical and dental students with the tools to sidestep common mistakes and pitfalls and ace their application to university. Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

For those who can't make it to the next upcoming conference, don't worry. We host these events nearly every weekend to ensure everyone has access to vital information for their applications.

Register for the Get Into Medicine Conference on Sunday 24th March, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Register for the Get Into Dentistry Conference on Saturday 23rd March, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

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Instagram



Website

APPLICANTS MUST BE
15 TO 18 YEARS OLD
LIVING IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
WILTSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE
AND BERKSHIRE

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE 16.05.2024

This scholarship, which is fully funded by the airport, has been running for over 10 years and is based at Cotswold Airport on the Gloucestershire/Wiltshire boundary.

It is aimed at 15 to 18 year olds and will be taking place from **Monday 5th August to Saturday 10th August 2024.**

The aim of the week is to give the scholars an insight into the aviation industry and the many job roles available to them.

The scholarship is open to those within the local community who don't necessarily have the means to access aviation but would love a career within the industry.

The week will be filled with different aviation activities to give young aviation enthusiasts a kick-start in their careers, including flying lessons. We pride ourselves in this being an invaluable opportunity that shines a light on every section of the industry and leaves no stone un-turned.

We have seen first-hand just how beneficial the scholarship has been to previous scholars, having given opportunities to pursue careers in the aviation industry that they wouldn't have otherwise.

Applications are now open and will close 16th May 2024.



Undergraduate Open Day

Singleton Campus, Swansea University

Saturday 23 March

We look forward to welcoming you to our Singleton Park Campus for our upcoming Undergraduate Open Day. It's your opportunity to learn more about your study options and careers including:

- **Genetics and Biochemistry - including an interactive lab session**
- **Healthcare Sciences - Fully Funded options***
- **Medicine**
- **Medical Sciences**
- **Nursing and Midwifery - Fully funded***
- **Osteopathy**
- **Occupational Therapy - Fully funded***
- **Psychology**
- **And more...**



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FREE OXBRIDGE & TOP UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

*Y12: How to Become a
Successful Candidate*



PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Free support for Year 12 students submitting their applications to highly competitive universities and medical schools including Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL and Imperial



Focus on high-impact tips that can be used to put students ahead at these early stages of the process.



Help choosing which super-curriculars will have the most impact on student's applications.



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The programme offered by Leading Education has to be one of the most comprehensive and detailed services that any Year 12 could ask for.
”

Past Student
Gained Admission to Oxford 2024
Law

OUR PROGRAMME

- ✓ Students rate our programmes on average at 9.2/10, whilst 98% would recommend us to a friend.
- ✓ Delivered online by world-class admissions consultants from Cambridge or Oxford university.
- ✓ Our advice and materials are derived from detailed research into the G5/Medicine application process.
- ✓ At the end of the programme, we will make students and parents aware of opportunities for further low-cost support or our free access programme should students meet certain criteria.



60-Minute Lecture + Q&A 25th March 2024 | 6pm

We will help students identify the key things they need to be doing at this stage to boost their chances of getting into top universities. We will help them stand out from the crowd and create an impressive application.



1:1 Strategic Consultation

Our senior consultants will advise each student on their applications, including top tips that can make students 4x more likely to receive an offer. We will also cover other components such as university choice, wider reading and much more!

**REGISTER
NOW**

If you are interested, please sign up using either the QR code or the link:



<https://kieran667667.typeform.com/to/tYPXBjPC>

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[WWW.CAREERPILOT.ORG.UK](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)
[- PHYSIOTHERAPIST](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/physiotherapist)

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024
11:00 - 11:30AM

Register here:
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**FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024
11:00 - 11:30AM**

Register here:
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THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024
FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST AIRSHOW

Join us at RAF Fairford to explore the inspiring world of 21st century aviation, space and technology.

Get interactive in Techno Zone®, climb aboard aircraft from around the globe and meet inspirational aviators and innovators on the Inspire Stage.

- Under 18s go FREE
- All parties must travel by coach or minibus
- The Air Tattoo opens at 7:30am and closes at 6:00pm
- The flying display will be from 11.00am until 3.00pm
- Techno Zone opens at 8:00am with last entry at 4:30pm
- Free of charge tickets for adults accompanying groups of under 18s
- Catering, trade stands, toilets, information points and Wi-Fi will be available

SEE YOU AT THE AIR TATTOO!

FOLLOW THE LINK HERE TO APPLY: WWW.AIRTATTOO.COM/FUTURES-DAY-INVITE/



BAE SYSTEMS



<http://www.altcareers.org.uk/>



Traditional Easter Biscuits

Lightly spiced easy Biscuits and deliciously buttery. Make lots as they will not last long!



Ingredients:

100g butter (room temperature)

90 g caster sugar

200g plain flour

½ teaspoon of mixed spice

½ teaspoon of ground nutmeg

½ teaspoon of lemon juice and grated zest (optional)

1 large egg yolk

75 g currants

Topping – 1 egg white and caster sugar

Preparation: Set the Oven to 180C/160C fan/Gas 4/350F

Grease baking trays or use baking paper.

Grate the lemon rind and juice half a lemon.



Method:

1. Put all the ingredients for the biscuits, apart from the currants into the mixer or processor and mix well to combine.
(If making by hand beat the butter and sugar together until creamy, add the egg yolk and lemon juice and zest and beat in – then mix in flour and spice together. Stir in the currants, squeeze together to form a dough)
2. Scrape the down the sides and mix again, so that you have a ball of dough of a soft consistency. Add the currants and mix in by hand.
3. Gather the dough and place on a lightly floured surface to roll.
4. Roll out the dough to about ½ cm thick and cut our rounds – gather up the dough and re-roll, it is quite resilient so doesn't mind a few rolling out.
5. Bake for about 10 – 12 minutes.
6. Remove from the oven and brush each biscuit, very lightly with the lightly beaten egg white. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar and return to the oven for 4-5 minutes or until pale golden brown.
7. For the best results do one biscuit at a time – egg white then sugar.
8. Cool on the baking tray for 5-10 minutes then lift onto a cooling rack to completely cool.

TIP: They will keep in an airtight container for 1-2 weeks.