



Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
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Year 13 students studying science can now collect their CPac (Controlled practical books) to use for revision.

Congratulations to **Phoebe** and all students that have completed the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**.



So lovely to see photographs of Phoebe at the award ceremony held at Buckingham Palace. A real privilege to celebrate with family and friends, enjoy the sunshine and the Palace gardens.

It makes the rainy expeditions all worth it!!!



**Year 12
Cardiff Day Trip –
Friday 5 July**



Open to All Year 12 Students. Available to book on Parent Pay. It is a one-off payment of £16.00. The trip will depart at 8.30 am and will return around 3.30pm.

If you are a bursary student you can request the bursary to pay for you. Please let Mrs Stubbs know by email.

Lots of information about Post 18 opportunities.



Exam season has well and truly started. Year 11 & 13 are already ticking off the days until they have finished.

Year 12 will be preparing for their end of year assessments after half term.

Good luck to everyone!

REVISION TIPS

If you're one of a thousand teenagers revising for GCSEs, AS and A-levels, here are ten revision tips to help you get prepared:

GO PUBLIC
Make a detailed revision timetable and post it up somewhere so that everyone can see it. Letting other people know about your plans lightens the load and then it's not just down to you to motivate yourself.

Question yourself
Hidden facts through the power of questions. So when you're making notes, don't just write down 'The Battle of Hastings was fought in 1066', instead, put 'When was the Battle of Hastings?' in one column, and write '1066' in an opposite column. Cover up the answer and each time you get it right give yourself a pat on the back.

SWITCH OFF
Unplug your internet connection as it's too tempting to surf the web and turn off your mobile phone (one distraction too many).

RISE EARLY
Facts are more digestible first thing in the morning. Start at 9am and you can get the bulk of your revision done early.

QUALITY TIME
Ask friends over for a revision session. With things like dates and vocabulary, it's always better if someone else is testing you, rather than you testing yourself.

Add variety
You may find it helpful to change from one subject to another at 'break' time, for example doing one or two sessions of maths and then changing to Geography, or alternating a favourite subject with a more difficult one. It helps to build in some variety.

Believe in bananas
Eat sensibly as your brain cells need energy to function well. Bananas are rich in potassium and will raise your energy levels. Make sure you also drink plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated. Dehydration makes you tired and reduces concentration.

LOOK AHEAD
IT IS EASY TO FALL IN TO THE TRAP OF WONDERING HOW WELL YOU PERFORMED AND TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS. YOUR TIME WOULD BE BETTER SPENT LOOKING AHEAD TO YOUR NEXT EXAMINATION.

Relax
The most important thing to remember is not to panic. The exams are going to happen so you might as well give yourself the best chance of doing well by starting to revise early and keeping calm.

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Be sure to check and double check you are following this advice!!


On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

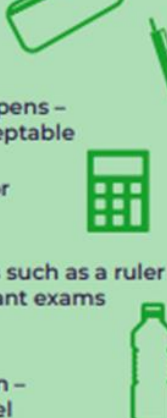
Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of your exams – you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam

What you cannot take into exams:

- any type of phone
 - revision notes
 - any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
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What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
 - at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
 - an approved calculator for relevant exams
 - appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
 - a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label
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Other important information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
- Make sure you stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

Contingency sessions:

- There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June 2024 and the morning and afternoon of 26 June 2024. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have an exam.

If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



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!
SIMPLY
EDUCATION

*A focus group of 5 University graduates was used to collect information for this infographic

Uniform guidance must be adhered too!!

Students will be sent home to change if they do not adhere to the guidance.



No Beach wear.
No Gym wear.
No Blue Denim.



No Crop tops.



No Football shirts.
No tracksuits.



It is the season for:
Tailored shorts,
Summer dresses & T shirts





We are planning 2 trips out for Year 12 as part of the enrichment week in July, which is focusing on experiencing your local area and activities. We went last year and had an excellent day out.

Tuesday 16 July We plan to take students to Bath for the day by train (from Swindon Station).



You can have your own adventure sight seeing, shopping, bring a picnic lunch and sit by the river or visit some of the museums, cafes etc – the day is yours. Details are still being finalised but we expect the trip to cost between £10.00 and £15.00.



Thursday 18 July (pm)

There will be a visit to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley, at Shaw Ridge, Swindon. A chance to play 2 games of bowling with your friends and to get into the competitive spirit. The trip will cost between £5.00 and £10.00. You will need to get yourself there and home.



If you are interested in attending one or both of the trips, please complete the attached MS form to register your interest, so we know how many to book tickets for.

<https://forms.office.com/e/baqH4c8YzRP>

PLEASE COMPLETE BY TUESDAY 21 MAY

Wed 17 Jul | 10:00 - 15:00

Law Virtual Work Experience

Interested in Law? Discover more about apprenticeships available within the legal sector!

These sessions are aimed to help you explore apprenticeship opportunities that you can apply to from Sept 2024.

Accelerator Week 2024 is our virtual work experience week, where YOU get to hear from top employers about what it takes to get into and build a career in your desired industry! 🤩 It will offer a 360-degree view on the industry so you can discover aspects that you might have never heard of! The week will be filled with opportunities for networking, gaining skills to increase your employability! 🤝

The law industry navigates the intricate dance of justice. It's like a giant puzzle where they use words as tools to protect individuals, businesses, and society as a whole. The legal industry ensures a balanced and harmonious landscape for individuals and communities to thrive. ❤️

Join us on Wednesday 17th July to learn all about the Law industry!

Highlights: ★

- 🧐 Discover apprenticeship opportunities and get ahead
- 🔧 Acquire skills needed to work in the industry to increase your future employability
- 👁️ Find out more about the diverse career paths within the industry
- 🗣️ Gain exclusive insights on the application process and hear about opportunities directly from employers
- 🚀 Receive a certificate for attending on the day to help boost your CV

Click here to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/accelerator-week-2024-law/>



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Energy & Utility Work Experience with Siemens
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Building Your Future: Real Estate Work Experience
JLL



Accountancy Work Experience with BDO
BDO



Grow Your Sustainable Career - Work Experience in Farming
TIAH



Public Finance and Accountancy Work Experience with CIPFA
CIPFA



Defy the limits with Amazon: Future Careers Experience
AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEER

Click below for many more opportunities.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search>



SPEAKERS for schools



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT WITH JESSICA HILL, SENIOR INVESTIGATIONS AND FEATURES REPORTER

Date: Wednesday 22nd May

Time: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Age Group: KS3-5 / S1-6

We'll be hearing from Jessica Hill, Senior Investigations and Features Reporter, on how her career in journalism has taken her all over the world and what getting into journalism can look for someone just starting out. We will explore the idea that career pathways don't always go the way you may plan but there's so much to learn in the process.



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT WITH VICTORIA MONK, SENIOR ACCOUNT DIRECTOR AT CSM SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT

Date: Tuesday 04th June

Time: 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm

Age Group: KS3-5/S1-6

"More than half of girls in the UK will drop out of sport by the time they reach 17" Victoria Monk has built her career in sports and aims to create platforms that will inspire more girls and women to get into sport. She's also part of There She Rows, a team of 4 who became the fastest ever British women to row across the Atlantic Ocean in 39 days, 12 hours and 25 minutes. We dive into the world of sport and entertainment in this session and uncover what a career in this industry can look like.



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT WITH VIRGINIA RAMMOU, HEAD OF ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY AT MACKINTOSH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Date: Wednesday 05th June

Time: 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm

Age Group: KS3-5/S1-6

Virginia is a registered architect and an academic with a career spanning over two decades teaching in Higher Education. She is currently Head of Architectural Technology at the Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow. Learn more about her career & focus on interlinking architecture, health and wellbeing in this Industry Spotlight and how these topics are influenced by social, cultural and economic factors.



THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY WITH DAVID SPROUL, CHAIRMAN, STARLING BANK

Date: Thursday 06th June

Time: 02:00 pm - 02:45 pm

Age Group: KS3-5 / S1-6

Join us for an engaging broadcast featuring David Sproul, Chairman of Starling Bank, as we explore the significance of financial literacy. Geared towards students, this session will delve into essential money management skills, empowering young minds to navigate the complexities of personal finance confidently. Covering budgeting basics and understanding the importance of saving, students will gain invaluable insights. Don't miss this opportunity to take control of your financial journey!

To access these and many more click on the link below:

https://www.speakersforschools.org/upcoming-broadcasts/?utm_source=lterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=educator



All recent Industry Spotlight talks are now streamed on demand. Click on the link to be inspired!!

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ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am delighted to extend an invitation to your students in years Year 10-13 for our upcoming session on

Sunday 2nd June, 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Paediatric Pathways.

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

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from an exceptional guest speaker with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share to better the understanding of the allied healthcare field.

Our speaker will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following the talk, students will have an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into the many roles allied healthcare has to offer and taking an in-depth look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

Nursing
Midwifery
Paramedicine
Physiotherapy
Occupational Therapy
Dietetics

Radiography
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Speech and Language Therapy
Pharmacy

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

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with our guest speaker's talk happening from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register 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, or £50 for the full 6 months:

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



Robinson College, Cambridge, **have free events taking place this summer, all of which are aimed at Year 12 students, and which take place here at Robinson College.** Details of the events and the dates they run are below. The Arts and Sciences events are designed to be general disciplinary exploration days, and the STEP Prep Day is designed specifically to support with the STEP exam.

Arts and Humanities Summer Taster

2nd-3rd July 2024

Deadline to apply: 2nd June 2024, 11:59pm

Full details: <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-access-and-widening-participation/outreach-events/arts-and-humanities>

Sciences Summer Taster

5th-6th July 2024

Deadline to apply: 2nd June 2024, 11:59pm

Full details: <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-access-and-widening-participation/outreach-events/sciences-summer>

STEP Prep Day

13th July 2024

Deadline to apply: 2nd June 2024, 11:59pm

Full details: <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-access-and-widening-participation/outreach-events/step-prep-day>

In June, we will also be launching a Law residential event, and details of that will be shared in due course.

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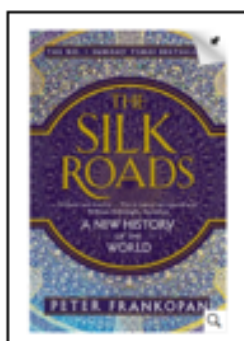
READING FOR TEENS

Pleasure Reading & Non-Fiction

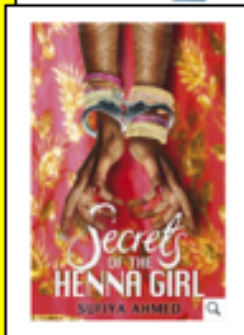


Award-winning writer Patrick Ness's bold and irreverent novel powerfully reminds us that there are many different types of remarkable.

Patrick Ness's bold and irreverent novel powerfully asks what if you weren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you were like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend might just be the God of mountain lions... An exceptional novel from the author praised by John Green as "an insanely beautiful writer".



The halfway point between east and west... While such countries may seem wild to us, these are no backwaters, no obscure wastelands. In fact, the bridge between east and west is the very crossroads of civilisation. Far from being on the fringe of global affairs, these countries lie at its very centre – as they have done since the beginning of history.



Zeba Khan is like any other sixteen-year-old girl: enjoying herself, waiting for exam results ... and dreaming of the day she'll meet her one true love. Except her parents have other plans. In Pakistan for the summer, Zeba's world is shattered.

Sufiya Ahmed has recently written for the bestselling non-fiction anthology *It's Not About the Burqa*, but this is her debut Young Adult Novel!

About FTI Consulting:

Over the last 40 years, FTI Consulting has grown to become a market-leading global consulting firm that brings together distinct capabilities and experts to serve as the trusted advisor to clients when they are facing their greatest opportunities and challenges.



FTI Consulting operates in five business segments of expertise: Corporate Finance, Forensic & Litigation Consulting, Strategic Communications, Technology, and Economic & Financial Consulting (EFC). The Economic & Financial Consulting segment is offering this scholarship.

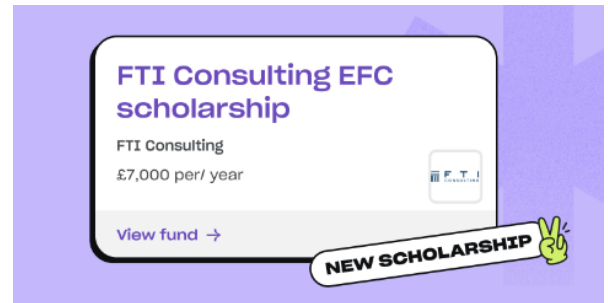
Within EFC, we have offices across the world. In London, our EFC practice has more than 250 people and each year we look to recruit at least 15 graduates.

The team within EFC comes from a wide variety of academic backgrounds. At FTI, they develop skills in economics and finance, as well as in problem solving, analysis, and communication to answer a range of questions for high-profile clients.

We predominantly work in these two areas:

1. Providing valuation advice about anything from large public companies to patents and trademarks. We are the leading firm advising on the value of assets (such as shares in a business or intellectual property) or the amount of money at stake in legal disputes all around the world; and
2. Economic regulatory advice, where we apply economic theory and our experience to offer advice to both regulators and regulated companies on a wide range of issues.

FTI Consulting EFC scholarship



The Scholarship:

The EFC practice of FTI Consulting is providing scholarships of £7,000 per year to students undertaking a degree with a quantitative focus (e.g., Economics, Mathematics, Sciences, Engineering). Students who are not studying a quantitative subject are eligible to apply if they can demonstrate evidence of strong numerical skills. The scholarship is to be used to support students towards their cost of living, study materials, and maintenance. Scholars will undertake one insight week within their first year of university and one paid summer internship for eight weeks within their second year of university within our EFC business segment. These internships will help students gain real life, hands-on work experience.

The programme is designed to bring talented young people into the business and to develop their skills. Subject to their performance in their summer internship, we aim to bring Scholars back into the business as part of our Graduate Programme when they conclude their studies.

Requirements:

To be considered for the FTI Consulting EFC scholarship, applicants must:

- Have a desire to work in Economic and Financial Consulting
- Be a UK home resident.
- Be starting a 3-year degree course at a UK university in the academic year 2024/25, preferably with a quantitative focus, such as:
 - Chemistry
 - Economics,
 - Engineering
 - Finance
 - Mathematics
 - Physics

- Students studying a non-quantitative degree course must demonstrate strong numerical skills. Students must submit their university offer letter as evidence.
- Have achieved the minimum grade of 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics
- Be studying a minimum of 3 A-levels (with grades to be reviewed before starting)
- Provide evidence of household income of below £25,000 via a student finance letter (or alternative documentation)

Timeline:

- **Applications open:** 15th April 2024
- **Applications close:** 30th June 2024
- **Shortlisted applicants notified:** 05th July 2024, all applicants will be asked to take a numerical and verbal reasoning assessment.
- **Interviews will proceed between:** 22nd July 2024 and 31st July 2024
- **Successful applicant will be notified:** 19th August 2024

How to Apply:

- All Applicants must complete the online application form and upload all necessary documents.
- All Applicants must submit a 250-word statement about the topic: “Why are you interested in working in FTI’s Economic and Financial Consulting practice?”
- As stated above, shortlisted applicants must complete a numerical and verbal reasoning assessment. The assessment will be sent to successful applicants on 5 July 2024 or beforehand.
- Applicants invited for interview will be asked to provide a CV in advance of that interview.

Apply Here:

<https://www.blackbullion.com/register?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blackbullion.com%2Ffunding%2Ffti-consulting-efc-scholarship>