



Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #150
7 June 2024



Rob Burrow's story from elite athlete to Motor Neurone Disease diagnosis and his campaign to raise awareness and increase fundraising for the MND charity, has often been the focus for iLearn or assemblies over the last couple of years.

Whether it was in the current affairs programme, used as an example of resilience, bravery, or as part of our discussion about 'real men'. His story will stay with us, and his final words recorded as a message for publication after his death will continue to inspire and provide hope for the future.

'Every single day is precious. Don't waste a moment'



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crgg4m707x1o?scrylbrkr=b3f8cb2b>



From Monday the new RWBA mobile phone policy will come into effect.

In main school (Year 7 -11) mobile phones are banned.

This does mean that when Sixth Form students are in main school they too need to adhere to the ban.

Sixth Form students in the Sixth Form block are permitted to use their mobile phones. We recommend they are used to support their learning and education. If students wish to use them for social or entertainment purposes, they must do this in the Common room.



Enrichment Trips are now on Parent Pay for those students who have registered to attend.

Tuesday 16 July 10.00 to 16.00 Trip to Bath via the Train - £11.00

Thursday 18 July 13.00 – 15.00 Ten Pin Bowling, Shaw Ridge - £8.00 for 2 games

Students are required to arrange their own transport to get them to the Railway Station for Bath/Ten Pin Bowling and home again.

Payment is requested by 24 June.

Year 13 exams are over halfway through, and many students are getting closer to be able to relax and enjoy the summer.

YEARBOOK

Aaron McNeil is waiting for your orders please email him ASAP.

A Level Results day is 15th August

Be well informed and ready to make your decisions.





Applying to Uni through Clearing webinars

Find your ideal course through Clearing - let us show you how.

Whether you've changed your mind about your course or want to apply for the first time, you can find the latest advice in our Clearing live sessions.

They're interactive, so you can ask any questions you have, including general queries about university life. Or simply listen to our Clearing experts help you through the Clearing process.

You'll even be entered into our free competition to win a university starter pack when you sign up.

Book now:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5111942251569986901>

A promotional poster for a residential event. The top left features the Robinson College logo (a shield with a lion and a unicorn) and the text 'Robinson College University of Cambridge'. The top right says 'SLAUGHTER AND MAY' in large, bold, dark letters. The center has 'Slaughter and May Residential' in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this is a photograph of a group of people in blue shirts standing behind a table with a blue tablecloth, and another group of people in dark suits standing in a courtyard. The bottom right has three dark blue boxes with white text: 'Tuesday 30th July - Wednesday 31st July 2024', 'An opportunity to explore Law at university, and gain an insight into Law teaching at Cambridge', and 'Head to the Robinson College website to learn more!'.

A Free residential opportunity at the college this summer for any Year 12 students interested in studying Law at University. We are running a Law Residential in partnership with the law firm Slaughter and May, from 30th-31st July. The details are below.

Slaughter and May Law Residential, 30th-31st July 2024, Robinson College, Cambridge

Robinson College is working with international law firm Slaughter and May to provide a two-day residential for Year 12 students considering applying for Law at university. The residential will entail an introduction to Law at university, workshops to practise the skills required of Cambridge Law students, as well as a chance to explore both the academic study of law and its practise.

The 2024 Residential will be held at Robinson College, one of the Colleges of the University of Cambridge, as a residential event across one night and two days. The event is free-of-charge, with accommodation and meals provided by the College.

For further details and how to apply, please click here:

<https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-access-and-widening-participation/outreach-events/slaughter-and-may>



Swansea University have reshaped their website.

It now contains a wealth of information about studying at Swansea but also excellent subject opportunities for students and advice for parents on supporting student's applications.

https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers-and-advisers/?utm_source=sprintprojectcentral&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ugsro2024&utm_content=junopportunities24junheader

There is also a great scheme to reward academic success in the form of scholarships.

REWARDING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Excellence Scholarships

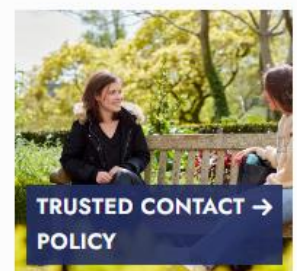
£3,000 will be awarded to all UK fee paying students who achieve **AAA** at A-Level (or equivalent: [Excellence and Merit Scholarships](#)). Achievement of an equivalent grade in the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced qualification is recognised for the purposes of the award.

Each Scholarship will be worth £3,000 over three years (paid in three equal instalments - with £1,000 paid in the first year, £1,000 paid in the second year and £1,000 paid in the third year).

Merit Scholarships

£2,000 will be awarded to all UK fee paying students who achieve **AAB** at A-Level (or equivalent: [Excellence and Merit Scholarships](#)). Achievement of an equivalent grade in the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced qualification is recognised for the purposes of the award.

Each Scholarship will be worth £2,000 over three years (paid in three equal instalments - with £670 paid in the first year, £670 paid in the second year and £670 paid in the third year).





Pride Month has its roots in the Stonewall Uprising, which occurred in New York City in June 1969. The uprising was a turning point in the LGBTQ+ rights movement, sparked by a series of protests against police harassment and discrimination. The following year, the first Pride marches were organized to commemorate the anniversary of the uprising.

In the United Kingdom, the first official Pride march took place in London in 1972. Since then, Pride Month has grown in significance, with cities across the UK hosting vibrant parades, events, and educational programs throughout June. It serves as a platform for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to celebrate diversity, raise awareness about LGBTQ+ rights, and foster a sense of community and acceptance.

Over the years, Pride Month has expanded to encompass a wide range of activities, including art exhibitions, panel discussions, film screenings, and concerts. These events provide spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals to express themselves freely, share their stories, and create visibility for their experiences.

Pride Month 2024 is an opportunity to come together and celebrate the vibrant diversity of the LGBTQ+ community. By participating in Pride Month events, supporting LGBTQ+ organizations, and advocating for equality, we can contribute to a more inclusive and accepting society. Let us embrace the spirit of Pride Month, stand alongside the LGBTQ+ community, and work towards a world where love, acceptance, and equal rights are celebrated by all.

Look out for events and activities in and around RWBA during the month.

A graphic with a pink-to-purple gradient background. The text 'GOOD LUCK' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, 'YEAR 12 EXAMS' is written in smaller, white, outlined letters.

GOOD
LUCK
YEAR 12
EXAMS

Year 12 end of year exams start next week. These will give staff and students a really good understanding of how well Year 12 content has been learnt and how it has been applied in a formal exam situation. The results will be recorded and sent home to parents and advice and support will be given to all students to ensure they are making the required progress to reach their goals.

On 8th July there is an invited parents evening. Those invited will be able to have detailed conversations with subject teachers to ensure that all students are Year 13 ready in September.



Are you starting your own business or developing one further??

Grants for young people aged 18-30 starting out in business
Wiltshire Community Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,000 to help young people from Swindon and Wiltshire develop their business idea, help a new business expand or become more sustainable. The grant can be used for equipment, materials, stock or services.

<https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/grants-and-support/individuals/south-west-enterprise-fund/>



Students can access the resource hub on the link below to access resources which have been designed to support individuals who are wanting to find out more and make informed career decisions.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resource-hub>

Parents can click on the link below to access resources to help them support any applications for apprenticeships.

Parents and Carers' Pack
Helping your child to search and
apply for apprenticeships



Edition 56: May 2024



[https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/5z3U1SHZVvt0fa5UAXWwk0/fa072d79233a4a4876a397521e2bc367/Parents and Carers- Pack May 2024.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/5z3U1SHZVvt0fa5UAXWwk0/fa072d79233a4a4876a397521e2bc367/Parents_and_Carers- Pack_May_2024.pdf)



This two day residential taster course for 14-17 year olds (i.e. years 10, 11, 12 or equivalent) will take place Wednesday 21 August - Thursday 22 August 2024.

Discover RAU is designed to give students the opportunity to explore our friendly campus and get a taste of what it is like to live and study with us

Students will stay in student accommodation, attend sample lectures, take part in fun practical activities and get lots of information and advice about coming to university. The sessions will be tailored towards your main subject of interest, whether that's agriculture and environment, real estate and land management, equine or business.

All students are welcome to apply, priority places will be offered to students who also meet one or more of the following additional criteria:

- Live in a UK postcode identified as having low progression to higher education
- Currently attend a state school or college (i.e. not a grammar school or independent school)
- Currently/have been in local authority care or have caring responsibilities
- From an ethnic group under-represented at the RAU (i.e. Black, Asian and mixed backgrounds featuring one of these groups)
- Are the first in your family to attend university
- Have a parent/guardian currently serving in the UK Armed Forces.

Apply Here:

<https://www.rau.ac.uk/courses/open-days-and-events/discover-rau>

Closing date 5pm on Friday 26th July



Uni Taster Days: All Open Day details in one place

Use the searchable events section on the Uni Taster Days website to find all the open day events relevant to your students' choices.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx?SFID=5&Sort=D>

QINETIQ

QinetiQ Human Performance Work Experience – Farnborough

QinetiQ are offering a work experience opportunity 12-16 August at their Farnborough site, for anyone interested in Science, Physiology or Psychology. Applications must be received by 21 June.

<https://www.qinetiq.com/en/capabilities/human-protection-and-performance>



Beard

NEW Careers in Construction LMI Resources from Beard

Beard Construction have produced a suite of LMI materials to help young people explore the range of careers in construction.

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

Business
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Creative Employment Opportunity

Wednesday 12th June 2024
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Online

BRISTOL
CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES



Are you a parent or carer seeking to understand more about the creative industry and what employment opportunities are out there for young people?

Are you a parent or carer seeking to understand more about the creative industry and what employment opportunities are out there for young people?

This free webinar will give you access to the people in the know, including industry experts and exciting employers working in the sector. They will give you an overview of the job market, explore career routes such as freelancing and talk more about the creative industry and what it's like to work in.

We'll be hearing from two employers in the Creative Industries, including Bristol Creative Industries (BCI), talking about the exciting things happening in the industry in the West of England region, and they'll be a chance to get answers to the questions you really want to know! They'll be part of a panel discussion and will also be presenting a 'meet the business' session.

Don't miss out on the chance to learn more about the creative industry and opportunities for the young people you parent or care for.

Places are free, so book to secure your place today!



https://www.businesswest.co.uk/events/creative-employment-opportunity?utm_source=events&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14505335_What%27s%20On%20-%20June%202024&utm_content=Creative%20Employment%20Opportunity%20-%20button&dm_i=20YL,8MWDZ,62PRP6,ZTB3W,1



University of
Southampton



For all interested Science Students and Teachers

*Please help us with our research in Black Holes and the Aurora via our
online citizen science activities:*

Black Hole Hunters: Learn about Black Hole research using the Superwasp
Telescope and [help us find Black Holes](#)

Aurora Zoo: Learn about the Northern Lights and [help us classify different
types of Aurora](#)

Arts and Humanities



Art and Design Experience Day

16th July 10:00 - 14:30

Join us at Winchester School of Art for this hands-on day to explore our creative, art and design subjects! In this interactive event, you'll delve into our programmes through practical sessions on one of two pathways: Fine Art, Fashion Design and Textile Design; or Graphic Communication, Creative Computing, and Games Design & Art.

Levelling Up Year 12 STEM Mentoring Programme Application Form 2024



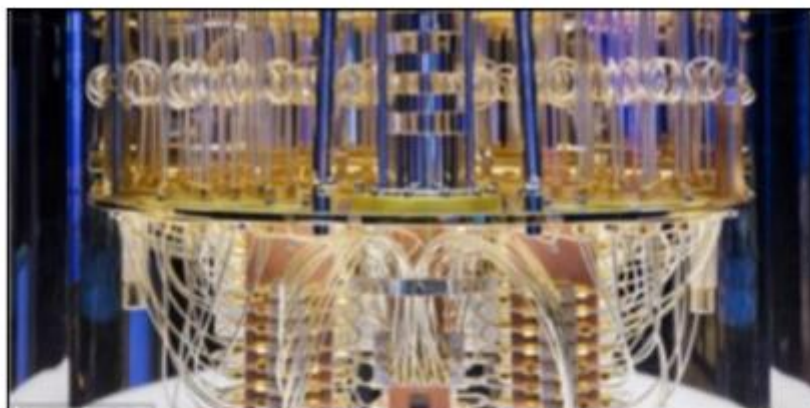
Levelling Up Mentoring Programme

Applications are open for the Levelling Up programme at the University of Southampton!

Levelling Up is an online tutoring and mentoring scheme for students from under-represented backgrounds and areas. The programme is a year-long initiative running from the Spring Term of Year 12 through to the Spring term of Year 13. This is aimed towards students considering applying to the University of Southampton to study degrees in Physics and Mathematics.

Students will be supported by trained undergraduate and postgraduate students who will lead weekly online mentoring sessions designed to prepare pupils for university life - helping to complete applications as well as providing tutorials designed to support A-Level studies. Pupils will benefit from small group teaching with groups of 5-10 pupils per group.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=-XhTSvQpPk2-iWadA62p2ISILUxOSfRm1r0PLWwgfBUM05GQ0IVVEpTNkRCQTkxVkvITERMUzJC-Vi4u>



Quantum Physics Masterclass

Monday 24th June 2024

Southampton Theory Astrophysics and Gravity (STAG) Research Centre
On-line Masterclass for A-Level Physics Students Monday 24th June 2024.
12:45-4:00 pm.

Meet the Scientists at the University of Southampton working at the cutting edge of Quantum Physics. By the end of this Masterclass, you will have learnt about the basic ideas of Quantum Mechanics including some of the peculiar consequences such as tunnelling. We will also introduce quantum computing which offers the possibility of faster computation and a quick way to simulate quantum systems in nature.

[More information](#)

For any queries, please contact PJ@soton.ac.uk

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Medicine Virtual Work Experience

Applications for the August Medicine Virtual Work Experience will open on 17th June.

This is a collaborative project with University Hospital Southampton where Year 12 students based in the UK will have the opportunity to undertake LIVE work experience delivered via Microsoft Teams. This is a very popular programme with demand exceeding capacity.

Please refer to the website for updated application criteria and FAQ.

The dates for 2024/25 are now confirmed as:

October 29 and 30, 2024

February 19 and 20, 2025

August 27 and 29, 2025

Register here:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/medical-work-experience.page>



Apprenticeships in the Royal Signals - The British Army

Date & Time Jun 18, 2024 03:30 PM in [London](#)

Description The Royal Signals are at the forefront of everything that the Army does, in conflict and in peace. Whether fighting to set up complex computer and radio networks under fire or enabling communications for humanitarian missions, soldiers are dynamic, flexible and able to use their initiative to meet any challenge. They ensure the Army's lines of communication are working effectively and free from security breaches.

Join this webinar to learn more about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available within the Royal Signals and to hear from inspiring Soldiers about their career journey, what their apprenticeships involve and why they chose an apprenticeship with the Army.

Register to attend the webinar here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EER7m-IRQpeRnkLW1VapeA#/registration

Making the Future Campaign Part 4: Careers in Craft and Making

Date & Time Jun 12, 2024 11:00 AM in [London](#)

Description In our fourth session of this academic year's Making the Future Campaign with our partner QEST, students will explore the wide array of roles within this diverse sector.

From ceramicists, textile artists, and leatherworkers to glassblowers, luthiers, and bespoke tailors, the field offers numerous exciting career opportunities. Professionals can work in specialised boutiques, launch their own businesses, or join renowned brands like Nike, Cartier, and Louis Vuitton.

Students will learn about the various pathways into these creative careers, receive practical tips and advice for getting started (even now), and enjoy a live 'show and tell' where professionals will present some of their unique creations.

Speakers include:

- Mel Howse (Vitreous Art/Glass Art)
- Jenny Collier (Calligraphy)
- Juliet Bailey (Woven Textile Design)

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rcuCvqDgsG9eCoOiyW1cyYgp_Mg_RbhpR#/registration

Different Careers in Investment Banking

Date & Time Jun 18, 2024 09:30 AM in [London](#)

Description In partnership with Bank of America, we are hosting a virtual careers chat focused on exploring different careers in Investment Banking, and we would like to invite your school to participate.

Three main areas can be found in Investment Banking: banking and finance, business support, and technology & operations. Under these sit a range of exciting jobs roles which require professionals with skills and interests that aren't just limited to the maths and sciences.

For this session, students will be given an overview of Investment Banking and the multitude of career opportunities it offers. We will also have the privilege of welcoming professionals from the bank in different roles.

Through their experiences, students will gain profound insights into these important areas in investment banking, learn about the available pathways e.g. apprenticeships and internships, and receive valuable guidance on becoming career ready.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lcOygrjorH9clBdC8eoBhUMhQN3Z07RsC#/registration>



Technical Education and Apprenticeship Pathways to Health and Science Careers

Date & Time Jun 18, 2024 11:00 AM in [London](#)

Description In partnership with WorldSkills UK, Inspiring the Future will be hosting a virtual session: Technical Education and Apprenticeship Pathways to Health and Science Careers. This session offers your students a unique opportunity to explore diverse career paths in health and science through alternative routes such as BTECs, T-Levels and apprenticeships.

We are thrilled to have Suzanne Ramage, a Laboratory Analyst at Dale Farm and a WorldSkills UK Champion, join us for this session.

Suzanne's journey, from a business background to science, culminating in winning a bronze medal in the 2019 Laboratory Technician WorldSkills UK competition, showcases her dedication. Now an ambassador for technical education and STEM careers, she passionately encourages students to consider these pathways, highlighting the rich opportunities available in science-related fields.

What we will cover:

- Technical Education and Apprenticeships Routes to Health and Science Careers
- Health and Science Career Map and Earning Potentials
- Job Spotlight: Suzanne Ramage, Dale Farm
- Q&A and Reflection

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpc-gvqzspGNZn2cetAQm7GpoCRnXkcz0G#/registration>

2023-24 CAREER INSIGHT

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MEET A **Midwife**

[HEALTHCAREERS.NHS.UK](https://healthcareers.nhs.uk)

Midwives often describe their job as 'privileged'. Helping to bring new life into the world is a great responsibility and one that needs care and compassion.

Learn how midwives provide care and support to women and their families while pregnant, throughout labour and during the period after a baby's birth.

[WWW.CAREERPIILOT.ORG.UK/
/MIDWIFE](http://www.careerpiilot.org.uk/midwife)

MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024
1.30-2PM

Register here:
bit.ly/ALTCareerInsight



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