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NATIONAL BIATHLON COMPETITION

In normal times William Brookes school hosts a regional qualifier for the National Schools Biathlon Championships and every year we have had a lot of students qualify and go to Crystal Palace to compete.

This year will obviously be slightly different, but we will still be giving students the opportunity to qualify here at school.

The Biathlon consists of a run and a swim and the distances depend on the age of the students. For those students who would like to enter we will time their run and swim here at school this term and enter the times into the virtual event. Approximately the top 120 students in the country will then be invited to compete in the National Championships at the University of Bath on the weekend of 16th & 17th October

The distances are as follows:

BIATHLON DISTANCES		
Age Group	Run Distance	Swim Distance
U12	800m	50m (2 lengths)
U13	1600m	100m (4 lengths)
U14	1600m	100m (4 lengths)
U15	1600m	200m (8lengths)
U16	1600m	200m (8lengths)
U17	1600m	200m (8lengths)
U19	1600m	200m (8lengths)

As a school we have been extremely successful in this event and it would be fantastic to see as many students as possible entering and reaching the national finals. Three of our students have gone on to represent Great Britain in the European and World Championships and Matthew Griffiths won team gold and individual silver at the World Championships in Guatemala!!

Could you be the next Matthew Griffiths? If you would like to enter the competition please let me know by emailing me cjardine@williambrookes.com and telling me you're interested, I will then send a letter with more information.



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WBS eBook Library

Please remember to use our free e-library. You can find this at;

<https://williambrookes.eplatform.co/>

Username: Your school email e.g. 20rsmoorge@williambrookes.com

Password: Your full date of birth e.g. 02/06/2020

The screenshot shows the homepage of the William Brookes School eLibrary. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for LIBRARY, BROWSE, LOANS, and SAVED, along with a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "Welcome To The William Brookes School eLibrary". A quote from the school is visible: "We strive to be the 'best we can be through courtesy, enterprise and endeavour'". Below the heading, there are links for "Start Browsing" and "or get the ePlatform app". To the right, there are icons for downloading the app from the App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft. Below this, there is a section for "Accelerated Reader" with a link to resources. At the bottom, there is a "Popular Titles" section featuring book covers for "The Trials of Apollo", "Dear Evan Hansen", "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince", "The Fault in Our Stars", "The House of Hades", and "The House of Hades".

Returning Library Books

Can you please have a look at home for any library books that you may have **All** year groups have outstanding books.

A returns box will be placed outside Student services for you to return any outstanding books, please deposit them here.

Lockers have all been checked for books that may be in there but it is still important to check at home.

If you are unsure of the books you may have drop an email to kharrison@williambrookes.com and she will happily let you know.



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Year 9 participants

Participants can make a start on their sections as and when they are ready to.

eDofE log in details have been emailed to their school email address. Participants will need to log on to input their personal details and submit program plans for approval. Welcome Packs are posted directly to participant's homes once they have filled in their personal details on eDofE.

These videos show how to login to eDofE for the first time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jNfHskqZ-E&list=PLJwqW7XmD1vna80L6tOKb3LpsHBDYF7KM&index=7>

The eDofE ~~helpsheet~~ on the next couple of pages goes through how to submit program plans for approval. We will try to hold a meeting (real or virtual) as soon as possible to assist participants with using eDofE.

eDofE App

Participants can access their eDofE account via the DofE App. The DofE app has made eDofE more accessible and convenient for thousands of participants across the UK. Participants can now set their activities, record evidence and submit programmes for approval at any time, no matter where they are. The DofE App is currently available for participants to download on Android and iOS.

You can download the App by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and searching 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

#DofE with a Difference

If a participant is struggling to find suitable activities for their programme due to the current restrictions, you can find many ideas here www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities

Please remember that any program plan makes needs to be entered into their eDofE account so that it can be approved before they start the activity. Once they have completed the required time, they need to get their assessor to write an assessor report. This can be done at www.dofe.org/assessor

Any questions, please email jmccombie@williambrookes.com



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To track your Bronze DofE Award you have an online account. This is where you put in your plans for each section, add your evidence and crucially, submit the Assessor Report once you have completed each activity. Every time that you submit something, your DofE Leader will be able to check and approve it. Once all four sections have been approved you will achieve your Bronze DofE Award.

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering 3 months	Physical 3 months	Skills 3 months	Expedition 2 days 1 night
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

Here is a quick recap on the section timescales for the Bronze Award. You must commit 1 hour per week over the 3-6 month time period for the Volunteering, Physical & Skills sections.

Logging in to your online account

- To log in please search www.edofe.org you can access this through a computer or mobile phone. Or, you can download the DofE App, which is available for free from the App Store & Google Play.
- Each time you log in you will need your Username and Password. If you do not know your Username ask your DofE Manager.
- If you have never logged in to eDofE before your temporary Password will be your D.O.B: **DDMMYYYY**
- Once you log in you will be able to reset your Password. If ever you forget it then just click: Forgot Your Password on the eDofE home page and you can input your username and get a new Password link sent to your email (check your junk mail) you will have 15 minutes to then reset your Password.



Step 1: The first time you log in you will be asked to put in your personal details. Please note every box with a * needs to be completed. We would recommend using your personal email address. Once you have completed your Contact Details, Personal Details and Communication Preferences press 'Continue'. You will receive your Welcome Pack to the address you entered within the next 30 days! This contains important information about your award, your DofE discount card & Assessor Book.

Step 2: Select your timescales. We would recommend that the 6-month section is the one that you are able to access every week and perhaps the one that you think you will enjoy the most. Just click on the option that you would like and then press Save.



Step 3: Putting in your Programme Plans. You will need to do this for the **Physical, Skills & Volunteering** sections: Click edit section or click on the section you wish to edit and fill out everything with a *. Your start date can be put back as far as the Enrolment date, which is in the top left corner of the screen. If you have not started yet, then put today's date or the date you are going to start. Everything that you do from your start date on eDofE can be counted towards your 3/6-month section. The Assessor must be a responsible adult (not a family member) who is able to write your report once you have completed the section. Remember to "Submit for Approval".



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Next steps:

Once you have submitted your Programme Plans for each section you will be able to complete your activities. You can keep track of how many weeks you have done by using the 'Weekly Log Sheet'. These are available from your DofE Manager and are a great way to keep a track of how many weeks you have done. Once you have filled your log sheet in for the 3 or 6 months for the relevant section:

- Take a photo of it
- Log in to eDofE
- Click on the relevant section on the left-hand side
- Add evidence
- Select 'Photos'
- Upload the photo
- Select your leader
- Save and submit

Other evidence that you can upload could be photos of you doing the activity. For example, if you chose cooking for your skills section it may be good for your leader to see a photo of what you have cooked each week. Upload these following the same steps as the Weekly Log Sheets.

Photos and Log Sheets are great evidence but are not compulsory.



Assessor Reports



The key piece of evidence that your DofE Leader needs to see on your eDofE account before they can approve the section is the **Assessor Report**. You will receive your Assessor Report book within your Welcome Pack (sent to the address you put in to eDofE at Step 1). Once you have completed your 3 or 8 month section please take the relevant report to your Assessor and ask them to fill it in full. You can complete the Description, Date started, Completed & Goals (please make sure the start date is not before the one you put in your plan on eDofE in step 3).

Once it has been filled in please take a photo of it (make sure the whole page is visible) and upload using the steps shown at the top of this page. This time, before you press the Save & Submit button you can mark it as your Assessor Report.



Introducing the DofE Certificate of Achievement

The Certificate of Achievement is an official recognition, by the DofE, of just how much you've achieved by completing your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections. To receive your certificate, you need to have completed your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections and had them signed off by your Leader. Once you've completed your three sections you don't need to do anything else. We'll email your personalised Certificate to you, using the name and email address on your eDofE profile.

When you complete the Expedition section you will still be able to get your full DofE Award in addition to the Certificate of Achievement!

The DofE have made lots of temporary changes over the last few months to ensure you can still achieve your award. You can check these out here: www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/

If you need help with eDofE please visit **theDofEUk** on YouTube to find lots of helpful eDofE training videos and guides.



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SIXTH FORM CAREER NEWS

During this last half term for year 13, the sixth form team would like to ensure all students gain the opportunity to receive a mock interview by a local employer. This will be a fantastic opportunity to gain even more experience of the world of work before students' progress to the next stage of their careers. These interviews will be running rec & leisure / tutor period:

- Thursday 6th May Period 3 - CLT
- Thursday 13th May - CLT

Year 13 interview slots will be displayed on the SF notice board and in the library. Students will need to make sure they are aware of their time slot.

Thank you, Mrs Mincher (Sixth Form Strategic Lead)

Well done to those of you that interviewed this week, you all did very well and hope that it was an insight to interviewing for when you leave Sixth Form.





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NCS COMING SOON

NCS will be in school on Monday May 10th and May 17th to visit Y11 during social time 13.45.

CAREER NEWS

Interested in a career in Banking & Finance? How does the idea of working for Europe's largest bank sound? On May 5th from 5pm - 6pm, we'll be hosting an online webinar event with HSBC as they will be letting us know all about their UK-wide Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities.

With more than 200,000 employees and offices worldwide, HSBC is one of the world's leading international banks.

HSBC offer roles across all of their major business areas, including retail, private, commercial and investment banking, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology.

If banking and finance is something you think you might be interested in, this event is for you!

The online event is open to: Y11 / Y12 / Y13 /

If you'd like to apply to this exclusive event, please click on the registration link below.

Registration Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/HSBC-UK>

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

HSBC



Invitation For Parents: *Success Beyond School*

Free, expert advice on guiding your child to a successful career



We are delighted to announce the latest in our *Success Beyond School* series; free-of-charge, 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Tuesday 11th May: Own The Room

Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career

Wednesday 9th June: Success in the City

How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend. We kindly ask you to share this email directly with parents or via your students.

https://investin.org/pages/parent-series?mc_cid=656ff762ed&mc_eid=fedb6c75b2 - for registering.

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**Virtual Year 10 & 11 Healthcare
Admissions Conference**

A **free** national event for state school pupils.

Talks from doctors, dentists, nurses, life as a healthcare student,
work experience advice, Q&A panels and **MORE!**

Saturday 15th May 2021

10am to 2.30pm



BWAMS

Birmingham Widening Access to Medical
Sciences

<https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-big-2021-application>



Virtual Careers Live!

Take part in an online event packed with career ideas and gain access to our series of Live Employer Talks.

Open to pupils and students aged 13 to 18, our virtual exhibition hall is now open for you to start exploring stands from local and national employers, universities and training providers. Visit our dedicated Advice & Guidance Zone for fun and interactive help on finding your way into a career.

Register just once to gain access to all of these fantastic events. Each event will specialise in specific sectors such as engineering, professional services and many more. And don't worry if you can't make any of the dates - all the talks will be available on-demand afterwards for you to watch whenever you're ready.



Service Industries

Hospitality, Tourism/Events, Hair/Beauty, Leisure/Sports, Retail
Live Talk, Wednesday, 6pm 31 March



Professional Services

Finance, Law, Business & Admin, Leadership & Management, Prison Services, Uniformed Services, IT & Computing, HR
Live Talk, Tuesday, 6pm 20 April



Care & Education

Teaching and Childcare
Live Talk, Wednesday 6pm 28 April



Land, Food & Agriculture

Farming, Livestock and Cultivation
Live Talk, Tuesday, 6pm 4 March



Creative Industries

Digital, Art, Fashion, Music, Theatre & Marketing
Live Talk, Wednesday, 6pm 12 May



Medical Sector

NHS & Science / Research
Dates coming soon



Social Work

Health & Social Care
Dates coming soon



Engineering

Motor Vehicle, Medical Engineering, Transport /logistics
Available On-Demand



Built Environment

Construction Trades, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Landscaping
Available On-Demand

Additional to the above is available On-Demand now: **Introduction to Careers Planning**

All dates are subject to change but once you have signed up, we will be sending you reminders to keep you up to date.

Book Online now at shrews.co/careerslive

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Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

Take your first step towards a healthcare career with the U.K's only LIVE Virtual Work Experience Programme created and delivered by healthcare professionals.



You can select from one day or a full 6 months work experience where you will follow a patients journey from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience.

Explore Healthcare Careers

Becoming a part of the Allied Healthcare Family will give you access to a range of resources to help you make an informed decision about your future healthcare career. The first place to start is with the UK's only LIVE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME, specifically for aspiring Allied Healthcare Careers.

What Is Allied Healthcare Mentor?

Allied Healthcare Mentor is part of Your Medic Family, a non-profit national healthcare organisation. Run by healthcare professionals we are committed to mentoring and providing aspiring healthcare students with opportunities to help them get a head start on their careers.

JOIN THE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

The work experience programme is specific for students interested in

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Radiographers
- Art, Drama and music Therapists
- Dieticians
- Operating Department Practitioners
- Radiographers
- Podiatrists
- Osteopaths
- Orthoptists
- Prosthetists and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Physicians Associate

No work experience day is the same and you will also be awarded certificates for attending each day.

You can register for just £10 a session and save £10 if you opt for the full 6 month programme.

www.alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/



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- ✓ Get your first taste of college life
- ✓ Explore your career pathway and future options

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PROVISIONAL DATES

Wednesday 14th October 2020*

Wednesday 18th November 2020*

Wednesday 20th January 2021*

Wednesday 23rd June 2021*

*Please note that these dates may be subject to change

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 **TELFORD COLLEGE**

Dance Clubs 2021



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Year 9 Dance Club</p> <p>Invite only, for students who have chosen GCSE Dance as one of their options.</p>	<p>Year 7 Dance Club</p> <p>Maximum of 25. Sign up quick!</p>	<p>Year 11 GCSE Dance Club</p>



Clubs will start week commencing 26th April, 15:00-16:00. Please see Mrs Longhurst or Miss Jones if you would like to join or have any questions.

