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Dear Year 12 Students, Parents and Carers,

**Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition Trip – Thursday 23rd April 2026**

In order to aid your child's information gathering process for Higher Education post-18, we have booked a trip for Year 12 students to attend the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition at Farnborough International Exhibition & Conference Centre on **Thursday 23rd April 2026**. More information about exhibitors (which is constantly being updated in the next few weeks) can be found [here](#). Coaches will leave RGS at **09:10 promptly from Green Road** (time is extremely tight so if you do not arrive straight after registering and in time, we will have to leave without you) and are expected to return to RGS at 13:50 in time for P7 and P8. This exhibition plays a vital part in helping applicants decide what and where to study within Higher Education as well as providing information about other destinations post-18. The exhibition will include universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers ready to help you discover your future.

**All Year 12 students are expected to attend the exhibition and should take part in the mandatory lunch time talk on Tuesday 21st April in the Queen's Hall to learn about how to make the most of the trip and the encounters available to them.**

Students should wear full RGS uniform and take a packed lunch with them in case they do not have time to eat upon arrival back at RGS. There are coffee shops available onsite (which only take card payments) but it is likely there will be substantial queues and high prices.

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement for your child to take part in the trip and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£15** to cover the coach journey. We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons. If your child qualifies for the Sixth Form Bursary and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head ([gds@rgshw.com](mailto:gds@rgshw.com)). If you otherwise feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please be assured that the school operates a Financial Assistance Programme and dedicated funding may be available to assist you. Please contact Mr Sheehan in strictest confidence to discuss this support.

**Please log onto ParentPay look up the "UCAS Yr12 Fair" and pay the full amount of £15.00 by Friday 27th March 2026.** If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

In addition, to avoid queuing to enter the event, **after payment and before the trip, students MUST register individually for their place (using their personal email address which will be used in future for their UCAS profile):**

Go onto: <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-discovery-farnborough-2026-470366>. They'll need to click 'Book Now' and select 'Join group booking', enter the group booking reference UCASBKN1318867 and follow the instructions to complete their individual registration.

Year 12 should know that, as part of this registration, they will need to opt in to receive additional information from universities, colleges and employers. This could be invitations to open days, prospectuses, or relevant course or opportunity vacancies. Please make sure that both actions are completed: the ParentPay payment and the UCAS ticket registration process.

Many thanks,

Mrs Sweta Thakrar  
Director of Careers ([swt@rgshw.com](mailto:swt@rgshw.com))