

29th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 – Young Enterprise Workshop – Thursday 5th March 2026

On Thursday, 5th March we are partnering with Young Enterprise to deliver to all our Year 7 pupils a full day of Lord Sugar's "The Apprentice" style workshop, merged with a "Dragon's Den" activity. Students heard all about this event at assembly today.

Through a series of hands-on, fun activities, students will work in teams on the early stages of launching a fledgling business, balancing a budget as well as creating a brand identity and marketing strategy. This workshop will allow pupils to learn about their personal strengths and preferences, what this means both for working in a team and for their own development, discovering more about themselves and understanding what skills are valued in the workplace. The undeniable success of past year's Year 7 Young Enterprise Workshops is evident in the fact that participating Y7 students not only established their own companies but also successfully sold their products at markets and fairs, ultimately yielding a profit.

With the support of alumni and business advisors, pupils will engage in activities such as:

- Solving entrepreneurial challenges
- Showcasing skills to employers via "elevator pitches"
- Creating plans and budgets (using Maths in a real work context)
- Using information to give high calibre presentations to audiences
- Working in teams and maximising each other's skills

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 workshop and for a voluntary contribution of **£19** so that we can cover the costs incurred.

We would not like any student to be prevented from taking part in the workshop for purely financial reasons. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (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 be aware that withdrawing a student from a confirmed school workshop may incur costs that the school is obligated to cover. Upon notice of withdrawal, you will be informed of the specific amount required to cover these costs if applicable.

The payment should be made via **ParentPay** no later than **Friday 12th February 2026**.

On the actual day, students will be off-timetable the whole day, based in the Queen's Hall working in groups. They do not need to bring their subject books but do, however, need to bring the following:

- Fully charged Chromebooks
- Calculator
- Their usual pencil-cases including colouring in pencils or pens
- Scissors/Glue sticks
- Water bottle

They should attend in their normal school uniform and will be escorted to the Queen's Hall by their Form Tutors after registration in the morning. They will have their Break and Lunch as usual and will finish at the normal time of 15:30.

We sincerely hope your child finds this an enjoyable day that allows them to plant some seeds in entrepreneurship and careers, develop some key employability skills, which are much in demand in the world of work, whichever career he chooses to embark upon.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sweta Thakrar
Director of Careers