

4th January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 7 – Young Enterprise Workshop – 21st February 2024

On Wednesday, 21st February 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.



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 last year's Year 7 Young Enterprise Workshop 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 external 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 to your son to take part in the workshop and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£20** for it so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the workshop on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the workshop may be cancelled. We would not like any student to be prevented from taking part for purely financial reasons. If your son 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 contact Mrs Chick, Headmaster's PA (dmc@rgshw.com) in **strictest confidence** and she will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note, where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to event providers, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the workshop.

The payment should be made via **ParentPay** no later than **Friday 19th January 2024**.

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 Chrome Books
- Calculator
- Their usual pencil-cases including colouring in pencils or pens
- Scissors
- 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 son finds this an enjoyable day that allows him 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

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