

Introducing: RGS Academic Journal

Aims

- To showcase the academic talent of RGS students beyond the specification.
- To collate the interesting ideas and insights of RGS students into one Journal (on a termly basis).

Writing an article

Brief: Write an article (500-1000 words) on a topic you find interesting, such as one relating to a university course, apprenticeship, or job you are hoping to go onto after the Sixth Form.

- Set up a **Question** or **Title** relating to the purpose of the article.
- Then write the **Discussion** of the topic.
 - You should provide an explanation of your topic such that a non-specialist would be able to understand it.
 - To write one of the **best** articles, you should give your personal opinion on the topic area:
 - ❖ Why do you think the topic is significant or relevant?
 - ❖ What are your opinions on the current thinking or arguments relating to your topic?
 - ❖ Can you see any future developments within this subject area, or do you have any suggestions as to how/what developments should take place?

Ideas

- You could...
 - Source your topic from **current affairs**.
 - Look at the topics you will cover in your **university degree** and write an article relating to one of them.
 - Choose a subject you have seen in class or read about outside class.

Examples

History/Politics: What causes coups?

- What work has already been done on this topic?
 - Current theories on causes of coups
- Why is the topic significant?
 - Coup in Sudan, April 2019
- My opinion:
 - Whilst most believe coups are caused by..., the example in Sudan has shown..., therefore I believe that...
- Are there any follow up questions which need answering to take the debate further?
 - Now that I have established what causes coups, the next question is trying to prevent them...

Biology: The dangers of antibiotic resistance

- Why is the topic significant?
 - Antibiotics save lives, but there is a possibility that they will become useless
- What work has already been done on this topic?
 - Theories about why bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics
 - Theories concerning the future of medical care without antibiotics
- My opinion:
 - Without antibiotics, medical care would be less effective as...
 - Therefore, I think that we need to...
- Are there any follow up questions which need answering to take the debate further?
 - The next step is to answer the question as to how to reduce Antibiotic resistance

Benefits

- Looks great as a super-curricular activity on a Personal Statement or UCAS Application.
- Allows you to widen your knowledge about topics you are interested in.
- Provides the opportunity for you to demonstrate your academic rigour to the rest of the school.

Deadline: all articles must be submitted to bowkerj@rgshw.com by **Monday 8th July 2019**.