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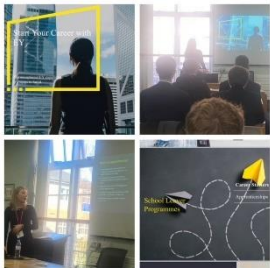
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RGS News

National Apprenticeships Week #NAW2023



It is National Apprenticeship Week this week and we have been celebrating with various events across the year groups.

[EY](#) came in to deliver a talk about their Student Leaver Programme, sharing Higher/Degree Apprenticeship opportunities across the various business lines, explaining entry requirements and pathways.

OW, Jonathan Herath, a current apprentice at [BAE](#) conducted an assembly with Y10 and Y11 talking about his choices at RGS and beyond, leading him to a really fulfilling Apprenticeship pathway which he is really enjoying at present.

Apprenticeships are increasing popularity due to the ability to learn on the job as well as in the classroom, and the fact that it is paid for by employers. For more information on how Apprenticeships work, how to apply, and what qualifications you will end up with, read [here](#).

Make sure you email Mrs Morley-Smith (fzm@rgshw.com) to add you to RGS' Apprenticeships team to hear all about the latest opportunities.

Careers Office Move

After half term, Careers will be moving to the new Sixth Form block and look forward to welcoming students and visitors to their new office space.

RGS Careers & Higher Education Talks

Please join us for an exciting array of careers talks next term. All take place on Tuesdays at 1:25pm in the Upper Library – no need to sign-up.

Tuesday 7th March	Zitah McMillan (National Careers Week)	You are your own Personal Brand - Raise your careers profile!
Tuesday 14th March	Alistair Parkhurst (Cardiff University)	Choosing a course and university

Tuesday 21st March	James Gowers (Coventry University)	Student Finance
Tuesday 28th March	Lucy Yarde (Exeter University)	Personal Statements workshop
Tuesday 18th April	Hilary Beck (Lancaster University)	Preparing for the UCAS Higher Education Fair

Year 12 RGS Journeys

Some of our Year 12 students have written about themselves and their journeys at RGS – find out what they currently studying and their plans for the future!



Jay Tamber Year 12

I am currently studying Maths, Further Maths and Economics at A-Level as well as doing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) about whether Brexit was advantageous to the UK Economy. I have the intention of studying economics at university and hope to follow a career path into Investment Banking. In order to facilitate this I have been keeping up with current affairs using the Financial Times subscription from the school, which has been fascinating during such a turbulent time for the UK Economy. In addition to this, I have been listening to podcasts such as ‘Word on the Street’ by Barclays and ‘The Money Week Podcast’.

During Year 12, I have taken advantage of the opportunity to be part of a Young Enterprise Team of ten people: my team is called Opti Energy and we sell products to help reduce energy bills by up to £250 in households and businesses. This has been a unique experience and an insight into how businesses work as well as providing an opportunity to learn many new skills such as budgeting and using finance sheets as the Chief Financial Officer of the company. Last term, I participated in a Leadership and Communications Course. This was an eight weeklong course which focused on developing public speaking skills and learning how to be a leader. The final product of this course was a speech showcase in which I spoke about the Cost-of-Living Crisis to a room of approximately one hundred parents, students and teachers. Duke of Edinburgh has also been a tough but rewarding journey. I have completed the bronze and silver levels, and am currently working on gold. In addition to the expeditions, the physical, skills and volunteering sections have been equally fulfilling. Volunteering and giving back to the community are something I am particularly enthusiastic about, hence why I applied to join the Wycombe Youth Council. I participated in this for 4 years Year 8 – Year 11. I was the Treasurer for the Youth Council and helped raise funds for future projects, I held an assembly to the school, organised a mufti day and got WYC into the green token scheme at Waitrose.

Outside of school I have been doing karate for 10 years since 2012, and last summer I received my 1st Dan Black Belt. From starting as a humble six year old, it is a privilege to give back to my karate club by volunteering to help the junior class each week. Furthermore, I am taking flying lessons to become a pilot as a hobby. Flying has always been a passion of mine and I am extremely excited about continuing to learn more and get my flying license. I have achieved grade 5 piano, but now I enjoy playing the piano for fun learning songs I prefer to learning songs for exams.



Jacques Bonnefoy Year 12 – Outside of the classroom

There are many different types of learning opportunities available wherever you look.

Obviously, we are all in a school that ensures that every student is pushed to achieve the best possible results we can however sometimes we lose on learning opportunities because we just don't realise that they are there. Examples of this are competitions and sports. The number of lessons you can learn from competing in sporting fixtures or academic competitions is amazing. In October, I took part in the UKSDC (UK space design competition). This competition taught me so much about general physics and design technology. The amount of work that went into the

design by our whole team which consisted of several year 12 and year 13 students was amazing and the collaboration between us and Wycombe high school was great. The day was tiring due to it being a whole 12 hours of competing however was a great amount of fun. Even though we didn't come out winning the competition, I think everyone who participated can agree that it was a day where a lot was learnt.

In Year 10, I competed in the algorithmics competition with 4 other students in my year. Even though it was quite a spontaneous decision to take part in this, we thoroughly enjoyed it. The advantage is that this was during lock down and could all be done remotely and even though joining some people over calls and messages was complicated at times, we pushed through and came out doing well coming 1st in the country and 4th worldwide.

These experiences are examples of what I meant. Not all learning will occur in school and a large portion of learning will take place outside of school. I know that taking part in competitions outside of school time can be a little inconvenient as you might have other things to do instead of this but I would really recommend taking part in as many as possible as you will see it be very useful when you get to sixth form and you have to create a CV.

APPRENTICESHIPS



Rolls Royce have a number of opportunities across a variety of sectors. Check them [here](#).

If you are interested in a career in Investment Banking, apprenticeships at UBS may be for you. See all the details [here](#).



For aspiring Tech specialists take a look at Morgan Stanley's [Apprenticeship](#).

Professional services and consulting enthusiasts can check out opportunities at [KPMG](#) and [Accenture](#).

UNIVERSITY



**"Where could your degree take you?"
online event series**

Interested in finding out what amazing careers you could do as a graduate from a range of specific subject areas? Join our interactive, online event to hear from recent graduates as they talk about their careers:

- Explore different dynamic career paths available to you as a graduate from a range of specific subjects.
- Find out what's it's like to study these subjects at the University of Southampton.
- Discover how a degree from Southampton could help you find an exciting career!

Our current list of events are as follows:

- [Electronic & Electrical Engineering](#) - 16th February 2023
- [Chemistry & Biochemistry](#) - 7th March 2023
- [Health Sciences](#) - 14th March 2023
- [Physics](#) - 21st March 2023

All events will be held on Microsoft Teams from 18:00 - 19:00 GMT.

[Find out more here](#)



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS TO STUDY MEDICINE

In person Taster Course and Virtual Work Experience

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th April 2023

Are you in Year 12? Do you dream of being a doctor but don't know where to start?

Our free, 4-day Widening Participation Taster Course and Virtual Work Experience will help you explore how you can study medicine. Applications are now open. Eligibility criteria apply.

To find out more visit:
www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page
www.facebook.com/unisouthamptonmedicine
[@UoS_Medicine](https://twitter.com/UoS_Medicine) [yt.vu/+uos_medicine](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyTvu/+uos_medicine)



www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page

Imperial College
London

Outreach Summer Schools 2023

For Years 9 to 12 - Applications Now Open

Are you in Years 9-12? Interested in residential and non-residential opportunities to explore STEM subjects? Want to discover what it's like to study at Imperial and what life is like as a student in London?

Ready to take part in lectures and activities alongside Imperial lecturers and current students?

Visit our [website](#) to apply and find out more about our range of Summer School Programmes.

Summer School applications will close on 9 March 2023.





Imperial College
London

Explore our **STEM In Action Series** and our new featured researcher!

Free, self-paced online activities for Years 7 to 9

Learn about how scientists at Imperial College London are working to understand climate change and the effects it is having on crops and ecosystems.



STEM in Action is an online resource with four themed modules including videos and activities that can be done at home or in school.

Explore our modules - The Human Body, Energy and Sustainability, the Environment and Beyond Our Planet.

This month in the Beyond Our Planet module learn all about our new featured researcher, **Mark Boyd**. Mark talks about his research on space dust and what it can tell us about our solar system and Earth's geological history.

You can also learn about impact craters with our new **meteorite activity** this month.

Free hybrid lectures at Gresham College
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on?see-all>

Net Zero - this series of lectures looks at the science behind it, how climate impacts are emerging, and when and how we need to act to turn things around.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/net-zero>



Spring term programme of free interactive university online events.

- **22nd February @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Student Finance & Scholarships for 2023 Entry with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **28th February @ 16:15 - 17:00** Mathematics: Real World Applications of Matrices - Tutorial – Nottingham (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **6th March @ 16:15 - 17:00** Computational Chemistry: Computational Chemistry - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **7th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** Classics/Drama: Sophocles - The Three Theban Plays with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

- **9th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** The Balance of Power - Government, Media, Markets ...? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – Goldsmiths (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **14th March @ 18:00 - 18:45** Business: Skills & Insight - Entrepreneurship - From Observed Problem to Business Concept with Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **16th March @ 16:15 - 17:00** Philosophy: Language of Argumentation - Tutorial – UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **20th March @ 16:15 - 17:15** English Literature: University Book Club – Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **23rd March @ 16:30 - 17:15** Pharmacy/Pharmacology: Science & Practice of Prescribing Drug Combination [Find out more »](#)



Swansea University
Current News Webinar registrations now open!

https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers-and-advisers/current-news-webinars/?utm_source=sprint&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ugsro2023&utm_content=english



Inspiring Minds - Bookings Now Open!

Loughborough University's Inspiring Minds series of academic taster days has now opened for bookings. Post-16 students will have the opportunity to come to campus and experience university lectures, discovering what it would like to study their chosen subject at university level.

The events are free to attend and also have dedicated information and guidance sessions to help students navigate the UCAS cycle. Optional campus tours are also available to experience the hustle and bustle of one of the UK's biggest university campuses.

The first two events in the series have been confirmed as follows:

1st March 2023 – Social Sciences and Humanities
4th April 2023 – STEM

[Book Now!](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE



Have a look at the virtual insight days and work experience opportunities offered by Speakers for Schools!

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience/>

INVESTIN



Spring/Summer Career Taster Programmes
www.investin.org



[Springpod](#) have a number of work experience programmes across all sectors.



[Young Professionals](#) connect pupils with employers, running a number of networking and insight events, helping you get your first foot through a potential door.

Why not immerse yourself into a virtual work experience, at your own pace and time during this half term? Check out [The Forge](#) and sign up to one of their vast array of work experiences.