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RGS NEWS

This half term

It was a busy start to the Summer Term! Y12 pupils took part in the UCAS Higher Education and Apprenticeships Fair in Farnborough, networking with universities and employers to get all their questions answered and to get themselves prepared for their next steps after RGS. Meeting 120+ stalls and getting more information in courses, options, societies, clubs, etc. was a great way to start creating their shortlist of universities to start booking tours with and potential apprenticeship providers to contact.



Years 10-12 all had their [Unifrog](#) workshops during Form Time and are now working hard to log all their Activities on the tool and perhaps immerse themselves into a MOOC.



Years 7-8 also learnt all about this one-stop careers tool and how they can use it in the near future to help them make GCSE choices and start thinking about their progression at RGS.



OW, Ibbi Rafiq, returned to the RGS to talk to pupils about his degree in Engineering and career in Product Design Engineering, inspiring the next generation of Design Technologists!



As part of our weekly careers talks programme, we have had sessions about “How to Write a Personal Statement”, “Preparing for the UCAS Fair” and super important tips about “Choosing a University Course”. All of these sessions have been very popular and have helped pupils get ready for their all-important next steps.

Wishing our Y11s good luck in their GCSEs. Also, a fond farewell to Y13s who have been a real credit to the school! We wish you every success during your A Level exams and cannot wait to welcome you back as OWs to share your fantastic next steps stories to the next generation!



RGS Careers & Higher Education Talks

Careers talks will take a pause during the exam season, but will return in July with two speakers booked before school finishes for the Summer. All talks take place on Tuesdays at 1:25pm in the Upper Library and are open to all years - no need to sign-up.

Tuesday 4th July	Harwood Hutton	Accountancy Apprenticeships
Tuesday 11th July	Saleem Iqbal	A Career in Law

Year 12/13 RGS Journeys

Some of our Sixth Form students have written about themselves and their journeys at RGS - find out what they are currently studying and their plans for the future!



Kaiser Chaudary Year 12

The Royal Grammar School has helped me improve myself in all aspects. Currently, I am studying three A-Levels, Mathematics, Economics and Politics, to help assist me in my future of being an investment banker and politician. I reluctantly decided to take up the Politics course, due to the long hours of work it requires, but this subject is the best as it teaches you how the government runs, which affects every aspect of our lives. I highly recommend every student to take on this A-Level. The RGS also teaches me valuable skills, which are not just useful to an employer, but provide the qualities needed for a future leader or an entrepreneur; this is what makes the RGS so different to other local schools. The RGS offers a wide range of different extra-curricular activities to every student.

Whether you're into board games, or thrashing the nation in rugby (well done U18's!), this school will help you to be the best in whatever path you want to follow. Throughout this year, I have taken part in the Philosophy Society, which helps me to think critically, and the Politics Society, which allows me to listen to and take in other opinions to be more open-minded on controversial topics, from Brexit to the death penalty. Additionally, the Economics Society benefits me by allowing me to put all my economic knowledge into real-life practice. The Public Speaking Society, along with the Communications and Leadership skills course has boosted my confidence to be able to speak publicly, both in school life and socially.

This year, I formed the Royal United Nations society, where politics, philosophy, economics and Public Speaking come together to play an important role in me being an ambassador of a nation. So far, we have discussed the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the Kashmiri conflict, climate and the Sudanese Civil War. This has helped all students, even those as young as 14 understand what is going on in the world, as well as the different perspectives each

country takes to understand why they take the stance that they do. This can also allow students to build personal profiles and CVs when applying to universities.

With the assistance of Young Professionals and Pathway, I have been able to find multiple events and work experience days based on the career I would like to follow, so I highly recommend these platforms to all students, as they help you get an insight into the day in the life of a professional in your dream career. Thankfully, most of these events take place in London, so if you're like me and you love the city, you can treat it as a day out with your friends when the event is done! Through these events I have also been able to network with similar-minded, ambitious people and build strong connections with people within the region, ranging from Oxford to Kent. They also allow me to connect with the employers and ambassadors of elite firms such as Goldman Sachs, Fidelity, BP, and many other companies.

Outside school, I have also been interested in acting, being predominantly inspired by the works of Shah Rukh Khan, and have enrolled myself in Backstage. So far I have been appointed to play a few minor roles, assisted by our drama specialist Mrs Gilyeat with writing the cover letters that have got me these positions.

In primary school I was an outstanding cricketer, and am now playing again this year, working on improving myself before I reach university. Someone who has inspired me is Imran Khan, who studied PPE (Politics Philosophy and Economics) at Oxford, who then went on to become captain of the Pakistan national cricket team and won the World Cup. He inspires me as he stands up for what he believes and does everything he can to help his people. His resilience, confidence, strength, and the portfolio career he has had inspires me to be the best I can be, while helping others.



Ben Large-Martin Year 13

As a Year 13 student at the Royal Grammar School, I have investigated both traditional university options and the world of apprenticeships. My quest for knowledge and love of learning through experience have propelled me to explore uncommon chances that are in line with my interests and objectives ever since I started attending this institution in 2017. I first became aware of the enormous potential of apprenticeships and their sometimes-disregarded advantages in Year 12, when I happened to discover them.

Degree apprenticeships provide a unique fusion of academic learning and real-world professional experience. These programmes enable people to obtain a degree while working for a firm, in contrast to the conventional university approach. Apprenticeships give students significant skills and experiences that are highly valued by businesses by immersing them in a real-world environment. Gaining education and experience at the same time is possible during a degree apprenticeship, which creates the ideal conditions for an interesting professional path. As a result of this epiphany, I excitedly applied for a variety of apprenticeships, with an emphasis on prominent businesses recognised for their solid academic relationships, competitive pay, and potential career opportunities in computer science. I cast a wide net, concentrating on well-known companies like Rolls Royce, the Bank of England, Thales, Airbus, and many more.

I analysed each choice in this sea of choices, carefully weighing aspects like academic standing, possibility for job progression, and personal interests. I'm excited to inform that, after much thought, I will start an amazing career as a software apprentice at Thales in September 2023, all the while obtaining a degree at the prestigious Warwick University.

This chance is a turning point in my life as I excitedly look forward to using my love of computer science on practical Thales initiatives. The degree apprenticeship offers the ideal balance between theory and practice, laying the groundwork for a successful career in the IT sector.

I have been immensely appreciative of the support websites and tools that have helped me navigate the world of apprenticeships throughout my journey. I want to use my experience to encourage other students to embrace unconventional learning methods and not be hesitant to investigate apprenticeships. While attending a university may be the more common option, apprenticeships provide a priceless chance to acquire practical skills, thrive academically, and directly experience career advancement.

In conclusion, my quest for a degree apprenticeship has been a transformative experience filled with self-discovery, exploration, and calculated decision-making. Joining forces with Thales and Warwick University fills me with anticipation for the future of computer science. Through this article, I aim to ignite a spark within my peers, encouraging them to embrace the untapped potential of apprenticeships and make informed choices that align with their passions and aspirations. The world of hands-on learning is waiting to be explored — so let's dive in together.

APPRENTICESHIPS



The Festival Of Apprenticeships Summer Roadshow 2023 (27 June – 4 July)

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/youth-employment-uk-festival-of-apprenticeships/>

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News from Trinity College Cambridge
Participation Programmes/Open Days/Essay Competitions

<https://mailchi.mp/3299e2d5a9bb/stem-newsletter-13544209?e=686b25cf5a>



Caius Explore 2023 has now launched! Entries are open until 31 July 2023

Annual outreach programme aimed at helping students develop their super-curricular interests. For more information visit:-

www.cai.cam.ac.uk/access-outreach/resources-and-events/caius-explore



Open Days/Campus Tours/On-line Events

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/open-days>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/campus-tours>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/online-events>



Masterclasses / Open Days / Virtual Events

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/campaigns/year-12-upcoming-events>



The University of Law

Summer Open Days – Saturday 17 June & Saturday 8 July –
10am – 12.30pm

https://www.law.ac.uk/?utm_source=UCAS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TGM_UGLaw_UCAS_Email_PR_O_Generics_Advisors&utm_ID=25082&dclid=CK7ljryR9_4CFeAaBgAdciYBTw



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June Open Days <https://bit.ly/universityopendaysjune>

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Work experience, placements and internships at GSK

<https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/early-talent/work-experience-placements-and-internships/>



Degree Level Apprenticeships

https://insights.morgansindallconstruction.com/story/apprentice-stories-could-you-be-next/page/1?utm_source=Engage%20Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=NAW23%20Making%20a%20difference%20launch&utm_id=NAW23%20Making%20a%20difference



Loughborough
University

Passionate about studying Engineering at university?

Engineering Experience, our 2-day non-residential event, is taking place on 5th and 6th July 2023 and is perfect for Year 11 students looking to explore their futures in this sector.

Students will get the opportunity to take part in practical Engineering workshops and industry talks. Each session will be delivered by our academics or an expert in the industry and students are encouraged to pick subjects that they may not have considered before.

Students can attend either or both dates, and bookings close on 4th June 2023.

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Virtual Insight into University

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart) is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>



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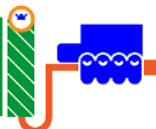
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