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RGS News

Summer Holidays Are Nearly Here!

RGS Careers Assemblies & Higher Education Talks

Kam Lambert (Previous RGS Head Boy)

Friday 20th May Inspire Assembly

A talk full of great tips and advice for Year 7 students. Did you know.... Kam set himself a target to become Head Boy when he was a Year 7 student!



Careers Talks for the upcoming Autumn Term will commence on Tuesday 20th September. Industries and Jobs to be showcased will include: Medicine, RAF Engineering, Pharmaceutical Industry, Software Development, Live Sports and Concerts, Chartered Surveying, Law and Motor Engineering. Careers Talks will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Upper Library. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Trip to the NFTS (National Film and Television School), Beaconsfield

Thanks to NFTS and the RGS Art Department for hosting an insightful school trip to the local studios. To find out more about courses, diplomas and Masters as well as awards and more click here: <https://nfts.co.uk/>



Higher Education Day - Year 12

Tuesday 28th June – The Queen’s Hall

Reminder - We look forward to welcoming all Year 12s to the upcoming Higher Education Day.

Success for RGS Young Artist Theo Fischer, Year 12

Theo Fischer, Year 12, has been chosen as one of only two artists from Key Stage 5 (out of 21,000 entries!) to have his work displayed at the Young Artists Summer Show at the Royal Academy. Theo is studying for A levels in Art, History and Geography and hopes to go on and study History at university. Theo thoroughly enjoys his Art A level, saying "Studying Art GCSE and A Level allows you to personalise your own course as opposed to rigidly following someone else's specification." His prize-winning sculpture 'The Beekeepers' is made from clay, supported by a wire frame, incorporating gold leaf. Well done to Theo. Find out more about the exhibition here:



<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2022>

Summer Holiday Trips

Focus on enhancing your university application and widening your curriculum knowledge with a trip to one of the wonderful Oxford museums: Ashmolean, Bodleian, Pitt Rivers and Oxford Natural History Museum all have free exhibitions. You might like to check out The Story Museum and Modern Art Oxford too!

<https://www.timeout.com/oxford/things-to-do/best-museums-in-oxford>



Doing Exams?

This time of year can mean different things to different people. For some students, it can be a time to prove themselves and to showcase everything they have worked hard for in the previous years. For others, it can be a time of unease in which they feel intense pressure. For parents, it can signify over-tired teens, burn out and overall tense family dynamics due to the pressure of the exam season. The saving grace - it will all soon be a distant memory for those that get to enjoy a long summer after months of hard work and effort.

<https://buckskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/doing-exams-or-know-someone-who-is-read-this>

Jobs for Generation Carbon

We all know that the climate crisis is one of the greatest potential disasters humanity has ever faced. There are many every-day things that we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint such as recycling, growing our own food and more. What career can you follow to help make the world more sustainable for decades to come?

<https://buckskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/4-jobs-for-generation-carbon>

Teacher Focus – Mr Alex McDonald-Smith Biology Teacher, Zoo Keeper & Actor

In a former life Mr McDonald-Smith was a Zookeeper at West Midland Safari Park. He is also a professional actor. Alex took A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Performing Arts & an Extended Project. He attended the following universities and colleges, taking these courses: BSc Zoology (University of Aberystwyth); PGCE (University of Worcester); MA Musical Theatre (Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama). As a Zookeeper Alex's title was 'Learning Officer' but in a nutshell he did all the interactive public talks with the smaller animals from skunks and racoon dogs to geckos.....and Digger the travel sick armadillo! This included about four hours a day of caring for the animals. His first job out of drama school was Singin' in the Rain at the Adelphi Theatre (London). This was quickly followed by the adult panto 'TinderElla' over Christmas.



EVENTS

Gresham College June Lectures – (Great for Everyone, Inspiration for EPQs, Personal Statements and Further Reading) from “How to Finance a Business to Globalisation, and Cyclic Cosmology with Nobel prize winner Roger Penrose”

[Watch Now | Gresham College](#)

Careers Seeker and Educator Events in Bucks and Online

[Bucks Skills Hub](#)

The University of Law Events

Criminal Investigation Day July 2022

This event is for anyone looking to experience what the role of a lawyer, criminologist, forensic police officer or judge would be like, and to find out how they interrelate. You will develop vital skills for the workplace and further education, such as debating, public speaking, logical thinking and cross-examination.

<https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/>

Royal Institution Summer Holiday Workshops – (for all ages):

During the school holidays, the RI run a range of exciting hands-on workshops, bringing to life all areas of science - including maths, computing and engineering <https://www.rigb.org/season/holiday-workshops>

UNIVERSITY

UK University/Apprenticeship London Summer 2022 Fair:

This event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. Find out more here <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/london-summer-2022>

London Summer 2022 Fair Friday 24th June 2022 - Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Event Time: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm.

Venue: Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, N17 0BX www.ukuniversitysearch.com

Apply: Cambridge University

Apply: Cambridge is a specialist and free programme designed to support highly able students from underrepresented backgrounds and areas to make successful applications to the University of Cambridge. This programme is for students intending to make an application to Cambridge in October 2022 for entry in October 2023.

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/find-out-more/widening-participation/apply-cambridge>

Sutton Trust Programme

We support young people from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers. In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future. <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/>



Sheffield University – Subject Taster Days

[Subject tasters](#) | [Undergraduate study](#) | [The University of Sheffield](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

InvestIN Work Experience Programmes

We are delighted that over 40 RGS students have signed up to InvestIN work experiences this term. There is still time to book on a course for the summer holidays. **10% discount code RGS10**. Experiences include **Art, Architecture, Engineering, Banking, Computer Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet, Law, Politics, Video Games, Filmmaking, Psychology, and lots more....** www.investin.org

Work Experience – Bucks

For more information on work experience placements in Buckinghamshire and beyond please click here: [| Career Seeker Resources | Buckinghamshire Skills Hub \(bucksskillshub.org\)](#)

Speakers for Schools

Free virtual work experience opportunities in a wide range of sectors – search here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/youth-opportunities/>

APPRENTICESHIPS

Zenopa Degree Apprenticeship and Year 12 Internships – High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Zenopa has achieved an excellent reputation as a leading recruitment business within the healthcare market, building strong relationships with clients by providing efficient and effective recruitment solutions since 1991. A career at Zenopa offers you the opportunity to positively influence the future for individuals and help to grow the companies who provide important products and services within the healthcare industry.



Whether you are just about to finish your **A-levels**, or are close to **graduating** from university and you are not sure on your next move, there are different career programmes for you to think about.

<https://www.zenopa.com/2022-business-degree-apprenticeship-buckinghamshire/job/68414>

An Insight into Apprenticeships

Email from RGS Leaver 2021, Jonathan Herath, BAE Systems Apprentice

“Currently I am undertaking a Project Management Degree Apprenticeship with BAE Systems, in conjunction with the University of Portsmouth. I am in the latter stages of my first of four and a half years on this scheme.

My Apprenticeship consists of completing yearly placements in different teams within a sector of the business. Alongside this, I am completing a tailored project management degree course. I spend four days a week working in my team and I spend the remaining day in university lectures or completing university studies.

Highlights for me have been the work trips and stretch activities I have been provided the opportunity to take part in. Additionally, travelling to Glasgow with my work team and my regular travel to Portsmouth has been a fantastic



experience. On a more personal note, despite not being at university full time, I have not found that my social life has suffered. Due to the good number of apprentices BAE employ each year I have been able to make several very good friends my age at work. Also, I am not too swamped to be unable to go out on weekends. This is because of the tailoring of the degree course meaning we are required to do less work than a full-time degree. This is not to say that the apprenticeship is easy; a good attitude and resilience is required. There is also far less free time compared to your average student, especially when considering the number of holiday days companies offer. Equally though, there is far less debt and job uncertainty that I take on as an apprentice. Namely, I get paid for my work and degree, and by the end of the scheme am essentially guaranteed a job if I would like one with the company I got experience with for the previous five years.”



BAE Systems Apprenticeships:

[https://baesystems.groupgti.com/Home/Guest?_ga=2.206160915.1889454142.1655118062-1891447163.1617092938#/#/](https://baesystems.groupgti.com/Home/Guest?_ga=2.206160915.1889454142.1655118062-1891447163.1617092938#/)

Pinewood Studios UAL Film Crew Training

Looking to break into the TV & Film sector? Want to train in production but not sure where to start? This opportunity could be for you. Together with the Creative Media Skills Institute, Pinewood is offering one year UAL film crew training for those under 19.

<https://buckskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/free-ual-one-year-film-crew-training-with-pinewood>

Be Your Own Boss

Thinking about starting a business? Help is at hand!

Register with Be Your Own Boss and give your new business the best chance of success

<https://buckskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/be-your-own-boss>

Amazing apprenticeships parents and carers pack

The May edition of the Parents & Carers' Pack is now available here, packed full of interesting articles about the new T Levels coming in September 2022, how to prepare for meeting apprenticeship employers, apprenticeships in catering and hospitality and much more. <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents#>

Apprenticeship Opportunities on the Bucks Skills Hub Website

[Apprenticeships](#) | [Opportunities](#) | [Buckinghamshire Skills Hub \(buckskillshub.org\)](#)

Apprenticeship TEAM

If anyone would like to join our school apprenticeship TEAM with updates on apprenticeship vacancies, opportunities, talks and resources please email Mrs Booth seb@rgshw.com.