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HIGHER EDUCATION

Widening participation in Higher Education

Widening access to the UK's most selective universities is an important means of increasing social mobility. One way of achieving this may be to make greater use of 'contextualised' admissions, to take account of the socio-economic background of potential candidates when considering their applications. The majority of UK universities now make contextual offers by using the contextual data they have on a student to suitably adjust their offer in order to narrow the gap between disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. You can find out more about this, and widening participation into apprenticeships at <https://www.suttontrust.com/>

Year 12 students in particular, who meet certain eligibility criteria (e.g. would be the first generation in their family to attend university) can apply to a Sutton Trust programme which they deliver in conjunction with leading universities and employers. An example is the Pathways to Engineering programme delivered with the University of Warwick. For more information on any of these programmes please visit: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/> Email Mrs Azad on sva@rgshw.com, or pop by the Careers Office.

Preparing for Interviews

Excellent advice on preparing for different style job and university interviews including competency-based interviews, some questions to ask and advice on University Clinical Aptitude Tests (MDVs)
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/interview-tips>

10 Common University Interview Questions

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/10-common-college-interview-questions-and-how-answer-them>

Oxford University Interview Questions

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/news/can-you-answer-these-oxford-university-interview-questions>

The Ultimate Guide to Passing Video Interviews

<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/video-interviews.htm>

Reminder - What Career and University – Live Virtual Event 6th-7th November

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/london>

APPRENTICESHIPS

Engineering Apprenticeship with Dyson – Deadline Nov 8th

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

Nestle Higher Level Apprenticeships based in Gatwick - Apply now

<https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/>

Apprenticeship Information Websites

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships>

<https://www.apprenticesandgraduates.co.uk/vacancies/>

<https://wannabebucks.org/> - for opportunities in Buckinghamshire

<https://centreforapprenticeships.co.uk/> - for opportunities in Buckinghamshire

WORK EXPERIENCE

Online Medical Work Experience

Josh Jankiewicz Year 12 “At MedSoc some of us have signed up for online work experience run by Medic Mentor in partnership with NHS Birmingham. Many online work experiences will be running due to COVID cancelling most other options, so they are the perfect opportunity to increase your chance of getting into your favoured university. What’s best is that these online work experiences can be done from the comfort of your home and are often free of charge. It’s a very easy way to boost your personal statement and show your interest in your subject. I seriously recommend searching for online work experience to anyone.”

Medic Mentor Y12 & Y13

Well done to all the RGS Y13s who have recently taken part in the Medic Mentor virtual live work experience program. Please do keep in touch with us and let us know how you are progressing. Email Mrs Azad at sva@rgshw.com. For potential Y12 Medics there are still spaces on the “Get into Medicine Conference” (£50) <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Investin

Immersive live on-line work experience weekend programmes and autumn internships for ages 12+. Costs detailed on the website. <https://investin.org/>

Forage Virtual Work Experience

Virtual work experience programs from Fortune 500 companies - <https://www.theforage.com/>

Register for free Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Industries with current virtual work experience opportunities include banking, politics, art and engineering <https://www.speakersforschools.org/>

CAREERS TALKS

RGS Careers Talks Team

Pupils please sign up to the open “Careers Talk” Team to find out about careers talks this term and to listen to webinars and tips from OWs and people about their higher education choices and career paths. This team is especially useful for Sixth Formers looking to make choices that may link in with future career paths. Email seb@rgshw.com to join.

Upcoming Careers Talks

- **Tuesday 10th November, Upper Library 1.45pm Anam Zafar – A Career with Languages** – Studying French and Arabic at Exeter University and a career in editing and translation. Pre-recorded with the option to take notes and ask relevant questions.
- **Tuesday 24th November, Upper Library 1.45pm Wes Azad –Working for the largest multinational internet company in the world @Amazon** – Graduate and Apprenticeship Opportunities - Talk in person
- **Friday 27th November, Computer Room 30 - Polly Jacobs – Softcat Marlow – Opportunities with an IT infrastructure provider** with live Q+A session – Live virtual talk

Coming soon..... Talks from:

- An engineer working on aerodynamics for supercars at Renault Sport
- An architect and OW,
- A finance professional about “A Career in the City”
- A police sergeant who has appeared on a TV programme tackling dangerous dogs

RECOMMENDED CAREERS RESOURCES

National Careers Service

NCS: Call 0800 100 900 to speak to an adviser. Lines are open from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.

All students should contact the National Careers Service to speak to an independent career’s advisor. They will discuss higher education and career pathways and send a written action plan. For further information, see <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

e-Clips

Find out more about pathways, careers and LMI (labour market information) with this useful resource: <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> NEW Password for RGS: yiophe12

Kudos

All Y10-13 have a Kudos account. Kudos can give career ideas based on a student’s likes and dislikes. It also has a wealth of information on pathways and LMI. School licence code: readcode80. <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/> |