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## RGS News

### Eid Mubarak Everyone!

*The Careers Department really enjoyed the Iftar Celebration at RGS – thanks for having us!*



### RGS Careers Assemblies & Higher Education Talks

#### Thank You

Thank you to Barney Wardale from The University of Bath <https://www.bath.ac.uk/>

Willow Herold from InvestIN <https://investin.org/>

Matt Birkett OW and Racetrack Designer at Driven International <https://driven-international.com/> and

Henley College [Home | The Henley College Oxfordshire](#)

who have joined us over the last month for Higher Education & Careers Talks and Assemblies.

Photos on Twitter [@RGSHWCareers](#) – Please follow us!



INVESTIN

**Driven.**

### Year 7 - Kam Lambert (Previous RGS Head Boy)

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May Inspire Assembly

Coming Soon...Talk from Kam Lambert, previous RGS Head boy and US sports scholar who has just been accepted by Oxford for a one-year placement, studying Philosophy.

A few students have asked us what these words/acronyms mean:

*OW = Old Wycombiensian – a previous RGS student. All students automatically become OWs when they leave RGS*

*UCAS = The University and College Admissions Service in the UK*

*Symposia = (1) A conference or meeting to discuss a particular subject. (2) A convivial discussion, especially as held in ancient Greece after a banquet (and notable as the title of a work by Plato).*

### Higher Education Day - Year 12

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – The Queen’s Hall

We look forward to welcoming all Year 12s to the upcoming Higher Education Day. Miss Munday will be taking students through the UCAS application process. Students will also hear from previous OW and Exeter Politics Graduate, Edward Hayward who currently works for Amazon. Recent OW and current engineering student Toko Avaliani will be joining us to talk about life at university along with some top tips ..... (how to boil an egg and how to use a washing machine usually make it in here!) The School Engagement Officer, Lucy Yarde, from Exeter University will also be delivering a talk and finally students will have time with their form tutors to make a start on their university applications and personal statements.

### Message from our External Careers Adviser, Vicki Harris from David Ritchie Associates



“I am a Careers Adviser with David Ritchie & Associates. I have 18 years’ experience working with 13–18 year olds providing information, advice and guidance around education options and careers. I remember from when I was at school how daunting it can be making choices that will affect your future. I didn’t have much guidance around this, so I am passionate about making sure young people have access to this so that they can make informed decisions. I love meeting young people and finding out what is important to them and their ideas for the future and helping them to navigate a path. I have very much enjoyed working in RGS this academic year and I look forward to meeting some more students over the summer term.”

### RGS GCSE Graphic Design Collaboration with BuddyBurst

The Art Department have been busy incorporating a business, and real-life work experience into the GCSE Graphics course with the help of Buddy Burst, a company founded by OW Jamie Gray. The company produces eco-friendly promo products and RGS students have been tasked with designing a new seed stick. Thanks to Shaheen in Buddy Burst’s Marketing Department who has been liaising with RGS’s Mrs Francis.



### School Symposium

Current symposia include: Medsoc, Law, Investment Banking and Science. If you are interested in finding out more or you are thinking of setting up your own symposium please email [seb@rgshw.com](mailto:seb@rgshw.com) or [sva@rgshw.com](mailto:sva@rgshw.com) and we can point you in the right direction.

### Teacher Focus – Kevin Watson Previous Life - Investment Banker

Kevin Watson started his City career in 1987. He worked in the oil and gas corporate finance division of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, before switching to its telecoms sector in 1998. In 2000, he was headhunted by Bear Stearns to work as a managing director within their newly-established telecoms team and was eventually made redundant in 2003 as the sector took a turn for the worse. We are now lucky to have him leading and teaching Physics here at RGS. Read more here:

[New career: School bell rings for bankers | This is Money](#)



### EVENTS

**Gresham College Lectures – (Great for Everyone – Inspiration for EPQs, Personal Statements and Further Reading)**

[Watch Now | Gresham College](#)

**Careers Seeker and Educator Events in Bucks and Online**

[Bucks Skills Hub](#)

### UNIVERSITY

With all the talk of UCAS, Open Days and Taster Days, you may want to look to attend university open/taster days between May-July. You can search for events here: <https://www.opendays.com/> and <https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

You can also have a look on the school website and see which teachers attended which university – they may have some good tips to share with you! [Royal Grammar School - Staff List 2021-2022 \(rgshw.com\)](http://Royal Grammar School - Staff List 2021-2022 (rgshw.com))

**University Taster Courses this summer (Fee applies)**

[Summer Residential Courses by EDT \(etrust.org.uk\)](http://Summer Residential Courses by EDT (etrust.org.uk))

Maths at Lancaster

Materials Science at Cambridge

Mechanical Engineering at UCL

Robotics at Liverpool

Engineering at Sheffield



**Sheffield University – Useful General Information**

[Virtual Schools Hub](#) is a one stop shop for schools and colleges to access [resources](#), [transition support](#), [information for parents](#) and pre-recorded HE advice and guidance sessions.

[Virtual Schools Hub | Schools and colleges | The University of Sheffield](#)

**Imperial College Open Days**

[Undergraduate open days | Study | Imperial College London](#)

**Oxford Brookes University Taster Days**

[Applicant and Open Days - Oxford Brookes University](#)

**Trinity College Essay Competitions**

[Essay Prizes and Competitions - Trinity College Cambridge](#)



**UCAS Virtual and Digital Open Days and Events**

Although nothing beats looking round universities in person, it is not always possible to do this.

UCAS has a list of upcoming virtual and digital open days and events which may be helpful. <https://wwwucas.com/ucas/events/find>

[UCAS Discovery Online | Exhibition | UCAS](#)



### Student Finance England Guidance for Undergraduates

Sign up for 2022/2023 Student Finance Updates

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

### Pure Potential Events and Opportunities

Sixth formers can explore degree subjects through mock lectures, university life through campus visits, find out about funding, and career paths through virtual events, live seminars and more. We have listings from a range of universities as well as organisations such as the Inner Temple (Barristers), the Sutton Trust, Prime and upReach. Click here: <http://purepotential.org> <PurePotential>



### A Career in Property with The University of Reading

25-28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 12

Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through university or through an apprenticeship. All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered

How to Apply: Applications close on 21<sup>st</sup> May, though earlier entries are strongly encouraged. Visit the website at

[Pathways to Property | Henley Business School](#)

### Cambridge University Natural Science Taster Webinars

25<sup>th</sup> May/8<sup>th</sup> June/15<sup>th</sup> June

Pembroke College are offering a series of Natural Sciences Taster Sessions aimed at Y12, giving attendees the opportunity to explore their subject areas of interest in more depth, gain insight into the Natural Sciences course at Cambridge, and pose questions to their academics: <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12natsci>

**The Lucy Cavendish College Summer Preparation Programme** Designed to bridge the gap between GCSE (National 5/equivalent) and A-Level (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent) study by providing students with a month-long programme of academic enrichment tailored to their stage of the curriculum. The programme will consist of study skills workshops on a range of important themes such as time management and essay writing, university readiness sessions to support students as they plan their next steps to top Universities like Cambridge, and substantive knowledge sessions, designed to supplement students' foundational academic knowledge so that they can hit the ground running when they start their post-16 studies. Full info and sign-up details: <https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/summer-preparation-programme>

### Year 12 Selwyn Subject Summer Schools, 8 June - 6 July

A series of 2-day residential summer schools with specialised focus (7 in total: Medicine, Engineering, History and Politics, Literature and Culture, Physical Natural Sciences, Biological Natural Sciences, and Languages). There are only 20 spaces per subject area. <https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/joining-selwyn/undergraduates/access-and-outreach/summer-schools>



### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **CMS Law Scholarships**

Scholarships are for students committed to pursuing the university route and from backgrounds which research shows are less likely to achieve a place at a prestigious university.

**Eligibility:** Scholarships are aimed at students who will be the first generation in their family to go to university.

**There are also certain financial criteria, such as free school meal eligibility that students need to meet.** Full details of these and how to apply can be found on our dedicated Scholarships website:

<https://www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/law-scholarships/>

#### **CMS Connect (formerly PRIME)**

CMS Connect is designed for school and college students who might think a career in law is out of reach.

To find out more, check eligibility and apply, visit: [www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/work-experience/](http://www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/work-experience/)

Applications for both programmes open on 3 May 2022.

#### **Veterinary Science / Zoology / Gold DofE - Summer Zoo Experiences at Blackpool and Whipsnade**

<https://samsykesltd.co.uk/dofe/residentials>

<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-whipsnade-zoo-academy-15-17-year-olds>

#### **Ernst & Young Summer Business Academy**

[https://www.ey.com/en\\_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools/ey-business-academy](https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools/ey-business-academy)

This is aimed at Year 12 students who are interested in applying for an apprenticeship. The programme takes place over 5 days in the summer and is available to undertake in an area of the business and in offices around the UK. This programme is designed to give students a real insight into what it's like to work at EY and a taster of what they would experience on an apprenticeship at EY.



#### **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 RGSHW10.** Experiences include **Art, Architecture, Engineering, Banking, Computer Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet, Law, Politics, Video Games, Filmmaking, Psychology, and lots more....** [www.investin.org](http://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 \(buckskillshub.org\)](#)

#### **Speakers for Schools**

Free virtual work experience opportunities in a wide range of sectors – search here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/youth-opportunities/>



#### **Green Futures**

Internships Green Futures is a Buckinghamshire based project. One of its aims is to help highlight what careers are available in the outdoor environment and how young people can access jobs connected to land and nature.

[| Career Seeker Resources | Buckinghamshire Skills Hub \(buckskillshub.org\)](#)



### APPRENTICESHIPS

#### Apprenticeship TEAM

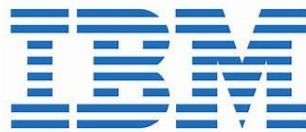
If anyone would like to join our school apprenticeship TEAM with updates on apprenticeship vacancies, opportunities, talks and resources please email Mrs Booth [seb@rgshw.com](mailto:seb@rgshw.com).

#### Barclays Apprenticeships

Higher/degree apprenticeships in either Operations, Technology and Functions (Finance). These lead to a degree or a professional qualification. <https://search.jobs.barclays/higher-apprenticeships>

#### Apprenticeships at PWC, IBM and BT

[Success at School: Search Jobs and Courses](#)



#### Apprenticeship Opportunities on the Bucks Skills Hub Website

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

#### Careers in Finance for School Leavers

[Investment20/20 for School Leavers - Investment20/20 \(investment2020.org.uk\)](#)



#### Mercedes Benz

<https://mercedes-benztraining.co.uk/mercedes-benz-academy-programme.aspx>.

Apprenticeships are open to students who are 16 and over (they must be 16 to start the programme in September, so can apply whilst they are 15), and ideally students with a Grade 4 or above in English and Maths at GCSE. Further information can be found on the website, as well as some hints and tips about writing an application.

#### The National Careers Service – Who Are They & How Can They Help?

[Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)

