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RGS News

Autumn Term

RGS Careers & Higher Education Talks

Please join us for an exciting array of careers talks this term – details below!



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| Tuesday 27th September | Mr David Keown | Working in the Pharmaceutical Industry – All Years Chemistry Department – C3 |
| Tuesday 4th October | Mr Kishor Kukadia | IT Software Developer – All Years – U/L |
| Tuesday 11th October | Mr Tony Bobbin | RAF Engineer & Rail Industry – All Years – U/L |
| Tuesday 8th November | Mr Tomas Llewellyn | Live Sports and Entertainment Industry – All Years – U/L |
| Tuesday 15h November | Dr Adnan Ali | A Career in Medicine – All Years – U/L |
| Tuesday 22nd November | Mr Faraz Baber | Chartered Surveyor – Property Planning and Development & The Importance of Relationships All Years – U/L |
| Tuesday 29th November | Her Honour Judge Anupama Thompson | A Career in Law (Barrister & Judge) - All Years U/L |
| Tuesday 6th December | Mr Ben Jeppesen | Engineering – Motor and Technology Industries - All Years – U/L |



“Thank You” to Jane Marshall from Optimising Futures

Jane Marshall has been in school this week, offering 1-2-1 personal statement and university interview clinics with our Year 13 students. She also delivered an engaging talk to the whole year on the topic of preparing for interviews as well as a focused talk on medical ethics for our hopeful Medics, Dentists and Vets. If any students not considering early entry would like a single review of their personal statement from 10th-21st October, Jane has kindly agreed to offer this service privately to RGS students for £50 (first come first served). Contact Jane Marshall directly at janemarshallpsi@gmail.com

More information here: <https://www.optimisingfutures.co.uk/>

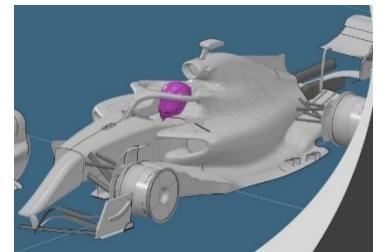
Matthew Duxbury shares his summer work experience with Alpine



After hearing about an opportunity through the RGS Careers Department, I was fortunate to spend a week this July at the Alpine F1 team headquarters in Enstone doing work experience. At the beginning of the week I used CAD software to design parts for a 2022 F1 car, such as the front and rear wings, followed by presenting my design to the Aerodynamics Department. For the second half of the week, I was in the model shop, where I assembled and painted a small model of an F1 car, as well as helping to construct parts of the actual models that are used for testing in the wind tunnel. I thoroughly



enjoyed seeing what the engineers at Alpine do on a daily basis, and learning more about the process of designing a Formula 1 car. The experience was a great way to see where a degree in engineering could take me.



Professional Artist and OW 1997-2003 Jonathan Ray shares his biography with us His work is currently being shown at The Tate, St Ives

I studied a foundation course at BCUC in 2003-2004, a BA Hons Fine Art at Nottingham Trent 2004-2007 and then an MFA Fine Art Media at Slade School of Art, UCL, 2014-2016. Between my BA and MFA, I worked for a year at Paul Smith menswear print design department, studied a year at the London College of fashion in garment technology, and then gained employment at Roland Mouret.

In 2011 I moved to Montreal, Canada with my then partner, and began working as the studio assistant to the sculptor [Michel de Broin](#). I returned to the UK in 2014, to attend the Slade at UCL, and graduated with a Distinction in 2016. This was followed by a fully funded studio residency in Hong Kong for 4 months. For two years, I financially supported my art practice as an art handler and gallery technician at White Cube and Hales Gallery in London before moving to Cornwall with my wife in 2018. As you can see, becoming a professional artist is a long road, and I am just starting to see the fruits of many years of study and work. In my experience, there are as many ways to find success as an artist, as there are definitions of success. Key for me was taking time after my BA to explore other creative industries, travelling and working abroad. Working as an assistant to a professional artist for a few years was as close to an apprenticeship you can find in the artworld and I would value this more than university study (though arguably I wouldn't have achieved the latter without the former), and as a practising artist I have found a lot of value and success in applying for artist residencies which can offer funded international travel, a studio, a bursary for making work and an exhibition to showcase the work made. Finally, the most important thing is becoming an active part of a creative network or community, and being very proactive in organising your own exhibitions (it can take a very long time until anyone comes along and offers you anything, so you have to put the work in). [Info — Jonathan Michael Ray](#) [TATE ST IVES — Jonathan Michael Ray](#)



Article from The Sunday Times: Fall in number of school leavers heading to university

Data from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service reveals that the percentage of British school leavers going to university has fallen for the first time in a decade. UCAS revealed that just 37.6% of 18-year-olds will start degrees at UK universities this autumn, or have a deferred place to start next year, compared with 38.4% last year, the first drop since 2012, the year when annual tuition fees of £9,000 were introduced. *The Sunday Times* reports that many school leavers are avoiding a university education and choosing an apprenticeship instead. Figures reveal it is now harder to become an apprentice with employers such as BP, Deloitte and Lloyds than it is to win a place at Oxford or Cambridge. Mark Corver, a former head of data at UCAS and now chief executive of the consultancy DataHE, which analysed the new figures, said: "[This] is a sea change that will need careful choices by teenagers leaving school and is the start of a trend likely to continue for several years. It is due to the worsening economics for universities in supplying places to UK teenagers." Alan Smithers, director of the Centre for Education and Employment Research, University of Buckingham, said: "We have reached a high point in university admissions for British teenagers. That may be a good thing, because young people will have to think more realistically about their futures. Tony Blair's ambition of 70% of young people going to university [by 2040] is wholly unrealistic. It may seem disappointing to some who are not getting in but it is a wake-up call to think about other options."

[The Sunday Times](#)

Places for Medicine

This year places will be as competitive as ever – read article below:

[Government defends medical student number cap - BBC News](#)

EVENTS

Gresham College Competition

(This year's theme - the environment and sustainability)

[The Gresham Competition | Gresham College](#)

Gresham Lectures

Also check out this month's lectures. Highlights include Long Covid by Professor Monica Lakhanpaul plus War and Peace in Europe from Hitler to Putin by former Provost, Professor Sir Richard Evans. Gresham Professor of Law, Leslie Thomas QC, will also continue his examination of the British Legal system; his first lecture asks Do We Need Juries?

https://www.gresham.ac.uk/coming-soon?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI49yAgZWI-glVce3tCh2elgHKEAAYASAAEgJ_RPD_BwE



Young Professionals Virtual Events

Business Accounting and Finance and
Engineering and Construction

September 2022 More details here:

[Events – Young Professionals \(young-professionals.uk\)](#)



New Scientist Live Event London

The UK'S Biggest Science Festival 7th-9th October 2022

[What's on at New Scientist Live](#)

Careers Seeker and Educator Events in Bucks and Online

[Bucks Skills Hub](#)

The University of Law

Events and Open Days

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



UNIVERSITY

UCAS - RGS Deadlines Reminder

Wednesday 21 September – final submission of all Oxbridge (min 1 (2) uni choices), MDVs (min 4 uni choices)
Guaranteed if above deadline met - Applications will be sent out from RGS to UCAS by 15 October 2022

Wednesday 16 November – final submission date for any prediction upgrades (non OMDV)

Guaranteed if above deadline met - Applications will be sent out from RGS to UCAS by 25 January 2023

Explore Universities, Subjects and more...

[Explore subjects, locations, universities, and colleges | UCAS](#)

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>

WORK EXPERIENCE

InvestIN Work Experience Programmes

Over 42 RGS students signed up to InvestIN work experience courses last year. Courses are now available for Autumn and include **Art, Architecture, Engineering, Banking, Computer Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet, Law, Politics, Video Games, Filmmaking, Psychology, and lots more....** www.investin.org 10% discount code RGSBW10.

Work Experience – Bucks

For more information on work experience placements in Buckinghamshire and beyond please click here:

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

NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience

For students interested in Pharmacy, Nursing, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Radiography, Prosthetics, Speech and Language Therapy

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Speakers for Schools

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

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



Easter 2023 Law Work Experience, Kent

<https://www.ts-p.co.uk/join-us/work-experience>

The Beginners Guide to A Career in Law

[The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law 2022 \(flippingbook.com\)](https://www.flippingbook.com)

Fujitsu – IT Work Experience – Apply by 19th October

Includes Quantum Computing, Smart Cities and Cyber Security

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/fujitsu-workx>



Engineering – Find Out More About Engineering – Apply by 19th October

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/engineering-work-experience>

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship Opportunities on the Bucks Skills Hub Website

[Apprenticeships | Opportunities | Buckinghamshire Skills Hub \(bucksskillshub.org\)](https://www.bucksskillshub.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.

Engineering Degree Apprenticeship with The Dyson Institute

Register your interest now

<https://www.dysoninstitute.com/applying/>

Law Apprenticeship Guide 2022

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/129262654/16/>

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