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## RGS NEWS

### September—October Half-Term

The new school year has been off to a great start!

The Careers Team launched the recruitment of RGS Careers Champions, students in each year group who will be Mrs Thakrar's and the Careers Prefects' link for all matters relating to careers for their year. Congratulations to Najam and Max (Y7), Yuvi (Y8), Emad (Y9), Oliver (Y10), Sakhran (Y11) and Amir (Y12), who, after a competitive application, interview and selection process, will serve as the Student Voice and help drive careers education forward at RGS with their input and feedback.



The Careers Prefects exhibited terrific leadership skills by not only hosting/chairing the Buckinghamshire Student Leaders' Careers Forum but also delivering an all-inspiring 'Introduction to Careers' Assembly for our youngest pupils. They shared with Y7 what their future at RGS may be like and why it is important to start building blocks now, aiming to dream big for their next steps!



PwC, a world's Big 4, have visited Y10 and Y11 to talk about opportunities with them as Degree/Higher Apprentices. Students learnt all about this alternative pathway to a degree and heard about what they can start doing now to excel in application processes.

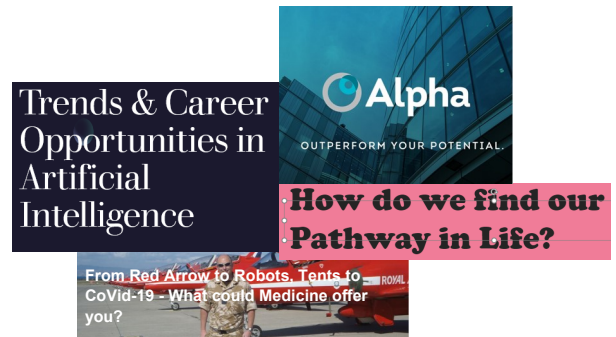
Our aspiring Medics, Dentists and Vets had a Mock Interview Evening to experience the process they may encounter when applying to medical/vet schools in the highly competitive programmes that use this selection format. Thank you to all volunteers from the Medic community who gave up an evening to share their expertise with our students.



RGS Careers was delighted to be invited to meet the legendary astronaut, Chris Hadfield, in person in Amersham. Sankarshan, Eesah and Basil (Y12) who attended this event (along with several other students) said they "will cherish this day forever" after feeling so inspired by his career. Mr Watson who was also there said "What a genuinely nice, thoughtful, interesting, funny and intelligent person. I am so pleased I was there!"

## RGS Careers & Higher Education Talks

Our [Tuesday Talks](#) have been really well attended and there has been something for everyone: from Psychology to Cyber, Medicine to Finance and Apprenticeships. Thank you to all our volunteers for supporting us. See below for the Tuesday Lunchtime Careers Talks schedule up until the end of the Autumn term.



<b>Tues 7th November</b>	Chemical Engineering	Barrie Marsden - Alumni
<b>Tues 14th November</b>	Career Path after leaving the RGS - Software and Technology	Fraser Hutchison - Alumni
<b>Tues 28th November</b>	Medicine	Hugh Furness - Alumni
<b>Tues 5th December</b>	Isaac Physics Project/University of Cambridge	Dr Anton Machacek - Alumni
<b>Tues 12th December</b>	EPOs and Academic Writing	University of Sheffield

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## Meet the New Careers Prefect Team



### Krish Chopra Year 13

I'm a Year 13 student and entrepreneur, with a passion for both business and economics hoping to continue in this field at degree level at Oxford or Warwick. As part of my careers role I have taken a part in the SMBP (a business mobility partnership to promote access to opportunities in different careers) with work experience at Formula One, Lloyds and Warner Music Group, as well as taking on a role as a young leader for The Brokerage, London which means I'll be working with companies such as Deutsche Bank and PWC. Outside school I have maintained a consistent dedication towards the financial world, whether it be keeping up to date with the current economic climate of the housing market or independent research and investment into my own ISA and CFD accounts: this further provided me insight into the fundamentals of the market and behavioural economics. Feel free to reach out to me with anything to do with careers and guidance at [17KChopra@rgshw.com](mailto:17KChopra@rgshw.com)



### Prathik Kannan Year 13

Hello! I'm Prathik and I'm thrilled to be serving as your Careers Prefect this year.

In my free time I enjoy playing cricket – it's my way of staying active and developing camaraderie. Additionally, I have a keen interest in public speaking, as it allows me to share my ideas and connect with others in a meaningful way. I am currently tackling my A levels in Maths, Physics, and Chemistry. They serve as a great challenge which I cherish.

When I'm not crunching numbers and trying to figure out how buffer solutions work (a treat for Year 13 Chemistry), you can find me immersed in the world of computer programming. There's something fascinating about coding and bringing ideas to life through technology. It's like solving puzzles that create something incredible!

Looking ahead, I've set my sights on diving deeper into the realm of Computer Science at university. I'm excited to explore the ever-evolving world of technology and contribute to its growth.

With enthusiasm and humility, I look forward to the next chapter of my academic journey, where I hope to continue learning, growing, and making meaningful contributions to my fellow students by dedicating myself to the Careers department.



### Jacques Bonnefoy Year 13

There are many different types of learning opportunities available wherever you look. We are all in a school that ensures that every student is pushed to achieve the best possible results; we can, however, sometimes lose out on learning opportunities because we just don't realise that they are there. Examples of this are competitions and sports. The number of lessons you can learn from competing in sporting fixtures or academic competitions is amazing.

In October, I took part in the UKSDC (UK space design competition). This competition taught me so much about general physics and design technology. The amount of work that went into the design by our whole team which consisted of several Year 12 and Year 13 students was amazing and the collaboration between us and Wycombe High School was great. The day was tiring due to it being a whole 12 hours of competing, however it was great fun. Even though we didn't win the competition, I think everyone who participated can agree that it was a day where a lot was learnt.

In Year 10, I competed in the algorithmics competition with 4 other students in my year. Even though it was quite a spontaneous decision to take part in this, we thoroughly enjoyed it. The advantage is that this was during lock down and could all be done remotely and even though joining some people over calls and messages was complicated at times, we pushed through and came out well coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the country and 4<sup>th</sup> worldwide.

These experiences are examples of what I meant. Not all learning will occur in school and a large portion of learning will take place outside school. I know that taking part in competitions outside of school time can be a little inconvenient as you might have other things to do instead of this but I would really recommend taking part in as many as possible as you will see it be very useful when you get to the Sixth Form and you have to create a CV.



## UNIVERSITY OF HULL

The new Chancellor's Scholarship is a **full-fee scholarship** and will be awarded to 10 students per year, starting with 2024/25 entry.

It **will cover the full cost of their undergraduate tuition fees** and will be available to Home/UK students who demonstrate high academic achievement and potential.

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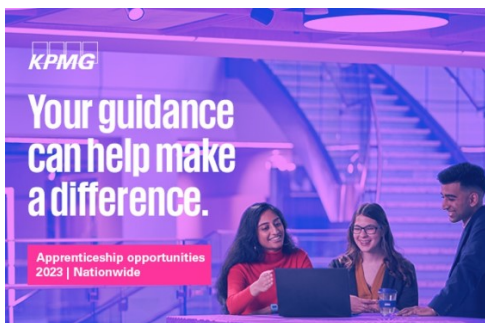
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