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CAREERS EDUCATION,
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NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the new format of the RGS Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Newsletter.

The aim of this bi-termly newsletter is to keep you updated with all the careers-related events and activities that are happening at RGS, with our partners or in the external world. You will hear about news of forthcoming events that may be of interest, reviews of activities that have been organised by the school and Labour Market Information (LMI) updates.

We also hope to have spotlight features on career sectors opportunities, universities, apprenticeships, employers and current/past students, so hopefully there is something for everyone!

The purpose of school is to prepare pupils to become future resilient professionals, who will be ready to make a positive contribution to society.

That is what our Careers Department is here for: to build the synergy between school and work and to make our pupils successful career owners of tomorrow.

We are very proud to have been awarded the title of National **“Centre of Excellence in Careers”** by Challenge Partners in December 2023 (read more about this title further in this edition). This truly demonstrates RGS’ commitment to an all-round education for our students where academics are strongly coupled with preparing students for the wider world.

If you would like to contribute to future Careers Newsletters or get involved with the Careers Department in any way, please do get in touch on: careers@rgshw.com
We would love to hear from you!

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a summary of upcoming partner events and opportunities that you may want to sign up to, in order to raise your careers profile.

Talks/Insight Events:

- <https://pathwayctm.com/>
- <https://young-professionals.uk/>
- https://stories.surrey.ac.uk/OlbersParadox/index.html?dm_i=7LHT,2948,W7Y6S,8U7W,1

Work Experience:

- www.investin.org (use RGSHW10 for a 10% discount)
- <https://www.springpod.com/>
- <https://www.speakersforschools.org/>
- <https://www.studentladder.co.uk/work-experience/#>
- [Career Shapers Year 10 and 11: 5th-6th August 2024 \(virtual\)](#)
- [Career Shapers Year 12: 15th-17th July 2024, audit & assurance focused \(virtual\)](#)
- www.thameshospice.org.uk/work-with-us/work-experience/

Higher Education:

- [University Taster Days: https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx](https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx)

STEM Opportunities:

- <https://smallpeicetrust.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=29231bb22067a100fc65a0ad5&id=59ba4d002e&e=c555517b74>
- <https://smallpeicetrust.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=29231bb22067a100fc65a0ad5&id=31040b5af3&e=c555517b74>
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- <https://smallpeicetrust.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=29231bb22067a100fc65a0ad5&id=971e3bb01c&e=c555517b74>
- <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/be-inspired/schools-outreach/secondary-schools/summer-schools/>
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd61Yh0YBlyBIFwvxUVor9eTNTF-HfHy4C9SQpYQJWEFE2vvQ/viewform>

Apprenticeships:

- <https://www.studentapprenticeships.co.uk/>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2024/01/Higher-and-Degree-Vacancy-Listing-for-January-2024.pdf>
- <https://onhnsfinance.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NHS-Finance-Insights-Placement-Scheme-brochure-SOUTH-EAST.pdf>
- https://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/content/Apprentices/?locale=en_G

Competitions/Academies:

- <https://www.digitalcamp.org.uk/digital-academy/>

WORK EXPERIENCE Y11 KPMG SESSION



To gear up for their Work Experience Week this summer, Year 11 students received invaluable insights from Asif Akthar, a Partner at KPMG and an alumnus of RGS. His expertise and advice on navigating the intricacies of work experience provided both practical guidance and served as a motivational boost for the students. As they prepare to immerse themselves in various opportunities, Asif's shared wisdom aims to empower them in enhancing their employability profiles.

All Y11 will take part in five days of immersive Work Experience, scheduled between July 1st and July 12th, immediately following their GCSE exams. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming support from parents who have played a crucial role in securing fantastic placements for our students. Your contributions have been truly remarkable.

The diversity and enthusiasm displayed by our students in choosing their placements are commendable. From Veterinary Science to Engineering, Pharmacy to Digital Technology, the range of sectors our students have chosen is truly impressive.

We firmly believe that this hands-on experience will offer invaluable insights and contribute significantly to our students' personal and professional development. It's a chance for them to apply their classroom knowledge, explore their interests, and gain real-world exposure in their chosen fields.

Parents, with your continued support, we're confident that this Work Experience programme will be a resounding success, empowering our students as they embark on their future endeavours with confidence and clarity. Students, if you haven't yet filled in the Unifrog form, please do so ASAP!

YEAR 7 YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Through a series of engaging and interactive activities, students collaborated in teams to initiate their own business ventures. Tasks included budget management, brand development, and crafting marketing strategies. The event concluded with students having gained valuable insights into the world of business, refining their teamwork and presentation skills, and acquiring a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship.

The triumphant teams were invited to the stage to receive accolades from none other than Mr. Wayne, our Headmaster, Mr. Jones, the Finance Director at RGS, and our distinguished guests for the day.





HIGHLIGHTS:



Tom, a member from the team who won the award for Best Marketing company with Just Bounce, shared:

"The Young Enterprise day was fun, but also made me think about what I wanted to do in the future, and where my strengths could be in running a business. It helped me understand all the different skills that are needed for the diverse roles when running a business, and how my skills could be used in the best, most effective way. I learnt how to craft an elevator pitch as a team, and how to present it in a captivating, convincing way. I also learned different things such as marketing, which I am happy our team won the award for."

Awais, a member of the team which won the Best Pitch and overall Best Company awards, with Muscle Monsters shared: "As a year group we were all looking forward to what this day will entail as there was a lot of buzz around it following the success from last year.

The year group was split into Teams and instructed to put together a plan after being given a theme. The theme we were given was 'gym'. Following this, each member in our team was allocated a role, which involved execution of our business plan. We came up with our company name 'Muscle Monsters' and the tagline 'Unleash your Inner Beast!' I was part of the Design team. My sole responsibility was the logo design, which I thoroughly enjoyed. We collaborated with other Teams to mutually benefit from our business ideas and the profits generated, after strong negotiations on both parts.



We had the opportunity to present our company to the panel explaining our business plan and ideas. I can proudly say 'Muscle Monsters' won two awards - Best Elevator Pitch and Best Business. There was some great talent displayed from the other teams and it was a tough competition. I learnt that to succeed, individual commitment to a group effort, is what makes a team work!

Kiyan, whose team, Ride for Life, did not win any of the awards, still made the most of the day. This is what he had to say: "The Young Enterprise Day was very enjoyable as we engaged in teamwork activities and strengthened our skills in working with different people. Adding to the excitement was the fact that we were off timetable for the whole day, doing different projects about to a new enterprise.



Though I wasn't part of a winning team, it was still a great opportunity for me. I developed a range of marketing skills and my role as Finance Director taught me to manage the money side of businesses. This experience showed me how Maths is used in everyday life, for example, working out the costs and profits of a company. I also developed more confidence in my presentation skills whilst pitching to the Dragons to get their buy-in in my team's - Ride for Life - bike and scooter company.

Through the Young Enterprise Day, I developed a strong interest in working in business when I am older and it gave me a great understanding of what happens in the world of work.

YEAR 12 HIGHER ED EVENING:

We were delighted to welcome a full house in the QH for our annual Higher Education Evening for Y12. It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm of both parents and students who joined us, eager to gain insights into the university application process and what lies beyond RGS.

Led by an admissions panelist of the esteemed University of Birmingham, the event offered invaluable guidance on a range of higher education topics. From navigating application procedures to understanding academic expectations and embracing extracurricular opportunities, attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of what lies ahead.



MORRISBY TESTING

RGS has had a long-standing strategic partnership with Morrisby, a distinguished provider of psychometric testing services renowned for its precision and reliability.

Through Morrisby's suite of psychometric tests, students from Year 10 to Year 13 gain access to meticulously designed assessments that delve into their cognitive abilities, personality traits, and vocational interests.

How to sign up for the optional test:

Go to: <https://app.morrisby.com/morrisby-pay?passedCode=p82J6A> which will be valid for use until Monday 6th May 2024. Please make sure your son's school email address is used.

Upon payment, an email will be sent to the purchaser giving them a username and password for their child which can be used immediately. Once they have these details the student will need to go to www.morrisby.com and 'Log in' in the top right-hand corner of the screen using their username and password to get access to the initial screen they need to complete prior to taking the assessments. From here they will be guided through the process. The Morrisby Profile does not need to be taken at any particular time and does not need to be completed in one session.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

RGS enthusiastically embraced National Careers Week in mid-March with a diverse array of school-wide activities aimed at fostering career exploration and development among students.



Through our partnership with the Buckinghamshire Skills Hub, all students (Y7 to Y13) participated in a virtual webinar focusing on Labour Market Information. During the session, they gained insights into various local opportunities and pathways available to them. Our aim was to dispel stereotypes and broaden awareness of the multitude of options accessible to them, empowering them to make informed decisions about their next steps.



A Unifrog Workshop offered Y12 students valuable insights into exploring career opportunities and university searches. Through active participation, students deepened their understanding of the UK job market, explored diverse career paths available, dived into higher education/apprenticeship routes, and sharpened their proficiency in utilising Unifrog's tools to chart their career paths effectively. By attending the workshop, students gained the expertise and resources needed to make well-informed decisions about their future endeavours within the career landscape.



The DfE Y7 Future Skills Questionnaire, offered students a great opportunity to reflect on their career-related knowledge and skills. It helped inform continuous improvement on pathway knowledge and next-steps options awareness. Through self-reflection and raising aspirations students could identify strengths and areas to work on early on, enabling the Careers Department to align curriculum activities with career skills, ensuring a more relevant and beneficial learning experience.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

We are delighted to announce that RGS has been awarded the prestigious title of National “Centre of Excellence” in Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance by Challenge Partners.

This recognition highlights our school’s commitment to providing the highest standard of guidance and support to our students as they navigate their educational journey and prepare for their futures.

As a National “Centre of Excellence”, we offer comprehensive career education programmes and tailored guidance to empower each student to explore their interests and pursue pathways aligned with their goals.

This achievement reflects our dedication to excellence and assures parents that their child is attending a school that prioritises their future success, looking at the all-round education of each student.

Additionally, our expertise will extend beyond our school walls, as other educational institutions will look to us for advice and guidance, through webinars and school visits.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT



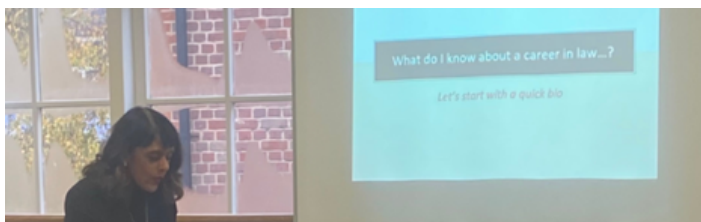
Join our dynamic careers programme and become an integral part of shaping future pathways!

At RGS, we highly value the expertise and guidance that parent volunteers bring to the table. With your unique perspectives and diverse backgrounds, you can make a profound impact on the professional development of our students.



Whether you have experience in a specific industry, a knack for networking, or simply a passion for supporting youth, there's a place for you in our volunteer team.

Get involved today and help us empower the next generation to thrive in their careers!



If you are interested in participating, please email us at careers@rgshw.com. In your email, kindly include your field of expertise and your availability. We will then coordinate with you to arrange suitable engagements that align with our students' interests and aspirations.

Thank you!





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