

**9 January 2025**

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

### **Invitation to Year 12 Futures Evening – Exploring Pathways Beyond RGS**

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our **Futures Evening**, which will take place on **Wednesday, 5th February, from 18:30 to 20:30**, in person at the Queen's Hall. This event will feature a distinguished university admissions panellist alongside a Department for Education representative, offering a comprehensive overview of the different pathways available after sixth form.

The Futures Evening is an essential event for Year 12 students as they explore their options beyond RGS. Whether they are considering university or alternative routes such as degree and higher apprenticeships, this evening will provide valuable insights into the decision-making process. Key topics to be covered include:

#### **University Pathways**

- Understanding the application process
- Guidance on writing a compelling personal statement
- Key deadlines and submission procedures
- Insight into student life, accommodation, and campus facilities

#### **Degree and Higher Apprenticeships**

- Overview of apprenticeship pathways and benefits
- Application tips and what employers are looking for
- Balancing work, study, and professional development

#### **General Guidance**

- Choosing the right pathway: university vs. apprenticeships
- Transitioning from A-levels to the next stage of education or training
- The importance of extracurricular activities and personal development

We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend this event together to gain a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities available. After the main presentations, there will be an opportunity to stay behind and ask questions directly to our guest speakers.

We look forward to welcoming you to this informative and engaging evening.

Sincerely,

Mrs Sweta Thakrar  
Careers Lead

Mr Grant Sheehan  
Assistant Head & Director of Sixth Form