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Careers Bulletin – July 2023



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Thank you to all RGS' Enterprise Advisers, Alumni, Volunteers, Employers, HE/FE Partners and the entire Community for another great academic year. What you do matters! Wishing you a restful summer break!

RGS NEWS

This Half-Term

The term kicked off with 100+ **Y9** pupils going off on **Work Shadowing** placements. They engaged with a number of employers in a variety of different sectors from finance, health, education, law and many more! They did superbly and made RGS proud. Some comments from organisations that offered placements include:

"I was very pleased to see your student's work ethic throughout the day and his sociable attitude within an office environment. He is a very focussed individual with a good understanding of how to draft a professional and detailed email. He was very polite when contacting clients and when speaking to staff members within the company. We would delighted to have him back again in the future."

"Your student has conducted himself with poise and confidence and has definitely made his family and school very proud."



We had the **Y9 Careers Activities Day**, where pupils developed skills that will help them not only now, but in the future. A number of external providers (employers, HE institutions, Bucks partners, and many more) came into school to deliver a variety of sessions during the school day. The pupils built all-important financial skills through Banking and Budgeting workshops by the Money Matters county team. Learning the importance of a good CV and how to create one, was another key activity. Pupils came out of their comfort zone and took part in a "How to perfect



your public speaking" workshop. They also had an "Introduction to Higher Education" session by a Russell Group University, planting the seeds for what they might be thinking about for their next steps. Maximising [Unifrog](https://www.unifrog.com) as their careers tool now and in the future by learning how to explore it and how to add the activities they do to complement the academics was also an important session.

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Finally, to get their creative mindset flowing, they had an Into Film session, introducing media as a means of exploring the wider world.



In early June, **Y9** also had a **Skills Building day** where they were in groups immersing themselves into activities to develop a number of skills: team building; perseverance; work ethic; building foundations and many more! This was a great day outdoors on Uplyme field, where pupils were interactive and hardworking!



RGS Careers & Higher Education Talks

After a short break during exam season, Careers Talks resumed this month with a presentation from Harwood Hutton Ltd. RGS Alumni Keir Singleton and Fraser Kilby shared their knowledge and experiences of accountancy apprenticeships. Saleem Iqbal delivered the final Tuesday Careers Talk of the Summer Term – A Career in Law – sharing advice on how best to position yourself to secure a training contract to qualify as a solicitor.



Careers Talks resume in the Autumn Term – as soon as speakers and dates are confirmed, a schedule will be issued, in the meantime here is a taster of what is to come!

Artificial Intelligence
 Psychology
 Medicine
 Law
 The EY Apprenticeship Scheme
 Chemical Engineering
 STEM/Engineering

Preparing for the UCAS Fair
 Choosing a Course and University
 Personal Statements
 Student Finance
 RGS Alumni – Raising your Careers Profile
 RGS Alumni – Career Path after leaving RGS

RGS Pupil Journeys

Some of our students have written about themselves and their journeys at RGS:



Danyal Faraz Baber Year 11

When I wake up, the operation begins. The first choice: energy, goals, or discipline, how should I dictate my life in that moment? Throughout Year 11, progression and dedication have been the qualities that I pursue proudly - whether it be through necessary tasks such as mowing the lawn and vacuuming my floor or participating in extracurriculars and academically advancing. I hope to achieve these goals to the best of my ability. To do so, I have allowed ambition to fuel my thirst for more:

1. Working to improve my badminton skills during lunch times and mornings, I have gained small elements of precision and technique to enhance the mechanical functionality of my body.
2. By taking note of real-world events and changes within the global economy, I have been able to gain a greater understanding of how maths is applicable to the real world.
3. By participating with a keen and flexible attitude in the Public Speaking Society, I was able to nurture my voice and speaking ability to inspire others to pursue the same path.

These decisions to make changes to myself have kept me focused on a future where I can hopefully do it all, no questions asked. And I aspire in the future to enable others to reach the same conclusions. This is what led me to the article you read now. This is not a proclamation or manifesto, but a promise. For the next two years, during my time in the Sixth form, I hope to continue growing, and begin to further support others. As Head of the **Public Speaking Society**, along with my co-leader Patrick, I will help others to develop their opinions in a sincere manner. Through mentoring in maths, those who struggle in the area will gain a new understanding of the numerical art with my support. And most importantly, taking advantage of the school experience will be my number one goal to encourage. "Ambition is the death of thought, And the birth of a greater reality." Wake up and start your day the proper way. That will be your undertaking".



Macadam Jarvis Year 12

"Macadam has stepped into a leadership role, looking after RGS' Corporate Journal. He shares a bit more info about managing the journal and what its content is all about."

The Corporate Journal

We set up the Corporate Journal as a platform for students to freely express their ideas and academic discoveries on a wide range of topics, both within and beyond the curriculum. Our current topic areas include Tech, Science, Culture, Politics, Law, and Finance. This allows all students to write about areas they are passionate about, while also ensuring the journal remains relevant to current affairs and future-oriented ideas.

You can find the journal online at <https://rgshw-journal.com>, and we would be thrilled to hear from anyone interested in contributing their ideas.

The Corporate Journal is particularly beneficial for Year 12 students who wish to enhance their personal statements. They can write about topics related to their chosen degree and explore their specific interests. This

term is a perfect opportunity to fully delve into these subjects, as exams have just ended. However, the journal is open to everyone who is interested. If you'd like to write for the Corporate journal, feel free to contact me at 17mjarvis@rgshw.com.



Isum Nanomi Arachchige Year 12

As leader of **Robotics Club**, I want to promote STEM in younger years to set them up nicely for opportunities in the future. Whilst engaging in robotics projects can help personal statements when applying to STEM courses, it can also be extremely rewarding and satisfying to complete projects by yourself or in a team. I would encourage you to mix your other interests into a project to create something you enjoy. For example, I used my passion for badminton to create a badminton shuttle feeding machine - the experience of optimising a design and putting together parts was very rewarding. Working in a team can be more enjoyable and can develop your communication skills that are very crucial in future careers.

I was also selected to attend the **Isaac Physics Senior Physics Challenge Residential** at Cambridge Uni. After attending for a week, I can say that it was an absolutely invaluable experience. Lectures about quantum mechanics were given every day by the top professors in the world, and extremely complex concepts were explained amazingly. The experience of living and eating at Churchill College, as well as having a formal dinner at Corpus Christi makes me look very forward to the uni experience after school. I found it great that everyone around me shared similar interests and we got along very easily. Isaac Physics is a fantastic resource to enhance your problem-solving skills and I really encourage you all to use it regularly. Starting early with problem-solving questions will really help you in the long term.



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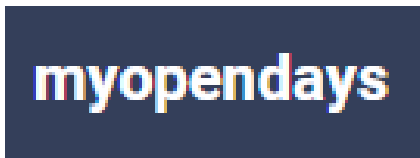
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Nottingham Trent
University

Subject Taster Days – for more information click [here](#).

Minds Underground

Virtual Summer School – click [here](#) for further information.

WORK EXPERIENCE



Young Professionals Summer Conference – 20th July 2023

[YP Summer Conference – AM Session 10am – 2pm, 20th July 2023](#)

[YP Summer Conference – PM Session 2pm – 5.30pm, 20th July 2023](#)



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*Happy summer
holidays!*