

6th Form Careers Notices

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Subject Masterclasses at the University of Cambridge - L6th

Booking has just opened for subject masterclasses in a wide range of subjects including medicine, engineering, music, maths, history, politics, law, chemistry and psychology. More subjects are likely to be added shortly. Bookings can be made by individual students and the cost is £20. The most popular courses will fill up fast. These are aimed at high achieving year 12 students and RGS students who have attended in previous years have found them beneficial and enjoyable.

More information is on www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses

Free Taster Courses at the London Universities - L6th

The London universities run a programme of excellent **free** taster courses designed to help current year 12 students gain a real insight into a subject at degree level. We have received very good feedback from RGS students who have attended these in previous years. The full programme is not available yet but Kings College London are currently taking bookings for tasters in, nursing, geography and Spanish.

To check out the dates and to register so that you will be the first to hear about new taster events visit <http://www.london.ac.uk/tasters>

UCAS Event - Compose Your Future, 12 October – U6th and L6th MCCC , Manchester

An extensive exhibition for students who want to study performing arts related courses at a university or conservatoire. More information on www.ucas.com/events

Careers with Animals Day, Saturday 15 October 10am-3pm - U6th and L6th College of Animal Welfare, Capitol Park, Tingley Leeds, WF3 1DR

If you want to work with animals and are looking to find out how you can make it happen, this free event is not to be missed! With a mixture of both local and national exhibitors, you will leave with plenty of ideas and inspiration. This is the first time this event has come to Leeds. More information and a list of exhibitors is on <http://www.careerswithanimals.co.uk/about/>

National Youth Theatre: Acting for Screen Masterclass, 24 – 29 October York Theatre Royal – U6th and L6th

The National Youth Theatre is advertising a six day programme over half term for young people aged 15-25 who would like to develop their screen acting talent. More

information about this and other NYT events is on www.nyt.org.uk . The course fee is £299.

Horticultural Careers Conference, Saturday 12 November Askham Bryan, York, YO23 3FR – U6th and L6th

The first ever GROW careers event to be held in Yorkshire has been arranged by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture. There will be a range of employers from the horticultural industry available to talk to students about careers in growing, research, plant care, sports turf and tree surgery. More information on <http://www.growcareers.info/>

Harrogate and District Foundation Trust Volunteering - U6th and L6th

Applications are currently being taken for volunteering opportunities at Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals. Application forms are available from Mr Walker or the Careers Department and can be sent directly to Fiona Tomlinson, the HDFT volunteer co-ordinator on Fiona.tomlinson@hdft.nhs.uk . **The deadline is 15 November.** They ask for a minimum commitment of 6 months for a couple of hours a week.

Several volunteering roles are available including helping on the ward at mealtimes and a new opportunity for students with **musical or acting abilities** to provide entertainment for elderly patients at Ripon Hospital.

Mock Medical Mini Interviews at RGS – U6th and L6th Wednesday 16 November 1pm-5.15pm

If you are applying for medicine or other clinical healthcare related courses this year **do not miss this fantastic opportunity** to practice and experience the format of this style of interview which is now used widely in the application procedure. There may be places available for lower 6th students considering future applications as well but you will need to register early. The afternoon will comprise a series of mini interviews with 9 healthcare professionals followed by a group discussion and a question and answer session with the clinicians.

For more information and to book a place on this event see Mrs Locke or Mrs Wilson in the Careers Room.

Remember that there is also the opportunity to take part in more traditional practice interviews for medicine at St John Fisher School on 7 November and for nursing at Rossett School on 1 December. Details are in last month's careers notice.

Careers Conferences – L6th

The following commercial courses are currently accepting applications:

EDT Headstart Courses held at a variety of universities including broad-based engineering courses and a wide range of specialist science subjects such as aerospace engineering, electronic engineering, nuclear physics, computer science, sustainable power engineering, robotics and many more. More details and fees on

www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/courses . These residential courses are costly but we've had good feedback from RGS students.

Workshop Conferences held at the University of Nottingham. More details and fees on www.workshop-conferences.com . Again expensive but good feedback.

Medlink	17-18 December
Vet - Medlink	17-18 December

Keep an eye on this website if you are interested in similar courses for chemistry, nursing, physiotherapy, psychology and law. Details are likely to be available soon.

Epoch Careers Conferences held at the University of Manchester and UCL. More details and fees on www.epoc.org.uk

Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor	Saturday 28 January 2017 , London
	Saturday 4 March 2017, Manchester

Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer	Saturday 25 March 2016, London
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Whilst many have found these conferences are beneficial there have been many RGS students who have successfully gained places on competitive university courses without attending these more expensive events. Be sure to keep an eye open for free events as well such as those at the Universities of Leeds and York which were advertised in last month's careers notice.

University Scholarships – U6th (and L6th for forward planning)

Remember to check university websites for the scholarships and bursaries that they have on offer and see if you are eligible to apply. You will also find details of scholarships on the Scholarship Hub and the websites of professional organisations. **The Institute of Engineering and Technology Power Academy** offers scholarships and paid internships to students studying electrical, electronic or power engineering at a number of top universities <http://conferences.theiet.org/power-academy/>

The Institute of Mechanical Engineers offers a wide range of awards for undergraduates and apprentice engineers <http://www.imeche.org/careers-education/scholarships-and-awards/all-scholarships-and-awards>

The Scholarships Hub advertises a wide variety of specific scholarships eg The North East Scholarship at the University of East Anglia which is offered to arts and humanities students who come from the North East of England.

There is a useful guide to degree apprenticeships in 14 different industry sectors on <http://www.thescholarshipshub.org.uk/degree-apprenticeships/guide/overview>.

The sectors are:

Aerospace Engineering

Aerospace Software Development

Business & Finance

Automotive Engineering	Banking Relationship Manager	Chartered Surveying
Construction	Defence Systems Engineering	IT/Digital
Electronic Systems Engineering	Laboratory Science	Nuclear Science
Power Systems (coming soon)	Public Relations (coming soon)	

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships U6th (and L6th for forward planning)

Now is the time to look out for some of the top apprenticeship and school leaver schemes. Many companies are expanding their opportunities for example **Rolls Royce** have school leaver opportunities for 2017 in **science, finance, project management and supply chain management as well as engineering**. More information on <http://careers.rolls-royce.co.uk/united-kingdom/apprentices-and-school-leavers#/>

Several of the Leeds based accountancy firms are recruiting now for 2017. For example **RSM's School Leaver programme** provides the opportunity to study for an AAT or ATT accountancy qualification which gets students up to degree level typically within 2 years then allows them to progress to the ACA or CTA professional accountancy qualification. All qualifications are fully funded by RSM, students also get a good salary and benefits. Details on <http://www.rsmuk.com/careers/vacancies> and the Government Apprenticeship Website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

The intelligence agency **GCHQ** has a range of exciting school leaver schemes and paid summer internships for students with good technical skills who are interested in protecting the UK from threats ranging from sophisticated organised crime to hackers and terrorists. More information on <https://www.gchq-careers.co.uk/index.html>

There are many more high quality apprenticeships linked to the Useful Website section of www.ripongrammar.co.uk/academic/careers/school-leaver-employment/

If you are interested in an opportunity and decide to apply then do come and see us in the careers department so that we can help you get the support you need with the application and selection procedure.

Reminder

If you would like to attend an event which involves absence from school, you must ask Mr Fell for permission to attend.

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