

Lower 6th Careers Programme 2020 - 21

Careers Appointments

Students are encouraged to arrange an individual careers guidance appointment to discuss your current career ideas or to help you explore a variety of options which you may like to consider before making any decisions about future career paths. You can also have follow up appointments or on-going contact via email. Parents are welcome to contact me by e mail on the address at the foot of the page.

Please come up to the Careers Room above the Library in order to arrange for individual guidance appointments or call in, in free periods or break/lunchtime, to get advice and information.

Start Platform

Please ensure that you are making use of Start Profile, the Careers platform which combines the facilities of careers research, profiling and a locker system, in which you should record and regularly update your individual and personalised records of attainments, visits, work experience etc. Further information will be given through Tutorials.

RGS Careers and Higher Education Evening - Wednesday 3rd March, 2021

Our event this year will be held in a virtual format and will focus on opportunities for careers within languages, the Arts, law, business, finance, public sector and services and other related areas and courses. The participating universities and colleges will additionally be able to advise students about study across all subject areas. Many of the organisations offer training schemes and apprenticeships, and will be able to offer advice about the increasing number of alternative routes available, both for post 16 and 18 employment and study, including apprenticeships, sponsored degree schemes and gap year opportunities. Students and parents are invited to attend the evening for which further details will follow nearer to the time.

Lower 6th Higher Education Evening – 29th April 2021

Parents and Lower Sixth students are invited to attend this virtual event which will include presentations from a university representative and senior staff on choosing universities, the UCAS application procedure and student finance. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Work Experience 12th – 16th July, 2021

Work experience is considered a very important part of your preparation for life beyond school and gives you an excellent insight into the working world, most particularly where you manage to match this to your career aspirations and study intentions. It is essential that every effort is made to ensure that this is organised, even though this may need to take place on a virtual basis for this year, and that Mr Walker is informed of placements by Thursday 25th March at the latest. Please e mail or come in to see Mr Walker in the Careers Room in order to advise him of progress.

Practice Interviews – Summer Term

All students will prepare a CV and covering letter during enrichment for the purposes of an individual practice interview with an external interviewer. These will be held over three days in the Summer term and students will be allocated a date and time nearer to these dates.

Medical Mini Interviews – Wednesday 18th November

Students interested in entry to medicine, dentistry and other healthcare professions will be offered the opportunity to participate in a preparatory afternoon of virtual medical mini interviews with a team of clinicians. These are immensely helpful for students in affording an insight and experience of what to expect in forthcoming interviews during Year 13. Details have now been sent out for this - please let us know if you would like to be included in the limited spaces available. Priority is given to Year 13 students though places will also be available for Year 12 students.

Enterprise Activities

These activities are coordinated by Mr Walker and include a very diverse number of opportunities, as advised in the separate information sheet regarding enterprise. If you would like further information about any of the events or opportunities, please email or come in to chat to him about these.

Higher Education Visits – Summer Term

It is hoped that we will be able to visit Newcastle and Northumbria Universities for their Open Days and also the UCAS HE Fair in June/July. Further details in the Summer term.

Open Days and Career Information

All University Open Day information is available on the display areas within the Learning Centre and in the Sixth Form Common Room. Other information is available on the notice board in the main corridor near to the entrance hall.

Morrisby Profiling

This year we will again be offering Morrisby profiling, as an optional addition to the careers guidance we already provide for all students, at a likely cost of **£25**. (The price of Morrisby profiling outside school is in excess of £200). The profiling uses psychometric tests to assess a candidate's strengths, interests and other aptitudes. It involves an online test which takes 1 hour 40 mins. The results are then analysed to produce a Profile and Guidance Report which students receive electronically and may then go through with my support. **Please let me know if you would like to register your interest in undertaking this test in the Spring Term.**

Careers and Events Notices

Students need to regularly **check their emails** for ideas and opportunities to add to their skills and experience and explore career ideas. They include external events such as **industry days, leadership courses and university taster courses as well as careers presentations** within school. Notices are also posted on the **6th Form Bulletins**, via Tutor Groups and on notice boards and specific opportunities shared with you via email.

RGS Website

The Careers section of the RGS website is designed to assist students to explore their options and includes pages on higher education, studying abroad, school leaver employment and gap years, with links to recommended websites for further information.

Careers Software

Students have been advised of all log-in details for the Careers software packages subscribed to by school. These include Higher Ideas and Heap-Online, both excellent sources of information regarding university and subject choices. Additionally, Start Profile and Eclips are invaluable packages, affording opportunities for careers research, profiling and, in the case of Start, for recording personal attainments, interests, skills etc. Finally, we also have Venture UK, which provides a wealth of information with regard to study abroad and includes a section for parents.

All of these packages are accessible both from within school and at home.

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