

THIS TERM AT RGS POST 16 MAY 2025

Another busy term - with our main focus on building on Year 12 mocks, and final preparation for Year 13 final examinations.

There have also been lots of extracurricular activities, speakers and events - read on to find out more about what has been going on this term

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Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

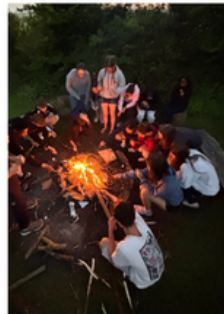
On 12th May, we marked the end of Year 13's time with us through a vibrant and well-attended Leavers' Assembly. This annual event offers a chance to recognise and celebrate student achievements, with over a hundred certificates awarded to commend their dedication and positive impact within the Centre.



It has been a pleasure working with this year group, and we wish them the very best of luck in exams and for the future.

Trips, Visits and Events

A group of Year 12 students visited Bristol University's School of Anatomy, exploring anatomical art, ultrasounds, dissections, and specimen collections. The trip offered valuable insight into medical student life and a chance to apply their learning in a hands-on setting. Year 12 Geographers also visited Start Bay to complete research for their coursework projects.



We wish very good luck to students taking part in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award who will be on Dartmoor over the half term break.

Well done also to business BTEC students who organised school events this term as part of their unit on event management - including offering younger students a chance to soak their teachers with proceeds going to good causes including WaterAid and the Trussell Trust.



Next Steps

Now mock examinations are completed and Year 13 teaching is finished our focus will move to helping Year 12 students make decisions about their future. We will be running our annual "Futures" event on 1st and 2nd of July which will consist of a wide range of different workshops on apprenticeships, university and employment.

We are also coming into university Open Day season. We can authorise time off school for Open Days (although many will take place at weekend as well). Details of Open Days can be found on the UCAS website [here](#).



Year 12 students have been successful in organising relevant and exciting work experience placements with a range of different employers including NHS blood and transplant, law firm Temple Bright, general medicine at Southmead Hospital, and Stanford University's AI Health Advancements Program. Year 12 students who have not yet organised a placement can ask any member of the Post 16 team or their tutor for support. The Careers Bulletin (emailed to students) also contains lots of ideas.

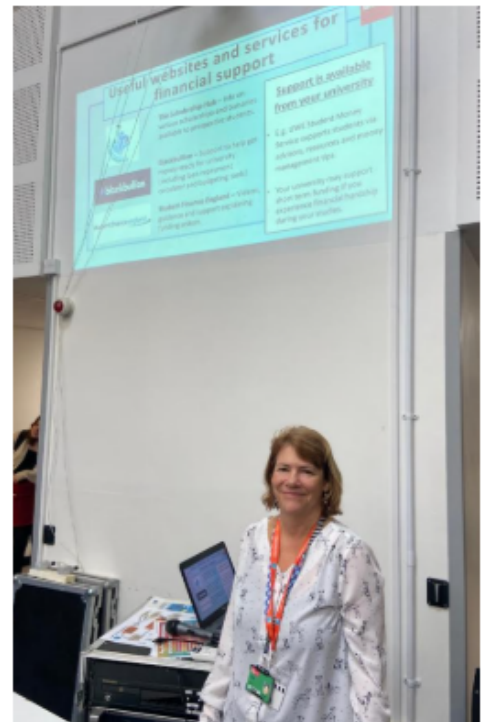
Year 12 Philosophy Society

The philosophy trip to Clifton College was an extremely insightful experience where we explored the topic of transhumanism. This is the use of technology to enhance the human condition. This topic is not on our curriculum therefore it was very interesting to explore an area of philosophy that we did not have any previous knowledge of. Clifton College was a very welcoming environment and the philosophy students delivered an excellent presentation that was concise and very well researched. We look forward to our next trip with excitement.

Fleur and Thomas (Y12)

Personal Development / Core

We've welcomed a range of guest speakers this term to support students' personal development and future planning. Skye from Oddballs gave a dynamic talk on men's health and self-care, while Dr Claire Smyth, Associate Law Professor, delivered a powerful session on consent and healthy relationships. Nicky from UWE Bristol also led an extended Year 13 assembly on student finance, packed with practical advice on budgeting, life skills, and the application process.



Jacari

This term has seen the full launch of the Jacari Mentorship programme. Post 16 mentors have been working with Mentees from RGS lower school who have English as an additional language. Students learning in an additional language can sometimes find academic subjects and even peer relationships more challenging, but our amazing mentors have been incredible at building meaningful relationships and above all student confidence. It has been a joy to see these relationships building. I would like to congratulate the P16 Mentors for giving their time so generously and working so patiently and attentively with the group. It has been a wonderful RGS community experience.

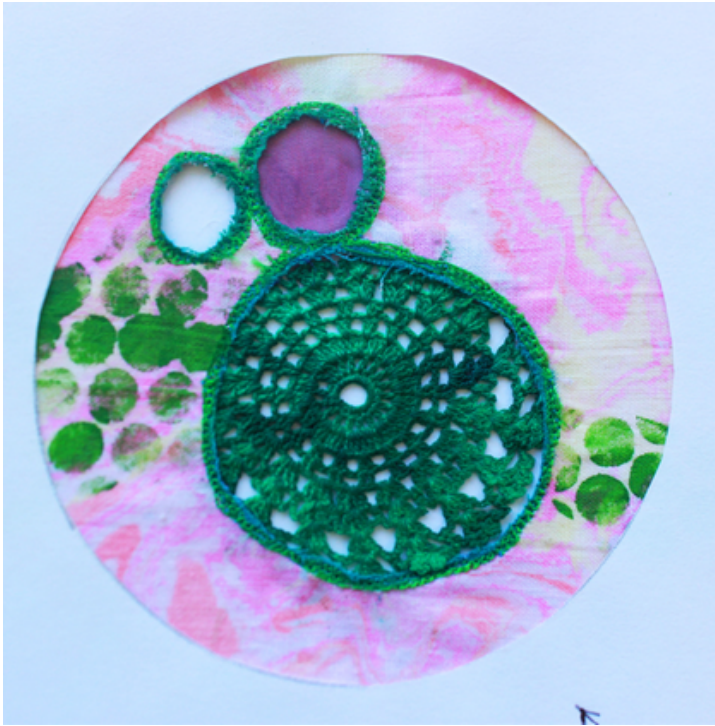
Jacari is running for four weeks of next term, and will re-launch next year too.

<https://www.jacari.org/>



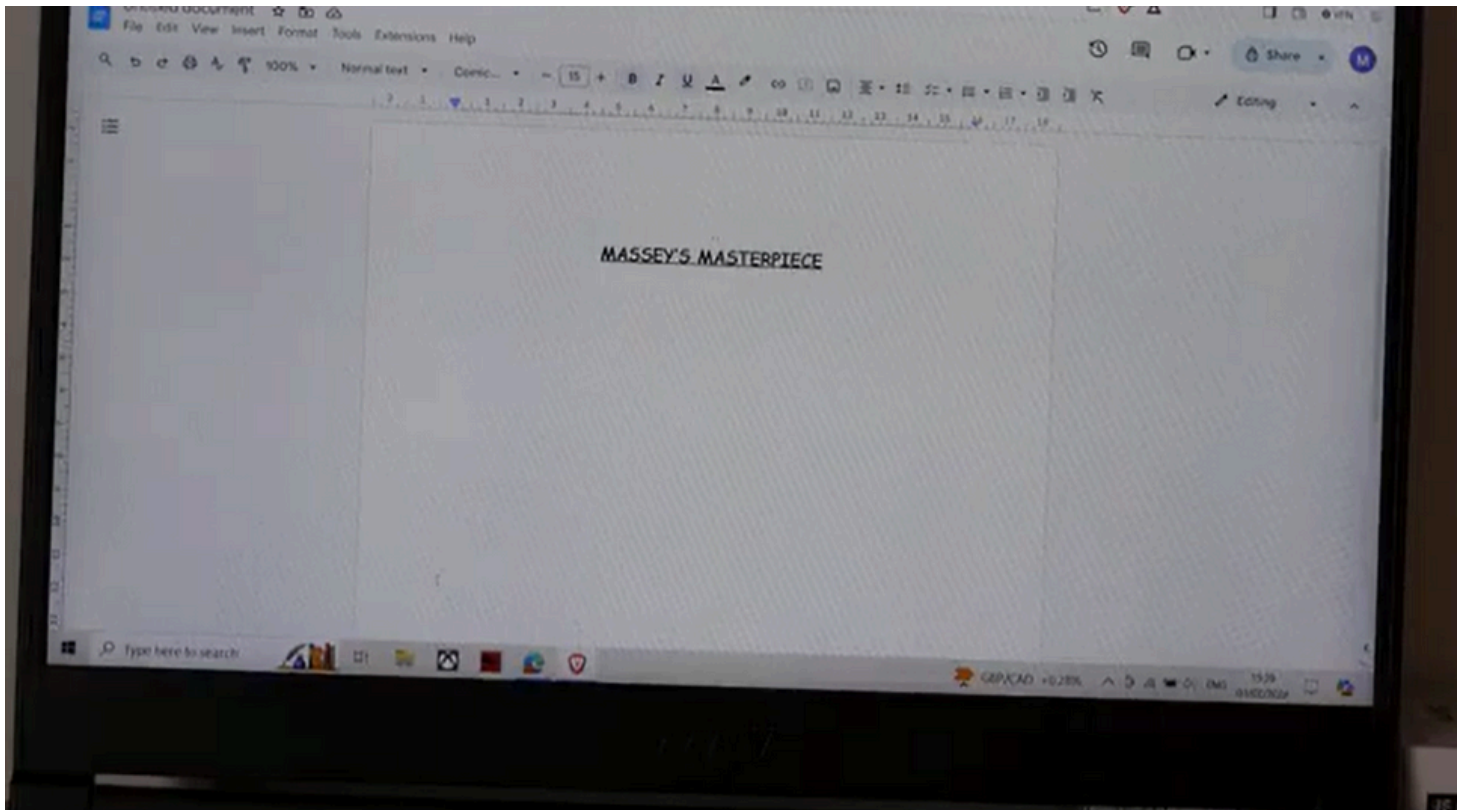
Celebrating Creative Subjects

Students following courses in creative subjects have excelled again in the quality of work they have produced for assessment. See below for some amazing examples:



A Level art work by Esme, Eve, Lucas and Ruby

Celebrating Creative Subjects (contd)



A Level films produced by Massey and Piran (click images to view)

Wellbeing

Students receive wellbeing tips regularly throughout the term via school email. Below is a selection of information we have sent recently:

Help with exam stress and pressure:

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As ever if a student has any worries about themselves or one of their peers, or have experienced or witnessed any form of discrimination in school they should pass this on to a member of our safeguarding team or use Whisper - our anonymous reporting tool.

Reminders:

All students must wear their ID lanyard at all times when on site - this is a very important part of our safeguarding when you are in school.

Lessons begin again on Monday 2nd June. It will be week A when we return.

Year 13 students - please return all textbooks and subject resources to Post 16 reception on the day of your last exam for each subject.

We wish everyone a very happy and restful
break.