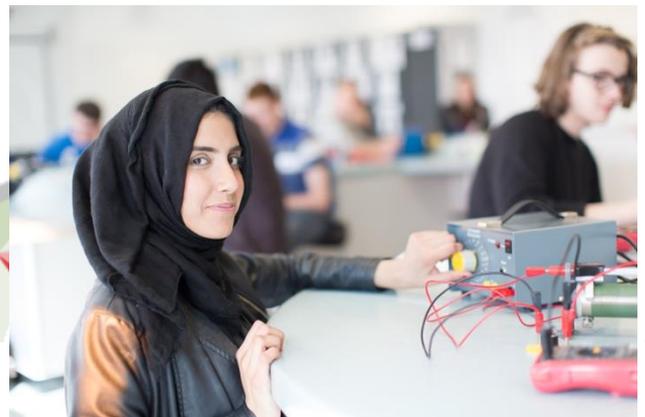


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YEAR 10 TASTER DAY

To give you as much information as possible about RSFC and our courses, we will cover multiple subjects within one session. To support your decision making process, here's some information on the sessions that will be available on our Year 10 Taster Day:

ART & DESIGN SESSION

Art & Design

During this session you will find out about the different disciplines you can work in as part of our Art and Design course and see some examples of previous student work. You will complete an activity using our state of the art screen print and stencil equipment to customise your own canvas bag in the style of Banksy.

BUSINESS SESSION

Business, BTEC Business and Economics

In the department of Business and Economics we deliver a range of subjects including: A-Level Business Studies, BTEC Business and Economics. Each of the three subjects is different and requires different skills. This session will enable you to make an informed decision about which course is best suited to you. There will be an overview of each of the courses with an opportunity for questions and discussion. We will then complete a short exercise which will enable you to contribute to a group discussion and debate on a current issue that will have a significant impact on the world of Business and Economics.

ENGLISH SESSION

English Language and English Literature

In this session, we'll be looking at the same text in two different ways to show you how English Language and English Literature differ from one another. You'll be given the chance to write your own text based on what you learn and we'll also talk you through the two courses so that you can see if one or the other (or both!) appeals to you.

FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES SESSION

Film Studies and Media Studies

In the Film and Media session, we will be looking at analysing a film text and drawing out technical codes which are relevant to both subjects. You will look at films in a deeper way to understand how they connect to wider Media debates and why the type of films that get made by Hollywood do. We will also talk you through the two courses to gauge which course if not both appeal to you.

GEOGRAPHY SESSION

Geography

Today we have modern, technologically advanced ways of accurately measuring our weather and changes to our climate. But how do we know what the climate was like in the past, when we had no weather stations, satellites and computers to record the information? Find out how Scientists can work out what past climates on earth were like and consider how accurate these estimates are.

HISTORY SESSION

History

The age of the crusades witnessed a staggering clash of cultures and societies where greed and the pursuit of power clashed with sincere religious beliefs on an international stage. Investigate what motivated medieval Christians to wage 'holy war' in a land far from home and against people they knew virtually nothing about.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES SESSION

Philosophy & Religious Studies

Have you ever considered some of life's ultimate questions? These are questions such as, what is the meaning of life? What happens when we die? Does God exist? Here is your opportunity to consider the question of what is true reality? We explore the theory of Plato, one of the most influential Ancient Greek Philosophers who uses a cave analogy to demonstrate that maybe there is more to life than the things that we simply see and experience.

ICT SESSION

Computer Science and BTEC IT

Any future programmers or web designers out there? If so, come and join us in IT. In our session you will be given a multimedia experience where you will create a fun flash animation and you will be given a taste of the Computer Science curriculum by carrying out activities on how and why IT systems are designed.

MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS SESSION

Further Mathematics, Mathematics and Physics.

You will study the Mathematics and Physics behind an Olympic discipline – the javelin throw. We will consider the projectile motion of the javelin and how this can be modelled mathematically using trigonometry and basic equations. We will look in to the optimum flight path for the javelin and how this can be achieved by considering the variables that will affect it – can you get your javelin to travel further than anyone else?

MODERN LANGUAGES SESSION

French and Spanish

Come and experience a bit of the French and Spanish culture. In our session we will be introducing the Cultural Topics (films and books) that will be studied during your A-Level and discovering the new approach that you'll use during the academic year to master your chosen modern foreign language. Join us to start your real journey to become fluent in another language.

MUSIC SESSION

Music and Music Technology

What makes a good pop song? In this session you will dissect some popular chart songs and find out how music and technology is used to create a hit. We will also have the opportunity to talk about the difference between Music and Music Technology and look at some brief examples of previous students' work.

PERFORMING ARTS SESSION

Drama & Theatre Studies

After a brief overview of the courses on offer, you will practically explore the theme of 'Physical Theatre' from the different perspectives of Drama. You will explore the performance in different ways depending on your own particular interests.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SESSION

Physical Education

How is it that elite sports performers always seem to have so much time when they are in control of the ball in football or netball? How do tennis players select such an effective shot so quickly when the ball is travelling towards them at 140mph? In your PE taster session, you will find out. You will take part in an activity that allows you to gain an understanding of how performers use 'selective attention' to focus on only the relevant information. It is this that affords them so much time when they are in their performance and allows them to make good decisions at such a rapid rate. We will then look at how you can use this information and apply it to exam questions in A-Level PE.

SCIENCE SESSION

Biology, Chemistry and BTEC Science

Polymers are long 'chain-like' molecules with a vast number of uses! DNA and Proteins are polymers which carry out vital processes in living organisms. New synthetic polymers perform essential roles in cutting edge technology and materials used in modern society. In this session which bridges Biology and Chemistry, we will extract DNA from fruit and investigate how the DNA molecule found in all living things is a polymer made from monomers units. We will then make a synthetic polymer used to make parachutes and test its properties!

SOCIAL SCIENCES SESSION 1 (Health and Social Care and Sociology)

Health & Social Care and Sociology

An interactive introduction to topics considered in Sociology and Health and Social Care where students will investigate the patterns and reasons for social issues in society today. Students will consider factors which contribute to a sense of self in today's modern society and how health and social care professionals respond to diversity. We will ask, 'does your social class define your life chances?', 'is sexuality a black and white issue?' and 'does ethnicity matter anymore?'

SOCIAL SCIENCES SESSION 2 (Law and Psychology)

Law and Psychology

Are decisions by a jury accurate? The whole point of a jury is that normal people decide if a person is guilty or not guilty, but should we trust them with such an important decision?

This session will look at the psychological and legal aspects of a jury. You will learn how different factors such as misleading information and anxiety can contribute to errors in eye witness testimonies. Do people really see the things they think they see? This part of our memory can get muddled which will lead to wrong decisions in court! Also if the jury can't make their mind up, what can they use to decide guilt? One jury used an Ouija board to help them decide! Using outside material such as this is obviously against the law, but can it really be stopped with new technology such as SMART phones etc.

We will also tell you about our courses including what other topics we cover, what exams you will have and what skills you will need. This should all help you make an informed choice about whether you want to study Law or Psychology or both!