

Royal Veterinary College

Recently, we attended an event at the Royal Veterinary College in Camden to broaden our understanding of Veterinary and Biological Sciences. Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by student ambassadors and given tote bags and prospectuses.

We began the day in a lecture theatre where we learned about studying veterinary medicine, nursing, and biological sciences, hearing first-hand experiences from current students. In small groups, we visited a professional laboratory to participate in a microscope practical, examining slides of blood and mites with advanced equipment. This was followed by a guided campus tour, during which we explored lecture halls, study spaces, social areas like the student bar, and even the fascinating anatomy museum, where we saw over a hundred preserved animals, including Eclipse—the inspiration for Buckbeak in *Harry Potter*.

The day continued with a hands-on rat dissection, allowing us to apply and expand our biological knowledge by observing internal organs and even the developing pups of a pregnant rat. This unique activity deepened our understanding of anatomy in a practical setting. We concluded the day with an informative talk about the application process to the Royal Veterinary College, covering course options, study abroad opportunities, and teaching styles. Overall, the experience was both educational and enjoyable, offering valuable insight into veterinary medicine.

By Hannah and Maryam, Year 12



The most memorable part of my visit to the Royal Veterinary Clinic was performing the rat dissection. I believe that this hands-on experience was much more informative than simply reading a textbook. This process has built my confidence in handling delicate specimens, improved my teamwork skills and has allowed me to observe anatomical structures in detail. Lastly, I have learned that the most important part of dissections is ensuring the animal is respected and handled humanely while also gaining knowledge about its anatomy.

Elena

The trip to the Royal veterinary college was highly educational and engaging . It provided valuable insights into veterinary science, anatomy, and practical biological skills that go beyond the classroom curriculum. The rat dissection practical was the key highlight of the trip- it boosted my confidence and enthusiasm for dissections. I would highly recommend the trip.' - Rajmaathangi



I recently had the opportunity to visit the Royal Veterinary College and it was a highly rewarding experience. I found the room with the animal specimens and skeletons particularly fascinating as well as that I greatly enjoyed the rat dissection and the practical aspects of the trip. The visit definitely opened my eyes to the range of courses available.

now have a much clearer understanding of what each course entails. I am very grateful to the school for organising this visit, and I found the entire experience both educational and enjoyable.

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