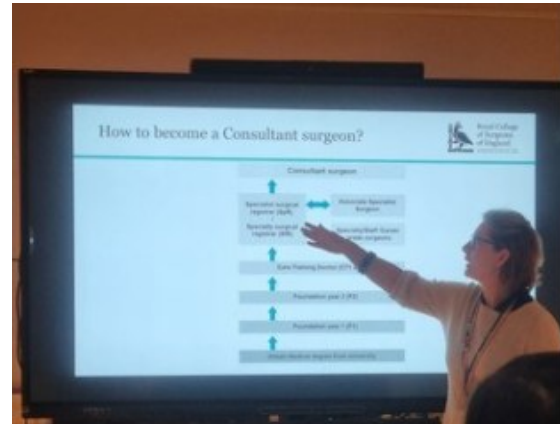
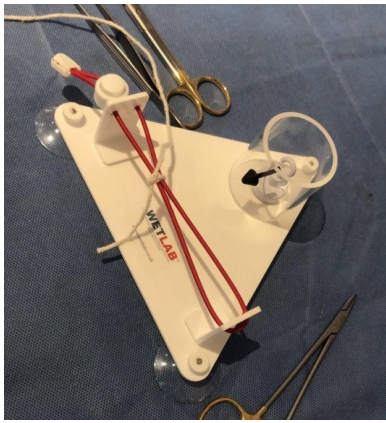


RCS Surgical Workshop

The surgical workshop was an extremely insightful opportunity. I learnt various different skills from 'gowning and gloving up' to learning how to suture a wound. As well as this, we learnt a lot about the process of becoming a surgeon, and the importance of understanding that the role takes long to achieve, therefore, commitment is definitely needed to reach position. Also a fun fact that I learnt was that surgeons do not take the title of doctor, but instead they go back to the title of what they had before becoming a doctor. This is because the profession of surgeons, evolved from the original job of barber surgeons, who did not attend university like physicians but instead just did whatever messy work was required of them. We also were able to talk the surgeons and have a little Q&A session, where the surgeons answered questions like, qualities of a good surgeon, and some of the more unique/harder surgeries that they completed. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the day and hugely recommend to the Yr12s.

- Serin !





Attending this surgical skills workshop was incredibly insightful, learning proper aseptic techniques including how to gown and glove was very interesting. We also learned how to complete a basic suture and we were taught to stitch in opposite directions (2 clockwise, then one anticlockwise and then back to two clockwise). It was particularly interesting to hear about the surgeons themselves, where they told us about the process of becoming a specialised surgeon which can take over 10 years. We spoke to an orthopedic surgeon as well as a plastic surgeon- who despite what we expected actually only does face altercations about 10% of the time and he usually treats traumatic head injuries especially after accidents. They mentioned that one of the most complex surgeries they ever had to conduct was a microsurgery, which involved a skin graft taken from the thigh. We also learned that surgery can take many hours resulting in many glove changes to keep conditions sterile.

- Sadia

