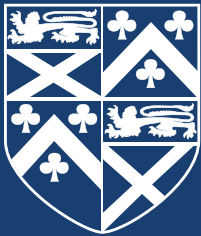
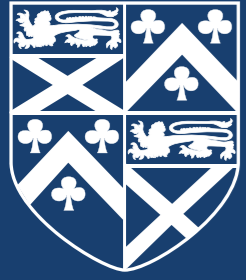


Raising Aspirations, Delivering Excellence



The Rochester
Grammar School



Welcome

from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and students

Thank you for taking the time to read our Sixth Form prospectus. I know that you will be impressed by our outstanding results and impressive range of courses.

At the heart of our successful Sixth Form is a commitment to furthering excellence through support, encouragement, and achievement. Our mission is to transform life chances. Personal excellence is ensured through an innovative curriculum, high expectations, and the highest quality of teaching and learning based on an understanding of each student's individual needs. In the RGS Sixth Form, we want to develop your talents and interests, preparing you for life-long learning. We believe students achieve their best in a supportive and purposeful learning environment. You will be supported with specialist advice and guidance, and we have a dedicated Independent Learning Centre in which you can maximise the effectiveness of your studies.

In RGS Sixth Form, you will study the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a world class qualification that encourages students to be more and therefore stand out from the crowd.

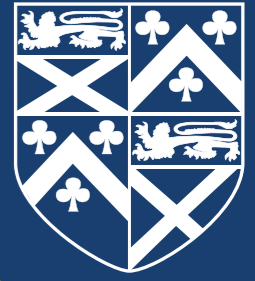
Beyond the curriculum, you will develop new friendships, take on roles of responsibility, and in a broad sense reflect upon what is important in life. Through this, you will be equipped with the skills and abilities required to make a more caring and peaceful world. Yours is an exciting future: together we will work to achieve your goals.



Mrs C Brinklow BA (Hons) MSc
Principal



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Assistant Principal KS5



International Baccalaureate

International Qualification for A Globalised Society.

We offer a broad range of subjects in Key Stage 5, and our careers guidance is a major strength of RGS. We take great care in offering advice on the best personal route for each and every student. Our aim is clear: to develop world class students who are equipped to succeed in the challenges of a global society.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a symbol of academic excellence worldwide, with more than 3,000 schools in over 153 countries delivering the Diploma Programme. The IB offers a comprehensive and balanced curriculum with rigorous assessment. It is global in outlook, as all subjects have an international perspective, and the qualification is renowned in Britain and throughout the world. RGS has offered the IB since 2007 and has an outstanding track record of success. Our average point score in 2023 was 35; well over the worldwide average of 30.

“What I enjoy most about the RGS Sixth Form is the support from the teachers and how passionate they are about their subjects.”

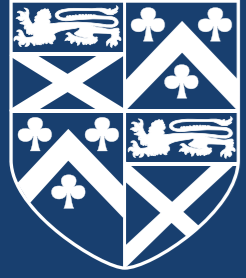
Mabel, Sixth Form Student



Our students have secured places at some of the world’s most prestigious universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, and Ivy League universities in the United States of America. Students have consistently obtained outstanding diploma results, and we are very proud that the Times has repeatedly listed RGS as the ‘Top State School’ in the UK for IB point score.

The IB Diploma encourages students to be more than just a bank of knowledge, becoming young people who are knowledgeable but also have the skills and experiences to make the world a better place.





Be More ... Balanced

There is no typical RGS student. You will be encouraged to develop and express your own unique talents by completing the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Our vision is to develop truly world-class students who access the best universities in the UK and beyond.

We aim to create a well-rounded individual. The IB Learner Profile fosters many essential attributes in students, such as being reflective, an effective communicator, an inquirer, and being open-minded. These dispositions are developed throughout your Sixth Form life at RGS.

Our broad and versatile curriculum not only enables you to flourish academically but also develops your skills for life.

To further enhance these skills, Sixth Form students are given opportunities to participate in a diverse range of activities, including planning and organising the Senior Citizens' Christmas party, coordinating inter-house events, and delivering whole school assemblies. Students can also get involved in a wide range of activities, including the many school choirs, sports clubs, and the renowned showcase productions.

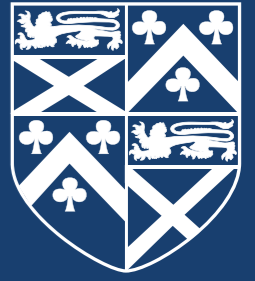
Whatever your talents, you can find the right course and subject combination to suit your aptitudes. You can be confident that you will be supported to achieve your full potential in a diploma which you can personalise to your own interests and goals.

As well as all of these opportunities, RGS has a dedicated academic team and tutor system to support, nurture, and guide you through the Sixth Form. We believe this will allow you to fulfil your potential and become a world-class student.

"Pupils believe in the school motto, 'Transforming Life Chances', and speak passionately about how important the school has been in shaping their future. As one sixth-form student said: 'Being here has built my confidence and helped to develop my character.'"

- Ofsted





Be more ... Principled

**As Vincent Lombardi said, “Leaders aren’t born, they are made.”
The skills of leadership are not innate qualities, but rather skills you develop and hone through practice and time.**

At RGS, we seek to give you many and varied opportunities to develop your leadership skills throughout your time in the Sixth Form.

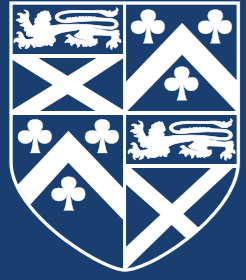
As a young adult, you will be expected to be a responsible role model in school, setting the right example for others to follow. There are many formal positions of leadership within the Sixth Form, which include Head Student and their Executive Officers, the School Council and the leadership of clubs and societies.

In addition to these whole school leadership roles,

every student in Year 12 is trained to become a mentor and is involved in subject or pastoral mentoring, providing support for younger students. Mentors report how fulfilling the role is and how, as well as helping the younger students, they also benefit from the opportunity to inspire interest in their subject.

Therefore, whichever role you choose to play in the Sixth Form you can be confident that it will contribute to your development as a person and leave you better equipped to be successful in whatever you choose to do in the future.





Be more ... Enquiring

In this competitive world, we want our Sixth Form students to stand out, so we actively encourage them to develop their independent and inquiring minds.

As one of the first Advanced Thinking Schools to be accredited by Exeter University, RGS works with students to develop their habits of excellence. Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do." Therefore, at RGS, we identify, nurture, and encourage the qualities that will bring out the best in our students.

Our Independent Learning Centre provides a quiet working space for Sixth Form students, enabling students to think and work in quiet, calm, and modern surroundings. Here, they can make use of ICT facilities. We regard this provision as an essential bridge from the more structured environment of Year 11 to the 'freedom' of university life.

Students in the RGS Sixth Form are encouraged to develop their own area of academic enquiry. All IB students complete an Extended Essay which provides students with the opportunity to focus on a specific area from their subjects that they are interested in and conduct their own enquiry into it. Students are supported through this process by a supervisor and develop the skills of independent study and work that are so essential for the next step in the academic or workplace career.

"Students in the sixth form appreciate the learning environment that the school offers. They enjoy the depth of discussions and debates that are central to their International Baccalaureate courses."

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Be more ... Open Minded

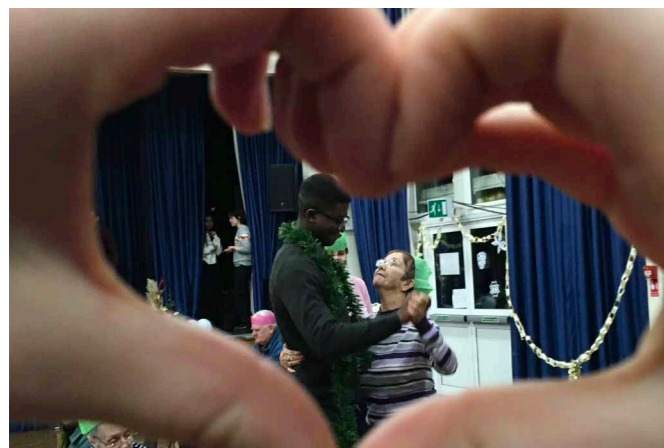
At RGS, we provide many cultural opportunities through the arts, including drama, dance, and music productions.

There are also opportunities to travel. The school choir has visited locations including Venice, Barcelona, New York, California, and Amsterdam.

Many students have taken advantage of the opportunities for travel both within and beyond the UK through the various IB trips that take place. IB students are also invited on CAS trips, where they work in the local community on valuable projects that aim to alleviate social issues such as homelessness.

Over the years, we have developed a partnership with schools in Japan that has enabled our students to experience a unique exchange programme and experience.

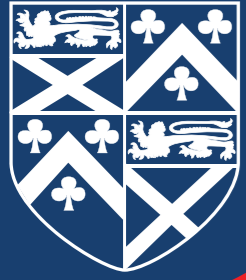
Internationalism is fostered through opportunities for foreign visits to European countries. Students have also taken part in European Parliamentary debates. This year we also intend to develop our own Model UN programme within the school, which will be run by some of our Sixth Formers.



"I really love how connected everybody in the Sixth Form is, including with the Sixth Form team; it's a really enjoyable environment to be learning in as you always know that there is someone around to share any worries or queries you have."

Sixth Form Student





Be more ... Knowledgable

Competition for university places has never been greater. It is essential that students attend the university that is going to provide them with the greatest number of opportunities when they graduate.

Therefore, there is extensive support and guidance provided to help students secure the best university offers.

Year 12 students have a "Virtually University" week where they experience what it is like to be taught in a university environment. There is a UCAS day where students are guided through the application process. We have strong links with CXK (previously Medway Youth Trust) and have a careers adviser who attends school to offer students guidance and advice throughout Years 12 and 13. Students wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge are supported through a specific Oxbridge programme, and those interested in Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry benefit from a specific "medics" programme.

At the end of Year 12, all students select a subject specialism, and this is then used to create specialist Year 13 form groups with tutors who are able to give focused and effective support through the application to university, further training, or work.

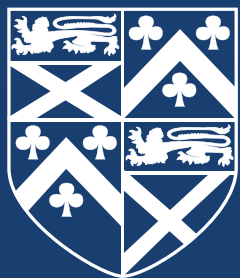
Students who wish to enter the world of work at the end of their Sixth Form studies again have careers support, such as attending apprentice workshops and business presentations, and also benefit from our work shadowing programme

which enables them to better understand the world of work and the type of employment that they might be interested in. Our Careers Day, held towards the end of Year 12, grows from strength to strength and had an impressive 30 speakers last time it was held, all giving unique and valuable insight into careers relevant to our students.

Whatever you choose to do at the end of your Sixth Form studies at RGS, you will be confident that you will have achieved your full academic potential and developed the personal skills necessary to be highly successful in the next step in your life.



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