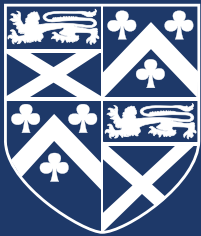
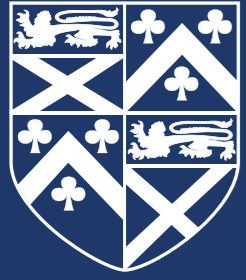


Raising Aspirations, Delivering Excellence



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 the RGS Sixth Form, you will study 3-4 A levels, in addition to having the opportunity to personalise your programme through accessing other qualifications such as the EPQ.

The range of curriculum options available in our Sixth Form ensures that students are able to pursue a curriculum which opens the doors to future pathways.

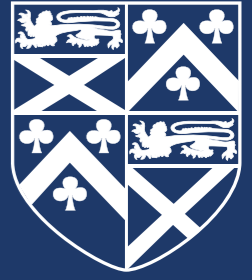
Beyond the curriculum, you will develop new friendships, take on roles of responsibility, and in a broad sense reflect upon what is important in life. Through this, you will be equipped with the skills and abilities required to make a more caring and peaceful world. Yours is an exciting future: together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



Mrs C Brinklow
BA (Hons) MSc NPQH
Principal



Ms K Hemming
BSc (Hons) MA
Assistant Principal KS5



Academic Excellence

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.

We aim to develop caring, knowledgeable and thoughtful young people who create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

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 curriculum 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.

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

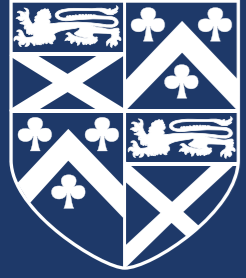
Mabel, Sixth Form Student



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 results, and we are very proud that the Times has recognised our attainment, ranking our Sixth Form results as 33rd out of 400 in the country this year.

Rochester Grammar School 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.





Enrichment

There is no typical RGS student. You will be encouraged to develop and express your own unique talents by engaging with our enrichment programme.

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

At Rochester Grammar School we value learning that takes place beyond the academic curriculum. We have created an enrichment programme which allows students to develop skills for life whilst also discovering who they are on a personal level.

Our Enrichment programme allocates lesson time on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to enrichment opportunities tailored towards our Sixth Form interests and focused on helping students to develop dispositions that will serve them in the future. Students will be able to select experiences which interest them, and the opportunities will change throughout the year.

“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

Below are some of the experiences students may be able to engage with throughout their time in Sixth Form:

- Completion of Bar Mock Trial
- Seasonal Recreational Sports
- Use of the fitness suite
- Mentoring of younger students
- Supporting local primary schools
- Debate Club
- Supporting the school production
- RGS Newspaper
- Charity Committee
- Yearbook Committee
- Cookery lessons





Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

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.

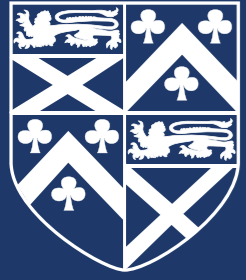
As a young adult, you will be expected to be a responsible role model in school, setting the right example for others to follow. There are many formal positions of leadership within the Sixth Form, which include Head Student and their Executive Officers, the School Council and the leadership of clubs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





Unique and Principled

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 ability to think for themselves. 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.

You will not be able to be passive at RGS. All students are engaged in their own learning, which allows them to not only master content, but also encourages them to be lifelong learners.

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.

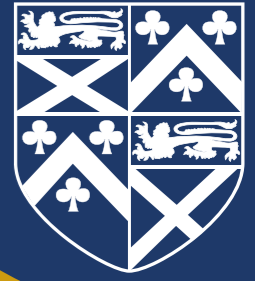
Students in the RGS Sixth Form are encouraged to develop their own area of academic enquiry. All students have the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which provides students with the opportunity to focus on a specific area from their subjects that they are interested in and 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 courses."

- Ofsted





Your Future in Our Hands

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.

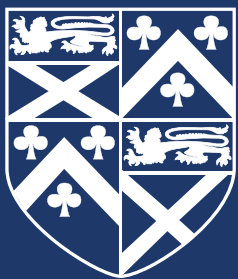
Students wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge are supported through a specific Oxbridge programme, and those interested in Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry benefit from a specific “medics” programme. At the end of Year 12, all students select a subject specialism, and this is then used to 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 Fair, held towards the end of Year 12, grows from strength to strength and had an impressive 30 representatives 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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