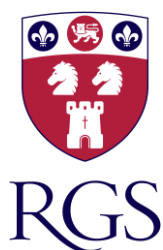
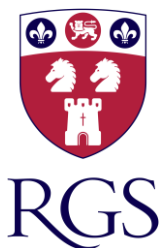




RGS ARCHIVES MISSION STATEMENT





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Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School Archives

The RGS Newcastle Archive is the memory of our school. It is the final repository for records documenting the history of the Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School (RGS), the RGS Educational Trust, the Old Novocastrians' Association (ONA), and their predecessor bodies. The Archive collects, preserves and makes accessible records relating to the school and its alumni, received from internal transfer or private deposit.

The Archive sits within the External Affairs Team, reporting to the Director of Development & Communications who is part of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

Everything the Archive does supports our overarching **RGS VISION AND ETHOS:**

I. SENSE OF BELONGING

By preserving our 500 years of history and making it accessible to students and staff, the Archive is the link between past and present. By sharing the stories captured in the Archive we bring our school community closer to our heritage, which in turn cultivates a sense of belonging.

The Archive also fosters strong connections with our alumni by supporting research visits, receiving new donations of material, and occasionally hosting Old Novocastrians as volunteers.

II. LOVE FOR LEARNING

We are so lucky to have an Archive of our school in-house, therefore embedding its use in teaching and learning is one of our key aims. Using archives in teaching brings the past to life and means students can enjoy a different way of learning by seeing original archive material.

The Archive also supports lifelong learning through providing a service to individual researchers. This includes Old Novocastrians and members of the public.

III. BELIEF IN EACH OTHER

The Archive offers a welcoming and supportive environment to anyone who wishes to make use of our collections. Co-curricular activities and volunteering opportunities help students play an important part in caring for and using our archives. Having archives on display in exhibitions – onsite or digital displays – supports wider sharing of our history and can celebrate past achievements.

IV. AMBITION TO SUCCEED

The Archive strives to keep improving our service and procedures in order to deliver as high standard of practice as possible using the resources at our disposal. We want to develop an Archive that the RGS community can be proud of which matches our



ambitious ethos.

STAKEHOLDERS & COMMUNITY

RGS Archives serves the following stakeholders and community:

- RGS staff, students, and governing body
- Alumni (Old Novocastrians) - former staff and students
- Depositors of records held by the Archives
- Any member of the public with an interest in our archives

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