



YOUR JOURNEY
**OUR JUNIOR
SCHOOL**



RGS

WELCOME

Welcome to the RGS Junior School! We are very proud of the work we do and hope this prospectus gives a flavour of our community and the opportunities on offer. Everyone's contribution is significant here and our four core values support this: love for learning, ambition to succeed, belief in each other and a sense of belonging bind us together.

When children join us, they immediately belong to a modern grammar school which educates with challenge and pace. Our staff are dedicated and energetic individuals who embrace the very best of modern technology to provide inspiration both inside and outside of the classroom. Exciting co-curricular activities supplement our students' learning journey and our excellent facilities are designed for everyone to benefit from specialist environments and working spaces.

The care of our community comes first and foremost; we know that happy children are more receptive and willing to learn. Our RGS Junior School superpowers – Able, Strong, Calm and Kind – are embedded into our culture to ensure everyone here looks forward to their school day; we arrive keen and raring to go! We hope that you will see our superpowers in abundance as you take your first steps towards joining the RGS Family.

Scan here to find out more!



James Miller
Junior School Headmaster







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“All pupils are excellent learners and demonstrate the ability to work on their own with confidence.”

**THE LATEST RGS ISI
INSPECTION REPORT**



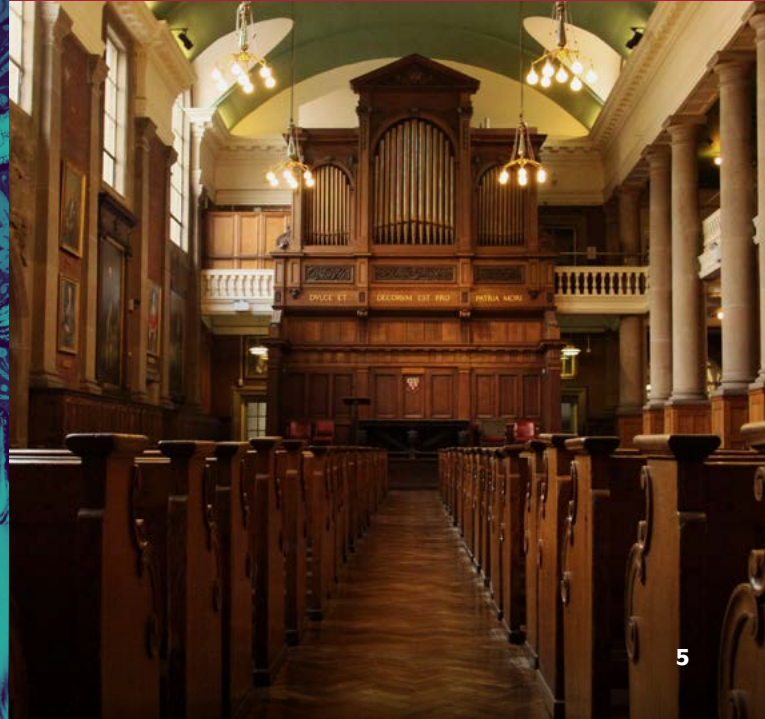
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“Walking past the portraits of Old Novos gives a daily reminder of the long history of our school and the amazing impact each individual has had on the world.”

YEAR 6 STUDENT

OUR HERITAGE

The RGS has been rooted in Newcastle for 500 years, yet our school is no dinosaur; from computer coding and other technological pursuits, we continue to be excited by learning. Proud of our heritage and preserving this through our superb Archive, we also have a wide and loyal community of Old Novocastrians who tell the stories of our past. By joining us, you become part of that heritage and responsible for inspiring future generations.





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“I like that in maths we can be learning in all sorts of ways, writing in maths books, interacting on devices, taping shapes on the floor or singing times tables.”

YEAR 5 STUDENT

ACADEMIC

The beauty of the RGS classroom is that it has permeable walls, for in our school, the classroom is everywhere. Whatever children learn in their day-to-day lives can be brought back and examined, unpicked and pored over. Visitors to RGS and excursions outside of the school enhance subject learning and can be used to make sense of the world in other ways; opportunities for enrichment, extension and embedding a lifelong love of enquiry are seized with gusto.

Breadth of opportunity is important, so music, singing, art, drama, French or Spanish, design technology and computing have their weekly place on our timetable, built on the bedrock of core subjects. We love to be active and sport plays a vital role in our life here, for physical and mental well-being and to learn new skills. We place strong emphasis on emotional literacy, using our carefully designed PSHE programme to augment our values.



CO-CURRICULAR

Our programme of Junior School co-curricular activities caters for everyone and – even better – many will discover a new skill or passion by joining in for the first time. With a wide range of activities, our co-curricular programme encourages every student to discover what excites and inspires them. There's something for everyone, whether it's music and sports or something unique like sewing and coding. Time spent in clubs encourages wider friendships outside the classroom and across year groups.



PASTORAL CARE

The form teacher is at the heart of each Junior School student's well-being, with direct communication between home and school a vital, two-way process ensuring children feel happy and secure. Our wider team of professionals ensure that the provision of care is constant and covers a full range of needs. Every student belongs to a House and this fosters the ideal of being part of one big family – a supportive group that spans the whole of a school career.



A blurred background image of students in a school band, wearing blue uniforms and playing brass instruments like flutes and trumpets. A red shield-shaped graphic is overlaid in the center, containing a quote and report title.

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*They actively
promote the
well-being
of students.”*

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FACILITIES

Along with unlimited access to all of RGS's 30-acre site, the Junior School specifically offers a wide range of bespoke facilities to enhance our youngest students' learning and enjoyment. A science lab, computer suite, art room and design technology room, visiting music teacher rooms and a pastoral care suite cater for a range of experiences, along with two libraries. Surface Go devices are used as tools to enhance pedagogy and the student experience. There is no better way to appreciate the atmosphere of school than by paying us a visit and we encourage you to do so as you consider your options.



OPPORTUNITIES

Students at RGS develop an understanding of their responsibility to contribute to the wider society for the greater good through a range of further opportunities offered. Leadership development is encouraged in various forms, building confidence to be trailblazers and challenge the status quo. External trips are another invaluable experience to bring learning to life.

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“I love lunchtime swimming club, it gives me time to do the thing I love most in the middle of my school day.”

YEAR 3 STUDENT



HOW TO APPLY

The two main points of entry to the Junior School are into Y3 and Y5. After applying, all children will sit an assessment and have the experience of being in school. Our assessment programme, developed over many years of experience, is designed to give us confidence in offering able students who will thrive here the opportunity to study at the RGS.

There is nothing secretive or magical in how we assess and we are not trying to catch children out. Proceedings are designed to see the 'whole' child and to send everyone home smiling. A current school report is requested in advance of the assessment in order to assist with the process and we will approach schools directly about this.

To apply, please fill in our registration form online at www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk/prospective-families/admissions

You can also scan below to apply!



BURSARIES

The school is passionately committed to ensuring that our long history of providing fee assistance continues. In this way we offer access to a fast-paced, challenging curriculum for students from the widest possible range of backgrounds. With thanks to our donors, we are able to offer a small number of places to academically outstanding candidates who also meet our strict financial criteria at Y3 and Y5 entry points.

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“I am so pleased that we just gave it a go, she’s so happy at a school which is able to stretch and challenge her brilliant mind.”

CURRENT BURSARY PARENT



THE FUTURE

The journey begins at the Junior School, through to the Senior School, Sixth Form and on into our community of Old Novocastrians. From entrant to alumnus, opportunities are rich, diverse and all aimed to sustain a thriving RGS Family with shared values. Many of our alumni contribute towards the RGS Bursary Campaign, paying forward the life chances they have accessed to the next generation. For us, the future is not a line but a circle. We look forward to you joining us.



“You always feel part of the RGS, even after you leave. The closeness and the relationships you form last a lifetime.”

OLD NOVOCASTRIAN



A photograph of two young women in school uniforms embracing outdoors. The woman on the right is wearing a dark blue blazer over a red and white striped shirt and is smiling. The woman on the left is also wearing a red and white striped shirt. A red shield-shaped graphic is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'FUTURE LEADERS'.

FUTURE LEADERS

VISIT US

You are welcome to come and visit the school when it is most convenient for you. Please get in touch with our Head of Admissions, Mrs Ali Perry, who will help organise this for you and also guide you through the admissions process. For more information, email: admissions@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk.

GETTING HERE

You'll find us on Eskdale Terrace, a short distance from Newcastle city centre. We are 150m from Jesmond Metro station, which makes getting to the school via public transport very easy.







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