



YOUR JOURNEY
**OUR SENIOR
SCHOOL**



RGS

WELCOME

RGS Newcastle is an exciting place to learn that is forward thinking and inclusive. We aim to create a sense of belonging, to foster a belief in each other, inspire a love for learning and encourage an ambition to succeed.

Children join the Senior School at the age of 11 from a wide variety of social and educational backgrounds. They are given a warm welcome by their teachers and fellow students, enabling them to settle quickly and will soon develop the confidence to be themselves while gaining experience of working alongside others. With high expectations both in and outside the classroom our students constantly surprise themselves with how much they can do and achieve.

The Senior School is a busy place and students find that they are quickly drawn into a variety of clubs and activities where strong friendships are easily formed within and across year groups. Whole-school structures such as assemblies and the House system help to maintain our collective spirit. Conscious of the challenges that young people face, it is our priority to ensure a stable, caring community.

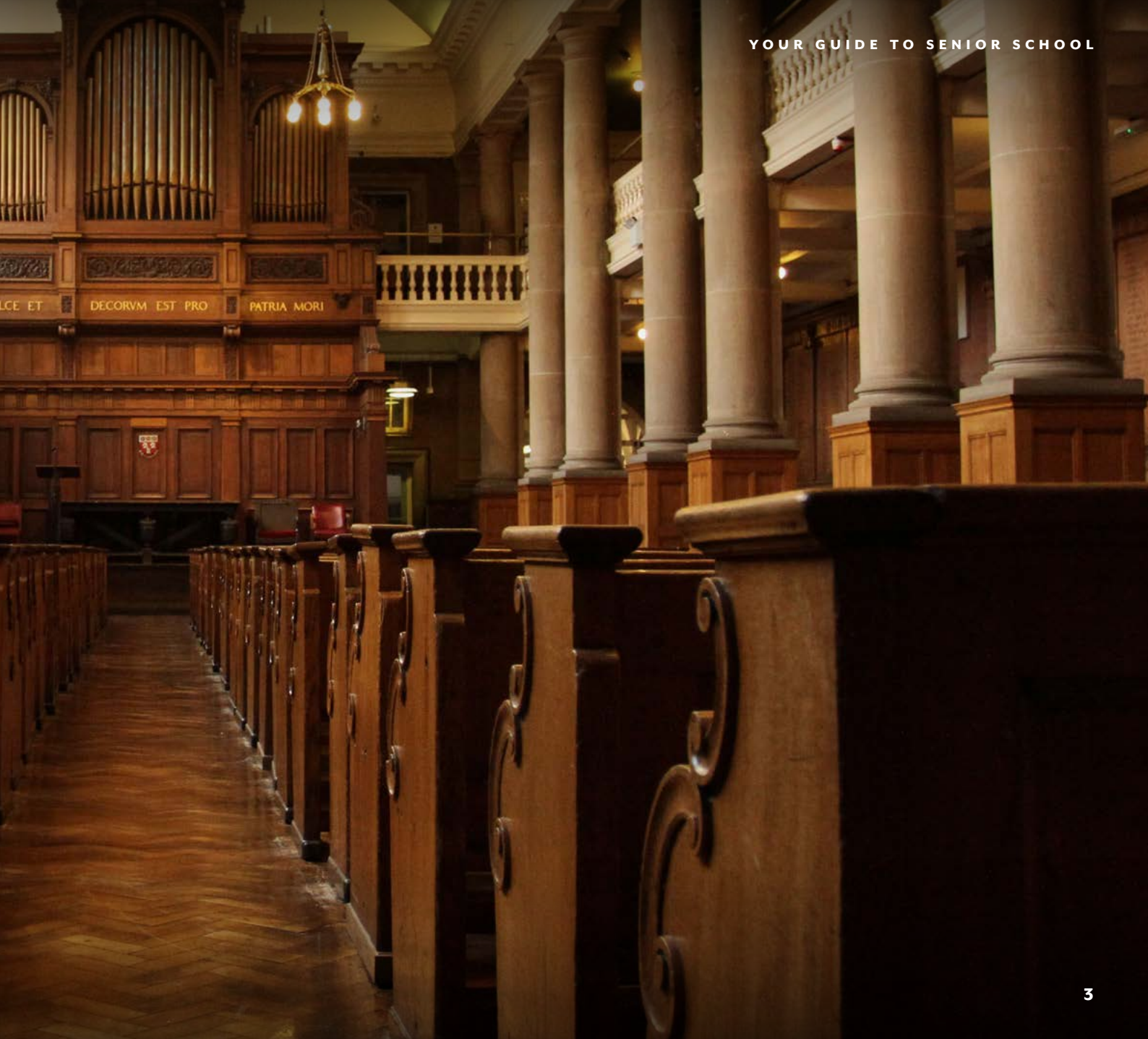
We encourage our students to be intellectually curious, to think creatively and to challenge themselves in everything they undertake. We hope they leave us as kind, interesting, independent minded individuals who are willing to take on responsibility and are motivated to contribute to society.

I hope you will visit us to experience the energy and purpose of our staff and students. We look forward very much to seeing you.



Geoffrey Stanford
Headmaster







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“I really feel I belong to the school, there’s a consistency of everyone sticking together and always trying their hardest.”

YEAR 9 STUDENT





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“Pupils are overwhelmingly collegiate, value each other and are very respectful of difference.”

THE LATEST RGS ISI
INSPECTION REPORT

OUR HERITAGE

In 1525 500 years ago, Thomas Horsley, Mayor of Newcastle, endowed the RGS as the city's first school. We are proud of our heritage whilst constantly evaluating the past through a present-day lens.

The Old Novocastrians, dedicated gatekeepers of our story, share their memories, anecdotes and memorabilia, along with our archivist who works across the school community. Our history is enmeshed with that of our city and although we have a national and global reach, we are firmly rooted in Newcastle soil.





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“There is lots of hands-on learning and opportunity to test out our own theories.”

YEAR 7 STUDENT

ACADEMIC

Our priority when designing and delivering the curriculum is that students are well-prepared for the lives they wish to lead. Programmes offer breadth as well as depth and we work hard to ensure that content and delivery are suited to every learner, considering the age, aptitude and needs of all.

We are a high-achieving school in terms of exam results but are not tied slavishly to exam syllabuses. We want students to be gripped by a fascination with the subject and take their studies further out of interest, not exclusively to get a particular grade. Enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom stimulate and support those interests.



CO-CURRICULAR

Our Co-curricular programme is an integral part of RGS education, predicated on our natural curiosity and love for learning new things. It is not a bolt-on necessity. Students develop a greater sense of belonging which transcends form or class groups as they choose from a huge range of options.

Social connection is a vital player in a well-rounded education, so throughout the year, over 170 co-curricular activities are available, offering students of all ages opportunities to explore their own areas of interest and develop skills to fuel their passions. The programme starts before school, runs through lunchtimes and continues after school.



PASTORAL CARE

We understand that all of our students are unique and different, and we strive to treat them as individuals with tailored care to meet their specific needs. Students benefit from several layers of cohesive support and the tools to help navigate the ever-evolving demands of growing up. We aim to raise our students' resilience by developing critical thinking and promoting skills to nurture a healthy body and mind.

The four school Houses at RGS foster a sense of belonging and belief in each other, as part of our wider pastoral system which is designed to support everything that life throws at our students, providing support, care and much celebration as they progress to adulthood.

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“Friendships created through co-curricular clubs have made such a difference to my school life.”

YEAR 7 STUDENT



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*“The best thing about RGS is the atmosphere
it provides to help students grow and
their attitude towards studies.”*

YEAR 9 STUDENT

FACILITIES

The RGS is very fortunate to have beautiful old buildings clustered round a magnificent hall and incorporated into a modern superstructure. In recent years we have continued to invest heavily to provide the finest facilities of any school in the north of England. We have a 25m swimming pool, a second sports' hall with a climbing wall, a dance studio, 13 computer suites, a Performing Arts' Centre, laboratories and a teaching kitchen. Art and EDT studios encourage students to use space in different ways and to thrive in these stimulating environments. Our new library sits at the centre and we are very well served for collaborative study spaces, with a pastoral suite providing privacy and some latitude.



OPPORTUNITIES

Students at RGS develop an understanding of their responsibility to contribute to the wider society for the greater good. Opportunities range from charitable service within the local community through our Partnerships programme, to trying to solve real life problems through STEM projects. 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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The teachers are so passionate and willing to get involved in the extra areas of our education which enhances the experience.”

YEAR 9 STUDENT



HOW TO APPLY

The main entry point to the senior school is at Y7, where we currently welcome new students from a wide range of schools, including the RGS Junior School. Y7 applicants will take an online aptitude test that covers maths, reasoning (verbal and non-verbal), and English. A number of children are then invited back for an informal group activity, giving us an opportunity to get to know them better and observe their responses to a range of circumstances. A current school report will also be requested to understand the wider context of the child's progress and attitude to learning.

Our second point of entry to the Senior School is into Sixth Form. 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

RGS is an independent, fee-paying school, yet we have a long history of providing fee-assisted places for children from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. With thanks to donors who fund our Bursary Campaign, we can offer a small number of places to families who cannot contribute financially themselves. These are offered to academically outstanding candidates who also meet our strict financial criteria at Y7 and Sixth Form.

Scan below to apply for an RGS Bursary:



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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

Joining the RGS is a lifelong investment. Our aim is that when our students leave us, they enjoy not only the university course or career of their choice but also successful and fulfilling lives, with a supportive network around them. 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 Bursary Campaign and pay that initial investment forwards. For us, the future is not a line but a circle. We look forward to you joining us.

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

OLD NOVOCASTRIAN





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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