ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

JOINING RHS:
YOUR ADMISSIONS JOURNEY
2027 ENTRY

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WELCOME

TO THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions a family will make, and we are delighted that you are considering RHS. Whether you are visiting us for the first time or learning more about what makes RHS unique, we warmly welcome pupils, parents, and guardians into our vibrant and supportive community.

Our friendly Admissions Team is here to guide you every step of the way. We understand that every family's journey is different, and we are committed to offering a tailored and personalised introduction to the school. From your first enquiry to your child's first day, our team will be on hand to answer questions, share insights, and ensure that you feel supported throughout the process.

This guide has been designed as a helpful reference as you move forward. Inside, you will find key dates, details of what to expect over the coming weeks and months, exciting events, and important information about entrance assessments, scholarships, bursaries, and the support we offer to service families.

We hope that, as you explore RHS, you will gain a true sense of what makes our school so special; a future-focused education, a warm and inclusive community, and a dedication to helping every young person discover their full potential.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family, and to helping you make an informed and confident decision about your child's next chapter.

Warm regards,

The Admissions Team

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE:
YEARS 7–10

Explore RHS
From immersive Open Mornings, Experience Days and Scholarship Evenings, to tailored personal visits, we can't wait to welcome you and show you what makes RHS so special

Registration and Scholarship Application Deadline
Friday 27 November 2026

Entrance Assessment Day
Saturday 16 January 2027

Scholarship Assessments
Week commencing Monday 18 January 2027

Decision Letters
An exciting milestone! Admission offers will be sent in early February 2027 to successful applicants

Stay Connected
From regular newsletters to special invitations to enjoy school productions and our February Offer Holders' Day, you'll be a part of our community from the very start

Offer Acceptance
We encourage families to accept their offers by Wednesday 10 March 2027

Your Welcome to RHS
Saturday 26 June 2027
Join us for teambuilding and a delicious RHS BBQ in the June sunshine

Induction
September 2027
We know joining a new school can feel daunting, but at RHS you won't be alone. A carefully planned induction schedule commencing on Sunday 6 September, led by our experienced team, helps every new pupil feel at home and find their place in school life

FLEXIBILITY
The admissions process is designed to accommodate the unique circumstances of every family. We understand that timelines, needs, and situations can vary, so we offer flexibility wherever possible - whether that means alternative dates, late applications, tailored visits or individual support – please do not hesitate to get in touch.

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE:
SIXTH FORM

Discover Sixth Form Life
Choose the events that work best for you - join our whole-school Open Morning, our bespoke Sixth Form Evening, or both! You are also welcome to arrange a personal visit at a time that suits you, to explore our new Sixth Form Centre and Nelson, our university-style Day and Boarding House.

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Friday 27 November 2026

Scholarship Assessments
Week commencing Monday 18 January 2027

Decision Letters
An exciting milestone! Admission offers will be sent in late January 2027 to successful applicants. If you are undertaking GCSE qualifications, Sixth Form offers are typically conditional pending results

Offer Acceptance
We encourage families to accept their offers by Wednesday 10 March 2027

A Confident Start
We'll keep you connected through regular Sixth Form newsletters and invitations to key events, including school productions so you can experience the spirit of RHS first hand.

Our Sixth Form Taster Day in June offers new pupils the chance to enjoy academic workshops and meet future classmates.

GCSE Results Day
We wish your child the very best! Share their results with the Admissions Team on Results Day, 26 August 2027; our Academic Team will be on hand should you need any advice and guidance.

Induction
September 2027

A tailored induction schedule warmly welcomes Year 12 pupils to our diverse Sixth Form community, from Sunday 6 September. Combining academic preparation, pastoral support, and social events - from a welcome dinner to a formal ball in the Michaelmas term.

SUMMER PROJECTS
Designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and independent thinking, RHS pupils in all year groups are offered a range of subject-specific optional summer projects, providing a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on the exciting academic journey ahead.

KEY EVENTS

Throughout the year, RHS offers a diverse programme of events designed to provide insight into school life. Whether you prefer the energy of an Open Morning, the focus of a Scholarship Insight Evening, or the personalised feel of an Experience Day, there are many opportunities to connect with our community.

Open Morning (Years 7-12)

See RHS in action at our flagship whole-school event. Embark on a guided tour of key facilities across our spectacular 200-acre campus and meet the pupils and staff who bring our community to life. Participate in a Q&A session with the Headmaster, and explore interactive subject showcases spanning academics, sports, music and co-curricular; from Biology to Football, CCF, Music and Sailing.

Saturday 3 October 2026
Saturday 24 April 2027



Sailing Taster Day

Whether pupils are new to sailing or experienced on the water, this event provides the opportunity to experience the RHS Centre of Excellence for Sailing firsthand. Supervised by our expert Sailing team, pupils spend the morning on our fleet of dinghies before enjoying an RHS lunch.

Saturday 12 September 2026

Sixth Form Open Evening (Year 12)

During the Sixth Form Open Evening, pupils can engage with subject leads across our wide range of A Level and BTEC options, explore the RHSExtra programme, and tour the Sixth Form Centre along with Nelson House, our unique university-style Day and Boarding House.

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Scholarship Insight Evening (Years 7-10)

Discover what it means to be a scholar at RHS across music, creativity, academics and sport. Find out how stretch and challenge extend learning and development, with opportunities ranging from the Scholars' Trip to the RHS Talented Performance Group (TPG).

Tuesday 13 October 2026

Assessment Day

Entrance assessments help us understand each pupil's strengths and readiness for the next stage of education. Mathematics and English papers are internally set and tailored to the year of entry, while Verbal Reasoning is assessed using GL Assessment papers.

Saturday 16 January 2027

Experience Days (Years 7-9)

Pupils entering Years 7-9 are invited to an immersive day of interactive subject taster sessions, making new friends and exploring our unique Day and Boarding Houses.

Saturday 14 November 2026
Saturday 27 February 2027
(Offer Holders and late applicants)
Saturday 12 June 2027
(Late applicants and 2028 entry)

Sixth Form Taster Day (Year 12)

Pupils joining Year 12 in September are warmly invited to step into Sixth Form life for a day. Take part in taster sessions for chosen subjects, explore elective options, and become familiar with the people, spaces, and opportunities that define the Sixth Form experience at RHS.

June 2027





Carols by Candlelight

Experience the magic of an RHS Christmas at this special festive service hosted by the Admissions Team. Set in the candlelit chapel and inspired by the school's traditional end-of-term service, the evening features beautiful music from the Chapel Choir, joined by pupils from local primary schools, traditional readings, congregational carols and seasonal refreshments.

December 2026

BOOK ONLINE

ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS

YEAR 7–10 ADMISSION

Interview	School Report	Entrance Assessments	Scholarship Assessment/s (optional)	School Reference

A welcome from our Admissions Tutor



At RHS, we keep the admissions process as friendly and straightforward as possible, so every pupil feels relaxed and ready to shine.

Each applicant will have a short, informal interview with me – simply a friendly conversation about their interests, hobbies, and what they enjoy at school. No preparation is needed, though pupils are welcome to bring something along to share if they wish – pupils sometimes choose a book, photo or certificate.

Where possible, we can combine the interview with a tour of the school or meetings with other staff, and for families further afield, interviews can take place online.

Pupils will also take part in our Entrance Assessment Day in January. This is designed to help us understand their academic strengths and support needs in an encouraging environment. For families with busy schedules, we can arrange alternative dates. Our Admissions Team will contact schools directly to obtain required reports and references.

Meeting new pupils is one of the joys of my role, and I'm very much looking forward to welcoming our 2027 entrants to RHS.

Leigh Corbould
Admissions Tutor and Housemaster of Drake

ASSESSMENT DAY

Pupils sit three papers as follows:

1. Verbal Reasoning (45 minutes)
2. Mathematics (45 minutes)
3. English (60 minutes)

Mathematics and English assessments are internally set and marked, tailored to the year of entry. Verbal Reasoning is assessed using GL Assessment papers.

Whilst some pupils may already be familiar with the style and structure of VR papers, for others it may be their first experience. To help pupils feel confident, there are a range of free practice and familiarisation resources available online.

RESULTS AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

It normally takes 2-3 weeks to notify parents whether their child has been offered a place at RHS. However, we generally do not provide feedback on individual test results.

The RHS Scholarship Programme recognises high-achieving and talented pupils who excel in specific areas. Academic Scholarships may be awarded following the Entrance Assessment Day, or pupils might be invited to an additional evaluation session after the initial assessments.

More information on Scholarships and Bursaries can be found on page 10.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSION

Interview	**School Report**	**(Predicted) GCSE Results (or equivalent)**	**Scholarship Assessment/s** (optional)	**School Reference**

A welcome from the Head of Sixth Form



Choosing the right Sixth Form is a pivotal step in preparing for life beyond school - whether a pupils' next destination is university, an apprenticeship, or a specialist career path. At RHS, we are committed to equipping pupils with the skills, confidence, and knowledge they need to succeed. Our broad range of A Level and BTEC options is complemented by our distinctive RHSXtra programme, which adds depth, breadth, and inspiration to Sixth Form life.

Admissions decisions are based on a friendly interview with myself or the Deputy Head of Sixth Form, alongside predicted GCSE grades and a reference from the pupil's current school. We aim to offer places to pupils who will thrive both academically and personally in our diverse and dynamic Sixth Form community.

Typically, candidates are expected to achieve at least 33 points (an average of 5.5) across their six best GCSE subjects, including a minimum grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics. Subject-specific requirements vary, but as a guide, a grade 6 is expected for most A Level courses -or a grade 7 for Maths and Sciences. Where students do not meet the criteria, we will review applications on an individual basis.

Our process is designed to be holistic and supportive. We want every pupil to feel confident in the transition to Sixth Form, knowing they'll be guided and encouraged to realise their full potential.

Each year, we are proud to welcome new pupils from across the UK and around the world into our welcoming and aspirational community. I look forward to getting to know you and helping you take your next steps with purpose and excitement.

Harriet Izod-Miller
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

GCSE RESULTS DAY

For pupils taking GCSEs, Sixth Form offers are conditional upon final results. On Results Day, we ask that you send an official statement of results as soon as possible so that places can be confirmed promptly.

Please don't worry - our academic team will be on hand to offer support. If you need to discuss results or explore your Sixth Form subject options, we'll be ready to help and guide you through the next steps.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Pupils wishing to undertake entrance assessments, must register their place at RHS for the relevant year of entry.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

ACADEMIC	CO-CURRICULAR				
	Music	Sport	Sailing	Creativity	Drama (optional)

At RHS we are proud of our exceptional Scholarship Programmes, designed to recognise and nurture talent across Academics, Music, Sport, Sailing, Creativity and Drama. Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate outstanding ability, potential and a commitment to excellence.

Whilst some scholarships include fee remission, their true value goes far beyond financial support. Scholars benefit from personalised enrichment opportunities, dedicated mentoring, and access to a vibrant programme that inspires, challenges, and nurtures their talents both inside and outside the classroom.

Pupils at all years of entry are warmly encouraged to apply, with internal scholarship reviews taking place at the start of Year 9 and Year 12.

Each award is thoughtfully considered, and becoming an RHS Scholar is something to be proud of - a celebration of achievement and the start of an exciting journey of growth and opportunity.

BENEFITS OF ALL AWARDS

Every scholarship comes with dedicated support tailored to each discipline, including:

- Fee remission (awarded at the Headmaster's Discretion)
- Personalised support and guidance
- Access to specialist coaching, workshops, masterclasses, or clinics
- Opportunities to perform, compete, or exhibit within RHS and beyond
- Invitations to exclusive trips, social events, and enrichment activities
- Termly progress reviews
- Support with progression to higher levels (e.g., university, national ensembles, professional auditions)

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL AWARDS

RHS Scholars are passionate and motivated pupils who demonstrate outstanding ability and a strong work ethic. All Scholars are expected to:

- Demonstrate outstanding commitment and a strong work ethic
- Maintain excellent attendance
- Show good attitude to learning in all academic subjects
- Participate actively in related school activities and events
- Engage in regular mentoring and progress reviews
- Represent RHS positively both in and out of school
- Take part in competitions, performances, exhibitions, or events where relevant
- Be a role model in terms of attitude, diligence, appearance and performance
- Promote RHS, including supporting events such as Open Mornings

DEVELOPING TALENT ACROSS EVERY DISCIPLINE

To complement the core expectations and benefits shared by all Scholars, each discipline brings its own distinctive expectations and enrichment opportunities - specialist offerings that provide outstanding support and opportunity.

ACADEMIC

- Academic target setting, guidance and review
- Membership of, and attendance at, all Riddle Society subject talks (Years 7-9) and a minimum of five Studd Society sessions (Years 10-13) annually
- Completion of at least two summer projects per year
- Act as a role model and promote intellectual curiosity across all subjects
- Participation in cross-curricular and subject-specific competitions and (in-school, national and international)
- Participation in academic co-curricular activities such as debating and STEM
- Invitation to the annual Scholars' Dinner with an inspirational guest speaker
- Invitation to the biennial Scholars' Trip

MUSIC

- Study of two or more instruments, including voice (at least one to be at Grade 4 standard (Year 7), Grade 6 (Year 9) and Grade 7 (Year 12)
- Demonstrate progress on all instruments through external or internal practical examinations
- Engage in regular performances: Chapel, January Scholars' Concert, all school concerts
- Attend at least two school-run ensembles
- Study Music GCSE (where applicable)
- Attend triannual vocal/instrumental masterclasses
- Free instrumental/ voice tuition for pupil's first study (in exceptional cases)
- Masterclasses and workshops from visiting musicians
- Opportunities to perform at RHS, nationally and internationally
- Assigned practice times
- Involvement with Suffolk Youth Orchestra or National Youth Choir
- Compose music, develop theory and analysis
- Lead ensembles and undertake music-related summer projects

SAILING

- Commitment to sailing year-round (prioritising over other co-curriculars)
- Represent RHS at inter-school events
- Enter all external events under the name of 'Royal Hospital School', sail under the RHS flag and display RHS hull stickers on personal boats
- Attend representative weekend competitions at least five times per year
- Compete on the national circuit of a British Youth Sailing Recognised Class at a minimum of three events per year
- Attend after-school theory, fitness, and coaching sessions
- Access to high-level coaching, equipment, storage, and strength and conditioning support
- Participation in Talented Performance Group with personalised mentoring and nutrition advice
- Coordination with external coaches to complement the RHS sailing programme and ensure the best support of the Scholar's development
- Support the promotion of sailing at RHS

SPORT

- Consistent high performance and attendance in A/1st teams
- Attendance at all training sessions and fixtures
- Support development of sport in the lower school and support coaching and guidance of younger pupils (where applicable)
- Enrolment encouraged in the Sixth Form Sports Leaders Programme (where applicable)
- Membership of Talented Performance Group with bespoke athletic development training
- Specific skills training in chosen sport(s) – including one-to-one and small group sessions throughout the year
- Mentoring including in goal setting and action planning, and in wellbeing and balancing commitments
- Coordination on elite performance with clubs, county and representative squads

CREATIVITY

(Art and Design & Technology)

- Maintain a personal portfolio, recording creative progress inside and outside the classroom
- Individualised target setting and half termly review with Head of Department
- Attend at least one Art/DT/STEM club per week
- Participate in summer projects, competitions, and at least one departmental trip annually
- Choose Art or DT at GCSE and A Level with required minimum grades (where applicable)
- Participation in STEM events, both in-school and nationally
- Opportunities for work to be exhibited within and outside of school
- Visiting artist talks and masterclasses
- Funded enrichment trip once a year (Design Museum, V&A Museum, universities)

DRAMA (Years 7 - 10)

- Active participation in all school productions, rehearsals, and lessons, performing in at least one school production per year
- Commitment to LAMDA graded exams (achieving merit or above), with subsidised LAMDA lessons (in exceptional cases)
- Selection of Drama as a subject at GCSE and Theatre Studies as an Elective in Sixth Form (where applicable)
- Completion of at least one summer Drama project each year
- Invitation to annual theatre workshops, and theatre trips/visits
- Support and guidance in preparing for auditions and applications to Drama courses and conservatoires post RHS.
- Termly progress review with Head of Department

RHS BURSARIES

Candidates in receipt of a Scholarship are eligible to apply for additional assistance by way of a means-tested RHS Busary should the financial circumstances of the family necessitate it. Bursaries may be awarded in the form of remission on school fees, depending on the financial circumstances of the applicants and subject to the School's budgetary constraints but the combined amount of remission (Scholarship + Bursary) would not normally constitute more than 50% of the full fee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All scholarships may be applied for at the point of registration at RHS. Academic Scholarships for Years 7-10 will be shortlisted following the Entrance Assessment Day, whilst Year 12 candidates will be invited to the Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Assessment Day.

Co-curricular Scholarships can be applied for using the Award Application Form and will be assessed during the week commencing 18 January 2027.

Pupils may apply for more than one award, and joint awards are occasionally made. However, these are limited to a maximum of two awards per pupil, and some disciplines cannot be held simultaneously due to the demands on time and commitment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

ACADEMIC (Year 12 assessment only)	Submission of two pieces of recently marked work that the pupil is most proud of (which are relevant to potential Sixth Form choices Submission of a personal statement (maximum 750 words) answering the following: - Why are you passionate about the subjects you have chosen for Sixth Form? - How do you seek to challenge yourself academically? - What is the hardest goal you have set for yourself and how did you go about achieving it? - Tell me about something you learned outside of class and why it interested you The Assessment Day will include both group and individual tasks to assess intellectual curiosity and problem-solving skills, as well as an interview with Deputy Head (Academic) or Head of Sixth Form
SAILING	Submission of at least one supporting reference from the candidate's current coach or club. Practical assessment (on pupils' own or an RHS boat) comprising: - Follow the leader exercise - Tacking on the whistle - Gybing on the whistle - Starting exercise - Short fleet races Interview with the Director of Sailing
MUSIC	Submission of at least one reference from a music teacher or coach Practical assessment, comprising pupil's performance of: - Two contrasting pieces of their own choice on their main instrument or voice - One piece of their choice on a second instrument or voice - A sight-reading test on their main instrument or voice - A selection of aural exercises Interview with the Director of Music
SPORT	Submission of two supporting references from the candidate's current coach(es) Practical assessment comprising: - Fitness and agility test - Session in our core sports of cricket, hocket, netball (girls) and rugby (boys)* - Interview with Director of Sport *whilst we are happy to consider pupils from any sporting background, we would typically expect candidates to excel in at least one of our core sports
CREATIVITY	Submission of a hard copy or digital portfolio of the candidate's work, to include: - Work completed both at school and at home - A range of creative techniques Practical assessment and interview with the Head of Art or Head of Design and Technology
DRAMA	Submission of a supporting reference Practical assessment, comprising: - Group performance - Pre-prepared monologue (lasting one and a half to three minutes) Interview with the Head of Drama

SERVICE FAMILIES

Founded in 1712 in Greenwich to educate the children of naval seafarers, RHS moved to its stunning 200-acre campus in Suffolk in 1933. Since then, the school has grown in both size and reputation to become one of East Anglia's leading independent schools.

While our values are rooted in our naval heritage, RHS is a modern and inclusive school that welcomes families from all backgrounds. We have a long-standing connection with the Armed Forces and a thriving boarding provision. We take pride in our understanding of the unique needs of service families, offering tailored support to ensure every pupil feels settled, supported, and ready to thrive.

MOD CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION ALLOWANCE (CEA)

Families in receipt of the MOD's Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) benefit from a significantly reduced full boarding fee at RHS, making an RHS education both accessible and excellent value.

In line with MOD policy, CEA parents contribute the minimum requirement of 10% of school fees. The remainder is covered through a combination of MOD funding and RHS fee remission, resulting in a highly competitive offer, with a modest parental contribution.

Our approach is rooted in understanding, flexibility, and a long-standing commitment to Armed Forces families. With extensive experience in supporting pupils from service backgrounds, we provide stability, care and opportunity - giving families confidence that their child's education is in capable and compassionate hands.

SUPPORT FOR NAVAL SEAFARERS

The ownership of the Royal Hospital School transferred to the Inspired Learning Group (ILG) in 2025. However, the school continues to respect and celebrate its rich naval heritage, and Greenwich Hopsital offer discounts and generous bursaries to 1st generation seafaring families, enabling their child or children to benefit from an outstanding education at one of the country's leading co-educational boarding schools.

Greenwich Hospital provide two funding support options:

1. Greenwich Hospital Discount
GH Discounts provide a non means-tested fee remission of 15%

2. Greenwich Hospital Bursary
GH Bursaries are means-tested awards, offering fee remission of up to 50%.

Bursaries are allocated based on:

- Educational and pastoral need
- Seafaring priority, with the children of serving personnel taking priority over retired personnel
- Entrance examination and interview performance
- Availability of places (day or boarding) within each year group

Full information and application forms can be found online.

RHS SIBLING DISCOUNT

Families with two children in the School at the same time receive a 5% discount on the Boarding or Day fee for the eldest child. Those with three children in the school are eligible for 10% discount for the eldest and 5% discount on the second eldest and those with four children will receive 15% discount on the eldest, 10% on the second eldest and 5% on the third eldest, when all are at school at the same time. The sibling discount does not apply to fees discounted by a means-tested bursary, Continuity of Education Allowance and certain other discounts.



NEXT STEPS

YOUR WELCOME

At RHS we extend a very warm welcome. Once you have accepted a place at RHS, you'll receive a Welcome Pack with everything you need to prepare for the exciting journey ahead. From a personalised introduction from your Houseparents to uniform lists and induction events, we'll ensure you feel informed and supported as you settle into RHS life. Parents and guardians will also be able to register on MySchool-Portal (MSP), our interactive online platform, which provides everything from the School Handbook to individual pupil reports and events.

YOUR ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- [ ] CONTACT US
- [ ] EXPLORE RHS
- [ ] REGISTER
- [ ] ASSESSMENTS (INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS)
- [ ] DECISION
- [ ] ACCEPTANCE
- [ ] STAY IN TOUCH
- [ ] ARRIVE AT RHS



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