



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





## WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE RGS JUNIOR SCHOOL

- ✓ Outstanding academic foundations
- ✓ Specialist teaching from Year 3 to Year 6
- ✓ Exceptional pastoral care rooted in the RGS Superpowers!
- ✓ Unrivalled co-curricular opportunities
- ✓ Seamless progression to Senior School
- ✓ Lifelong membership of the RGS community



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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**



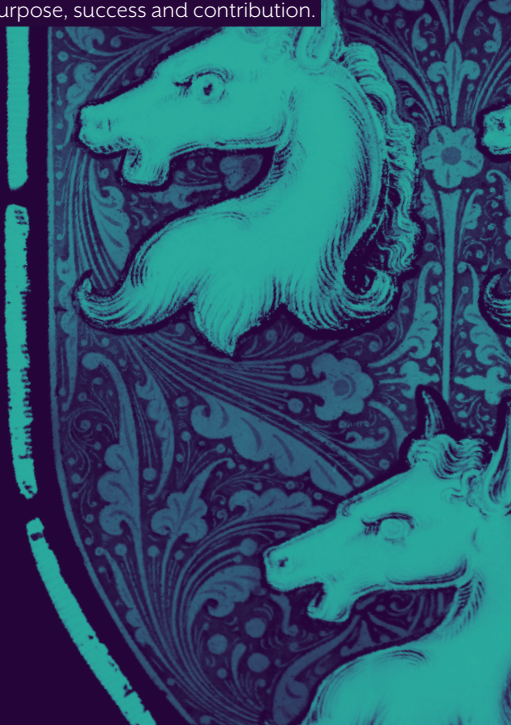
## 500 YEARS OF PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE

RGS has been at the heart of Newcastle since 1525, but our greatest strength lies not in our history, but in how we prepare children for what comes next.

For more than five centuries, RGS pupils have gone on to make a difference in their communities, professions and wider society. Today, that same spirit of ambition and curiosity remains at the centre of everything we do.

Our pupils walk through buildings steeped in history while learning skills designed for the future. They develop a love for learning, confidence in their abilities and an understanding that they can have a positive impact on the world around them.

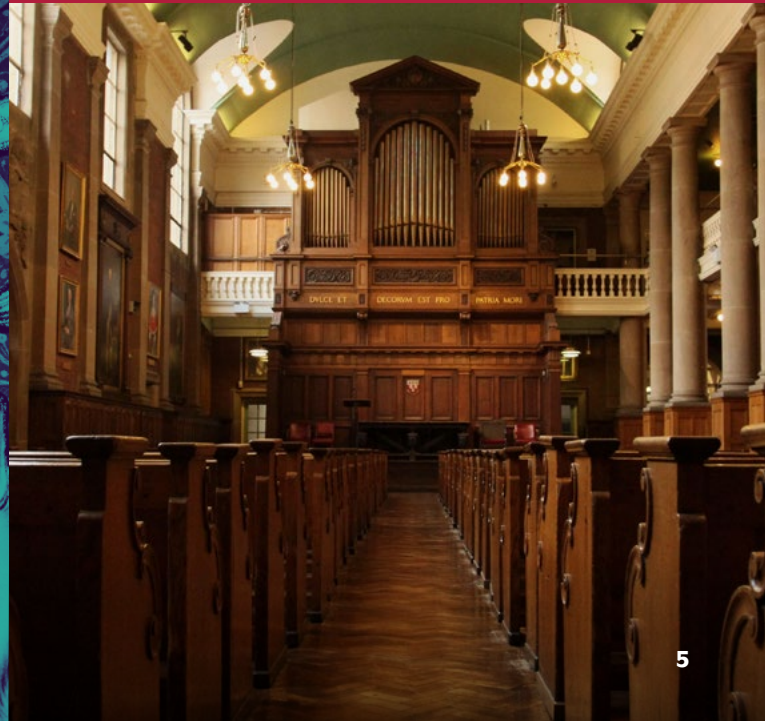
An RGS education is not simply about academic achievement; it is about helping young people flourish and preparing them for fulfilling lives of purpose, success and contribution.



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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





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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.

## WHAT MAKES LEARNING DIFFERENT AT RGS?

- An environment which values the preservation of childhood
- A supportive culture that celebrates both belonging and achievement
- Dedicated science, art, computing, performing arts and sports staff and facilities
- Access to Senior School expertise and resources
- Learning designed to stretch and inspire
- Early preparation for future academic success

## CO-CURRICULAR

Some children discover a passion for sport. Others for music, drama, art, coding or public speaking.

Our extensive co-curricular programme gives every child the opportunity to explore new interests, develop existing talents and discover strengths they never knew they had.

Whether performing on stage, representing the school in competition, learning a new instrument or joining a lunchtime club, pupils build confidence, resilience and friendships that extend far beyond the classroom.

Because education is about much more than what happens in the classroom.



## KNOWN. SUPPORTED. VALUED.

Children achieve their best when they feel happy, secure and recognised.

Pastoral care sits at the heart of life at RGS Junior School. Form teachers develop strong relationships with pupils and families, ensuring every child is known as an individual.

Our wider pastoral team support children's emotional wellbeing and personal development, helping them navigate challenges and celebrate successes. The RGS Superpowers of Strong, Able, Calm and Kind embed these qualities in everyday life at school.

Our aim is simple: for every child to come to school feeling confident, supported and ready to learn.





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*“The difference isn’t simply what  
our child learns. It’s the confidence  
they’ve gained since joining RGS.”*

PARENT



## WHY RGS?

### *Challenge*

A curriculum designed to stretch capable young learners.

### *Opportunity*

A wide range of sporting, creative and academic experiences.

### *Support*

Outstanding pastoral care and individual attention.

### *Future Success*

Preparation for Senior School, Sixth Form and beyond.

## FACILITIES THAT BRING LEARNING TO LIFE

From science experiments and coding projects to swimming lessons and musical performances, our facilities help transform school from somewhere children study into something they experience.

Junior School pupils benefit from specialist facilities designed specifically for their age group, alongside access to the extensive resources available across the 30-acre RGS campus. Our facilities include:

- Science laboratory
- Computing suite
- Design technology room
- Dedicated art room
- Two libraries
- Music teaching rooms
- Swimming provision
- Extensive sports facilities

These spaces are not simply buildings. They are places where confidence grows, interests develop, and ambitions begin.

Scan the QR code to begin your virtual tour.



## 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.



## 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/admissions/junior-school](http://www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk/admissions/junior-school)

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.

Scan the QR code to learn more about means-tested bursaries at RGS and how we support families to access an exceptional education.



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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**



## ONE SCHOOL. ONE JOURNEY.

For many pupils, joining RGS Junior School is the beginning of an educational journey that continues through Senior School, Sixth Form and beyond.

This continuity provides significant advantages. Children develop confidence within familiar surroundings, build lasting friendships and benefit from a carefully planned educational pathway that grows with them.

As students progress through RGS, they continue to be challenged academically, supported pastorally and encouraged to make the most of every opportunity available to them.

By the time they leave, they do so not only with excellent qualifications, but with the confidence, character and skills to thrive at university, in their careers and throughout their lives.

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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



## NATIONALLY RECOGNISED FOR HELPING STUDENTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

At RGS, success is measured not only by results, but by progress.

Our students consistently go on to achieve outcomes that exceed expectations, reflecting the impact of an education that combines academic challenge, expert teaching and exceptional support.

# FUTURE LEADERS

## COME AND SEE THE DIFFERENCE

The best way to understand life at RGS Junior School is to experience it for yourself.

We would be delighted to welcome you for an open event or personal visit, allowing you to meet staff, explore our facilities and see our pupils thriving in their learning environment.

You'll quickly discover what makes RGS such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

### *Easy to reach from across the North East*

- 150m from Jesmond Metro Station
- Excellent public transport connections
- Accessible from across Newcastle and surrounding







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**There's More to Life at RGS**

Exceptional teaching.  
Outstanding opportunities.  
Lifelong friendships.

A journey that begins in the Junior School and opens doors for the future.

