



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





WHY RGS?

- ✓ Top 1% nationally for student GCSE progress
- ✓ Outstanding academic outcomes
- ✓ Exceptional pastoral care
- ✓ Thriving co-educational community
- ✓ Extensive opportunities beyond the classroom
- ✓ Strong university and career destinations
- ✓ Accessible city-centre location
- ✓ More to life at RGS



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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

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

THE LATEST RGS ISI
INSPECTION REPORT

FROM TRADITION TO A MODERN CO-EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

Originally founded as a school for boys, RGS has continued to evolve to meet the needs of successive generations. The school welcomed its first girls into the Sixth Form in 2001 and became fully co-educational in 2008.

Today, boys and girls learn alongside one another in a vibrant and inclusive community that reflects the world beyond school. Co-education enriches classroom discussion, broadens perspectives and helps pupils develop the confidence, collaboration and mutual respect that will serve them throughout their lives.

While much has changed over more than 500 years, our commitment to academic excellence, strong character and outstanding opportunities remains as relevant today as it has always been.





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“The quality of teaching is exceptional, but what stands out most is how well staff know each pupil as an individual.”

YEAR 7 PARENT

ACADEMIC PROGRESS THAT SETS US APART

At RGS, success is measured not only by examination results, but by the progress pupils make from their individual starting points.

Independent analysis places RGS amongst the top 1% of schools nationally for student progress at GCSE.

This means pupils consistently achieve outcomes which exceed expectations, reflecting the quality of teaching, individual support and academic challenge they experience throughout their time at RGS.



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.

Participation beyond the classroom plays an important role in every pupil's development. Through sport, music, drama, outdoor education, leadership opportunities and enrichment activities, pupils develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and communication skills that support success throughout life.



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.

“RGS has provided outstanding value through the breadth of opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom.”

YEAR 8 PARENT

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE RGS

For more than 500 years, families have trusted RGS to help young people achieve exceptional outcomes and discover their potential.

Today, RGS combines academic excellence, outstanding pastoral care and a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom in a thriving co-educational environment.

WHAT MAKES RGS DIFFERENT?

Top 1% Nationally for Student Progress

Independent analysis places RGS amongst the top-performing schools at GCSE in the country for the progress pupils make during their senior education.

Outstanding Academic Outcomes

Students progress to leading universities, competitive degree apprenticeships and a wide range of professional pathways.

Co-Educational Learning

Boys and girls learn together in an environment that reflects the world beyond school.

Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

A rich programme of sport, music, drama, STEM, leadership and community engagement enables pupils to explore their interests and talents.

Exceptional Support

Every pupil is known as an individual and encouraged to achieve their very best.



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“The opportunities available at RGS have exceeded our expectations. We have seen our child grow in confidence, independence and ambition.”

YEAR 9 PARENT

FACILITIES DESIGNED FOR OPPORTUNITY

The RGS campus provides an outstanding environment in which pupils can learn, create, perform, compete and thrive. Every facility serves a single purpose: to provide young people with the opportunity to explore their interests, develop their talents and achieve their potential.

Whether investigating scientific principles in specialist laboratories, performing before an audience, competing in sport, creating original artwork or collaborating on ambitious projects, pupils benefit from spaces that encourage curiosity, creativity and confidence.

Our facilities support a wide range of experiences across academic, creative and sporting life, helping pupils discover strengths they may never have realised they possessed.

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. 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/admissions/senior-school

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



PREPARING PUPILS FOR A CHANGING WORLD

The future demands more than knowledge alone.

At RGS, pupils develop the habits of mind that will serve them throughout their lives: critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration and independent problem-solving.

Alongside academic study, students learn how to evaluate information, use technology responsibly, consider different perspectives and approach complex challenges with confidence. These skills prepare young people not only for examinations and university, but for success in a rapidly changing world.



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

OLD NOVOCASTRIAN



WHERE CAN AN RGS EDUCATION TAKE YOU?

RGS Sixth Form students benefit from an extensive programme designed to prepare them for life beyond school. Alongside A Levels, pupils participate in leadership opportunities, enrichment activities and the Complementary Studies programme, which broadens horizons and develops the skills valued by universities and employers.

Every year, RGS pupils progress to some of the UK's most competitive universities, degree apprenticeships and professional pathways. Students pursue subjects including:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Science
- Engineering
- Law
- Economics
- Computer Science
- Architecture
- Arts and Humanities

Whatever ambitions they hold, pupils benefit from expert guidance, personalised support and opportunities that help them make informed decisions about their future.



AT THE HEART OF NEWCASTLE

RGS's city-centre location provides excellent access from across the region through extensive public transport links.

Many pupils travel independently by Metro, bus or rail, helping them develop confidence and independence while enjoying the convenience and flexibility of a highly connected campus.

Our location also enables partnerships with universities, businesses, cultural organisations and community groups, enriching the educational experience available to pupils.







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There's More to Life at RGS

Outstanding academic achievement.

Exceptional opportunities.

Confidence, character and lifelong friendships.

