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Welcome!

Hello!

My name is Mr Grady, and I have the joy, pleasure and privilege to be the Head Teacher at Rugby High School where we show kindness, care and respect to all - and you'll feel that in everything you do here.

It's my job to make sure you have the very best experience of learning; that you have an exciting, challenging and broad curriculum. It's my job to make sure you are safe and well, that you know who to talk to if you have any worries, and to make sure that your time at Rugby High School is a happy one!

If you're reading this, it's because you're interested in Rugby High School as the next part of your journey and I'm really pleased to tell you what a fantastic next step joining us would be!

It's a learning environment which has, over the years, perfected an outstanding education for young women. Our teachers are experts in their field. They love their subjects and know how to find the spark of curiosity in the curriculum. They also know how to support you to build your resilience and your independence and, when it comes to examinations, to help you perform to the very best of your ability.

Our students are our greatest advert: knowledgeable, good-humoured and confident young women who leave here proud and ready for whatever the Twenty First Century might throw at them!

I do hope the rest of this brochure gives you a flavour of Rugby High School, and that you can't wait to come and see what makes us such a unique school.



LIFE AT RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL

Life at Rugby High School is rich, varied and full of opportunities, with an engaging curriculum and teachers who are truly passionate about their subjects. Our aim as a school is to encourage our students to be ambitious and creative thinkers. Inspired by their curiosity and love for learning our students grow in confidence, gaining new experiences and realising that their actions have the potential to change the world.

We have a packed events calendar with the whole school getting involved in charity dressing-up days, school plays and musical performances, sporting competitions, residential trips and celebration assemblies. Students work together in their forms, years and across the year groups, and we celebrate the diversity of our community. At Rugby High School we make the most of our sports facilities, drama studios, music centre, well-equipped science laboratories, computer science rooms, art, textiles and food technology block and our fantastic outdoor space with a tree-lined field to enjoy on sunny lunchtimes.



SO MUCH MORE



Our students have the chance to enjoy academic and extra-curricular visits, residential trips, Duke of Edinburgh and work experience.



Charity and fundraising are at the heart of Rugby High School with cake-baking competitions, book sales, non-uniform days, Pink Day Race for Life and teacher karaoke.



There are over 25 lunchtime clubs and societies from choir and drama to classics and the Climate Coalition.



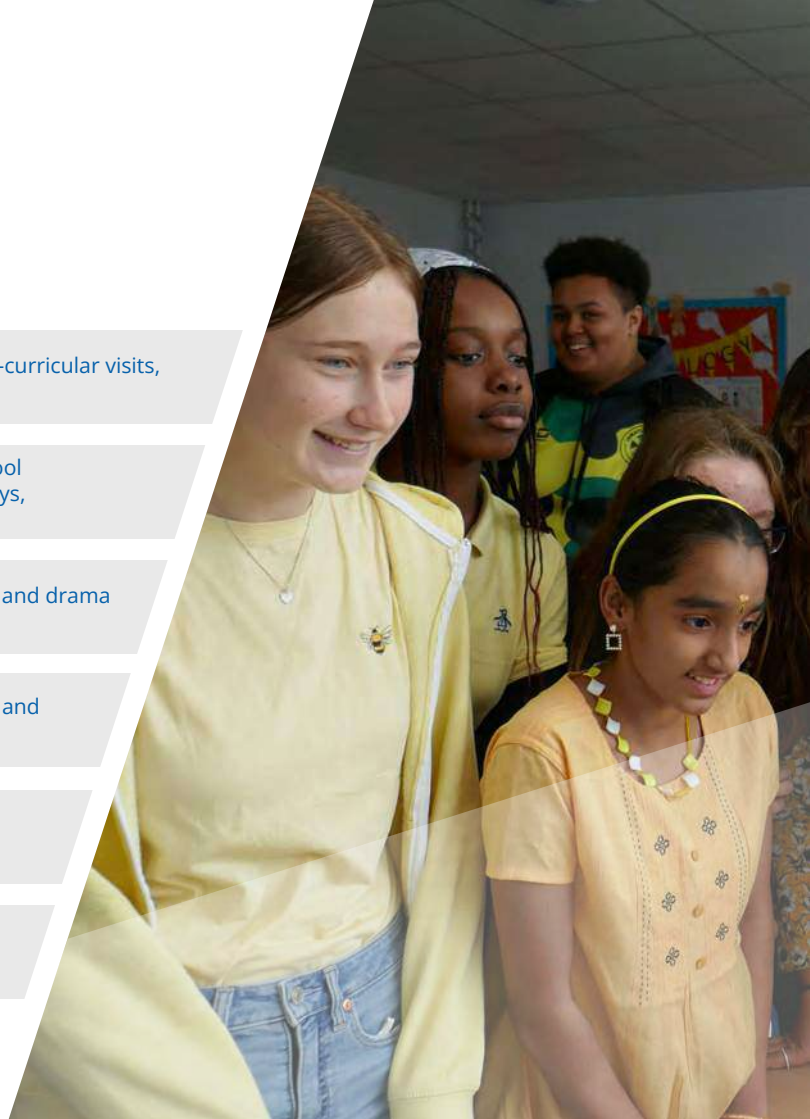
Our school teams compete in sports from netball, athletics and football to table tennis and trampolining.



We celebrate our school's diversity and hold an annual Cultural Diversity Day.



We pride ourselves on our pastoral care and students are supported throughout their school life.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YEAR 7



My eyes not even open yet, I fling my bag over my shoulder and head out the door, a bolt of lightning lights up in me as I think about today's exciting schedule. I wave at my friend as I walk through the gates, heading for form, heading for my friends, heading past the canteen, trying to guess what's on the menu for break. It always smells delicious.

Walking into the room, I put down my bag and head for the lockers. The familiar yellow lock and fading beige doors seem to greet me as I grab what I need for the day, hurrying back as my form tutor enters the classroom.

I like to chat with my friends about homework as we race up the stairs but we always end up laughing about something or other as we turn towards the maths classroom and take our seats, white boards, and pens waiting patiently for us in the normal place.

On the way to English, my friends remind me of our upcoming food tech tester session and I can hear my stomach rumble, apparently, we're making cookies but we won't find out till next week.

Break could not come sooner and I struggle to scan my fingerprint to buy just what I guessed this morning, cheesy garlic bread, probably the best item on the menu.

Next, we have Latin and the usual question of "can we play Blooket™?". Our teacher reminds us that we may if we have time but we must work hard as we answer the register with the usual "salve!".

For anybody considering this school, be warned, you're going to wish you could never leave. It's like a family here and everything is so diverse and accepting. Sure, there's ups and downs but someone always has your back and no day is like the next. It couldn't be more like home.

“Year 7 is a time that you will form new friendships, experience challenges that you will learn to overcome and definitely a year you will never forget.”

“Whenever you find a subject hard, it is so easy to tell the teacher, they are really friendly and helpful.”

“You and your form will go through everything together, as you will take all of your lessons with them. By Year 8 your friends will feel like sisters, as you know them so well.”

WHAT OUR SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

97.5% of students achieved 9-5 grades in English and Maths at GCSE in 2022.

72% of students achieved A* to B grades at A Level in 2022.

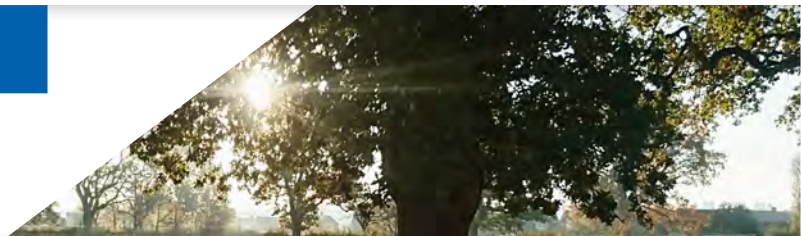
10% of students gained A* grades in all their subjects at A Level in 2022.

“The school’s trust in me built a level of self confidence which has stayed with me throughout my career.”

“It challenges you to be the best you can be.”

“Being surrounded by like-minded students made my school days incredibly fun.”

“The self-belief that I could do anything if I tried, a skill carefully nurtured by a set of teachers who believed in me long before I did.”



IS YOUR DAUGHTER EAGER AND EXCITED TO KEEP LEARNING?

Does she have a passion for reading?

Is she the first to answer questions
on quiz shows?

Is she interested in the news, politics or
the world around her?

Is she fascinated by science and technology?

Does she ask a lot of questions and try to
discover how things work?



**Taking the 11+ and joining us at Rugby High School
could be just what she needs.**



THE 11+ PROCESS

To join Rugby High School the first step is registering for the 11+ Test. Go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test

Registration for the 11+ opens in May each year for those children currently in Year 5. You need to register by **30th June 2023**. You should create or log in to a Parent Portal account on Warwickshire County Council's website, from **8th May 2023 onwards**, and submit the online 11+ registration form.

An automatic email will be sent confirming your submission, once it has been completed successfully.

11+ tests take place in early September, when students have just started in Year 6.

Your daughter's test results will be emailed in mid-October and parents will then need to apply for a place through Warwickshire County Council.

You will find out if she has secured a place at Rugby High School on National Secondary School Offer day, which is **1st March 2024**. However her test result can indicate how likely this will be, by comparing it to the previous year's qualifying score. In 2023 the qualifying score for Rugby High School was 211 and the minimum score for the waiting list was 206.



“In the end, I really enjoyed doing the 11+. I discovered it was easier than I thought it would be. Despite being extremely nervous, I powered through and I really enjoyed myself”

Matilda, Year 7

ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN THE LAST 6 YEARS?

There are up to 20 places available at Rugby High School for girls who live in the priority areas who qualify for the Pupil Premium, via free school meals, and score up to 15 points below the qualifying score.

For example if the qualifying score is 211 a girl who has received free school meals only needs to score 196 or more to be offered a place.

We expect all our students to be able to access all our academic and co-curricular activities and we're committed to supporting our students to do so. We allocate Pupil Premium funding to support students in need of individual financial support so they can take part in school visits and trips, access the internet, take part in clubs, travel to and from school and to feel part of our school community by wearing our full school uniform. If your daughter receives free school meals, or you are in receipt of certain benefits, you can gain help, for example, towards buying her first uniform.

Please email rhsadmin@rugbyhighschool.co.uk if you need more information.



TOP TIPS FOR 11+



It is a good idea to practice 11+ questions at home to familiarise yourself with the style of questions.



Books to help you prepare for the 11+ start at around £8 - £10 from online or high street retailers and e-books may be cheaper. Choose the GL Assessment books as this is the test provider in Warwickshire.



Make sure you read lots and widely. You will need a wide range of vocabulary under your belt for the 11+ Test.



Practice working out maths questions quickly, you'll need to work fast in the test. You'll need to know your times tables and number bonds off by heart.



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