



## OUR VISION FOR RH6

At Rugby High School Sixth Form, we set heights in our heart.

In Year 12 and 13 we continue to **strive for excellence** for all, in all its forms. We retain all the values and highest standards of our school, whilst encouraging and enabling greater independence. Our aim as a Sixth Form is to encourage our students to be **ambitious and creative thinkers**, to face challenges, to work together, to learn to apply and adapt their knowledge and understanding as a co-educational Sixth Form so that they are prepared and excited for the future, whatever it may bring.

Our aspiration is that all our students understand what it is to **show care, kindness and respect** as empathetic, independent global citizens. We welcome RHS students and joiners alike, and encourage all our Sixth formers to take on **leadership and responsibility**, and to get involved in all aspects of school life.

Our Sixth Formers will move on from Rugby High School knowing how to be **Resilient, Healthy and Successful**, ready for the next stage in their lives and educational journeys.

Our RH6 philosophy is to '**stay curious**' and we strive to nurture a love of learning so that our students will leave us with a **confident voice and open mind**, ready to take their place, knowing that their actions have the potential to change the world

## **Welcome to RH6!**

We hope that you have an engaging and useful orientation day at Rugby High School.

Today you will have the opportunity to experience some A level lessons, meet new people and find out more about school life.

Days like this can be daunting, especially if you don't know anyone else, but remember there are lots of people feeling the same way as you! We really want you to feel welcome and part of our RH6 community from the very start.

Hopefully you will find out useful information today and feel excited about starting your A Level journey with us in September. If you have any questions or need any support throughout the day, just ask one of our Prefects or a member of staff.

In this booklet is some useful information for you that students often like to know about when they are starting Sixth Form with at RH6.

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**The RH6 team**

## **Timings of the school day**

You are expected to be in school by 8:40 at the latest, and should head to form time at 8:45 to be ready for the start of the school day: punctuality and good attendance are essential at RH6.

**8.50am** - Registration

**9.15am** - Period 1

**10.05am** - Period 2

**10.55am** - Break

**11.20am** - Period 3

**12.10pm** - Period 4

**1.00pm** - Lunch

**2.05pm** - Period 5

**2.55pm** - Period 6

**3.45pm** - End of day

- For each A Level you study you have 6 lessons a week.
- Form time is every morning (attendance is essential)
- PSHE and enrichment are part of your compulsory timetable too
- The remaining lessons will be used for supervised study: this is where you will have a chance to do reading for your subject, homework, revision and note taking.

Am I allowed out at lunch time?

After the first half term you are allowed out to go out at lunch – this is a Sixth Form privilege and is reviewed regularly.

## **Dress code:**

Our Sixth Form dress code is designed to enable students to have more autonomy, compared to wearing a uniform, whilst promoting **a positive and professional image** that enables students to be role models for the rest of the school, and **feel smart and ready to work**.

Our aim is to make the dress code gender and culturally **inclusive, practical and affordable**. We want to prepare our Sixth Formers for the working world, and as such, adherence to a dress code is good preparation for many professional roles. Looking smart and wearing appropriate clothing is one way in which our students show **care, kindness and respect** and feel confident. Crucially, they are **school leaders and role models** for the rest of the school and this needs to be shown through their appearance.

At RH6 we do recognise that many workplaces are increasingly flexible towards dress codes. In keeping with this, our Sixth Formers can:

- Have their **hair in any style or colour**\*
- **Wear jewellery** of their own choosing\*
- Have **nail colour** of their own choosing\*
- Wear **Doc Marten boots or smart black trainers**
- Wear clothes of **any colour**
- Wear **cultural clothing** appropriate to workplace

*\*In some learning contexts, for health and safety reasons, students may need to remove jewellery or tie their hair back e.g. in a science practical/drama practical. This is at the discretion of the teacher.*

### What students *can* wear...

*\* denotes new for academic year 2024- 2025*

A business suit

Smart dress

Smart trousers or skirt

A shirt, blouse or smart top which can be patterned and in any colour they like.

A tie can be worn

Cultural wear e.g. Shalwar Kameez/ Kente/ Kaftan

Plain, smart well fitted cardigan or jumper

In the winter months, students will be able to order and purchase a RH6 hoodie from the school in a range of colours.

### What students *can't* wear...

No canvas shoes, converse or coloured trainers

No jeans

No crop, strappy, see-through or denim tops

No mini or bandage skirts

No tracksuit bottoms

No oversized sweatshirts or cardigans

No loungewear

No leggings

No clingy / "bodycon" dresses

Ripped tights/ clothes with deliberate slashes/ rips

## FAQs

**Q: What sort of trousers can I wear?**

A: Any suit trousers, but not shorts or denim

**Q: What sort of skirt can I wear?**

A: skirts should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and should not be made of a tight or clingy material. It should be closer to your knee than your bum!

**Q: Are there any colour restrictions?**

A: No – your trousers and jacket can be any colour. Tweed or pinstripe materials are permitted

**Q: Am I allowed any denim?**

A: No! Denim or jean-like materials are not allowed.

**Q: Do I have to wear a suit jacket?**

A: No – a suit jacket is no longer compulsory but you can wear one if you want

**Q: What style of top can I wear?**

A: A well-fitting shirt or blouse or smart top in any colour: not a crop top

**Q: Q: Can I wear strappy tops or crop tops?**

A: No, you must wear a blouse or shirt of your choice.

**Q: In Winter if I want to purchase an RH6 hoodie, how do I do this?**

A: You will be able to buy this through the school and choose from a variety of colours.

**Q: Can I wear my own hoodie?**

A: no – in winter months if you choose to wear a hoodie instead of a jacket, it must be a regulation RH6 hoodie

**Q: Can I wear a sweatshirt or oversized cardigan?**

A: No – you need to look smart and all jumpers or cardigans need to be well fitted and appropriate for school.

## RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM: BEHAVIOUR AND CODE OF CONDUCT

School rules apply to ALL students in the school, including Sixth Form

At RH6 we expect **outstanding behaviour** at all times and for all members of our community to show **care, kindness and respect** to one another at all times.

We expect our Sixth Formers to recognise that they are **role models** for the rest of the school community. As such we want all our students to uphold the vision of our school, to be **respectful and responsible** members of the Sixth Form by adhering to the following standards:

- I. Commitment to **full time attendance** on a **full-time basis**
- II. To show care, kindness and respect to everyone in the school community: **peers, younger students, all staff and visitors**
- III. To be **punctual** for registration and all lessons
- IV. To meet all homework and coursework **deadlines**
- V. To use any **extended study leave** – either at school or at home – productively and solely for school work.
- VI. To adhere to the **Dress Code** in full
- VII. To treat the **whole school site** and neighbourhood with respect and strictly as a non-smoking area, including vaping
- VIII. To refrain from bringing any **banned / dangerous items** into school
- IX. To adhere to the **e-safety policy**, and use all technology in a **safe and responsible** way as agreed in the **student ICT agreement**, signed by each student
- X. To **behave in a way that is fitting for a work place**, refraining from inappropriate language and inappropriate physical or non-consensual contact with others
- XI. To refrain from any **child on child abuse or bullying behaviour**, either online or in school
- XII. To use **mobile phones** in lessons only when and as directed by the teacher

- XIII. Not to use mobile phones in **corridors**.
- XIV. Not to consume **food or drink** in computer areas, science labs, the music centre or corridors. **Chewing gum** is prohibited throughout the school.
- XV. To put the **car parking** agreement into practice, and to drive carefully around and on the school site
- XVI. To **report and disclose any information about inappropriate behaviour** to any member of staff if they are concerned or worried about themselves or any other member of the school community.

For further information please refer to:

- RH6 vision statement
- E-safety policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Behaviour policy
- Consent FAQs
- Sexual Health FAQs

- Any breach in code of conduct will lead **to consequence points** and ensuing supervisions and detentions, in keeping with our behaviour policy  
In addition, any breach in consequence may also lead **to loss of Sixth form privileges**, including being allowed out at lunchtime

In September you will be asked to sign this as a contract between you and the school.

**The E-platforms that you use at RH6:**

- *Don't worry if you haven't used these before – we will get you logged on to these when you start in September!*



## What to expect from your studies:

### ➤ What things are the same at A Level?

*There are elements to school life you will recognise!*

- Classwork and learning activities
- Teacher guidance and support
- Homework
- Following a specification (like at GCSE)
- Many subjects use your GCSE knowledge as a foundation

### ➤ What is different at A Level?

*Being an A Level student will also involve*

- Increased difficulty of subject matter
- Increased pace of work
- Lessons are a “starting point”, not the whole picture
- More independent work – responsible use of study periods
- Wider reading/ consolidation of work / note-taking in addition to homework
- Managing different and longer deadlines
- NEA (non-examined assessment) coursework
- EPQ
- Super-curricular study

## Health and wellbeing

At Rugby High School we recognise that your well-being, health and safety are the most important thing! You need to be well in order to learn and progress! We want you to be Resilient, Healthy and Successful!

We encourage all our Sixth Formers to **take responsibility for their wellbeing**, and we continue to educate you, so you can make healthy and positive informed choices about your lifestyle.

In order to support you, you will be part of a form group, and you will be able to **talk to your tutor** about anything, no matter how big or small.

We also have a **pastoral assistant** for the Sixth Form, Mrs Thompson, and a **learning mentor**, Thembi. The Sixth Form team are here to help support and guide you through your RH6 journey.

We have a **peer listening service**, lead by the Sixth Form. You will have an opportunity to apply to be part of this team, and can also use this service. Look out for students with orange lanyards!

You can talk to any member of staff about any concerns or worries: **you will be listened to.**

Here is a link to some really useful apps that can support with mental health:

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/apps-1>



## **Life is not all about work, work, work!**

At RH6 we want you to get a balance between work and having other interests! We really want everyone to get involved in many different aspects of school life: this is a really important way for you to meet new people and make friends.

### **Opportunities to get involved in school life:**

Duke of Edinburgh

PE enrichment

Student leadership

Charity events

Clubs and societies

National projects and competitions

Aim High

Whole school events

Work experience

Volunteering

Trips and visits



## Financial support

Many of our sixth formers are eligible for financial support through a bursary.

### **What a bursary is for**

A bursary is money that you, or your education or training provider, can use to pay for things like:

- clothing, books and other equipment for your course
- transport and lunch on days you study or train

Mrs Thompson can help you apply for bursaries. If you think you may be eligible or want to find out more, you will have an opportunity to talk to us about this in September.



There is lots of useful information and top tips about money at this website:

<https://www.savethestudent.org/>

We are looking forward to seeing you on results day and welcoming you into the Sixth Form

### **GCSE results day Thursday 22nd August**

- INTERNAL STUDENTS ARRIVE for collection of results and sixth form admission 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- EXTERNAL STUDENTS ARRIVE for admission to Sixth Form 10:00 – 11:30

*Please bring your results with you!*

- If you are going to be away on results day you must inform Claire Billington our Sixth form administrator in advance of the day via email:

Sixthformadmissions@rugbyhighschool.co.uk

For transition material and more information about RH6 please visit:

<https://www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/6thform/summertransitionwork>

For queries: [sixthformadmissions@rugbyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:sixthformadmissions@rugbyhighschool.co.uk)