



Rickmansworth School

A SPECIALIST SCIENCE AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

Welcome

It is with immense pride that I present our School prospectus. Rickmansworth School has a reputation for academic excellence and first class student support in an inspirational environment. We pride ourselves on our diverse curriculum and our specialisms are in Science and the Performing Arts.

We firmly believe every child deserves the very best and we aim to achieve excellence in all aspects of school life. Our teachers are highly trained, dedicated and determined to help your child to be the best he or she can be.

We believe that students should be prepared for the future. In order to succeed in life they require core skills and attributes. We call these the six Ricky R's:

- Reflective to listen to others and listen to constructive criticism
- Relationships to collaborate with others and develop positive relationships
- Resilience to develop skills to manage pressures and change
- Resourceful to be proactive and creative
- Respect to keep yourself and others healthy, to value others and to be tolerant
- Responsibility to be ready and willing to learn and accept and take your responsibilities seriously

We are incredibly proud of our School and we welcome you to Rickmansworth to meet our inspirational staff and our wonderful students.

Yours sincerely



Matt Fletcher
Headteacher



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Our teachers know how to relate to any student and strive to bring out the best in all of us.

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Student

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The friendliness and supportiveness of all staff has helped me so much.

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Student





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The motivation and ongoing encouragement from staff is inspiring. They are constantly friendly, open and go out of their way to help you achieve your goals.

Student

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Achievement

Rickmansworth School's curriculum provides a broad range of academic courses. On entry to Key Stage 3 all students follow bespoke Programmes of Study closely aligned with the National Curriculum. In Year 9 they choose their GCSE options for Key Stage 4. This is complemented by excellent careers advice and guidance and ensures high student outcomes that place Rickmansworth School amongst the highest achieving schools in the country.

We achieve this by rewarding students who are making excellent progress and also by providing early intervention and tailored support where required. Students and parents receive regular feedback at all Key Stages.

At Key Stage 5 we offer a wide variety of successful A level courses, leading to a very high proportion of students reaching the university destination of their choice.



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We always feel that help is available when we need it.

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Student





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Science is inspirational. I have succeeded all through school and now wish to study it at university.

Student

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The School's productions are worthy of the West End and help teach students responsibility, how to work as a team and commitment.

Student

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Specialisms

Rickmansworth School is proud to hold areas of specialism in Science and Performing Arts.

The majority of our students will take separate Sciences at GCSE and many continue to study Science disciplines at A Level and then at University. We deliver the Sciences with a strong emphasis on student investigations to explore a range of scientific and technological concepts in relevant and engaging contexts.

Creativity plays a central part in our students' education and Performing Arts are a significant strength at Rickmansworth School. 10% of our students are admitted to the School based on their musical aptitude. The School is very proud of this tradition and the students enjoy participating in concerts and productions which are extremely well supported by the local community. All students will study Music, Drama and Dance in Key Stage 3 in our exceptional facilities. A large proportion of students continue to study these subjects at GCSE and A Level.



Enrichment

Our House System encourages all students to participate in a range of activities which occur before School and continue after lessons into the evening. Our sporting facilities are first class and extremely popular with students. In addition to these classes we offer Drama, Dance and Music clubs, as well as Art and Debating as just a few examples.

We have an extensive range of extra-curricular trips locally, nationally and internationally. Our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme is well established and extremely popular with students. We regularly visit countries across Europe and further afield; past trips include expeditions to Tanzania and Ecuador.

Leadership and volunteering is promoted across all year groups, developing key life skills and enabling students to make a positive contribution to their School and the wider community.

We believe that education is about providing a variety of experiences and these opportunities ensure that our students develop into well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to our School and the wider community.

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The wide range of trips available has really helped my confidence and has created life-long memories.



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There are always extracurricular activities going on. We can take part in any sport we would like to try. Everyone is welcome.

Student

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The pastoral team provides an incredible platform for growth, both interpersonally and educationally.

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Parent



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The transition from primary school was easy as the School made me feel welcome and at home straight away.

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Student

Friendly

At Rickmansworth School we are extremely proud of our heritage and are renowned for our welcoming and friendly atmosphere. We have a very strong tradition of pastoral care for all our students and recognise that in order for our students to achieve highly they need to feel secure and well-cared for. We have very effective and experienced pastoral staff who provide support and advice, whilst monitoring academic and personal development. One of our greatest strengths continues to be the support and engagement of our families and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure we create a strong partnership that will endure for many years with the welfare and progress of your child at the heart of our alliance.

Community

Rickmansworth School is here to serve the local community and we are very proud of our strong links. We have utilised our superb sports facilities to become the hub for the School Sports Partnership which works in Three Rivers and Watford with local secondary and primary schools. We are extremely proud to be recognised as one of the most successful partnerships in the UK and also offer curriculum links with local primary schools in Music, Drama, Dance, Modern Foreign Languages, Science, English and Mathematics. As a community we maintain our links with former students and staff through the School's alumni programme, the Rosarians, and through our Foundation, both of which helped fund our new sports hall, redevelop our fantastic swimming pool and the ongoing refurbishment of classrooms and department areas. We keep abreast of technological changes and use modern communication tools to keep parents updated and ensure they can access their child's records and homework requirements.



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Throughout my school life I have seen myself improve consistently, where every mistake I make is progress.

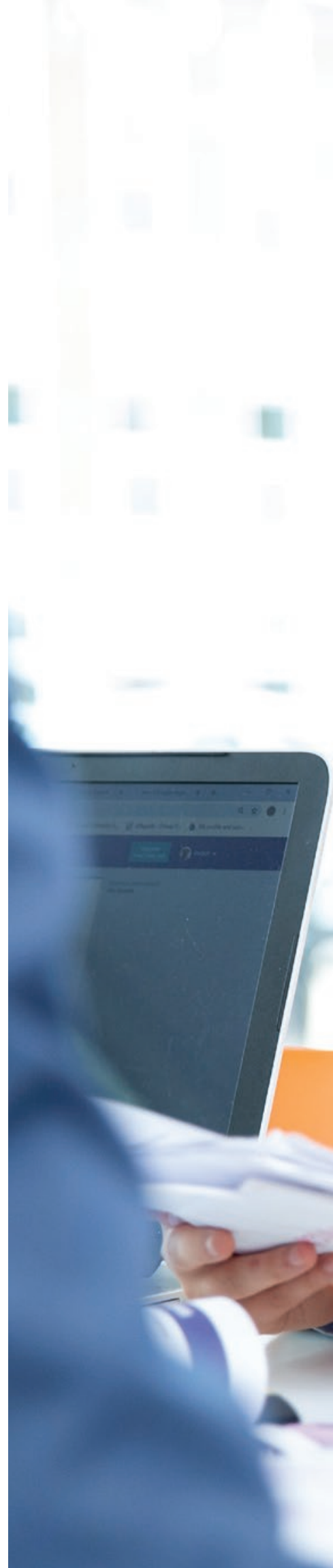
Student

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Sixth Form

Rickmansworth School has a thriving and dynamic Sixth Form with nearly 300 students studying a broad and engaging curriculum. Students make superb academic progress and Sixth Form provision at Rickmansworth School is excellent. We are always oversubscribed with applications from both internal and external applicants. The new Sixth Form Study Centre has given the students a modern and positive learning environment to further support their progress and well-being. Our Sixth Form also offers a wide range of opportunities including enrichment sessions that ensure our students develop into well-rounded individuals with high aspirations. Sixth Form students play a vital role in the whole School; as prefects and peer mentors they help deliver events in the wider community. Students receive outstanding impartial destinations and careers guidance with nearly half of our students securing places at the prestigious Oxbridge or Russell Group Universities.

For more detailed information about our Sixth Form provision, please refer to our Sixth Form prospectus.



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After being at the School for 6 years, I can honestly say I've never felt so comfortable and happy.

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Student





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*Coming to Rickmansworth
with its amazing facilities
has made me love
Performing Arts.*

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Student

Our Future

We are committed to providing the very best facilities, resources and educational standards to prepare students for the next stage in their future.

In recent years the School site has transformed and continues to evolve in order to provide a first class learning environment. Our £4 million sports complex, including our swimming pool, provides some of the best sporting facilities in the county. Additionally, we have developed our Performing Arts facilities to foster a stimulating and creative environment for all students to enjoy.

The completion of the £3 million Sixth Form Centre provides an inspirational teaching and study area that enables students to achieve their potential. In addition to this, our refurbishment plan has transformed the teaching areas in Social Sciences, Mathematics and Humanities. Our continued commitment to providing the best possible facilities is demonstrated by our plans for the development of a new learning resources centre and the extensive refurbishment of the Science block.

Our investments are not limited to bricks and mortar. Our commitment to staff development ensures our exceptional teachers are recognised locally and nationally as outstanding practitioners.

Nurturing students who can contribute to tomorrow's society is at the core of everything we do. We are preparing students for careers that are yet to exist, as such we are investing heavily in an IT infrastructure to allow students to access digitally interactive lessons through the use of personal devices.

We are an outward looking and forward-thinking school committed to providing the very best education for our students.



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The sixth form centre is an outstanding facility which caters for all our needs and offers a variety of study spaces for education growth.

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Student

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