

# INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

## Letter from Box Hill School Governors to the Box Hill School Community

**Date:** Monday 2 June 2025

**Dear Parents, Alumni, Staff and Friends,**

### Introducing RGS Surrey Hills

We are writing about an exciting new chapter in the life of our wonderful school. From June 2025, Box Hill School will change its name to **RGS Surrey Hills** and will become a proud member of the Reigate Grammar School (RGS) Group of Schools.

The independent education sector is changing rapidly, there is uncertainty and instability, especially for smaller and stand-alone schools. By joining the RGS Family of Schools, we can join a small network of fantastic local schools, with shared values and purpose, to give strength and confidence to securing better future for our school.

### Our Mission is Unchanged

Our ethos, community spirit, Round Square values and commitment to the holistic nurture of each and every child in our care remain firmly in place. Ms Robinson, our Headmistress, our staff, and our vision for educational excellence will be unwavering. We will continue to be a community school with a global mindset, a school where we prepare our students to become international citizens; We will be a local school in a global village. We will keep all the positive aspects and benefits of our small school but now with even bigger ambitions.

### Why join RGS, and why now?

The RGS Group has an outstanding reputation locally, nationally and internationally. RGS is the Sunday Times School of the Year 2025 with a global network of successful schools. This alliance provides access to further expertise, experience and wider opportunities for students and staff alike. It secures financial resilience and brings operational advantages that set us up for a robust and exciting future.

By becoming **RGS Surrey Hills**, in many ways students will notice no change on a day-to-day basis. However, our community will begin to feel many benefits, with more opportunities in and beyond the classroom:

- Enrichment opportunities and collaborative events across the RGS Group

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- More extensive pathways through A Levels, IB, and BTECs to elite universities and in preparation for happy and successful adult life
- New and improved teaching and learning programmes and developments for pastoral care combining the best of our current school with elements of award-winning aspects of the RGS approach
- Enhanced resources, staff CPD, and strategic leadership
- Membership of the growing network that is the RGS Global Village of schools, facilitating cultural, sporting artistic and other links, exchanges and activities for our students and for our staff.
- Long-term investment in school facilities, in teaching staff and in our resources. This move will give us the stability and confidence to ensure a strong future.

### **Stronger with more opportunity**

RGS Surrey Hills will be proudly distinctive. We will remain small, ambitious and inclusive, whilst celebrating our unique and beautiful countryside and embracing our place in a global village. Our core identity will be based around our care for pupils, our development of their qualities of character and our increasingly diverse academic offering.

The RGS Group of schools in the UK consists of Reigate Grammar School, Chinthurst Prep School in Tadworth, Micklefield Prep School in Reigate, Reigate St Mary's Prep School in Reigate and St Christopher's Pre-Prep in Epsom. Each of these schools is distinctive, financially strong, educationally excellent and pastorally focused with extensive extra-curricular provisions. Whilst they celebrate their individuality, they have a shared commitment to providing a holistic education for children. We already align with their approach and ethos, focused on cherishing childhood and making every day a fun-filled and action-packed adventure; where happy children learn about themselves and the world. We can be proud and confident to take our place in this community, where we have such similar values and ambitions.

Ms Robinson, will remain as RGS Surrey Hills' Headteacher, supported by Mrs Collins (RGS Consultant Principal). Together they will lead on developing educational excellence now and for the future. In the current climate, I am convinced that being part of a strong group of local successful independent schools, protects our distinctiveness. The move also safeguards the future for both our current pupils' education and that of the many future generations of aspirational and globally minded RGS Surrey Hills pupils to come.

We as Governors give our unanimous and whole-hearted support to this new partnership. We have an exciting future ahead of us, and the ability to draw on the experience and expertise that the RGS Group of schools can offer.

## Opportunity to ask questions

This change secures our long-term vision and brings confidence to our community. We know many will have questions and so I will host a specific information evening joined by RGS Chair, Mr Mark Elsey, Mr Fenton (RGS Headmaster), Ms Robinson (RGS Surrey Hills Headmistress), Mrs Collins (RGS Consultant Principal) on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm where we can respond to those questions or concerns you may have.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your ongoing support and trust. We are excited to take this bold and future-facing step together.

Yours sincerely



**Trevor Johnson**

Chair of Governors, Box Hill School (RGS Surrey Hills)