



RGS SURREY HILLS

# Sixth Form Guide.

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# A Warm Welcome.

## *What makes life at RGS Surrey Hills Sixth Form so special?*

Here, you are at the heart of our small, close-knit community. You will be given real independence, but you will also be known, supported and encouraged so you can focus on what inspires you. You will love learning, enjoy each day, grow as a young adult, and be fully prepared for life beyond school.

We understand the balance of freedom, nurture and challenge, helping you flourish both academically and personally.

Our Sixth Form is unique. We are large enough to offer breadth and choice – with three pathways to success through A Levels, the International Baccalaureate (IB) and BTECs – yet small enough to make this a truly bespoke fit for you. You get the best of both worlds: small enough to create a personalised



experience just for you, but – through our close partnership with Reigate Grammar School – offering all the big-school opportunities you could wish for.

At RGS Surrey Hills, we encourage and guide you to achieve your personal best. You can expect the perfect balance of reassurance and support alongside aspiration and challenge. This is a place where you will feel you belong, while developing the ambition that opens doors to Russell Group universities, specialist courses, top apprenticeships and leadership opportunities.

The world beyond school is fast-moving and exciting. My role, and that of the whole Sixth Form team, is to make sure that when you leave RGS Surrey Hills, you do so with confidence, character and the skills to make your mark.

In our Sixth Form, you will never feel lost in the crowd. It is large enough to offer real choice and variety, yet small enough that every individual is known, supported and encouraged. Whether you are continuing from Year 11 with us or joining from another school, you will find a warm welcome and a fresh start full of new experiences, friendships and opportunities.

By the time you leave RGS Surrey Hills, you will be ready not just for the next step, but to make a positive difference in the world.



**Anthony Bainbridge**

Assistant Head | Head of Sixth Form



# Why choose RGS Surrey Hills for Sixth Form?

Choosing the right Sixth Form is about the launch of the next stage of your life. RGS Surrey Hills is the only local school where Sixth Form pupils benefit from a wide choice of A Levels, the International Baccalaureate and BTEC courses, supported by a rich programme of enrichment and leadership. Pupils are stretched academically, prepared for top universities, apprenticeship programmes and careers, and challenged to think globally making the most of our international links. Dedicated study spaces, expert tutors, and personalised guidance ensure every student is ready for their next step, whatever it may be.

Families choose RGS Surrey Hills because we combine the very best of academic ambition with the warmth of a close community:

- **Every child is known** – Pastoral care is woven into everything we do. With small year groups, every Sixth Former can be truly understood, known, supported with one-to-one careers advice, UCAS coaching and tailored pathways.
- **Excellent Outcomes** – Our students consistently progress to Russell Group universities, specialist degrees, top apprenticeships, creative pathways and international destinations.
- **Breadth of Opportunity** – From Futures Week, Model United Nations and Industry Insights to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and international service projects, we give you the chance to stretch yourself and grow in every direction.
- **Balance of Life and Study** – Rigorous academics sit alongside a vibrant co-curricular programme, ensuring life in Sixth Form is rich, rounded and memorable.
- **Independence and Belonging** – Students have the chance to grow while feeling part of a close, supportive community.
- **A lifelong network** – As part of the RGS Foundation, our students can benefit from opportunities to secure external mentors, internships and work experience from local, national and global contacts. These opportunities are invaluable for enhancing a career network for their futures. Whether it is seeking a career change, an introduction to a potential investor or for help if moving to another country, we will always have someone who can provide a step up and support their ambitions.



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The teachers really helped me to aim higher than I thought possible, but they also gave me the confidence and guidance to get there. I couldn't have asked for a better start to my future.

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# Big Opportunities.

## Enrichment and Activities

Sixth Form life is busy, rewarding and full of choice. You might take part in sport at all levels, drama productions, music ensembles, content creation, charity committees, or student-led socials – from the legendary Christmas Ball to themed events run by the Sixth Form committee.

Industry Insights workshops connect you with experts in a wide range of fields, while paired reading and mentoring schemes give you the chance to develop your own leadership and communication skills.

## Trips and Global Adventures

- **International Trips** – Language immersions, cultural exchanges, sporting tours, academic visits.
- **Model United Nations** – Debating global issues with students from across the world.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award** – Fully supported by the school.
- **South Africa Service Project** – Long-standing partnership in Philippolis, making a real difference to communities abroad.

## Leadership

Leadership is about more than holding a title – it is about making things happen. At RGS Surrey Hills, you can lead in so many ways: join The Syndicate, become a Guardian, captain a sports team, direct a play, run a committee, or even launch your own initiative.



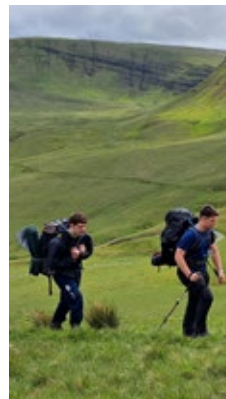


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I couldn't wait to join Sixth Form because I wanted to be Head Girl and I've done it! I'm excited to collaborate with other year groups and make a positive change.

Sixth Form takes leadership opportunities to the next level and it's a great boost for my personal statement.

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# Big Community.



## Round Square

We are proud to be a founding member of Round Square, a global network of schools committed to character education and experiential learning. It means we care deeply about developing the whole person – not just academic achievements, but also through confidence, resilience, leadership and sense of purpose.

Round Square is built on six guiding **IDEALS**: Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

As a Sixth Former, you will live these values in real ways – from mentoring younger pupils and volunteering locally, to partaking in international service projects, Model United Nations conferences and adventure trips.

Life here is also full of memorable moments and shared celebrations. From Winter and Summer Balls to the all-important Graduation Ball, you will enjoy a busy social calendar that also includes frequent socials, themed parties, House events, informal breakfasts, workshops and whole-school occasions that connect you with other year groups.

We are also part of the Reigate Grammar School Family of Schools, giving you access to shared expertise, joint ventures and a wider network of opportunities.

*Being part of something bigger, while still known and supported every day – that is what makes RGS Surrey Hills special.*

# Sixth Form Life

## Your Centre

The Sixth Form Centre is your space – with teaching rooms, study areas and a spacious Common Room where you can work independently and spend time with friends.

## Dining

Our café-style lunches, included in fees, give Sixth Formers the flexibility to eat together in a more informal setting. Snacks are available at breaktime and in the Common Room, making it easy to balance study and downtime.

## Coffee Breaks

You are welcome to go to the local café in your study periods, to brainstorm with friends, work remotely, or to enjoy a beverage before your next lesson starts.

## Tokens

Our unique reward system recognises effort, achievement and community spirit. Sixth Formers can earn Tokens for academic success, showing perseverance, or simply doing the right thing for others.





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I loved having the choice of subjects. Even though IB wasn't on my radar at first, I chose it so I could study all the subjects I enjoy without limiting my options. It means I can keep exploring before deciding on a university course.

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# Big Impact.

## Your Programme, Your Way

At RGS Surrey Hills, we know every student learns differently and that is why we offer a choice of pathways so you can find the one that fits your strengths, ambitions and learning style. We're always happy to talk through the options and help you design the right route for your future.

**A Levels:** Choose three or four A levels and specialise early.

**IB Diploma:** Six subjects, Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS); perfect for developing global skills and independence.

**BTEC Sport:** Holistic development of practical, interpersonal and technical skills. This can be studied alongside one or 2 A levels.

Whichever route you choose, you will leave RGS Surrey Hills with a true passport to the world and be ready to thrive as a confident global citizen.



# Student Stories.

## *Harrison*

### Sixth Form Experience:

I joined the school in Year 7 and it has been an incredible journey ever since. From becoming Rugby Captain to taking on the role of Head Boy, I've loved every moment of my time here. There were so many opportunities to step up and show leadership, and I truly believe those experiences have shaped me into the person I am today.

I'm still a bit speechless thinking about results day – I opened my results just as Mr Bainbridge was calling to congratulate me! My family and I were ecstatic. I worked very hard and was determined to secure my place at the University of Liverpool to study Business Management, and I'm so proud to have achieved that goal.

Looking back, I feel incredibly grateful for everything this school has given me – the opportunities, the friendships, and the support. It has been a journey I'll always treasure.

Programme: A Level

Grades Achieved: A\*, A\*, A\*

Future: University of Liverpool, Business Management with a Year in Industry



## *Coco*

### Sixth Form Experience:

The school grounds were such a beautiful place to learn and relax, and I really enjoyed all the activities on offer – there was always something new to try. Most of all, I'll never forget how supportive my teachers were... they went above and beyond to make sure I stayed motivated and on track, and that care made a huge difference to me and my family.

I'll always be grateful for the encouragement and dedication I received – it gave me the confidence to take the next step. I'm now at the University of Southampton, thriving both academically and socially, and I've just secured a placement. I look back on my school years with so much gratitude and very fond memories.

Programme: A Level

Grades Achieved: A\*, C, C

Future: University of Southampton, Creative Computing







## Maxine

### Sixth Form Experience:

I joined just before Sixth Form, and from the very start I felt supported both academically and personally.

The teaching staff were excellent and always ready to help, and I knew I could rely on friends, peers and the boarding community too.

Boarding was something I really loved – it gave me structure, and living alongside friends created memories I'll never forget. Weekends in the boarding house, evenings spent in the common room, and joining up with students from other houses helped us all connect on a much deeper level.

What made Sixth Form at RGS Surrey Hills so special for me was the diversity of the community. Meeting people from so many different countries and backgrounds opened my eyes to new cultures and ways of thinking. It made us all more accepting and open-minded, and that is something I'll always value.

**Programme:** International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

**Grades Achieved:** 36 points

**Future:** King's College, Social Sciences



## Abtin

### Sixth Form Experience:

When I joined RGS Surrey Hills, I thought I wanted to become a pharmacist. But taking Economics for the first time completely changed my view. With the encouragement of supportive teachers who pushed me to explore the subject further, I discovered a real passion for it – one that inspired me to go on and study Economics at university.

Being a weekly boarder taught me so much about independence and responsibility. At the same time, living in such a diverse community opened my mind – I met people from all over the world and learned to appreciate different cultures and perspectives.

Some of my favourite memories are from the basketball team. Training, competing against other schools and building friendships through sport made my time here even more rewarding.

What makes Sixth Form at RGS Surrey Hills special is the choice and the community. Having both A Levels and the IB gave me flexibility to choose the right path, and being part of such an international environment made my experience richer – academically, socially and personally.

**Programme:** International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

**Grades Achieved:** 34 points

**Future:** Warwick University, Economics, Politics and International Studies



From the assault course on Day One to the Christmas Ball – I've loved every bit of Sixth Form here.

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## Life After Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is a launchpad for every kind of future. Students go on to Russell Group universities, international study, specialist courses, creative careers and degree apprenticeships.

Recent destinations include:

**Russell Group Universities:** Durham, King's College London, Warwick, Exeter, Bristol, Edinburgh, UCL, Nottingham.

**Specialist Courses:** Dentistry, Cyber Security, Motorsport Engineering, Games Animation (Germany), Psychology (Hamburg).

**Creative Pathways:** Central St Martins, Goldsmiths, University of the Arts London.

**International:** Skidmore College (USA), Bond University (Australia), York University (Canada).

Wherever you want to go, we will help you get there – through one-to-one careers guidance, Oxbridge and specialist application support, interview coaching, CV preparation and access to Unifrog.





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