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A SPECIALIST SCIENCE & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL



Welcome

from the Headteacher

It is with immense pride that I present our School prospectus. Rickmansworth School has a well-deserved reputation for academic excellence and first class student support in an inspirational environment. We pride ourselves on our broad, diverse curriculum and our facilities are excellent across the School.

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 very best that they can be.

We ensure that students are well prepared to play a full and valuable role in tomorrow's society. 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

Ofsted recently commented that “The six ‘Ricky Rs’ form the backbone of the school’s culture. Staff reward pupils when they demonstrate these values. This results in pupils becoming resourceful and resilient individuals.”

We are incredibly proud of our school and we look forward to welcoming you to Rickmansworth School to meet our inspirational staff and wonderful students.

Yours sincerely

Matt Fletcher – Headteacher



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To thrive both academically and socially, students need to feel safe and happy, to show compassion to those around them, as well as to be shown compassion in return, and to feel confident in their own abilities; having the self-esteem to express their own distinctive individuality.

This simple notion is central to the fundamental foundations of the pastoral care we provide at Rickmansworth School. Our pastoral care is exceptional; indeed, outstanding. We care for the individual, enabling all of our students to grow and flourish.

Each form group in the School has a dedicated form tutor and are supported by a Director of Learning in each year group.

“We always feel that help is available when we need it and this is a place where you can be yourself.”

Student



“The best thing about Rickmansworth School is that the staff are always there to support you. The atmosphere is amazing and I don’t think I’d prefer to be anywhere else. It is just fantastic.”

Student



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Inspiration, Motivation & Creativity

We want our students to have a lifelong love of learning, to be curious of the world around them and be inspired and motivated to learn.

At Rickmansworth School, we foster a culture of innovative and dynamic teaching. These factors, combined with a safe and happy working environment, ensure our students are motivated to learn and able to explore their creativity.

The vast majority of our students will take separate sciences at GCSE and many continue to study science disciplines at A Level and then at university. Languages are also central to the school's ethos and where students are expected to study a modern language. Creativity plays a central part in our students' education and the Arts are a significant strength at Rickmansworth School. 10% of our students are admitted to the School based on their musical aptitude.

We are very proud of this tradition, and the students enjoy participating in concerts and productions, all of which are extremely well supported by the local community.



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“The School’s productions are worthy of the West End and help teach students responsibility, teamwork and commitment.”

Student





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

“There are many clubs that you can attend after school and at lunch time. The School has numerous subjects and many house competitions.”

Student





The house system has been an integral part of the school since it was founded. This encourages all students to participate in a range of activities and provides opportunities for engagement beyond our formal curriculum.



Our sporting facilities are first-class and extremely popular with students and staff alike. Additionally, our specialist facilities in areas such as innovation and design, drama, dance, music, and photography ensure that students gain industry-standard experience. The School eco-garden is somewhere students can also learn other life skills and is a therapeutic place to relax, alongside our peace garden.

To complement our broad curriculum, we offer an extensive range of extra-curricular trips; locally, nationally, and internationally. Our well-established Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is extremely popular with students, with many students working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.



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At Rickmansworth School we are extremely proud of our heritage and are renowned locally for our welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

One of our greatest strengths continues to be the support and engagement of our families and the financial support they provide through the School Foundation and the work of the Parents and Teachers Association. 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.

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 with local secondary and primary schools in Three Rivers and Watford District.

As a community, we maintain strong links with former students and staff through the School's alumni programme, The Rosarians, and through The Rickmansworth School Foundation. Both of these have helped fund our new Innovation and Design Centre and the ongoing refurbishment of classrooms and the department areas, as well as the redevelopment of our fantastic swimming pool.





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Sixth Form

“Having been at Rickmansworth School since year 7, I have always been met with kindness by staff, who strive to go above and beyond to guide and support us through not only our academic journey but to our growth as individuals.”

Sixth Form Student





Rickmansworth School has a thriving and dynamic Sixth Form with over 300 students studying a broad and engaging curriculum. We currently offer 26 subjects, taught by subject specialist staff.

Students make superb academic progress and Sixth Form provision at Rickmansworth School is excellent. Just like our main school, it is always oversubscribed with applications from both internal and external applicants.

Our Sixth Form Centre provides 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 and games 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 the vast majority of our students gaining places at prestigious universities and apprenticeship providers.



“The myriad of opportunities the School has provided, has helped me hone valuable skills that have prepared me for the future. Above all, Rickmansworth School is a friendly school community and I am incredibly proud to be a part of it.”

Sixth Form Student

Our Future

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 and continue to invest heavily in an IT infrastructure, which allows 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. We are committed to providing the very best facilities, resources and educational standards to prepare students for the next stage in their lives. In recent years the school site has been 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 £3 million Sixth Form Centre provides an inspirational teaching and study area that enables students to achieve their potential. Recent investment in solar panels ensures the school is committed to being as sustainable as possible. Furthermore, our estate development plan has transformed the teaching areas in mathematics, innovation and design and humanities. The most recent investment is our brand new innovation and design centre, providing cutting-edge equipment and facilities to ensure we prepare our students for tomorrow's world. 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. Indeed, the school has been successful over the past few years in being shortlisted and gaining national awards for excellence.



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Rickmansworth School so far, I’ve made so many memories and hope to make more in the future.”

Student



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