



# Rainham Mark Grammar School

## Prospectus





## Dear parents, **carers and students**

Welcome to Rainham Mark Grammar School. At RMGS we recognise the importance of a holistic approach to the learning, spiritual and moral development of young people.

We are extremely proud of our students' academic achievements, and we also pride ourselves in balancing academic success with personal success and ensuring that students have the necessary knowledge, and skills to fulfil their academic ability and aspirations. We believe that every student should be supported and encouraged to become confident and enjoy learning.

Our role is to nurture our students in a safe and happy environment, preparing our young people for the challenges of life beyond school. RMGS has a long tradition of academic excellence which compares favourably with standards achieved in single sex grammar schools. From the start of your child's RMGS journey in Year 7, we encourage students to develop their own intellectual curiosity through our principles of Philosophy, Reading, Oracy, Understanding the wider world and Debate (PROUD) which underpins our curriculum.

We have a broad curriculum that offers stretch and challenge across Year 7 to Year 13 which warmly embraces a blend of subjects including Art and Design, Drama, Music and three languages. We have a rich and varied extra- curricular and co-curricular programme offering the opportunity for all students to flourish and thrive.

Our large site offers green spaces and security for our young people to learn and grow. Our learning facilities are well resourced with modern teaching suites, Sixth Form study area, sports centre, dance studio, computing facilities and refectory. Our staff are experts in their fields and are highly skilled, caring and dedicated to supporting our students to fulfil their potential and achieve both academic and personal success.

It is important to us that our students are people of great character and integrity. Our personal development curriculum is underpinned by our core values of CHARACTER (Curiosity, Happiness, Aspiration, Respect, Articulacy, Community, Teamwork, Equality and Resilience). Each aspect of our learning environment fosters the core values of RMGS, enabling our students to feel prepared for their next steps believing always in the importance of being the best version of themselves.

“ My children are thriving at the school and are thoroughly enjoying school life ”

*Parent Feedback, OFSTED 2022*

**MRS AGNES HART, HEADTEACHER, MA, PGCE**





## The Curriculum

Our curriculum reflects the needs and interests of high ability students, but is also designed to be inclusive of students whose strengths lie in different areas.

In all Key Stage 3 subjects the National Curriculum is extended to broaden the experience in ways that are appropriate for each student's ability and strengths. In this way sufficient challenge is provided, and the curriculum can be personalised. We do not accelerate the curriculum since we believe that it is important to maintain a broad, balanced curriculum for as long as possible – certainly until at least the end of Year 9. We believe that this does not result in any lack of challenge even for our most able students. When students come to choose subjects to study for GCSE and in the Sixth Form we aim to provide as wide a range of suitable subjects as possible: typically around 25 different subjects are available in the Sixth Form. We provide comprehensive careers education to support students' progression.



“ There is a strong focus on academic success in the school but creative and practical subjects are highly valued. ”

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Students also undertake a wide range of educational experiences aimed at enriching and extending their abilities and understanding to prepare them for life in the twenty-first century. Throughout the various year groups there is an emphasis on cross-curricular links, on educational trips and visits, foreign exchanges, and on building positive and valuable links with the local and wider community including other schools in the Rainham Mark Educational Trust.



Developing the **whole person**

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Pupil leadership and mentoring opportunities are a strength of the school’ ”

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## **CHARACTER**

Our daily values provide a platform for the development and growth of the whole person which is essential for a flourishing life. At RMGS we have identified the following character traits as fundamental for our students.

Curiosity, happiness, aspiration, respect, articulacy, community, teamwork, equality and resilience.

We aim to create an environment where our students can develop these positive character traits. Students are encouraged to help others by undertaking outreach work in local primary schools and by taking part in charitable and house events.

We believe that our students should take pride in belonging to this community of compassionate and intellectually engaged learners.





## Developing the **whole person**

### WELL-BEING

We want a happy and motivated RMGS community, so our inclusive ethos is one built on mutual respect, self-discipline and fairness for all. Expectations of behaviour are high and based on shared values. Our outstanding pastoral care, highly qualified SEND team and insistence on equal opportunities all aid us in our mission to create a community of tolerant, mindful and motivated young people.

Friendly Form Tutors, Year 13 prefects and our permanent School Counsellor mean that your child has a keen support network ready to guide and nurture whenever necessary.

“Pupils learn about how to keep themselves safe through a carefully considered PSHE programme”

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## Enrichment **Activities**

At RMGS we believe that enrichment activities are essential for students to further develop their skills and character. Students are spoilt for choice with an extensive array of lunch time and after school clubs.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

The well-resourced Physical Education department boasts extensive facilities and has developed links with a range of local sporting clubs. Experienced staff organise clubs and fixtures throughout the year with success at both county and national level. Students have a vast choice of sports to choose from. Inter-house competitions, dance evenings, and our annual sports day all contribute to the sporting life of the school.

### PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts are an integral part of life at RMGS. Students can participate in a wide range of dance, drama and musical activities. Learning is well supported by the fully equipped drama studio and music centre, which features an ICT suite, practice rooms, a recording studio and a recital hall. Opportunities exist for students to participate in a wide range of clubs and bands, as well as whole school productions, concerts and to the local community through our theatre-in-education work. Past students have been successful in numerous competitions and scholarships to the National Youth Theatre.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Trips are organised as part of a subject syllabus, such as Geography field trips, or as cultural visits abroad. Students also have the opportunity to take part in the annual Medway Festival of Drama and Music and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



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Pupils have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities from Years 7 to 13, which reflect their broad range of interests and ambitions. The arts are a particular strength’ ”

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Behaviour in lessons is focused and pupils feel that their teachers listen to what they have to say ”

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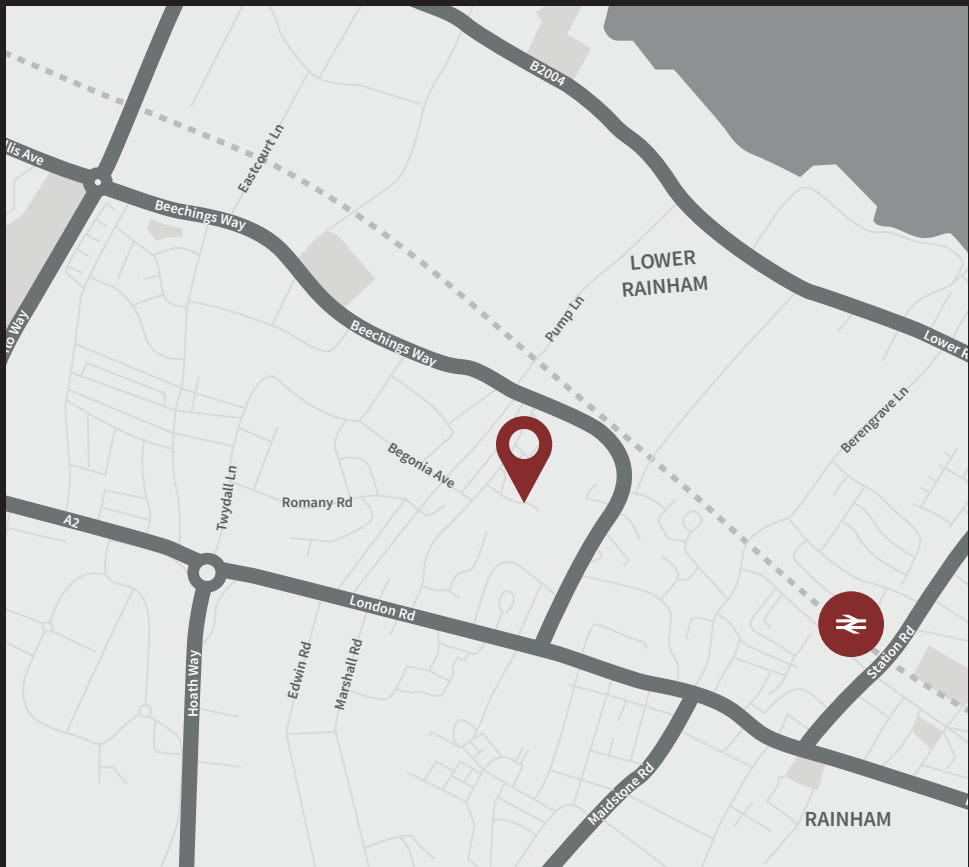
## Years 12 & 13 The Sixth Form

We are justly proud of our Sixth Form students and the contribution they make to the school and wider community. Academically able, they achieve exceptionally well – often out-performing single sex grammar school students.

Sixth formers are vital role models for the younger students and shine in their roles of Year 13 prefects, Year 12 senior students and House Captains, mentors in Maths, English and Science and as primary school volunteers. The 6th form experience allows students to gain high grades in traditional subjects, but just as importantly, it affords them ample opportunity to develop the soft skills that universities and employers demand. We are very fortunate in having a permanent Careers Advisor on site who works alongside an experienced Sixth Form team in our custom-built sixth form suite.

**16+ curriculum includes:** a free choice of A Levels; the Extended Project Qualification; Young Enterprise; the in-house RMGS Enrichment Diploma; and Future Learn and other MOOCs.





### Nearby Stations

-  **Rainham (Kent)** (0.8mi)
-  **Gillingham** (2.2mi)
-  **Chatham** (3.2mi)

You are welcome to visit the school during the working day. Please telephone the School on **01634 364151** to make an appointment.

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