

‘EXCELLENT IN ALL AREAS’

- ISI INSPECTION REPORT



RGS
WORCESTER

Academic Highlights 2022-23

“The respectful relationship between staff and students is reflective of an academic potential that promises to produce”

- The Good Schools Guide


Headmaster's Introduction

The purpose of this 'Academic Highlights' booklet is to catalogue the academic achievements of our pupils and demonstrate the breadth of academic opportunities at the School, in addition to the breath-taking range of Co-curricular activities.

RGS Worcester achieves superb results at A Level, GCSE, BTEC/CTEC and in the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). **RGS achieved the best A Level results in the area** again this year. Our pupils go on to the leading Universities in the UK and abroad, including a number to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. They also achieve places on other highly competitive courses including Higher Level Apprenticeships in a range of different professions at international companies such as Deloitte, the BBC, Gowling WLG, Ernst & Young, Aston Martin, Rolls-Royce, HS2 and Jaguar Land Rover. **In the summer 2023, over 90% of our students achieved their first-choice University places.**

Above all, our pupils **achieve very significant Value-Added scores**, demonstrating that teaching and learning at RGS Worcester brings the best out of each child. The teachers really do prepare the pupils very well and encourage them to aim high, within a supportive environment where every child matters. They have a very broad range of subjects to choose from so they can play to their strengths, study what they love and set themselves up for the future. Alongside their academic work, they receive expert Careers advice and guidance from specialists to support them in their choices.

The academic success of a school can be read in results tables and RGS leapt 20 places this year at A Level, but these do not demonstrate the love of learning developed in the pupils or the opportunities to be inspired in academic work both in and outside the classroom. This document includes the results but also attempts to **demonstrate ways in which our pupils are inspired in their studies**. From Science Olympiads, the Maths Challenge and essay-writing competitions to Greenpower racing and Young Fashion Designer UK, to LAMDA Drama, musicals and performances, concerts and ensembles, our pupils participate in local, national and international competitions and really enjoy the academic challenge!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Pitt', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

John Pitt
Headmaster

A LEVEL & BTEC/CTEC: Superb results for the Upper Sixth Students

Sixth Form students celebrated superb results this summer. Their exceptional A Level results, measured by the percentage of A*, A*-A, and A*-B grades, have demonstrated RGS Worcester's position as the leader in Worcester with the best A Level results in the area*. This accomplishment is all the more significant as it comes from the largest Upper Sixth cohort ever. Over half of the Grades were A*/A with 20% at A* and over 80% of Grades were A*-B, making these amongst RGS's best ever examined results. We were delighted to see the students achieve their offers for Universities and other courses including Higher Level Apprenticeships, after such strong results at A Level, BTEC and EPQ. Over 90% of the students achieved their first-choice University places which was exceptional.

In a year marked by heightened competition due to the enduring effects of the Pandemic, our students have demonstrated hard work, ability and exceptional resilience. Despite a decrease nationally in the number of students securing spots at their top-choice universities compared to the previous year, RGS Worcester's students continued to shine.

Headmaster, John Pitt, commented: *"I am so pleased that our students achieved such excellent examination results and their chosen destinations. I know the pressure of these exams (as a parent and as Head this year) and particularly for this Year group who did not sit GCSEs because of the Pandemic. I am so pleased they did so well and surpassed all pre-Pandemic results. They were a superb Year group and our biggest ever – they will go on to achieve great things – many congratulations!"*

Mark Evetts, Head of Sixth Form said, *"In the face of unprecedented challenges over a number of years, the exceptional students of RGS Worcester Sixth Form have achieved remarkable A Level results. Their journey through adversity showcases their resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to success.*

Despite the disruptions that this cohort had to contend with, these results stand as a testament to their tenacity, ambition, and hard work. The rigorous academic programme at RGS Worcester Sixth Form, combined with the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, has empowered these students to overcome obstacles and achieve excellence.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of our Upper Sixth students who have shown remarkable dedication and determination throughout their academic journey. Their accomplishments in the face of challenges reflect not only their academic strength, but also their personal growth and development."

Based on A rate, A*/A rate and A-B rate, all measures used in school league tables. In The Daily Telegraph League Table, RGS Worcester rose 20 places to 85th in the country, well ahead of local competition.

Individual successes:

Ben Sears achieved a Choral Scholarship in addition to his place to read Law at Cambridge University. Ben performed in the local WODYS production of 'Carousel' at the Swan Theatre over the summer and is an expert actor, singer and dancer who has starred in many RGS Worcester productions and concerts. He achieved A*A*A*A grades in four A Levels: Economics, Maths, Politics and Religious Studies.

School Captain Ollie Blunt achieved A*A*A* and the top A grade in AS Level Further Maths. Ollie is going on to study Biochemistry at Bath University where he is looking forward to continuing to play rugby alongside his degree studies.

Kitty Smith achieved A*A*A*A* grades in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology and is reading Medicine at Birmingham University. Kitty was the lead Cadet in the Combined Cadet Force.

Twins Isaac and Lucas Pepper are both going to study Law at University having achieved their offers at Birmingham City and Gloucestershire Universities respectively. Isaac studied Classics, Politics and PE A Levels and Lucas studied Business, Geography and Politics.

Twins Ben and Emily Weller achieved excellent results and their first-choice Universities. Ben achieved 3A* grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths and is reading Biology at Birmingham University. Emily achieved A* and A grades in Textiles and Geography A Levels and the top Distinction* grade in CTEC Business and is reading Fashion Design at Loughborough University.

GB athlete Alex Houchin, who competed and won a medal in the European Championships in Israel this summer at Under 20 level, achieved A*AB A Levels in Business, Politics and PE. Alex is a 400 metre and 4x400 metre relay champion.

Loïc Keasey is pursuing his professional Rugby career with Ealing Trailfinders, building upon his caps for the Under 18 England Rugby team. Loïc completed the BTEC National Diploma for Sport and CTEC Business both with Distinctions.

Siân Gaynor-Smith sat her A Levels in the most challenging of circumstances as her father, local Malvern lawyer Edward Gaynor-Smith, was suffering from a terminal illness. Siân showed incredible strength to complete all of her exams and achieved A*AA in Business, Geography and Psychology A Levels. She is going to Cardiff University to study Criminology and we all wish her and her family well.

Rowing champion Menna Sutton achieved excellent results in Chemistry, Maths and Physics while trialling at National level in Rowing and competing for RGS. The successful Rowing Boys' Quad of Tobey Butler, Ben Koutrouki, Harry Rutter and Matt Smith compiled 13 A Levels between them with 8 at A*/A grades, while competing all around the country this summer.

In the BTEC (National Diploma in Sport) and the CTEC (Business) all of the pupils achieved Distinction*, Distinction or Merit. These are equivalent to A*, A and C grades respectively at A Level.

Guide to BTEC and CTEC results

The high coursework element in BTECs and CTECs makes the qualification a more preferable choice for those whose learning style complements continual assessment rather than end-of-year assessment. These qualifications provide a valid route into University education.

BTEC grade	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP
UCAS tariff	112	104	96	80	64	48	32
A Level equivalent grade	A*A*	A*A	AA	BB	CC	DD	EE

CTEC grade	D*	D	M	P
UCAS tariff	56	48	32	16
A Level equivalent grade	A*	A	C	E

A Level

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries	A*-A%	A*-B%	A*-E%
Art	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	8	50.0	75.0	100.0
Biology	11	5	5	7	1	0	0	29	55.2	72.4	100.0
Business	5	8	10	4	0	0	0	27	48.1	85.2	100.0
Chemistry	10	10	5	3	0	0	0	28	71.4	89.3	100.0
Classical Civilisation	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	10	10.0	80.0	100.0
Computer Science	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	33.3	33.3	100.0
Drama	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	50.0	100.0	100.0
DT	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	8	37.5	75.0	100.0
Economics	3	8	5	2	2	0	0	20	55.0	80.0	100.0
English	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	9	55.6	100.0	100.0
Geography	1	6	16	6	1	1	0	31	22.6	74.2	100.0
History	5	6	5	4	3	0	0	23	47.8	69.6	100.0
Latin	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mathematics	10	15	4	5	0	0	0	34	73.5	85.3	100.0
Further Mathematics	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	75.0	100.0	100.0
Music	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	100.0	100.0
Physical Education	0	3	4	3	1	0	0	11	27.3	63.6	100.0
Physics	2	5	6	3	2	1	0	19	36.8	68.4	100.0
Philosophy	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	40.0	100.0	100.0
Politics	2	9	8	0	1	0	0	20	55.0	95.0	100.0
Psychology	5	6	5	6	1	0	0	23	47.8	69.6	100.0
Religious Studies	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	11	63.6	90.9	100.0
Spanish	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	8	25.0	50.0	100.0
Textiles	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	13	76.9	100.0	100.0
Totals	71	108	105	51	15	4	0	354	50.6	80.2	100.0
Cumulative	20.1	50.6	80.2	94.6	98.9	100.0					

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries	A*-A%	A*-B%	A*-E%
Extended Project (EPQ)	3	4	5	4	0	0	0	16	43.8	75.0	100.0
Subject	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP				
BTEC Sport	0	3	3	1	2	0	0				
Subject	D*	D	M	P							
CTEC Business	7	5	2	0							

GCSE: RGS pupils are now ready for the next challenge

Excellent GCSE results were celebrated this summer at RGS Worcester to the delight of staff, parents and pupils. With dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence, the Year Eleven pupils achieved more top Grade 9s than ever before.

19% of all Grades were top Grade 9s (against 4.9% nationally) and nearly 60% of all Grades were 9-7 (A**, A* or A equivalent).

With so much subject choice, including GCSEs in Engineering, Greek, PE and Textiles, pupils are able to choose the subjects they most enjoy and play to their strengths.

John Pitt, Headmaster, commented: *"It was lovely to see the pupils so pleased with their GCSE results. We had our largest GCSE Year group ever and we were particularly pleased by the number achieving the top Grade 9 across the different subjects which was significantly above the pre-pandemic level. This was in spite of the press telling us the results would be back to 2019 levels. The pupils can now look forward to the Sixth Form and all the opportunities available at RGS. Very well done to all of the pupils for their hard work. I would also like to thank their teachers who have supported the pupils so well."*

Congratulations to Abigail Crabbe, Elizabeth Crookall, Jaimie Lee and Sam Taylor who achieved straight sets of Grade 9s in their ten GCSE subjects. Toby Alexander, Sydney Blanchenot, Daniel Foster, Isabella Gray, Matilda Haughton, Keira Higgins, Sophie Jackson and Edith Wise all achieved 9/8 Grades.

Individual successes:

Superb Musician and Debater Annabelle Howarth achieved 10 GCSEs all graded 9-7 with four at the top Grade 9.

Sofia Stolt, Goalkeeper for Worcester City Women's Football team achieved a very strong set of GCSE results including six graded 8/9.

Twins Ana and Lottie Nicholls, both exceptional Hockey players, achieved 20 GCSEs between them with sixteen graded 9-7.

Congratulations to all of the pupils for such excellent results.

GCSE

Subject	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	U	Entries	9-7 %	9-4 %
Art	2	6	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	19	89.5	100.0
Classical Civilisation	3	1	5	5	4	4	1	0	0	23	39.1	95.7
Computing	0	4	5	8	6	3	4	1	0	31	29.0	83.9
DT Resistant Materials	3	6	6	9	4	2	0	0	0	30	50.0	100.0
DT Engineering	2	2	4	7	4	3	3	0	0	25	32.0	88.0
DT Textiles	1	6	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	15	60.0	93.3
Drama	5	4	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	19	63.2	100.0
Geography	7	14	8	18	6	6	3	1	0	63	46.0	93.7
History	20	14	16	11	8	1	2	0	0	72	69.4	97.2
Latin	9	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	93.8	100.0
Greek	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	100.0
English Language	16	20	36	26	21	8	4	0	0	131	55.0	96.9
English Literature	16	17	22	29	20	5	0	0	0	109	50.5	100.0
Mathematics	28	21	27	26	17	7	5	0	0	131	58.0	96.2
Music	4	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	84.6	100.0
Religious Studies	13	7	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	35	85.7	100.0
Physical Education	2	6	4	8	9	3	0	0	0	32	37.5	100.0
Combined Award Science	1	7	25	31	13	15	4	0	0	96	34.4	95.8
Biology	23	21	19	14	4	2	0	0	0	83	75.9	100.0
Chemistry	27	25	19	9	3	0	0	0	0	83	85.5	100.0
Physics	26	19	12	17	8	1	0	0	0	83	68.7	100.0
French	2	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	91.7	100.0
German	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	33.3	100.0
Chinese	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	100.0
Spanish	10	10	8	6	8	3	1	0	0	46	60.9	97.8
Totals	222	221	253	238	147	64	28	2	0	1175	59.2	97.4
Cumulative %	18.9	37.7	59.2	79.5	92.0	97.4	99.8	100.0				

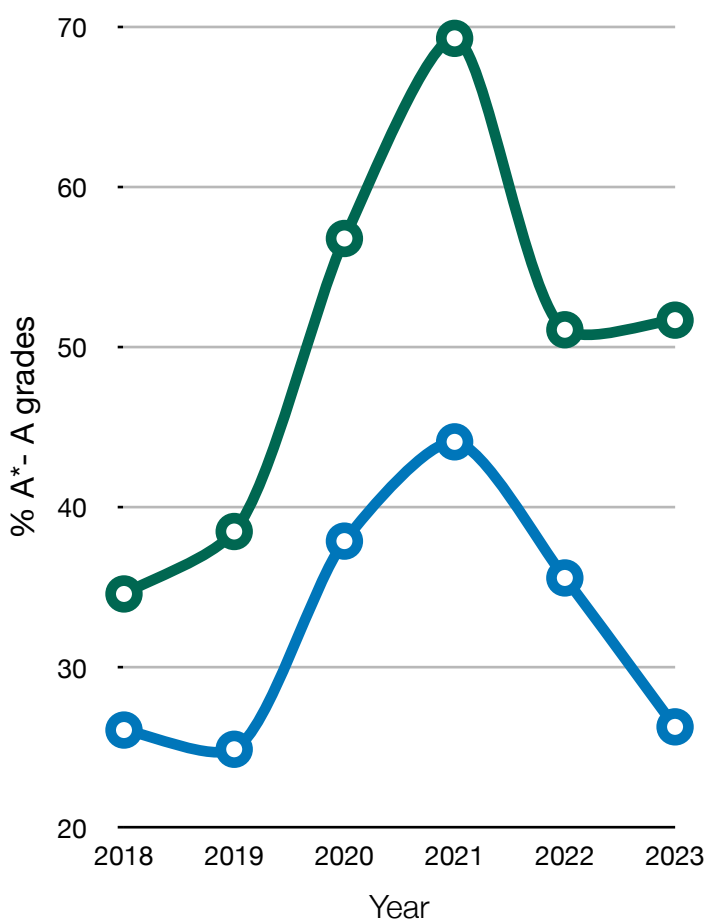
Key Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicators are a type of performance measurement that help you understand how an organisation is performing, and allows you to understand if you are heading in the right direction with your strategy.

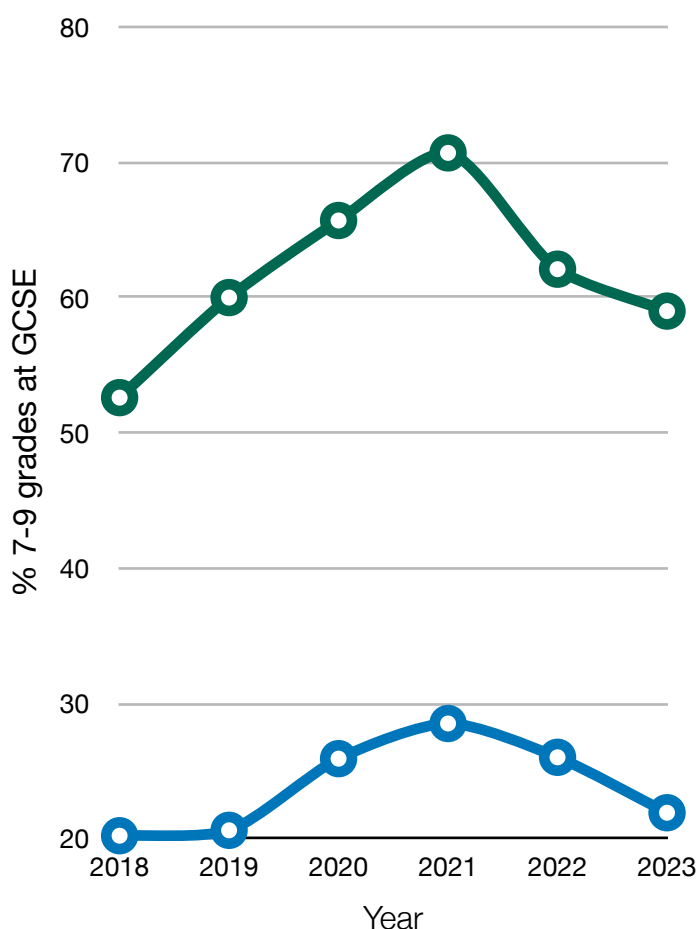
For educational institutions, Key Performance Indicators might include percentage of A* or A grades at A Level, the percentage of grades 9-7 at GCSE and the Department of Education educational performance data.

Below are graphs that show the trend in examination results at both GCSE and A Level, at RGS Worcester and nationally, following the education reforms of 2016. 2022 and 2023 saw a return to examined grades replacing the assessed grades of 2019 and 2020.

A Level results over the last six years



GCSE results over the last six years



RGS Worcester



National data



The graphs demonstrate that RGS pupils consistently perform very significantly above natural averages at both GCSE and A Level, proving the Value-Added of our teaching.

The Daily Telegraph

In The Daily Telegraph Independent Schools' A Level league table, RGS Worcester was ranked 85th Nationally, **the number 1 school in Worcestershire** and the 3rd ranked school in the wider West Midlands area - an impressive outcome indeed!

The Sunday Times

The Sunday Times Parent Power guide identifies the highest-achieving schools in the United Kingdom, ranked by recent examination results at both GCSE and A Level.

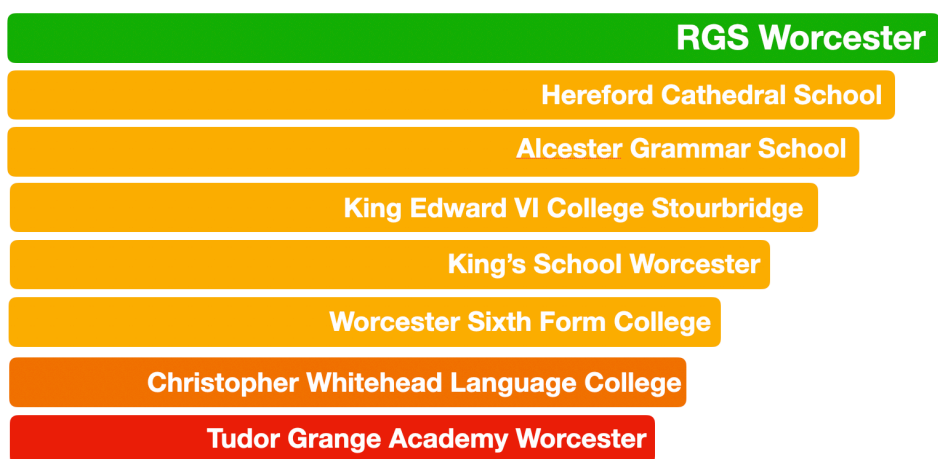
In the most recent edition, RGS Worcester is **ranked 1st** of all co-educational independent day schools (age range 11-18) in Worcestershire, and the **highest ranked school in Worcester**, as well as being placed 6th in the West Midlands.

Department for Education's Educational Performance Data for A Levels

The Department for Education calculates how much progress pupils who studied academic qualifications at this school made between the end of Key Stage 4 (GCSE) and the end of their academic qualification studies, compared to similar pupils across England.

The scores are calculated by comparing the academic qualifications results of pupils at this school with the academic qualifications results of students in schools and colleges across England who started with similar results at the end of the previous Key Stage. A score above zero means students made more progress, on average, than students across England who got similar results at the end of Key Stage 4. These scores are also known as Value-Added scores.

At RGS, our Sixth Form pupils have achieved significant Value-Added scores. A comparison with local schools can be seen in the schematic below. According to the Department for Education (DfE), RGS pupils achieved above average progress (green), whilst other schools attained either average (amber), below average (orange) or well below average progress (red).



Ranking using DfE A Level performance data from the last time Progress Measures were calculated.

Academic Highlights 2022-23

Education at RGS is more than what simply happens in the classroom or what is demonstrated by our excellent examination results. Education is about becoming a well-rounded individual; one who is prepared for the wider world when they leave RGS. To develop our pupils and students, the following is an example of what a normal year looks like in terms of opportunities, experiences and achievements of our pupils and students, outside of the normal timetable.

Mathematics

Senior Maths Challenge (Year Eleven - Sixth Form)

Out of 91 entries

5 Gold Awards

16 Silver Awards

31 Bronze Awards

5 students qualified for the Kangaroo Competition

Maths Olympiad for Girls (Sixth Form)

1 Distinction

3 Merits

Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years Nine - Eleven)

Out of 100 entries

13 Gold Awards

29 Silver Awards

30 Bronze Awards

14 pupils qualified for the Kangaroo Competition with 5 pupils achieving a Merit

Junior Maths Challenge (Years Seven - Eight)

Out of 111 entries

24 Gold Awards

23 Silver Awards

41 Bronze Awards

13 pupils qualified for the Junior Olympiad and the Kangaroo rounds

5 pupils achieving a Merit in the Kangaroo Competition

1 Distinction and 1 Merit in the Junior Olympiad

Science

Biology Olympiad, Intermediate Olympiad and Biology Challenge

3 Gold Awards

2 Highly Commended Awards

3 Commended Awards

Chemistry Olympiad and Cambridge L6 Challenge

1 Gold Award

6 Silver Awards

21 Bronze Awards

Physics Olympiad: Junior, Intermediate and Senior

20 Gold Awards

88 Silver Awards

170 Bronze Awards

20 Commendations

Computer Science

British Informatics Olympiad: 6 pupils achieved Highly Commended or Commended Awards

Cyber Discovery: 1 Upper Sixth student and 6 Middle School pupils progressed to the final stages of the Government-funded programme which is part of the UK's National Cyber Security strategy

Cisco Networking Academy: 6 Sixth Form students completed the industry-standard networking and cyber security certification

Middle School Pupils visited The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park

Middle School and Sixth Form STEM study visit to Thorpe Park

Psychology

‘Cognitive Behavioural Therapy’: a talk by Mrs Kirsty Locker

‘Child Clinical Neuropsychology’: a talk by Dr Selina Balloo

English

A Level Study Day at Wightwick with Dr Serena Trowbridge, City University Birmingham

LitSoc London Tour: 'Measure for Measure' in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

Twisted Tales Young Writers' Competition: Nine pupils selected for publication

Lower Sixth Gothic Study Trip to Bronte Parsonage and the Moors in Haworth

Worcester Poet Laureate (Ade Couper) Performance Poetry Workshop

Jekyll & Hyde theatre trip (Swan Theatre)

Modern Foreign Languages

Year Seven Market Day in Europe

Year Eight Masterchef Competition

Year Nine Quizlet Vocabulary Challenge

Year Seven Inter-Class Christmas Carol Competition

European Week of Languages with House Pétanque Tournament

Flipgrid virtual video exchange between RGS pupils and pupils in IES Goya, Zaragoza

Visit of German Exchange pupils from our partner school: Johannes-Althius Gymnasium in Emden, Ostfriesland.

Lower Sixth student-led outreach event

Four week visit of German Student Teachers

Primary School Languages Festival (led by Year Nine pupils)

National Spanish and French Flash Fiction Competition (University of Oxford): Commended Entry
(Sixth Form)

National Anthea Bell Translation Competition (The Queen's College, Oxford): Commended Entry
(Sixth Form)

Textiles

Young Fashion Designer UK

Year Eleven: Young Fashion Designer UK Finalist
Year Eight and Nine: Young Fashion Designer UK Highly Commended
Lower Sixth: Fashion Icon Competition at NEC: First and Third Place
Year Nine: Fashion Icon Competition at NEC: Second Place and Highly Commended
Lower Sixth: Trip to London
Year Ten: Study Visit to The Hive, Worcester
Year Nine to Upper Sixth: Fashion Show Showcase
Lower Sixth: Workshop with Hereford College of Arts
Lower Sixth: Worcester Cathedral 'Art in Sacred Spaces' Exhibition
Year Ten: Workshop with Alumnae Sophie Wynne-Owen 'Couture Bridal'

Art

Study visit to London galleries (Lower Sixth)
Public exhibition at Worcester Cathedral (Lower Sixth)
Study Visit to Worcester and Worcester Cathedral (Lower Sixth)
Art exhibition to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, The Guildhall Worcester
(Year Ten)
Visit to The Ashmolean Museum, The Pitt Rivers Museum and The Museum of Natural History
Oxford (Year Eleven)
Ceramic contribution to RHS Gardening Show, Malvern (Year Eight)
Collaboration with Springfield for Primary School Art Competition
Creative Arts Evening: Exhibition of GCSE and A Level work
Glass Fusing Workshop with Alumni (Year Ten)

Design and Technology

One Lower Sixth pupil awarded an Arkwright Scholarship
Two Year Eleven pupils called to interview for Arkwright Scholarship
Greenpower Challenge Racing with another car in renovation to enable two cars to be raced
Mallory Circuit: 5th place out of 28 entrants in F24 category (U16)
Team qualified for the International Final (to be raced in October 2023)
Bloodhound Car Talk on an attempt to break the land speed record
RHS Malvern Show: Highly commended garden submission

Philosophy and Religion

Model United Nations (Year Nine to Sixth Form)

Peter Vardy Religious Studies Conference (Sixth Form)

Philosophy Symposium (Billingham Society: Year Eleven and Sixth Form)

Visits to Freedom Evangelical Church and Worcester Cathedral (Sixth Form)

Amnesty International Human Rights and Campaign group (Years Seven and Eight)

Religious Studies and Philosophy trip to Rome (Sixth Form & Year Eleven)

Philosophy & Physics Conference at Worcester University (Sixth Form)

Worcester Cathedral educational visit (Year Seven)

History and Politics

History World War I Field Trip to Staffordshire (Year Ten)

Politics Hodder Revision Conference (Sixth Form Students)

History Hodder Revision Conference (Sixth Form Students)

Parliament and the Supreme Court list (Sixth Form Politics Students)

Politics Students took part in a Question Time event involving local politicians

Worcester 'Their Finest Hour' World War II Digital Collection Day for Oxford University, with Lower Sixth Form Historians as interviewers

Geography

Year Nine Geographer of the Year Competition

GCSE Field Studies Trips to Carding Mill Valley and Diglis Basin

Lower Sixth Field Studies Residential Trip (NEA) to Slapton Sands

Debating

National successes achieved in 2022-23:

Qualified for Oxford Union Finals Day – 2 pairs

Qualified for Cambridge Union Finals Day – 2 pairs

University of Nottingham Schools Gold Finalists – 2 pairs

Qualified for the International Competition for Young Debaters Finals Day (Cambridge)

Qualified for English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition Second Round

English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare Regional Finalists

English Speaking Union Mace Competition Regional Finalists

University of Warwick Schools Pro-Am Finalists

Drama and Theatre

School Productions:

‘Zorro the Musical’ Senior production Years Ten to Sixth Form

‘Hamlet’ DIY Theatre Company

‘Wind in the Willows’ Summer production – Years Eight and Nine

Year Seven Drama Club Devised performance - ‘Friends’

Creative Arts Evening monologue performances – Lower Sixth

Year Group Productions:

Devised (Upper Sixth)

‘Century Smackdowns’

Devised (Lower Sixth)

‘PK Live’

‘The Late Late Spook’

Scripted Composition 3 Performances (Lower Sixth)

Monologues

‘Hamlet’

‘Dr Faustus’

‘Macbeth’

‘Romeo and Juliet’

‘As You Like It’

‘Taming of the Shrew’

Duologues and Group

‘Girls and Dolls’

‘Jerusalem’

‘Whose afraid of Virginia Wolf’

Group Scripted (Upper Sixth)

‘The Picture of Dorian Grey’

GCSE Productions – Scripted (Year Eleven)

‘1984’

‘Bouncers’

‘Shakers’

‘4:48 Psychosis’

‘Lord of the Flies’

‘Rotterdam’

‘Things I know to be True’

‘Waiting for Godot’

‘A Song at Twilight’

GCSE Productions (Year Ten – Devised)

‘We all fall down’

‘Bring out your Dead’

‘Consequences’

‘Nature is involved’

Year Nine Devised Productions

‘Destruction’

‘Louisiana’

‘Dystopia to Utopia’

‘Missing’

‘Death in the Dorm’

‘Kidnap’

‘Taken’

Year Eight Productions

‘War’ - Dance Drama

‘Isolation’ – Devised and Monologues, Scripted and Dance Drama

Year Seven Productions

‘Jabberwocky’ – Scripted Group and Monologues

‘Myths and Legends’ – Devised and Monologues and Scripted

Trips

Boston and New York (USA)

A Level Research and Devising weekend – Cornwall

A Level Drama and English Literature weekend to Howarth, Yorkshire

Theatre Trips

‘Six The Musical’ (Sixth Form)

‘Richard III’

‘A Christmas Carol’

Practitioner Workshops

Squire Stage Combat– ‘Zorro’ Sword fighting and combat workshop

Sixth Form Brontë Lighting workshop

Clubs

Year Seven Drama club

Filmmakers club

Stage make-up club

Rock club

LAMDA Speech and Drama Awards

Acting Exams

Grade 3 Solo - Distinction
Grade 3 Duo - 2 Distinctions
Grade 3 Combined - 2 Distinctions
Grade 4 Solo - 3 Distinctions
Grade 4 Duo - 2 Distinctions
Grade 5 Solo - Distinction
Grade 5 Duo - 2 Distinctions
Grade 5 Combined - 4 Distinctions
Grade 6 Solo Bronze Medal - Distinction
Grade 6 Duo Bronze Medal - 2 Distinctions
Grade 7 Solo Silver Medal - Distinction
Grade 8 Solo Gold Medal - Distinction

Devising Drama

Grade 5 Duo - 2 Distinctions

Musical Theatre

Grade 5 Solo - Distinction

Speaking in Public

Grade 7 Silver Medal - Distinction

Music

Weekly Ensembles

Junior Choir
Senior Choir
Chamber Choir
Upper Voices A Cappella Group
Big Band
Orchestra
Wind Band
Junior Jazz
Senior Jazz

Senior Strings
Intermediate Strings
Saxophone Ensemble
Classical Guitar Trio
Sixth Form Combo
Junior Rock Band
Clarinet Choir
Guitar Group
Flute Group

Performances in School

Year Seven Teatime Concert
Year Eight Teatime Concert
Year Nine Teatime Concert
Year Ten Teatime Concert
Year Eleven Teatime Concert
Sixth Form Showcase Concert

Cabaret Evening
Christmas with the Big Band
Performances in Christmas Lunch
Chamber Choir sing in Remembrance Service
'Zorro - The Musical' – singing and eight-piece band
Music filming day, producing two soloist and three choir films
Vocal Recital and Masterclass with visiting singing soloist Erika Madi Jones
Piano Concert and Masterclass with visiting piano soloist Roman Kosyakov
Concert for Ukraine organised by Sasha Penlington in Year Ten
Performances during the Creative Arts Evening
Junior Choir sing at Lower School Prize-giving
Spring Ensembles Concert
House Music Competition

Outreach Events

Piano Masterclass with other local secondary schools

Clarinet Choir performed an assembly at a local primary school

Wind Band performance to students from a local primary school

Let's Sing: Worcester – Choral outreach with several local primary schools

Two Choral Workshops with Aga Serugo Lugo and pupils from other local schools

'Mass in Blue' Choral Session with Neil Ferris from the BBC Symphony Chorus and pupils from other local schools

Events Outside School

Carol Service in Worcester Cathedral

Wind Band Concert at RGS The Grange

Chamber Choir sing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, London

Music at the Holocaust Commemoration Event at Worcester Guildhall

Upper Sixth Musicians performed a Lunchtime Recital at Worcester Cathedral

Strings Concert in Pershore Abbey with the Worcester Baroque Singers

'A Call to Peace' Concert with other RGS Schools at Worcester Cathedral

RGS Family of Schools' Choirs sing in Commemoration Service at Worcester Cathedral

Chamber Choir sang in St Richard's Hospice Lights of Love Service at Worcester Cathedral

Soloists performed at the Mini-Proms Concert with Opera Worcester Community Choir in St Mark's Church

Upper Voices Vocal Ensemble sang at Spring Concert with Opera Worcester in Kempsey Church

Intermediate Strings, Junior Trio, Upper Voices and soloists compete in the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival

Careers

RGS provides award winning Careers provision as recognised by the Chamber of Commerce. The Department is currently working towards Stage Two of the Quality in Careers Standard Award

The Annual Careers and Higher Education EXPO saw over 700 people attending to speak with approximately 90 representatives from Higher Education institutions throughout the UK, Degree Apprenticeship providers, Allied Healthcare professions, Medicine and Veterinary, Creative Arts industry, Engineering, Law, Surveying, Architecture, Journalism, Teaching, the Armed Forces, the Sports Industry and Finance

Activities for pupils during National Careers Week, National Apprenticeship Week and Tomorrow's Engineers Week

Apprenticeship Talk to Year Eleven pupils as part of PSHCE

Sixth Form Choices evening presentation (Year Eleven and Parents)

Involvement with preparation for the Arkwright Scholarship interviews (Year Eleven)

Higher Education Talks by Warwick, Cardiff Metropolitan and other Universities (Year Eleven and Sixth Form)

Work Experience placements: virtual and in-person work experience including a new initiative with West Mercia Police for Year Ten pupils (Years Ten, Eleven and Sixth Form)

Investin Education delivered a presentation on the benefits of work experience (Lower Sixth and Year Eleven)

1:1 Careers Guidance for every Year Eleven and Lower Sixth pupil by a qualified Level 7 Careers Advisor (Head of Careers) with every pupil provided with a Careers Action Plan

Higher Education Evening Presentation (Lower Sixth and Parents)

Medicine and Veterinary interviews supported with MMI and 1:1 interviews

Unifrog training and access to the careers platform (Year Seven to Upper Sixth)

Careers in Medicine talk by the Director of Admissions from University of Birmingham

Mock interviews conducted by local employers, representatives from the University of Worcester and local Training providers (Lower Sixth)

Support when applying for various Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships (Upper Sixth)

Careers Trips and Engagement Activities

Careers trip to Cadbury World (Year Ten)

Careers in Sport Trip to Edgbaston (Year Ten)

Qinetiq trip for 'Hands on Science' STEM Day (Year Nine)

Morgan Cars in Malvern visit (Year Ten Design Technology pupils)

University of Bath visit (BTEC Sport and A Level PE pupils)

Lower Sixth visit to the UCAS Discovery Day

Monthly Careers Seminars from:

Qinetiq, Medical Admissions University of Birmingham, Operating Department Practitioner, Sports Journalist, The Army, Rugby Professional, West Mercia Police, The Superperformance Team, GCHQ

Enrichment - Sixth Form

Sixth Form Enrichment: courses provide an introduction to and support in:

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

London Institute of Finance Banking Course

Politics

Digital Skills

Cooking

Introduction to Italian

Extended Sixth Form Enrichment Options

Community Sports Leadership Award

Medical and Veterinary Applications including
1:1 interviews

Individualised Oxbridge preparation including
1:1 subject interviews

Personal Finance

Enrichment - The Billingham Society

A sample of talks given to The Billingham Society:

Black Holes

Magnetism

Follow the Science

The Armpit of Greece

To Infinity and Beyond

Leitmotifs in Disney Music

Plant Cells Move in Real Time

JFK - On the Trail of the Assassins

Faith in the Time of the Covid-19 Epidemic

Versions of Odysseus – An Introduction to Classical Reception

Why did Martin Luther King say that? Understanding Recent American History

Could you kill your grandfather before your parents were born? The Time Travel Paradox

Justice, Charity and Jesus: Why the West can't develop developing countries

Reading faces and discovering that we all have female intuition

Sexuality and Gender in the Ancient World

Sleep and Your Mental Health

Yoga in Times of Stress

Four Colour Theorem

Mystery Dissection

Augmented Reality

God and Science

Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ) undertaken by the Sixth Form

A sample of topics studied are below:

Was the sinking of the ARA General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict of 1982 justified?

To what extent have interventions been effective at reducing racism in Professional Football?

An assessment of the economic, political, cultural and military impact of the Vikings along the Eastern Trade Route, from the Baltic to the Byzantium, between the 7th Century and the 11th Century.

To what extent can the traditional internal combustion engine improve and adapt to be more efficient and environmental, and continue to remain useful?

To what extent are governance factors in ESG the most crucial objective in order to improve the image of a business?

Did the UK Government deceive the public about the risk of serious side effects from the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for Covid-19 at the time it was first administered in the UK in December 2020?

When recovering from injury, is taping or physiotherapy the most appropriate and most effective method of rehabilitation for an athlete?

Is visually impaired rugby the best solution to improving mental well-being amongst the visually impaired community?

To what extent does ADHD in childhood cause detrimental effects later in life/adulthood?

Are the experiences of pupils with dyslexia positive ones in mainstream education?

To what extent is concussion taken seriously by rugby players?

How is food and eating significant in post-1900 gothic novels?

To what extent is the sustainable fashion industry a success?

Should athletes follow a plant based diet?

University Destinations

In 2023, the majority of Upper Sixth students went on to the leading top 25 universities, including Russell Group Universities, with over 90% of students gaining their first choice University.

Destinations

University of Cambridge
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Gloucestershire
University of Kent
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Northampton
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Warwick
University of Wolverhampton
University of Worcester
University of York
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
Bristol, University of the West of England
Birmingham City University
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
De Montford University
Durham University
Falmouth University
Hartpury University and College
Hereford Arts College
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London
Liverpool John Moores University
Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Royal Agricultural University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Sheffield Hallam University

Scholarships

Aims

The School wishes to recognise outstanding Academic, Musical, Sporting and Artistic ability and potential, and Scholarships are awarded for this purpose.

Scholarships

- 11+ and 13+ candidates are automatically considered for **Academic Scholarships** when they sit the RGS entrance examination. There are separate assessment processes for all other types of Scholarship, including Sixth Form Academic Scholarships
- All Scholarships may be supplemented by Bursary funding of up to 100% remission of fees
- Pupils awarded Scholarships will retain them throughout their careers at RGS Worcester subject to good performance

Scholarships are available for:

Academic

Art

Drama

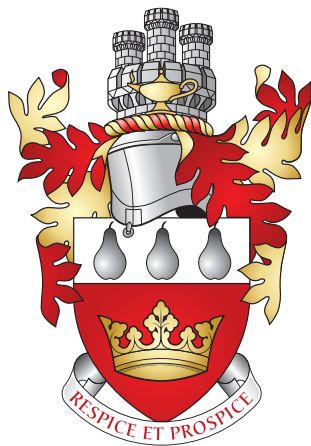
Design Technology

Music

Textiles

Sport (for Focus Sports and Representative Sports)

For more information about Scholarships please see the Scholarships brochure and contact the Registrar, Mrs Catherine Bates (admissions@rgsw.org.uk), or visit the website (www.rgsw.org.uk).



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