

RCGS

SPRINGFIELD



WELCOMING. INSPIRING. ENCOURAGING.



*We provide education for boys and girls  
aged 2-11 years*

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# WELCOME

At RGS Springfield we are passionate about developing each individual child by ensuring that our teaching facilitates all learning styles and enables all pupils to attain their full potential. Our small size and nurturing ethos mean we excel at delivering a challenging, individualised and exciting curriculum, which allows and encourages opportunities for children to question and take risks in their learning, and thus to become independent and creative learners.

We are a one form entry school and pride ourselves on excellent relationships between staff and pupils and between pupils of different ages. This is of great value in developing confidence in each individual child, the School really does feel like a happy family.

Tucked away in the beautiful grounds of Britannia Square, with over two acres of green playing fields just across the road from RGS Worcester, our unique city centre location means we can use Senior School facilities and comfortably visit Worcester City centre. This gives us the flavour of a country school with the convenience of city facilities.

Come and see 'The Secret in the Square' for yourself.

**Laura Brown, Headmistress**

# ACADEMIC

Our thematic curriculum is very engaging for pupils, allowing links to be made across the curriculum. This approach to learning makes the subject matter more relevant to children; it heightens their awareness of the world around them and encourages further independent learning.

We use a range of resources to ensure children are engaged in their learning, using both traditional and modern approaches to get the best from each individual. All children use digital technology to support their learning; it is not unusual for even our youngest children to be using iPads to develop their literacy, numeracy and creative skills.

Alongside the highest level of teaching from class teachers, we provide specialists in French, Music, IT, PE and swimming. As class sizes are small, children receive a high level of individual teacher support; this ensures that our more able pupils are challenged and work at a fast pace, whilst those who need support in a specific area are extremely well resourced. These teaching and learning opportunities ensure that all children have the necessary literacy, numeracy and critical thinking skills to enable them to access a wide and varied curriculum and prepare them for RGS Worcester Senior School.



*“All children from aged two to eleven are encouraged to be very investigative in their approach to learning, to have no fear of taking a risk or making a mistake.”*

# CREATIVITY

Our specialist teachers in Dance, Music and Drama inspire children and channel their creativity.

Nursery and Reception children put on their Nativity, as do Years One and Two, and there is also a delightful carol concert in a local church. Our Creative Arts Club performance often involves pupils from Years One to Six in a variety of roles.

There is also the annual Cathedral Concert performed in Worcester Cathedral with RGS Worcester, RGS Dodderhill and RGS The Grange.

From regular assemblies and music recitals to our major drama productions, there is always something for everyone to enjoy.

From Year Three, pupils are entered annually into the English-Speaking Board exams, where external invigilators visit the pupils and assess them on their presentation and diction skills. We are also able to offer individual Music lessons including piano, violin, cello, flute, French horn, trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar and woodwind. These instrumental lessons are supported by musical clubs such as choir, orchestra, string group, brass group and hand chimes.

*“We aim to develop a quiet self-confidence that means all children are willing to have a go and enjoy the whole experience.”*





# SPORT

At RGS Springfield all children participate in Games, Swimming and PE, taught by specialist teachers.

All children participate in and are all valued members of the Springfield teams and take great pride in playing for their school.

Children learn teamwork, discipline and determination through a variety of seasonal sports including Hockey, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Tennis and Athletics for girls and Rugby, Football, Cricket, Tennis and Athletics for the boys.

*“Our aim is to encourage a love of physical activity, an appreciation of a healthy lifestyle and to improve all children’s skills.”*

# NURSERY

In the Nursery, the environment stimulates the children's curiosity and the desire to learn and explore their world supporting each individual child's talent and interests. This is a key time in a child's development and it is important to provide a curriculum that excites a joy for learning. We use a combination of play, child initiated and teacher-led activities.

All children have the use of whole school facilities within the extensive grounds. Our dedicated independent nursery practitioners are experts in the Early Years Curriculum. Sessions include high-quality teaching in Music, French and Dance. Visits to museums, art exhibitions, wildlife centres and theatres are organised alongside topics and children's interests.

Whether performing on stage, collaborating in Forest School or occupied inside, all our children become confident, independent learners with a desire for knowledge and a willingness to take risks. The skills that RGS Springfield imparts will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

*"RGS Springfield Nursery provides children with a magical first experience of school."*





# CLUBS

We offer a full programme of co-curricular activities to enrich the already broad curriculum and to offer new, exciting opportunities for the children.

The activities are seasonal and are rotated each term to ensure maximum choice and most are run by our passionate and committed teachers. Sometimes we invite specialist teachers into School or use facilities outside of the school. Clubs are run at lunchtimes and after school and are entirely optional though in reality, the children are keen and eager to be involved. Our School Council helps to provide suggestions for clubs in which children may wish to participate.

An example of some of the clubs we offer are: Dance, Tennis, Bookbinding, Cookery, Pottery, Gardening, Orchestra, Choir, Hand Chimes, Recorders, Brass Group, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Athletics, Riding, and many more...

*“Allowing children to have fun and meet new challenges in a familiar environment with their friends.”*

# WRAP AROUND CARE

RGS Springfield is open from 7.45am until 6.00pm during term time. This means that when the school day is finished, parents can be assured that their child is in a safe and familiar environment and taking time out with their friends.

*“Wrap around care allows children to experience new opportunities without having to leave School.”*



# MOVING TO RGS WORCESTER

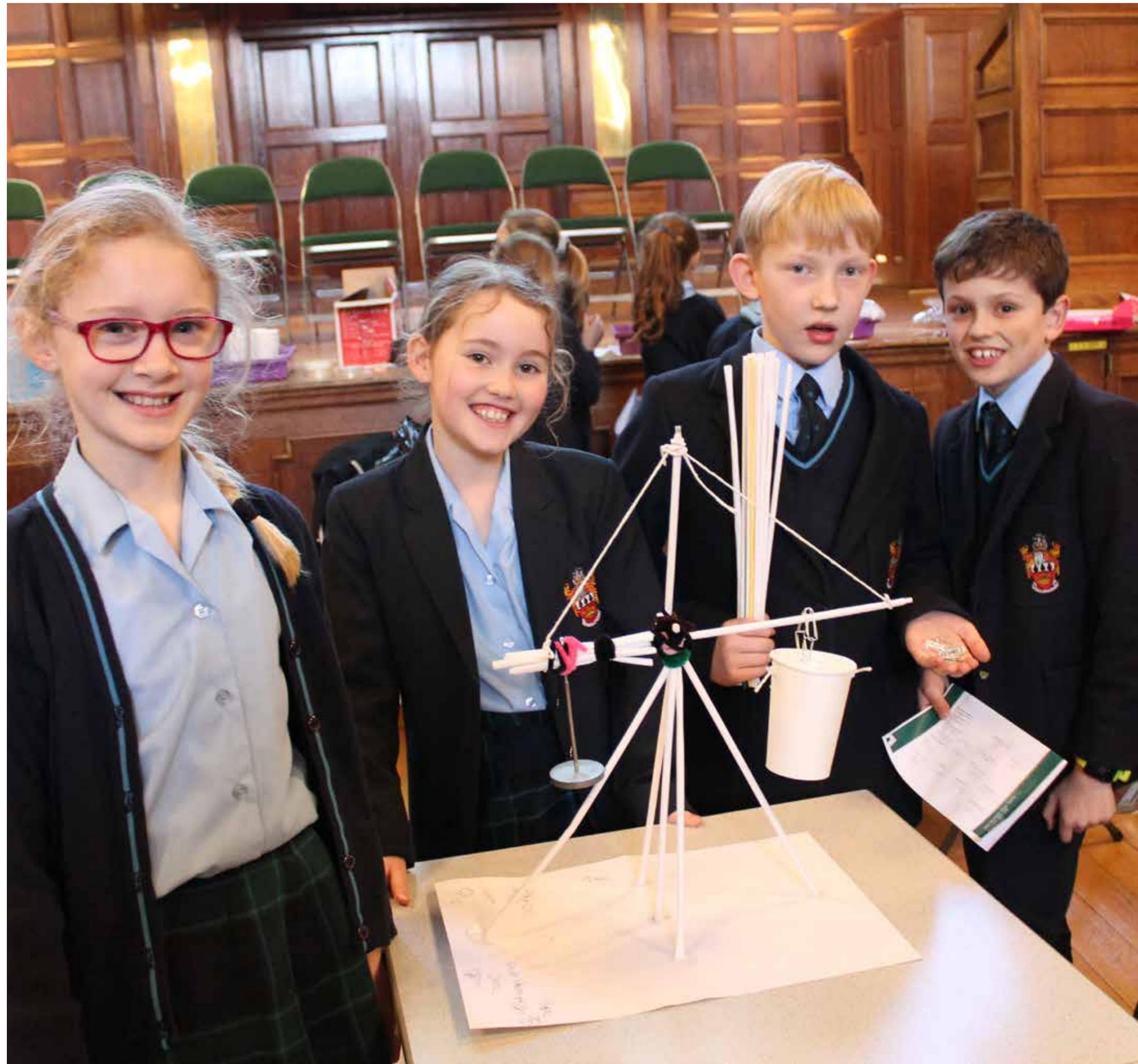
As pupils enter Year Six, it is a time when they and their parents naturally start to think about senior school. The vast majority of our pupils make the move to RGS Worcester, our Senior School, into Year Seven.

Most will have attended an Open Morning at RGS Worcester and become entranced by the thought of working in the Design Technology Department, or joining the Dance Club, playing sport on Flagge Meadow or being part of one of the Houses. 95% plus of our Year Six pupils move on to Year Seven at RGS Worcester. A smooth transition is ensured, as pupils interact with staff from the Senior School throughout their time at RGS Springfield. They will get a taste of life at the Senior School and this invariably generates huge interest and expectation.

#### THESE INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- A Taster Day in the Michaelmas Term when the pupils are taught by Senior School staff in a variety of subjects such as DT, Science and Drama
- Visits by the Head of Year Seven to talk to Year Six pupils in class. These normally take place in the Summer Term before the Induction Day and produce plenty of excitement as pupils start to think about joining the Senior School and the myriad of new opportunities this will bring
- The Induction Day in June when the pupils spend a day in the Senior School together with pupils from outside. They will be introduced to their new Form Tutor and given the opportunity to take part in a number of activities
- In addition to these specific initiatives, the Heads and Deputies of both schools meet on a regular basis, when various individual and general academic and pastoral items are raised as appropriate
- Parents attend a Transition Evening at RGS Worcester and are encouraged to ask questions about the transition process at any time

For entry to RGS Worcester from RGS Springfield, the pupils are not required to sit an Entrance Examination since we already know the children and their academic abilities and co-curricular interests. Instead, they sit a Verbal Reasoning Test in November for which they are well-prepared at RGS Springfield and places are then offered at RGS Worcester. Pupils at RGS Springfield can apply for Scholarships and Bursaries and each year a number are offered: Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport.





‘THE SECRET IN THE SQUARE’

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## DIRECTIONS TO RGS SPRINGFIELD

### By Road

The most direct route is via the M5. Leave at Junction 6 and join the A449. Travel through the first intersection and continue until you reach a roundabout. Take the second exit at the roundabout into Ombersley Road, A449. Travel for 2 miles on this road which leads into Barbourne Road and then Upper Tything, A38. After The Talbot public house on the left, turn right into Hebb Street then left onto Britannia Square. Take the third right; the gate to RGS Springfield is two thirds along the side of the Square on the left hand side.

Parking is available on site for drop off and pick up.

### By Rail

The closest railway station is Worcester Foregate Street. On arrival exit the station and turn right. Walk for approximately five minutes until you come to RGS Worcester on your right hand side. Use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road, turning left and then first right. Britannia Square is located on your right hand side.

