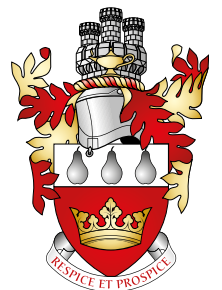


# RCGS

## WORCESTER

### SIXTH FORM





# PREPARATION FOR LIFE

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*“We are very proud of the students in our Sixth Form, the contribution they make to the School, and all that they go on to achieve.”*



# WELCOME

The Sixth Form is the pinnacle of a student's school career and one that should be the most rewarding for every individual. It is with this in mind that the Sixth Form at RGS Worcester offers all students a focused academic environment where they receive the very highest standards of teaching paired with a wide variety of exciting co-curricular opportunities. The breadth of opportunity in the Sixth Form is extensive. This enables students to follow their own path and gain all the skills, qualities and academic achievements that will enable them to flourish as they embark upon the next chapter of their journey.

The Sixth Form students are very well supported both academically and pastorally by the Sixth Form Team, dedicated Tutors and the Senior Leadership Team. It is the close relationship between students and staff that enables each student to fulfil their potential. We really do know our students and work closely with them on their journey through the Sixth Form in order to guide and support them so that they are happy and motivated in all that they do, and accomplish the very best in all that they undertake.

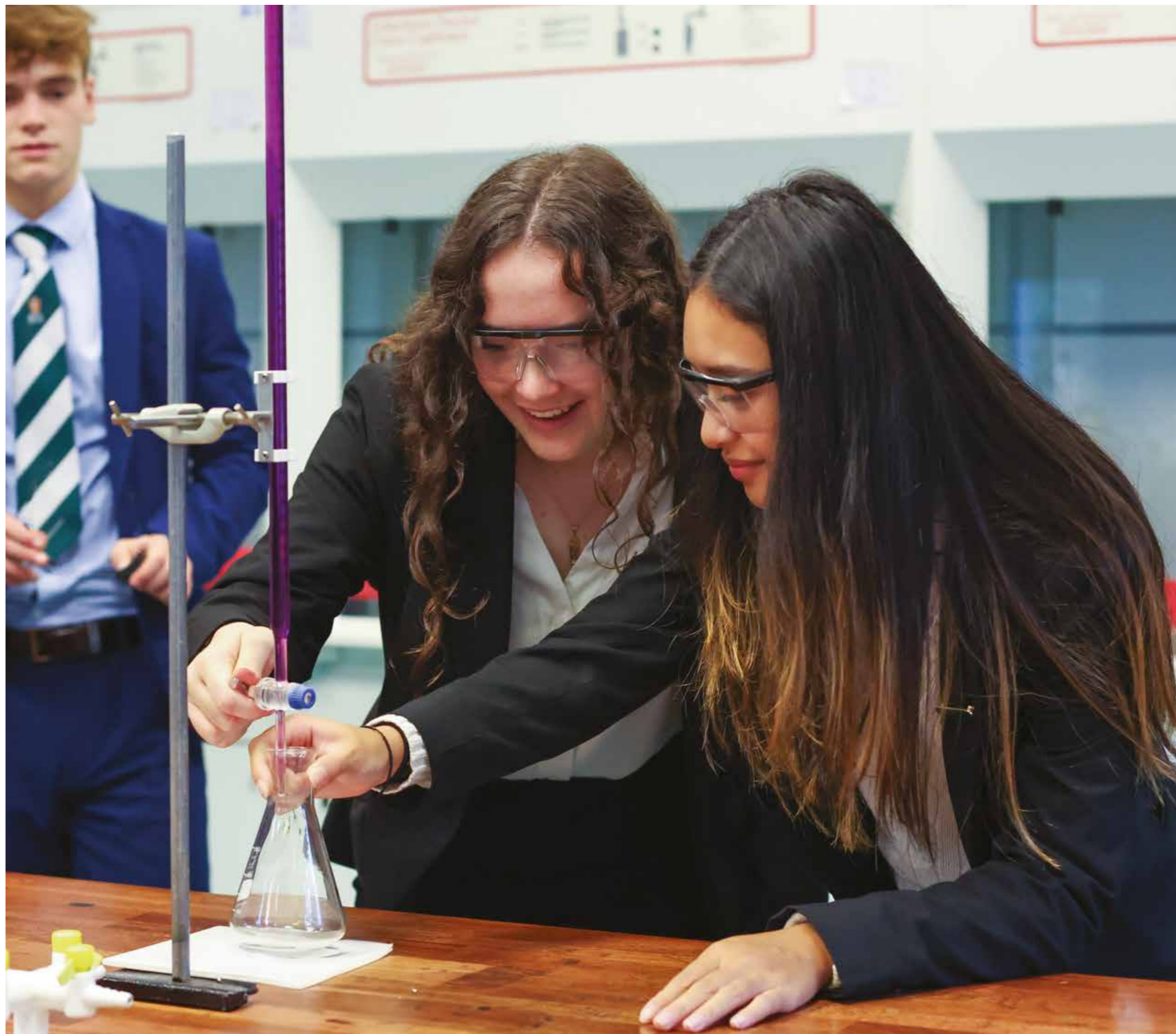
We are very experienced in supporting the University application process, guiding students to a wide range of Universities every year that include Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group institutions and similarly supporting applications to study Medicine and to Art Colleges, Drama Schools and Music Conservatoires. Students have access to fantastic Award winning Careers advice and support for those seeking to go straight into employment or onto work-based training schemes, such as Degree Apprenticeships.

It is very much the case that Sixth Form students are at the heart of the School, both in terms of their role within the RGS community and the location of Gordon House, the dedicated Sixth Form facilities for the students. We look to the Sixth Form students to take on a variety of leadership roles and set the high standards expected of all those at RGS Worcester. In addition to developing leadership skills, we want our students to develop all the qualities that Universities and employers seek in the modern world.

The Sixth Form at RGS Worcester is a busy and enjoyable experience. Whether you join us new in the Sixth Form or have come up through The RGS Family of Schools, we look forward to welcoming you.

# ACADEMIC

RGS Sixth Form students have the opportunity to study a wide range of academic subjects taught by specialist teachers in high quality facilities. Students are encouraged to explore their subjects through the teaching and guidance they receive, by conducting research and through experiencing subject-based activities, as well as participating in academic clubs and societies.



*“The list of opportunities is extensive and, if we do not offer it, then students are encouraged to introduce it!”*

# CO-CURRICULAR

The breadth of opportunities available is breath-taking with Sixth Form students encouraged to lead many of the clubs and societies as well as participate in whatever area of school life takes their interest, from Sport to Music, Drama, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Debating and so much more.

Games is provided for Sixth Form students each week. The range of activities is broad and includes: Athletics, Badminton, Cricket, Cross-Country Running, Dance, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rowing, Fencing, Rugby, Yoga, Rounders, Dancercise, Fitness and Tennis.

There is a comprehensive programme of fixtures with other schools in a variety of sports. Teams train during each week and receive specialist coaching from former national and international players and coaches.

# ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS

We strongly encourage all students to participate in co-curricular activities. This broadens their experience and gives them an opportunity to display initiative, exercise responsibility and lead younger pupils.

The School runs a wide variety of trips for Sixth Form students, including curricular and co-curricular visits.

There are regular sports tours both in the UK and abroad. Recent locations have been Barbados, Canada, India and South Africa.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme includes canoeing, kayaking and sea kayaking expeditions and in the past few years, expeditions have visited the Scottish Lochs, the Swedish lakes around Stockholm, Crete and Croatia.

The School has also taken trips to CERN and NASA, giving students a chance to see ground-breaking scientific research. The Drama Department runs a full programme of theatre trips, encouraging English and Drama students and those interested in the theatre to broaden their experience. The Music Department runs regular trips to professional Concerts. Departments run subject specific trips to enhance students' learning such as the Geography field trip to North Wales as well as a trip to Iceland and the Politics and Economics trips to Washington and New York.

The Debating Society takes teams to competitions around Britain several times each term and regularly performs at the highest level in the English Speaking Union, Cambridge Union and Oxford Union competitions, frequently qualifying for the national finals. RGS justifiably claims to be one of the top Debating schools in the country.

The School has a long tradition of working with the community and raising money for charity. Sixth Form students, through the Charity Committee, take a leading role in organising fundraising events. In addition to the sums of money raised, the Committee plays an important part in raising awareness for various local, national and international charities amongst the students. RGS has a direct link with a school in Ghana which we have supported with technology. The School has also supported Ukraine in recent times, including offering places to 12 pupils from Ukraine.

*"The Co-curricular provision at RGS Worcester is quite simply breath-taking."*





# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

RGS Worcester is at the forefront of digital education and, as an Apple Distinguished School, has been recognised as a leading global school for its innovative approach to teaching and learning. Our Digital Learning Programme is integrated into the curriculum, particularly where it adds genuine meaning and purpose to learning. Our digital culture means that we embrace new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality and Augmented Curriculum to nurture curiosity and imagination. Our pupils understand how to use digital tools in collaborative, creative and dynamic ways that help develop knowledge and experience of digital workflows that are now a pre-requisite of University and the modern work place.

# CAREERS ADVICE

The award-winning Careers Department is well equipped to enable our students to leave RGS with all the skills that are needed to succeed in the world beyond school.

In the Sixth Form, the advice and guidance that each student receives is suited to their aspirations and students are encouraged to open their eyes to the wealth of opportunity that awaits them; this might include going to University in the UK, Europe or even America, or increasingly, students are looking to Degree Apprenticeships and relevant Gap Year activities before going to University.

We work with students to build momentum in approaching these key decisions through the following:

- Academic programmes in the two Sixth Form years
- Academic Enrichment
- Work experience support
- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Volunteering development
- Reasoned and flexible decisions for Higher Education including international study
- Discussion about Apprenticeships and help with applications

With around 97% of RGS students going on to University, our main aim is to ensure that they all gain the right place in Higher Education. And that figure masks an even more important factor: that the vast majority of RGS students get to go to their first choice University.

As well as incorporating Careers advice and guidance within the PSHCE curriculum, we have dedicated days for the Sixth Form that facilitate the UCAS process with Higher Education evenings. An essential part of this process is enrolling on 'Unifrog,' a superb search tool for Higher Education. This proves an invaluable resource for our Sixth Formers and enables them to explore the wealth of opportunity that awaits them and is provided for all RGS Worcester students.

Applications for Oxbridge, Medicine and Veterinary Sciences University courses are different from most other applications and involve additional support for Entrance Tests and interviews. We have a dedicated team of staff who support Oxbridge applications and the process starts as early as Year Ten or Eleven. A separate team supports aspiring medics and vets through their application process and tests. Students in the Sixth Form receive appropriate coaching and advice on interview technique as well as specialist seminars and enrichment sessions.

The Careers Department hosts a wide range of speakers from diverse professions in the monthly Careers Seminars that are held in our Lecture Theatre throughout the academic year. These Seminars range from Employability Skills to Careers in STEM subjects with international and local companies coming into School to engage students in their field of expertise. The annual Careers and Higher Education EXPO, as the largest Careers Fair in Worcestershire, gives all students the chance to speak to professionals about their own career paths and to find out what qualifications and skills are required.

In preparing our students for the next step on their journey, the School ensures that, alongside their academic studies, students develop the skills and qualities which are highly sought after by Universities, employers and Higher Degree Apprenticeship programmes with the likes of Deloitte and Jaguar Land Rover. Enrichment activities include Extended Project Qualification, work-related learning and personal development.

Our students leave the Sixth Form with excellent examination results, skills and the quiet confidence to succeed in the future.



*"At RGS, we recognise that the more exposure RGS students get to the world of work, the keener and more successful our students will be when they enter it."*



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

*“Our Sports Captains embrace leading their teams and inspiring younger pupils.”*

The Sixth Form at RGS Worcester provides the caring and supportive environment needed for each student to realise his or her potential. Students become quietly confident in their abilities, are able to interact in different environments and develop a strong sense of their responsibilities in the community.

Sixth Form students are given responsibility in leading many areas of school life so that they can develop skills of leadership that are so important for their futures. Opportunities for leadership include: Prefects, House Captains, School Council Leaders, Digital Leaders, CCF Officers, Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award, Debating Society, lead roles in Drama productions, leading and conducting Music groups, taking on Captaincies of Senior Sports teams and many more. Teamwork and leadership combine to prepare RGS students for their futures.

# TRANSPORT

Transport need never be an issue for anyone considering applying to RGS Worcester.

The School is extremely well connected by school transport, bus, rail and road. It is only 15 minutes from Evesham and Droitwich and 30 minutes from Bromsgrove and Malvern by train and the station is a five minute walk from RGS Worcester.

### RGS SCHOOL MINIBUS SERVICE

The RGS Worcester Family of Schools has a large transport network using our own RGS transport and is monitored using a state-of-the-art transport app. This is available to all of our pupils across the four RGS Schools. In addition, we operate a regular shuttle service between our schools.

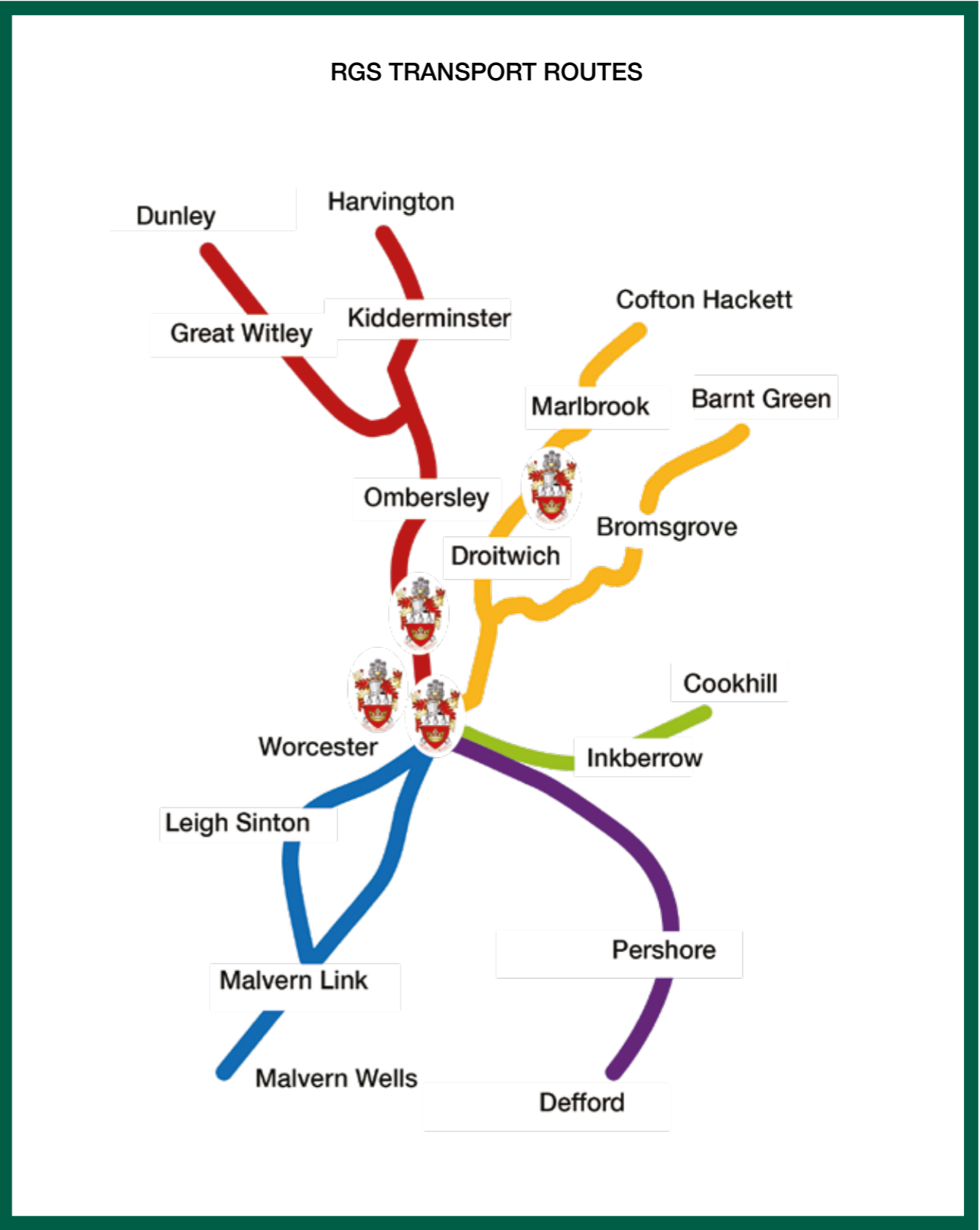
If you have any questions, would like us to consider a new route, or for more information about our transport network, then please do get in touch by contacting [transport@rgsw.org.uk](mailto:transport@rgsw.org.uk)

### RAIL AND BUS TRAVEL

RGS Worcester is a short walk from Worcester Foregate Street railway station or the bus station. Shrub Hill railway station is a ten minute taxi drive from the School.

West Midlands Railway offers student rail tickets, valid per term, at significantly discounted rates. For more information visit [West Midlands Travel](https://www.wmra.co.uk).

If transport is an issue for your family, please contact the Registrar ([admissions@rgsw.org.uk](mailto:admissions@rgsw.org.uk)) who will be able to advise and help.



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