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Rugby Free Secondary School Sixth Form

OPEN EVENING 12TH OCTOBER 2023



Rugby Free
Secondary School

Welcome from Mr Green

Background:

- ▶ Appointed Headteacher in February 2023
- ▶ Previously worked in schools with successful Sixth Forms (Higham Lane – Outstanding)
- ▶ Taught English Literature A Level for many years with an excellent track record of results



Inspection of Rugby Free Secondary School

Anderson Avenue, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 5PE

Inspection dates: 13 and 14 July 2021

Overall effectiveness **Good**

The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Previous inspection grade	Inadequate



RFSS Sixth Form

- ▶ Fantastic Relationships
- ▶ Information, advice and guidance
- ▶ Excellent Teaching - experienced teaching team
- ▶ Preparation for Adulthood
- ▶ Support and advice for Parents and carers



Questions to think about?

- ▶ Where will I feel comfortable and happy?
- ▶ Where will I be supported in making the transition to a 'Sixth Form' student?
- ▶ Where will support me in deciding on the next steps?



Mr Chadwick - Background

- ▶ Previously Head of Sixth Form at The City of Leicester College
- ▶ 450 students and rated in the top 15% of Sixth Forms nationally
- ▶ 2018 & 2019 had the highest performing A Level Accountancy results in the country
- ▶ Prior to that - Head of Sixth Form at Grace Academy Coventry



Your Options

As you may be aware, everybody must now stay in education **until the age of 18**. There are various different ways to do this:

- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ T Levels
- ▶ A Levels/vocational courses at Level 3



Qualifications Explained

Level of Qualification:	Equivalent to:
Level 5	Level 5 qualifications are equivalent to the second year of a Bachelors Degree
Level 4	Level 4 qualifications and upwards are counted as Higher Education. L4 is equivalent to a foundation degree
Level 3	Level 3 qualifications are at an advanced level. They are equivalent to A Levels or Advanced apprenticeships
Level 2	Level 2 qualifications are at an intermediate level. They are equivalent to GCSE's

Sixth Form – What's the Difference?

- ▶ It's your first real chance to choose what you want to do. To decide your own subjects and shape your future
- ▶ Study with people with similar interests to you
- ▶ Taught by the best and most experienced staff in the school
- ▶ You'll have more freedom too!



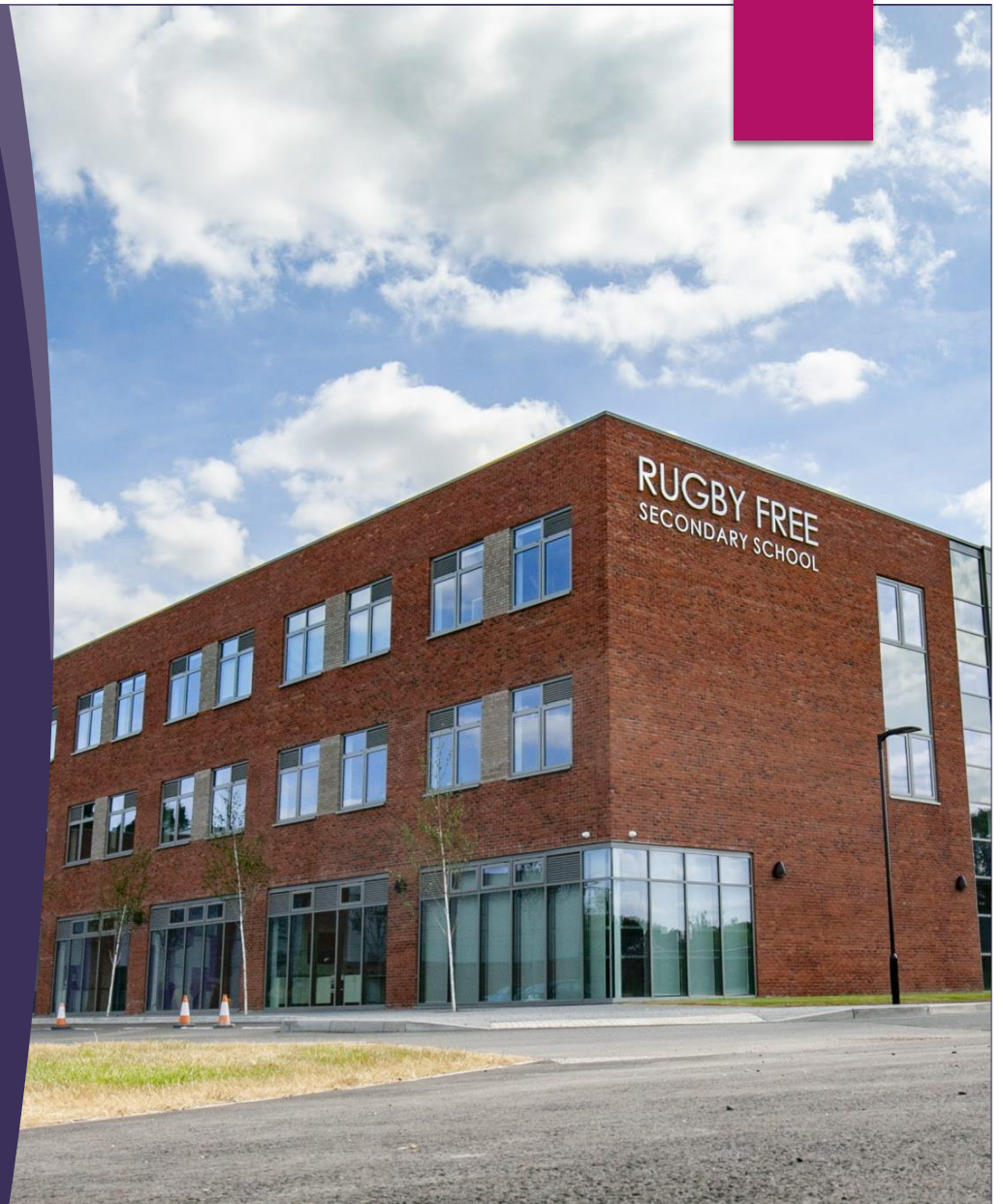
'Free' Time

- ▶ Up to 10 hours a week not in timetabled lessons
- ▶ Some of this time will be structured
- ▶ Take opportunities – enrichment, trips, careers advice, mentoring etc.
- ▶ Exam boards recommend that students complete 1 hour of study outside the classroom for every hour they do inside it



Introduction to our Sixth Form

- ▶ As you know we are now an 11-18 school
- ▶ However, there are still entry requirements for courses and pathways
- ▶ We have approximately 125 places available in Year 12 next year. We are expecting applications to be competitive
- ▶ We received 307 applications for places last year



Things to Think About

- ▶ For almost all courses at Level 3 (Post 16 courses) a grade 4 and above is required
- ▶ Some courses have higher entry requirements than others
- ▶ Students must resit GCSE English and Maths if they achieve a grade 3 or below
- ▶ Attendance and behaviour record must be included in references

What courses do we offer at RFSS?

A Level Courses

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computing
Drama
Extended Project
English Lang & Lit
English Literature
Further Maths
Geography
History
Mathematics
Philosophy & Ethics
Physics
Physical Education
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Vocational Courses

Applied Science
Business
Criminology
Health & Social Care
Food & Nutrition
Music
Sport
Digital Media

**Both Health and Social Care
and Sport will also be offered
as a Diploma (2 A Level
equivalent)**

Level 2 courses

GCSE Mathematics
GCSE English

As well as:

OCR Level 2 Cambridge
Technical Diploma in Health &
Social Care



High Prior Attainers Programme

- ▶ Specialist programme for students with high target grades due to performance at GCSE
- ▶ All students in one tutor group
- ▶ Specially tailored enrichment & assemblies

Working in partnership with:

- ▶ Social Mobility Foundation
- ▶ Sutton Trust
- ▶ Young Professionals
- ▶ Nuffield Research Placements
- ▶ University Outreach Programmes
- ▶ Russell group universities



HPA Programme Rationale

Statistics:

- ▶ Only 16% of state school students go to a top third university
- ▶ Oxbridge acceptance rate of applicants :
Oxford = 17% Cambridge = 23%
- ▶ Of those – only 19% are not from top 2 socio economic backgrounds

Competitive Courses:

- ▶ In 2022 only 29% of midwifery applicants received an offer
- ▶ Nursing 34%



Enrichment Activities – Term 1



As part of post 16 education it is vital that students take part in enrichment designed to prepare students for next steps and make them more employable

Recreational Sports	University/careers access programmes
Sports Leaders Award	Student Council/Prefect Team
Extended Project Qualification	Social media marketing
Academic writing	Healthy minds group
Spanish for business	Drama 360 Club
CAD design workshop	High prior attainers group
Apprenticeship Advice & Careers Guidance	Equality club
Subject Mentoring	University subject masterclasses
Volunteering	DofE Award
Reading Buddies	Film Club
Life Skills	Change Your Mind



Mentoring and Pastoral Support

- ▶ Every student will have an experienced and dedicated form tutor to guide them on their journey through post 16 education
- ▶ They will be responsible for writing their UCAS reference in Year 13

Our dedicated pastoral curriculum topics such as:
Specialist health care assemblies

- ▶ RFSS values
- ▶ Rewards assemblies
- ▶ Application support (personal statements, UCAS etc.)
- ▶ SET for life curriculum (including religious education)
- ▶ Independent living/finance & budgeting

Other Things We Can Offer

Our pastoral support and guidance is excellent and is an essential element of the success of the Sixth Form:

- ▶ Trips & Events
- ▶ Personalised curriculum and support
- ▶ A dedicated week of work experience
- ▶ Expert post-16 teaching
- ▶ Close links with local universities
- ▶ Specialist careers and guidance
- ▶ Support and guidance around study and research skills
- ▶ Financial support through the bursary fund
- ▶ Small class sizes



Facilities

- ▶ Common Room (with kitchen area)
- ▶ Sixth Form Study Centre
- ▶ Use of the library for silent study
- ▶ Sole use of the study zone on the ground floor
- ▶ Sixth Form work areas around the school

Laptops:

- ▶ All students can be loaned a laptop if you are not able to bring your own
- ▶ This is to support you with independent Learning



What Next?

- ▶ Subject taster days on 7th December (internal students)
- ▶ Application deadline: 18.12.23
- ▶ All students who apply to RFSS will be interviewed. These will take place in January, with places offered on the day or shortly afterwards
- ▶ Speak to your subject teachers about post 16 options

**APPLICATIONS ARE
OPEN** 

