

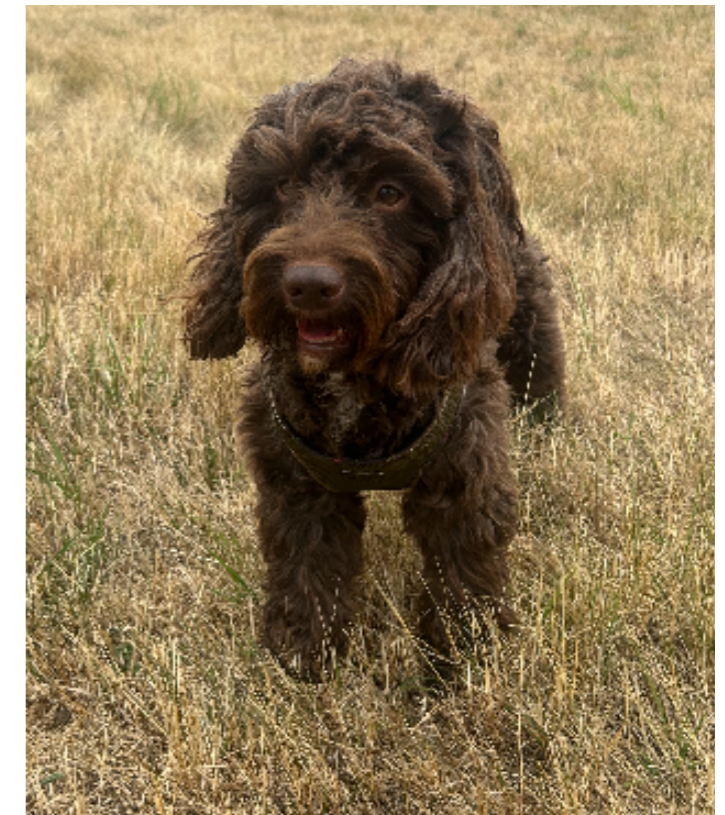


Welcome to RFSS!

Sixth Form Open Evening - October 2025

Kindness Curiosity Collaboration Respect Resilience Endeavour





Iain Green - Headteacher

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An Important Choice:

- Sixth Form is widely considered to be the gateway to key milestones in your life.
- Selecting the right Sixth Form is key, as A Levels are much harder than GCSEs.
- We aware that competition in Rugby is tough, but we feel that our reputation as an inclusive and progressive Sixth Form is growing.
- Last year, we had 372 applications, which is the most in our history.



Why Us?

- Fantastic relationships.
- Information, advice and guidance.
- Experienced teaching team.
- Preparation for adulthood.
- Positive outcomes.





Proud of our A Level Results:

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Summer 2025:



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Record A-Level results at Rugby Free Secondary School

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Staff and students are overjoyed with the best A Level Results in the school's history.

Year 13 students at Rugby Free Secondary School are proudly celebrating the Sixth Form's third year of A Level results, which were again the best in their history, further improving on what was a great set of results in the previous year.

Sixth Formers at RFSS yet again secured results that ensured that students, staff, parents and carers were overjoyed with their achievements, and demonstrated that the Sixth Form continues to thrive in terms of both popularity and outcomes.

As per ALPS' latest projection, the Sixth Form sits provisionally within the top 20% of Sixth Forms in the country, for progress.

In this set of results, students excelled in both Academic and Vocational qualifications, as well as within English Language and Maths resits.

Proud of Our Achievements:



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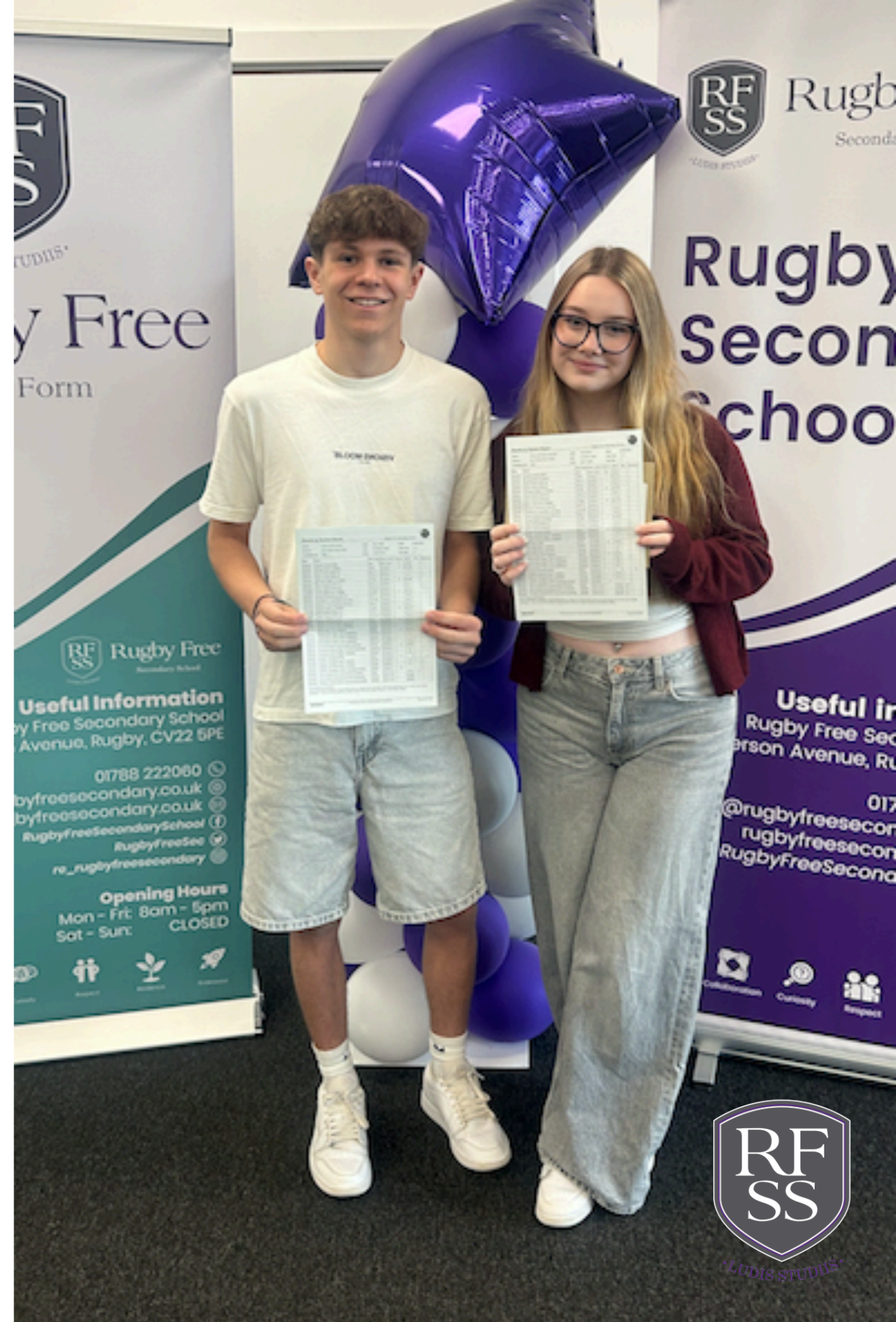
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Academic	Progress Score
1) Rugby Free Secondary School	0.13
2) Lawrence Sheriff	0.12
3) Rugby Independent School	0.05
4) Warwickshire College Group	-0.02
5) Ashlawn School	-0.05
6) Rugby High School	-0.10
7) Bilton School	-0.70

Vocational	Progress Score
1) Rugby Free Secondary School	0.30
2) Ashlawn School	0.25
3) Lawrence Sheriff	0.18
4) Rugby Independent School	0.05
5) Rugby High School	-0.09
6) Warwickshire College Group	-0.24
7) Bilton School	-0.34

Key Sixth Form Data:

- Average Grade: C+
- Vocational Average: Distinction-
- ALPS Grade: 4
- Destinations: 100%
- Excellent results in: Further Maths, Sociology, Psychology, English Language and Literature, English Literature, History, Chemistry, Physics, Digital Media, Business Studies, Health & Social Care, Extended Project (EPQ).





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The Sixth Form Team at RFSS:

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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



Qualifications Explained:



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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.



A Level Courses

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computing
EPQ
English Lang & Lit
English Literature
Further Maths
Geography
History
Mathematics
Philosophy & Ethics
Physics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology

Vocational Courses (OCR)

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

Sport and Health
Social Care are also
available as a Double
Award

We allow students to
mix academic and
vocational
qualifications

Level 2 Courses

GCSE Mathematics
GCSE English
Level 2 Health &
Social Care

(Subjects in yellow
can be combined
with selected other
courses)

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.



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.



Enrichment Activities:



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As part of post 16 education it is vital that students take part in enrichment:

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

HPA 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:
 - A. Social Mobility Foundation
 - B. Sutton Trust
 - C. Young Professionals
 - D. Nuffield Research Placements
 - E. University Outreach
 - F. 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 2023 only 29% of midwifery applicants received an offer
- Nursing 34%



Things We Offer:

- 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
 - Financial support through the Bursary fund



What Next?

- Subject Taster Day will take place on Thursday 4th December 2025.
- Application Deadline: Monday 15th December 2025..
- All students who apply to RFSS will be interviewed. These will take place in January 2026 and February 2026, with places offered on shortly afterwards.
- Speak to your subject teachers about Post-16 options.
- You can ask any questions through the rfss-info email.



Thank You For Listening:



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Applications are now OPEN!