

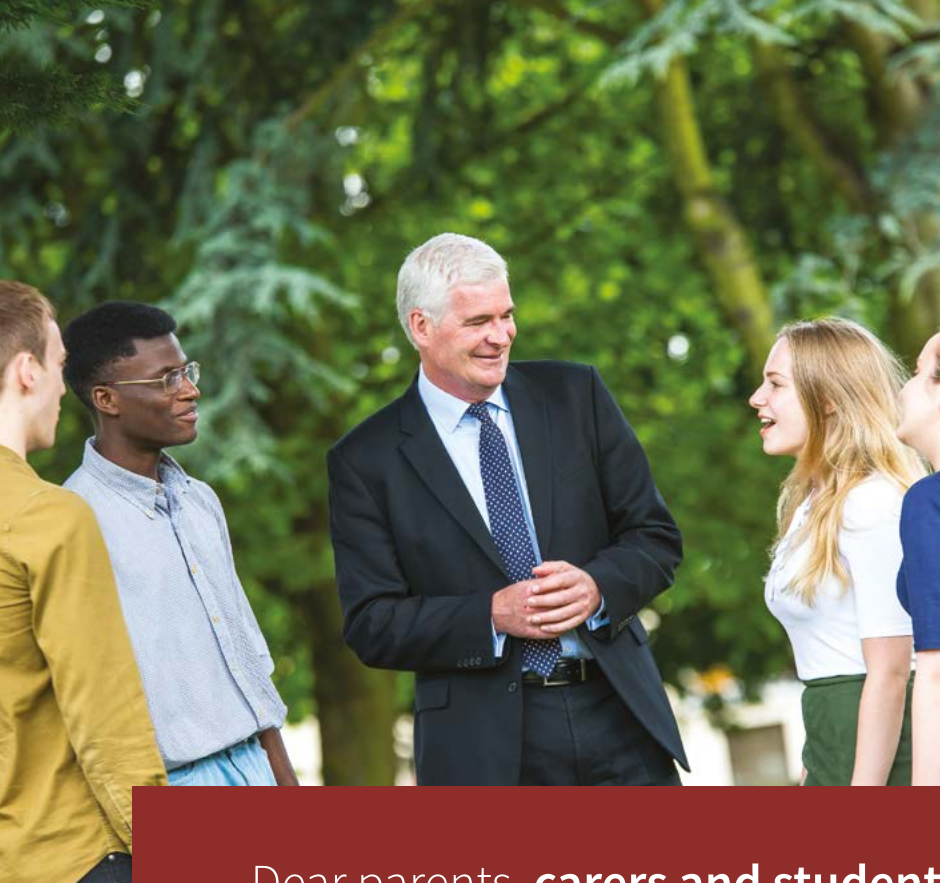


# Rainham Mark Grammar School

## Prospectus







## Dear parents, carers and students

Welcome to Rainham Mark Grammar School and our family of schools. At RMGS we recognise the importance of academic success but we also know that character development is essential not only in school, but in the life beyond.

Our role is to nurture boys' and girls' moral and intellectual character in a safe and supportive environment preparing young people for the challenges of employment and further study. The school is rightly proud of its long tradition of academic excellence which compares very favourably with standards achieved in single-sex grammar schools.

When your child starts their RMGS journey in Year 7, we cultivate their individuality enabling them to flourish in a secure, co-operative and stimulating atmosphere. This is a friendly school: discipline is firm but fair and we foster mutual respect between all members of the school community. We are proud that students fulfil their potential and leave us as resilient, confident

and intellectually curious men and women ready to contribute to higher education and to society as a whole.

Our broad curriculum - including Art & Design, Drama, Music and three languages - means an opportunity to thrive for all students. Our Science Learning Partnership status, modern teaching suites, 6th Form study area, sports centre, dance studio, computing facilities and refectory all contribute to a well-equipped and appropriate learning environment.

Crucially, all our work is underpinned by our highly qualified, dedicated and innovative specialist staff. Working with parents, governors and our family of schools, we look forward to providing a stimulating and rewarding education which goes beyond the classroom and contributes to the lifeblood of the community.

Choosing a school is not an easy task so I encourage you to visit us during a normal school day. We all look forward to meeting you and showing you the quality of education on offer here at Rainham Mark Grammar School.

**SIMON DECKER**  
MSC, MSC(ED) HEADTEACHER

“ This school is outstanding in all areas ”  
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## Developing the whole person

### CHARACTER

Character development is essential for a flourishing life. At RMGS we have identified the following character traits as fundamental for our students; fairness, compassion, gratitude, resilience, intellectual curiosity and courage.

Included within these character traits are other positive dispositions, such that under courage come determination and persistence; under fairness come openness and integrity; and under compassion come kindness and respect.

We aim to create an environment where our students can develop these positive character traits. Students are encouraged to help others by undertaking outreach work in local primary schools and by taking part in charitable and house events.

We believe that our students should take pride in belonging to this community of compassionate and intellectually engaged learners.





## Developing the **whole person**

### WELL-BEING

We want a happy and motivated RMGS community, so our inclusive ethos is one built on mutual respect, self-discipline and fairness for all. Expectations of behaviour are high and based on shared values. Our outstanding pastoral care, highly qualified SEND team and insistence on equal opportunities all aid us in our mission to create a community of tolerant, mindful and motivated young people.

Friendly Form Tutors, Y13 prefects and our permanent School Counsellor mean that your child has a keen support network ready to guide and nurture whenever necessary.



## Enrichment **Activities**

At Rainham Mark we believe that enrichment activities are essential for students to further develop their skills and character. Students are spoilt for choice with an extensive array of lunch time and after school clubs.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

The well-resourced Physical Education department boasts extensive facilities and has developed links with a range of local sporting clubs. Experienced staff organise clubs and fixtures throughout the year with success at both county and national level. Students have a vast choice of sports to choose from. Inter-house competitions, dance evenings, and our annual sports day all contribute to the sporting life of the school.



### PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts are an integral part of life at RMGS. Students can participate in a wide range of dance, drama and musical activities. Learning is well supported by the fully equipped drama studio and Ryder Music Centre, which features an ICT suite, practice rooms, a recording studio and a recital hall. Opportunities exist for students to participate in a wide range of clubs and bands, as well as whole school productions, concerts and to the local community through our theatre-in-education work. Past students have been successful in numerous competitions and scholarships to the National Youth Theatre.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Trips are organised as part of a subject syllabus, such as Geography field trips, or as cultural visits abroad. Students also have the opportunity to take part in the annual Medway Festival of Drama and Music and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



“ Pupils say they enjoy being at school and feel safe ”

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“ Pupils have a very well-developed sense of respect and acceptance. As one pupil said, ‘The worst thing you could do in this school would be to discriminate against someone for the way they are.’ ”

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## The Curriculum



Our curriculum reflects the needs and interests of high ability students, but is also designed to be inclusive of students whose strengths lie in different areas.

In all Key Stage 3 subjects the National Curriculum is extended to broaden the experience in ways that are appropriate for each student's ability and strengths. In this way sufficient challenge is provided, and the curriculum can be personalised. We do not accelerate the curriculum for all students since we believe that it is important to maintain a broad, balanced curriculum for as long as possible – certainly until at least the end of Year 9. We believe that this does not result in any lack of challenge even for our most able students. When students come to choose subjects to study for GCSE and in the Sixth Form we aim to provide as wide a range of suitable subjects as possible: typically around 25 different subjects are available in the Sixth Form. We provide comprehensive careers education to support students' progression.

“Pupils' personal development and welfare are as important as their academic achievements.”

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Students also undertake a wide range of educational experiences aimed at enriching and extending their abilities and understanding to prepare them for life in the twenty-first century. Throughout the various year groups there is an emphasis on cross-curricular links, on educational trips and visits, foreign exchanges, and on building positive and valuable links with the local and wider community including other schools in the Rainham Mark Educational Trust.

“Lessons are challenging and pupils say that teachers make them fun. This, together with the excellent relationships they have with their teachers, keeps pupils motivated and participating fully in lessons”

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## Years 12 & 13 The Sixth Form

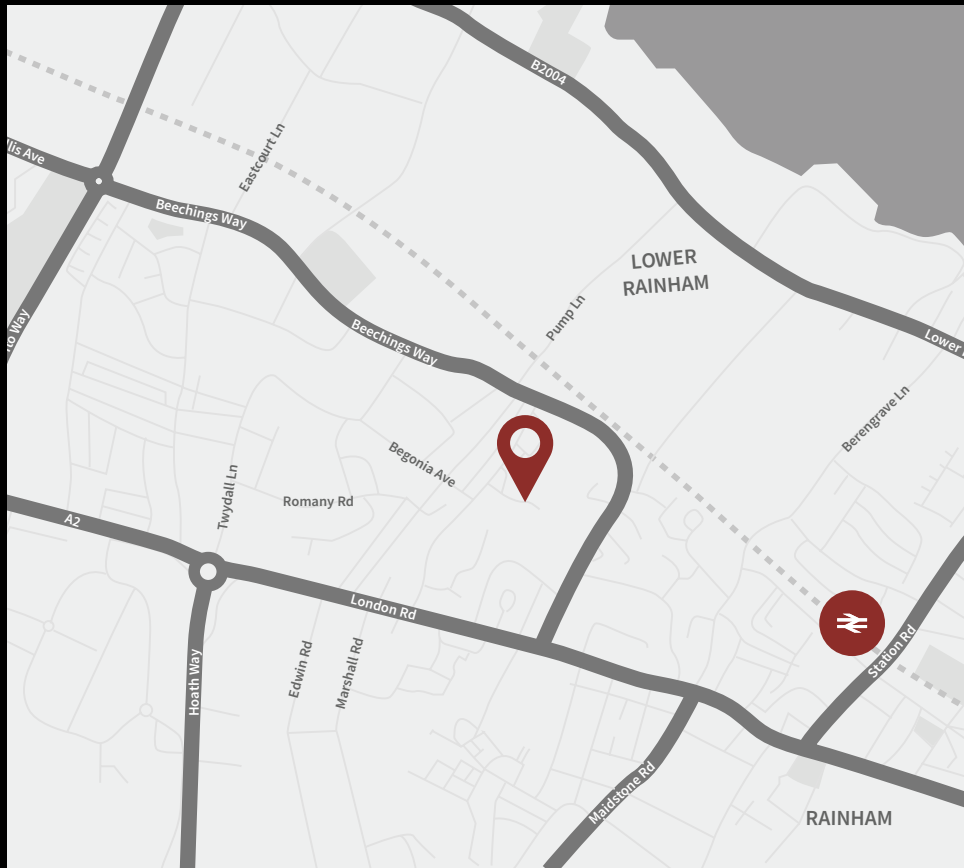
We are justly proud of our Sixth Form students and the contribution they make to the school and wider community. Academically able, they achieve exceptionally well – often out-performing single sex grammar school students.

Sixth formers are vital role models for the younger students and shine in their roles of Y13 prefects, Y12 senior students and House Captains, mentors in Maths, English and Science and as primary school volunteers. The 6th form experience allows students to gain high grades in traditional subjects, but just as importantly, it affords them ample opportunity to develop the soft skills that universities and employers demand. We are very fortunate in having a permanent Careers Advisor on site who works alongside an experienced Sixth Form team in our custom-built sixth form suite.

**16+ curriculum includes:** a free choice of traditional A Levels; access to vocational qualifications via our consortium school; the Extended Project qualification; STEP Maths; the English Speaking Board qualification; the E2W course which prepares students for professional apprenticeships at 18+; Young Enterprise; and FutureLearn online courses.









## Nearby Stations


-  **Rainham (Kent)** (0.8mi)
-  **Gillingham** (2.2mi)
-  **Chatham** (3.2mi)

You are welcome to visit the school during the working day. Please telephone the School on **01634 364151** to make an appointment.


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