



Royal Russell School - Vilnius



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Headmaster's Welcome

This is an exciting opportunity for you to join a new and growing school.

Our happy, vibrant and forward-looking community provides our girls and boys, from 18 months to 18 years, with a high quality academic education. We seek to develop the best of our pupils, staff and families within a vibrant community; one which cares and shows mutual respect for all and celebrates the success of each individual as part of the whole. The School's motto 'non sibi sed omnibus' (Not for oneself but for all) is at the heart of our ethos.

You'll be joining a team of enthusiastic and talented staff, who give their energy, time and passion to ensure that every pupil achieves the very best they can, through the subjects that they teach and also in their roles as Tutors and Teachers. Our academic ambition, our dedicated staff and focus on each individual's talents and strengths ensure success at each stage of the learning journey from Kindergarten through to the Sixth Form and university beyond.

Our pupils are remarkable and a pleasure to teach. They are tolerant, respectful, fun and giving. We expect them to work hard, support each other and take risks in the pursuit of personal development and to become confident and resilient young adults. It is no surprise that our pupils perform exceptionally well.

We provide a rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities, excursions and cultural experiences for all pupils to enjoy, including national and international educational and sporting trips and visits when these are possible. Our staff are fully immersed in developing and delivering this programme outside of the core school day.

Our pupils matter to us. They are nurtured, valued and praised and given opportunities and challenges where they are allowed to enjoy their success and learn from their failures. Effort and endeavour are recognised and rewarded and not doing one's best is simply unacceptable.

Set in the beautiful and welcoming city of Vilnius, we are a family school, with a strong sense of community. Positive relationships with our parents are crucial and our staff take the time to build and nurture productive partnerships.

If we are a school that appeals to you, and you are looking to make your mark, get involved and make a difference, I look forward to hearing from you.

Royal Russell School, UK

Royal Russell School, Vilnius is one of a number of schools under the umbrella of Royal Russell School International (RSI). Royal Russell School is one of the foremost UK independent schools in London educating 1500 pupils on two sites. It is one of the few schools in the UK which has His Majesty the King as its Patron and it is quite rightly proud of its royal heritage.

In 1853 a group of clerks from the wholesale warehouses in the City of London put their heads together to see what could be done to help the widow and young family of one of their colleagues who had just died. They met in The George Hotel in Aldermansbury and set up a charity to look after orphan children from the families of their trade.

Within a year they had more than a thousand subscribers and a school was purchased in New Cross. Lord John Russell, who had recently been the Prime Minister, agreed to become President of the School.

The school went through a number of changes before moving to the current site near Croydon. It is now independent of The Warehousemen, Clerks and Drapers Livery companies and operates as a charity under the direction of its own Board of Governors.

The high quality of education, and the facilities now enjoyed by our pupils can, therefore, be traced back to the foresight of the founders who established the school and the dedication of the financial benefactors who provided for its development, and the well-being of all pupils, who have passed through the school.

Royal Russell School embarked on their international schools in September 2022 with the opening of Royal Russell School, Vilnius (RRSV) and establishing Royal Russell International (RSI). They have other projects planned for Busan in South Korea and in China.

RRSV is supported by the leadership of Royal Russell School through a working relationship between the Heads and the Directors of Operations. Members of RSI board support the governance of the School sitting on the board of RRSV.

Royal Russell School, Vilnius

Royal Russell School, Vilnius was founded in a small building on Saltiniu as a Kindergarten and Junior School in September 2022. In September the School moved to its new premises on A. Jaksto in the centre of Vilnius and will begin preparations for accreditation to be a British School Overseas (BSO).

It will provide a British education for children from 18 months to 19 years offering the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the English National Curriculum for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. Pupils will then go onto study for Cambridge IGCSEs and A Levels. It is our expectation that pupils will be prepared for entry to universities in UK, Europe, the USA and Canada. The school also offers a broad and enriching extra-curricular programme of sports, creative and performing arts and academic enrichment activities.

The language of the school is English, as such, the teaching staff are all English first language speakers with UK recognised qualifications. The ethos of the school is Christian in character recognising the importance of Christian values in the development of young people. The Royal Russell values which underpin our moral compass, and all pastoral conversations are Kindness, Respect, Generosity and Integrity.

Instil a lifelong love of learning is essential for us as a school, we model it for our pupils and our parents. We use the Russell powers as our language of learning encouraging pupils to engage with them, demonstrate them and reflect on how they can improve in them:

We use:

Initiative

Reasoning

We are:

Curious

Creative

Resilient

Reflective

Collaborative

Our School

We are blessed with a wonderful school building set in the historic heart of the city of Vilnius. With 8500²m of space we have room for our pupils to grow and develop. The building has been sensitively and thoughtfully refurnished and provides us with some amazing spaces which enhance the learning.

The highlight is a purpose built theatre and performing arts area including a drama studio, music classroom and practice rooms in the heart of the school. The Kindergarten has three dedicated classrooms and space both indoors and out for learning and play. On one side of the building, each area of the Junior School is zoned to accommodate year groups together with generous classroom and breakout spaces. You will find Reception, Year 1 and 2 on the 1st floor; Year 3 and 4 on 2nd floor, and Year 5 and 6 on the 3rd floor.

The Senior School is housed in its own wing of the building. Each department has its own area with the appropriate specialist spaces. Four Science labs, Two Art Photography studios, a Design room and a Computer suite ensure that we can offer a rich and broad curriculum.

All children and staff are fed homecooked meals from our purpose built kitchen in our restaurant which can comfortably seat each section of the school during our staggered lunch period.

We have a range of outside spaces onsite which include space of playgrounds, football and basketball. We are located close to a range of local facilities which we hire as sports venues for PE, Games and fixtures.

Why work at Royal Russell School, Vilnius?

Working in a truly international setting with genuinely lovely children and families in the centre of a beautiful city in a school with magnificent facilities is a fabulous opportunity to do something truly amazing. Creating and developing a school in this setting will be a once in a lifetime professional and personal challenge which many will want to rise to.

Living in Vilnius is remarkably easy, many local people speak a good level of English and there is a relaxed and very safe vibe. In the summer months the city comes alive with a rich and vibrant café, bar and restaurant culture and in the winter months it becomes quieter and more cosy but no less welcoming. It is a very safe and walkable city, most places in the centre are all within a 20-to-30-minute walk, and green spaces abound with beautiful parks and the river Neris running through.

There is a thriving Expat community as the city is a hub for start-ups, fintech, and renewables and as well as the usual multi-nationals who have chosen the excellent commercial opportunities that Lithuania has to offer to be base their operations in Vilnius. As the principle university city in the country there are huge and varied cultural opportunities from large numbers of Art galleries and Museums, Theatre, Opera and world class music concerts.

The cost of living is lower than other major European city, so the standard of living is correspondingly higher. Rents are low in comparison but so is the cost of going out as restaurant and drinks prices are markedly lower than you will find elsewhere. So opportunities to save are good

Vilnius Airport is just 15 minutes from the centre of the city and is well connected with daily direct flights to many European cities including London.

What we offer:

- Generous salaries linked to the UK Teacher Pay scale including retention bonuses paid at the end of your initial contract and every year you commit to the school thereafter.
- Initial Flight to Vilnius
- Support with finding accommodation, some accommodation is available at cost on site.
- Full onboarding including support with visas and residence permit
- School laptop
- Access to a private English speaking medical clinic (medical insurance is provided by the state)
- Free lunch in school
- Fully paid SIM card
- Opportunities for development and training.