



Hind
House

Sixth Form





The Sixth Form is the most exciting part of your school life, and at RMS we firmly believe that Hind House will provide you with a stimulating environment in which you will not only be happy but will also feel challenged, and enthused by your very own personalised Sixth Form programme. In Hind House, you will be given the freedom to master your chosen subjects, assume new responsibilities, develop your own interests, passions and skills, plan for your future and enjoy countless enrichment opportunities through the **RMSEdge** programme.

Whether you join us from Year 11 or from another school, each and every member of the RMS Sixth Form is welcomed as a member of the community and their contribution to the School as a whole is valued.

These last two years of your school life will, of course, involve looking ahead, and we are here to help and guide you as you make some of the most important decisions of your life. At every step, we will support and advise you, encourage you and empower you to make those decisions. Our aim is to ensure that you are fully prepared for life beyond school. This means gaining the highest academic qualifications of which you are capable, and developing skills which will ensure that you are ready for the next stage of your life. These will give you the confidence, courage and self-belief to seize and create opportunities, and they will set you apart at university and in the ever more competitive and changing job market of the 21st century.

I would encourage you all to come and visit Hind House so we can share with you what we know is a very special place.



Clare Freeman, Head of Sixth Form

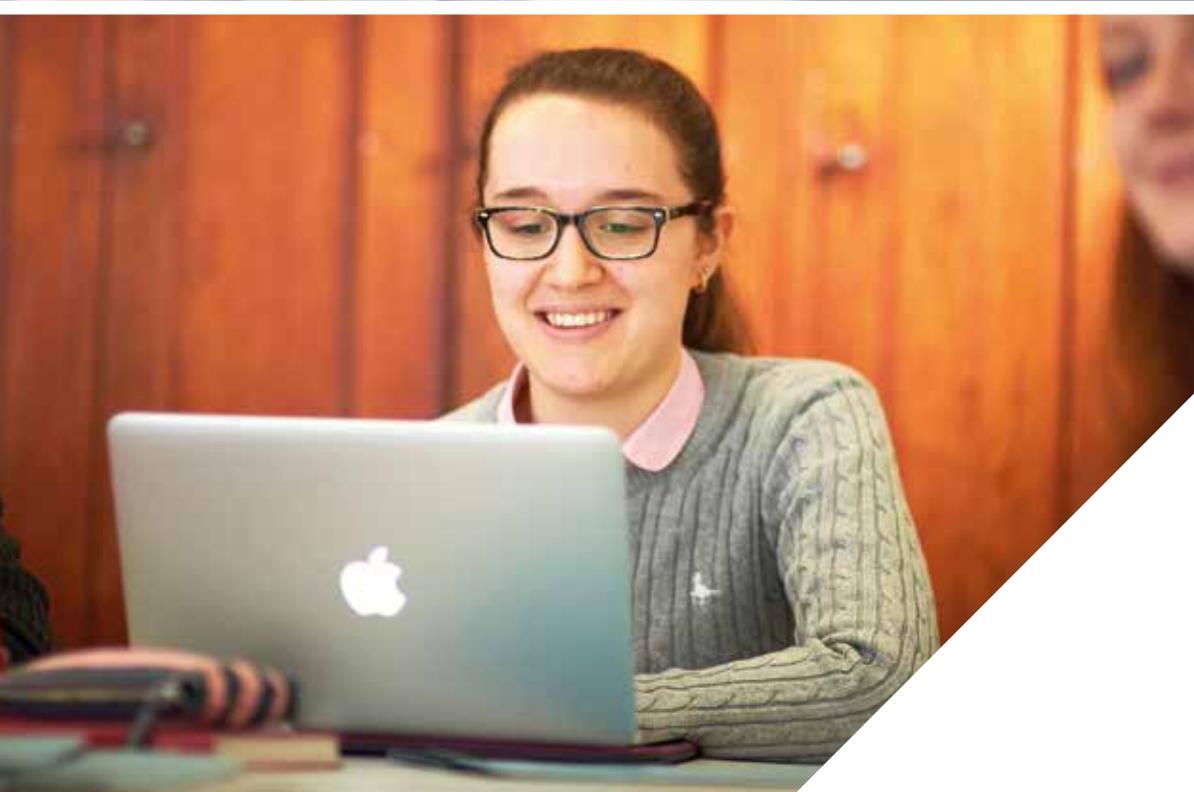
Confidence, courage and self-belief

Why choose RMS Sixth Form?

Hind House, the dedicated RMS Sixth Form centre, is a unique and welcoming environment. There is no typical Sixth Form student, as RMS encourages individuality of thought and expression and as such focuses very much on the individual needs and goals of each girl. Students take ownership of their work, following a course of study that incorporates both independent learning and university style seminar teaching. You will be encouraged to organise your own work and other activities, within a flexible, personalised timetable allowing for plenty of study beyond the curriculum. Academically, the RMS Sixth Form is attractive because it offers great breadth of choice, small group teaching, personal tutoring and excellent results, which along with fantastic value added pave the way for future success. You can read more about our unique and personalised Sixth Form study programme, **RMS*Edge***. Hind House itself is a friendly and welcoming environment, and most importantly, it is *just* for Sixth Formers!

“The Sixth Form provides a new challenge that supports my daughter’s interests and academic needs but in a holistic way that treats each student as an individual”





The Sixth Form Academic Journey

In Hind House the learning environment differs significantly from that of the Senior School, providing an excellent transition between school and university. Studying in the Sixth Form is so much more than the communication of subject knowledge from teacher to student; we expect all our Sixth Formers to read widely around their subject, to form opinions (and defend them!) and our class sizes are small enough to facilitate productive debate. Teachers are fully dedicated to the progress of their students and freely give their time to support and provide further challenge beyond the classroom.

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Whilst studying the curriculum you will be encouraged to show initiative in your learning, to develop research and evaluation skills, to take intellectual risks and to demonstrate a thirst for a broader and deeper knowledge of your chosen disciplines. These skills, honed in the classroom will not only aid you in your academic study, but will also provide you with confidence in making applications to your chosen universities and employment. The vast majority of our students go onto university, including Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions studying a wide variety of courses. We also provide full support for students wishing to apply for apprenticeships or to enter employment.

RMSEdge

RMSEdge is a personalised programme designed to equip you with the skills, both academic and personal, and the can-do attitude in order to forge a successful future in the world of work and further education. During the two years in the RMS Sixth Form, we will support you to achieve your academic potential as well as enabling you to develop key skills, to engage your intellectual curiosity and to help you feel prepared for whatever comes next.

There are 32 examined subjects on offer for study in the Sixth Form, which ensures that no matter where your strengths and interests lie, your potential will be maximised. Your timetable will include sport and welfare, a lecture programme and a choice of non-examined enrichment lessons to broaden your experience. Each individual can tailor their timetable to fully prepare them for their goals beyond school.

We strongly believe that education is about more than just examination results. Consequently we expect our Sixth Form students to take on an additional area of study to maintain the breadth of their learning. This is further complemented by our life skills programme, sport and wellbeing options, and our valuable LEAD programme. **RMSEdge** is designed to provide the high quality, all round education necessary to equip our students with the skills and personal traits that will allow them to approach the opportunities presented to them in adult life with confidence, energy and success.



RMSEdge overview:

ACADEMIC CORE

Girls study 3-4 subjects.

- Over 30 post-16 subjects:
- ▶ A Levels
 - ▶ Cambridge pre-U
 - ▶ Applied A Levels
 - ▶ BTECS

Girls can choose to also study:

- ▶ An EPQ
- ▶ RMS choices

All girls also attend:

- ▶ Sport and welfare classes
- ▶ The RMS Lecture Programme

SKILLS

- ▶ Duke of Edinburgh
- ▶ Performing Arts productions
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ Young Enterprise
- ▶ Model United Nations
- ▶ Volunteering
- ▶ The Army Cadet Force

LEADERSHIP

- ▶ Sixth Form Leadership Team
- ▶ School Prefects
- ▶ Ambassadors
- ▶ Sports captaincy
- ▶ House leaders
- ▶ Mentors

FUTURES

- ▶ LEAD Employability course
- ▶ Dedicated UCAS and Careers team:
 - ▶ Head of Careers
 - ▶ Head of UCAS
 - ▶ Oxbridge co-ordinator
 - ▶ Medics co-ordinator
 - ▶ Vocational co-ordinator
 - ▶ Portfolio Advisor

BREADTH

Academic Core

All Hind House students will start Year 12 studying four post-16 subjects. By December of that year, they will have decided whether to continue with all four, or to move to studying three. There is plenty of advice along the way to ensure that you study what is right for you. These subjects are chosen from the following 32 options:

- Applied General Business
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Design and Technology
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)
- History
- Information Technology (BTEC)
- Latin
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Production Arts (BTEC)
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish and Textiles

Breadth

RMS Choices

Whilst increasing depth of knowledge is a hallmark of Sixth Form study, alongside your examined subjects you will be given the opportunity to study further topics within your timetable. RMS Choices will inspire, challenge and engage our Sixth Form students and cannot fail to help you as you embark on the next stage of your life. Examples might include:

- History of Music
- Feminist Theory
- Cooking for University
- Italian
- Film Club
- Mindfulness
- Yoga
- Public Speaking
- Managing your Finances
- Astronomy
- International Development
- Car Maintenance
- Coding
- Criminology

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

You may choose to undertake this independent research project which is highly regarded by universities. Studying for the EPQ will enable you to explore an area that interests you, and needn't be a written piece of work – it can be a piece of artwork, or even a drama production.

Skills

The 21st century world of work is constantly changing and students leaving school today need to be prepared for whatever these may be. The great range of opportunities on offer at RMS means that everyone will find something to suit them. By developing a variety of skills which look beyond the academic enables our students to be confident young women, and the leaders of tomorrow.

Leadership

RMS Sixth Formers are highly important and valued members of the RMS community, who are role models to pupils lower down the School. Supported by your teaching staff, you will be encouraged to embrace the opportunities for leadership, be trusted to represent the School and manage a range of activities and events, and be respected by all members of the School. There are numerous opportunities for leadership throughout Years 12 and 13:

- Head Girl/Deputy Head Girls
- Prefect Team
- Subject Ambassadors
- Sports Captains
- Mentoring
- Organising and running clubs

Futures

LEAD (Listen, Enable, Advise, Drive)

To equip students for the world beyond RMS, we offer Sixth Formers a bespoke leadership course called LEAD (Listen, Enable, Advise, Drive) which, through talks and activities delivered by professionals from the likes of Deloitte, RBS and The Peace Hospice, explores leadership styles, presentation skills, and interview techniques. It is unique courses such as LEAD, coupled with our established reputation for fostering creativity, that helps give our students the ability to face the challenges of 21st century life with integrity and confidence.

The Sixth Form Team

Throughout your Sixth Form, you will also be supported by the Head of Sixth Form and her team:

- Head of Careers
- Oxbridge Co-ordinator
- Medics Co-ordinator
- Vocational Co-ordinator
- Portfolio Advisor for the creative arts
- 12 dedicated and experienced tutors

Careers Advice

The Careers Department assists Sixth Form students with career and university guidance by providing one to one interviews and up to date resources to support the important decisions that students have to make. We invite a number of professionals in to talk to Sixth Form students to ensure they are aware of the wide variety of careers and opportunities available to them. All members of the Sixth Form are encouraged to carry out work experience during school holidays and the Head of Careers is always happy to assist them in sourcing placements. Practice interviews are available for students applying to university or employment.





Oxbridge and Leading Universities

Every year, RMS Sixth Formers successfully apply for some of the most fiercely competitive courses at the very best institutions and are hugely successful in gaining offers. All students receive personalised, tailored guidance for their applications, and we offer additional support for those making Medical, Law and Oxbridge applications.

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Interested students are supported in their Oxbridge applications by a dedicated team of staff who will assist them on an individual basis, to ensure that as well as excellent academic attainment, they also are fully equipped with the other skills needed for success at this level.



Pastoral Support

The Sixth Form is made up of 12 tutor groups, each of which is made up of both Year 12 and Year 13 students. Many of the form tutors are Heads of Department who bring great expertise to the form group in terms of one on one support and guidance as well as preparation for a university application. Weekly life skills sessions are a core part of the Sixth Form and range from discussion topics such as 'stigma', to more practical topics such as 'car maintenance'.

The School has an independent counsellor who provides training for students who support others, and is also available for students to meet with individually as and when the need arises. As with the academic aspects of the Sixth Form and RMS as a whole, the pastoral structure enables each individuals' needs to be met through working with the students and parents to ensure the girls develop into confident young women.

Many students decide to take advantage of Connaught House boarding facilities to help the transition between home and university. At RMS we offer flexi, weekly and full boarding.

“Thank you for all your advice and encouragement which has seen our daughter once again become the engaged and engaging person we knew, who is now looking forward to the next chapter of her life”





Co-curricular Opportunities

Whilst study is important, so too is participation in the wider life of the School, be that in music, sport, drama or one of the many other extra-curricular societies and clubs offered to Sixth formers by each department. All students are encouraged to pursue their passions and interests beyond the classroom within our extensive extra-curricular offering. Some clubs and societies are just for Sixth Formers, but many are for students from throughout the School, giving our oldest pupils a chance to lead and support girls lower down the School. Two of the most popular opportunities currently on offer:

Model United Nations

The purpose of Model United Nations is to replicate the workings of the real United Nations. Delegates are assigned to a country and a committee, and are required to play the roles of diplomats, having researched the issues from the perspective of both the UN and the country they represent, and then preparing a stance on these issues.

Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is offered to all our Year 12 students every year, regardless of the subjects they are studying. This is a fantastic opportunity to run your own business and in so doing learn first-hand how successful companies operate, from set up to liquidation and all the stages in between.

Other opportunities include:

- Duke of Edinburgh
- ACF
- Subject specific clubs such as Anatomy Club, Geog Chat and History Society
- Music, Dance and Drama
- Sports & Gymnastics
- Volunteering
- Creating and editing Machio, the School Magazine
- A variety of trips take place each year, such as Biodiversity in Mexico, Volunteering in our linked school in Ghana and Tectonics in Iceland



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