

**RMS  
for Girls**

Age 11-16



# RMS Girls are individual, distinctive and talented



**The Royal Masonic School for Girls has long been associated with the very best of girls' education, inside and outside the classroom, academically and pastorally. The individual child is at the heart of all that we do.**

RMS girls are each distinctive and talented individuals. We know our pupils extremely well, and we learn best how to support each of them, how best to challenge them, and how to develop their specific talents, interests, and potential. Central to our vision is the preparation of RMS girls for life in the world beyond School, a world in which they will require resilience, adaptability, and the best academic qualifications of which they are capable.

We are extremely fortunate in our location and superb facilities, set in over two hundred acres of the most beautiful grounds, and our girls of all ages are privileged to be taught by dedicated, talented teachers. Our extra-curricular options are broad, with each girl able to find her niche and thrive, and the pastoral support is strong, with the School responding in flexible, nuanced ways to each girl's needs. Twenty-first century boarding at RMS provides the support of a family to full-time and flexi-boarders, and the integration between day girls and boarders is something that we pride ourselves on.

I would very much encourage you to come and pay us a visit to experience for yourself our exceptional school. Whether you are interested in our pre-school, Ruspini House, our pre-prep and prep, Cadogan House, Senior School, or our sixth form, Hind House, we look forward to welcoming you. I trust that in the meantime you will find our prospectuses helpful and informative. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is any further information you need.

Very best wishes



Kevin Carson, Headmaster

# Our Vision

RMS strives to enable each and every pupil to develop to the full their academic, personal and creative potential. RMS offers a nurturing, inclusive and supportive environment where each child is esteemed as an individual, capable of success.

Education at RMS is founded on core moral values that encourage pupils to be compassionate and tolerant; to do their personal best; to grow in integrity and responsibility and so ultimately to approach adulthood with interpersonal skills that reflect both empathy and self-confidence.

## RMS aims to provide:

- the highest quality teaching and pastoral support
- an enjoyable, stimulating and diverse educational experience, enriched by a wide-ranging extra curriculum
- for the well-being, health and safety of all who attend and work here
- a culture that is both happy and inspirational; that celebrates personal success and continues to value courtesy, dignity and kindness
- opportunities to develop spiritual awareness and an understanding of the importance of active personal contributions in solving the problems of a diverse and challenging world

**RMS has a clear point of difference in that it has an ethos which is lived and believed in – a philosophy based on nurturing and building on a student's natural talents.**



# Why Choose RMS?

RMS girls are individual, distinctive and talented; there is no such thing as a “typical” RMS girl. If your daughter is curious about the world, keen to learn, willing to do her best, to embrace any opportunities thrown her way, and to contribute to the life of the School, then we are confident that she will happily find her place at RMS.

## Our Values

RMS is a values-driven school with a focus on developing individuals, on a rounded education to prepare our students for life, and on a commitment to self-improvement from everybody in our community. Your daughter will be taught the importance of integrity, responsibility, empathy and having the courage to challenge herself. She will be known and nurtured as an individual, with her own talents, context and character, and we are determined to develop her academic, personal, and creative potential.

## Our History

RMS has an exceptional, unusual and distinguished history. Founded in 1788, the School is one of the oldest girls' schools in the country. It started with fifteen pupils and a matron in Somers Place in East London and moved twice within London until it finally settled in the magnificent grounds of Rickmansworth Park, Hertfordshire, in 1934, where now over 900 students from the ages of 2 to 18 live and learn in a combination of traditional and modern buildings set within 300 acres of stunning parkland.

## Our Learning Culture

The RMS culture is committed to challenging and supporting your daughter to be the very best she can be, academically and in her wider creative and sporting pursuits. She will study within an excellent learning environment, and benefit from lively, innovative and engaging teaching delivered by talented and well-resourced staff,

and a breadth of curriculum that will ensure that she receives the best possible academic results she can. Whilst results are undeniably important and each year our students achieve excellent grades, as a School we place emphasis on the process of learning rather than pinning everything on the final result; here, your daughter will receive a complete education which goes far beyond merely teaching the examination syllabus; we will help her to become an aspirational young woman who is confident, well balanced and emotionally intelligent. The measure of a successful school can be considered as the progress that pupils make, irrespective of their starting point; this is where RMS truly excels and the school is consistently placed within the very top of schools nationally in terms of the value we add to our pupils' achievements.

## Our caring environment

Outstanding pastoral care underpins everything at RMS. You can be reassured that staff will take the time to really get to know your daughter, and that she will have a network of people around her who have her very best interests at heart. Both you and she can be secure in the knowledge that at RMS we will put her first, we will respond to her individual needs, we will find and nurture her talents, wherever they may lie, and we will do our utmost to ensure that she is truly happy and supported in all she does.

## Preparation for the Future

At RMS, education is for the real world. Your daughter will leave here exceptionally well prepared for the next chapter in her life, equipped with both the academic results she deserves and the life skills she needs. Ours is a dynamic and cosmopolitan community, a family that welcomes students from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and countries that equips every girls for success wherever that may be. Young women need self-belief, integrity and resilience to thrive in the real world beyond school, and RMS will develop these qualities in your daughter.

# The RMS Academic Journey

Your daughter's academic journey at RMS is a wide-ranging and stimulating experience, which will ignite her intellectual curiosity, her desire to challenge herself and her motivation to be the very best she can be. Our academic results are consistently high; our girls frequently achieve above and beyond what they may have thought possible.

For over 200 years, RMS has been nurturing its pupils to develop an enduring love of learning, and we remain unwaveringly committed to providing inspirational teaching, delivered by passionate, dedicated staff in a dynamic learning environment, where every lesson is informative and stimulating. Emphasis is placed on developing in our students a commitment to and a love of learning

Academic expectations are high, but so too is the emphasis we place on personal achievement and enjoyment. The girls learn how to learn, so that they can face the challenges of tomorrow's world with greater confidence and capability. This includes the promotion of a "can do" approach to taking risks and persevering even in the most difficult tasks.

The RMS curriculum is comprehensive and balanced, combining the academic rigour with creative thinking and new technology, and offers huge opportunities for our students' enquiring minds. Enriched at every stage with a variety of co-curricular options, trips, special events and opportunities to study beyond the syllabus, our curriculum will fire your daughter's imagination and help her to become a self-motivated, enthusiastic lifelong learner.

Please visit the website for more information on curriculum details.





## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care underpins life at RMS, as we are firmly of the opinion that happy girls are more successful learners; we are committed to providing a caring and welcoming environment for all who live and learn with us. Like you, we want your daughter to achieve her very best at RMS, but most importantly, we want her to love her time with us. Here, she will be supported by a network of adults and peers to ensure that her RMS education is as happy as it is successful. Every pupil is a member of the RMS family, valued, cared for and respected.

Help, advice and support come from a variety of sources. Individual care for our students is a co-ordinated approach from Form Tutors and, in the case of boarders, the Housemistresses, led by an experienced Head of Year, to ensure that the personal and academic welfare of EVERY pupil is supported and monitored closely. Our Pastoral Deputy, Mrs Bomford, leads this pastoral team; also comprised of the Head of Learning Support, the School Chaplain, the Health Centre staff, School Counsellor, Friendship Mediator and Life Skills Co-ordinator. This established structure ensures that we have the most effective support network to meet the needs of every student. Sixth Formers play a key role in mentoring younger girls, both academically and pastorally, and Prefects are attached to form groups allowing them to develop as mature individuals who care for others, while offering younger girls friendship and role models.

The Houses, to which every student and member of staff belong, promote a wonderful sense of community and provide opportunities for relationships between girls of all ages; House competitions and our special House Days are a particular focus of fun and healthy rivalry.

As a school, we hope to imbue our girls with an awareness of the wider community, and through charity fundraising and voluntary service, they learn to appreciate what they can do for others and for the society and community around them.



# Beyond the Classroom

If your daughter wants to travel the world, discover new experiences, and explore her own talents and interests, she will be given every opportunity to do so at RMS.

From investigating the geology of Iceland and helping build a nursery in Ghana, to exploring the night sky in Astronomy Club and busking in the Quad on a sunny lunchtime, there is a seemingly endless array of possibilities for RMS girls! Whatever your daughter would like to try, we would like to think that we can give her the opportunity to explore her interests, hone her skills, find new talents, and develop friendships.

We know that success and enjoyment outside the classroom breeds confidence and self-belief within the classroom, and throughout her time at RMS, your daughter will be encouraged to give everything a go; unless she tries what is on offer, she may never know what she could have learnt, who she could have met, or how much fun she could have had! Girls don't need to be experts or experienced, they just need to have the courage and the opportunity to try – and we can offer them this at RMS.

## Clubs

There are over 50 extracurricular clubs and activities running every term in subjects as varied as Astronomy and Aerobics, Debating and Dance, Cookery and Army Cadets, Philosophy and Photography. Opportunities for leadership and learning, mental and physical challenges, all operate alongside the more traditional extra-curricular activities within the fields of sport and the Arts.

## Trips

Every student at RMS is offered countless opportunities for travel, both in the UK and overseas. These have recently included: exchanges in Asia and Canada, European language trips, Geography and Science trips to Iceland, Mexico and Indonesia, History trips to Vietnam and Germany, and Arts trips to the USA, Spain and Netherlands. We also support and raise money for a school in Ghana, and students travel here frequently to help at the school, and to see for themselves where the money they have raised is being spent. Experiences such as these help to make our students more aware of their place in the world, and to appreciate the value of diversity and difference.





## The Arts

The Arts, both Visual and Performing, are not a “bolt on” at RMS; they are an integral and vibrant part of school life, both within and beyond the classroom

The School has a justifiably impressive reputation for its creative departments; you only need to wander the corridors, attend our annual exhibition or attend one of our many dramatic or musical performances to witness the sheer talent and imagination that our girls possess.

**Whether your daughter is a passionate amateur or someone considering a future in the arts, RMS will give her the opportunity, guidance and courage to be as creative as she wants.**



RMS girls love to perform! If Performing Arts are her “thing”, your daughter will have the chance to perform as a soloist, as part of a rock band, orchestra, choir or ensemble group; to take part in one of our many theatrical performances. Our senior singers and instrumentalists have undertaken international tours and a number of our musicians have succeeded in gaining scholarships at the prestigious Royal Academy Junior Department, as well as being selected for the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

All girls have the opportunity to take part in performing arts clubs and to perform in both formal and informal settings, from lunchtime concerts in the New Mark Hall to invited performances at the Royal Albert and Festival Halls. Our annual dance show is a highlight of the Performing Arts calendar.

# Sport

Sport is an important feature of life at RMS and we promote both excellence in sport and sport for all. All pupils are encouraged to participate and to improve their performance, no matter what their starting point may be, and success at every level is celebrated.

There are few sports which cannot be enjoyed here; your daughter will be able to enjoy an enviable array of sporting facilities, including a spectacular all weather pitch, huge sports hall, fitness suite and indoor swimming pool, not to mention nearly 200 acres of parkland which lend themselves to a wealth of outdoor pursuits.

Our Physical Education Faculty is dedicated to providing opportunities for all girls of all ages and abilities to experience and enjoy as many sporting activities as possible. We promote competitive excellence to foster the talent and enthusiasm of our most talented sportswomen, many of whom compete at the highest levels; but this is not at the expense of sport for all. Specialist coaching and a healthy fixture list ensure there is physical activity for every girl to pursue, not just for her health and wellbeing, but also for her enjoyment

Traditional sports including netball, hockey, swimming, gymnastics, tennis, rounders and athletics are taught throughout as well as volleyball, basketball, squash, football, rugby and sports leadership. Senior girls may also opt for more recreational activities such as salsa or streetdance. Girls are encouraged to take part in leadership and coaching activities and links with many sports clubs provide them with opportunities to pursue their interests, such as golf, badminton, kickboxing and skiing and sailing.





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