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## Welcome

An education at RGS Worcester is inclusive, challenging and academically stimulating. In the Senior School, we offer an outstanding education for boys and girls aged 11 – 18 years with an extensive range of opportunities both in their studies and in their co-curricular experience of school life.

Our aim is to deliver excellence in all areas starting with high quality teaching and exceptional pastoral care. As one of the oldest schools in the country, RGS Worcester combines a sense of history, community and place in the City of Worcester with 'state of the art' facilities, spacious grounds and a determination to see each child achieve their full potential. Our Digital Learning Programme ensures that pupils are well-prepared for the future. We are pleased that our pupils attain the qualifications necessary to go on to the leading universities in the UK and abroad, and are particularly proud that they develop the personal qualities of working together, respecting one another and their community, and being open and friendly towards others.

With leading Academic results, an award-winning Careers provision, breathtaking Co-curricular opportunities and a reputation for exceptional Pastoral Care, RGS Worcester provides an education where each pupil is cared for individually.

We strongly encourage you to come and see us, either on a formal Open Day or on an ordinary school day. You will have the opportunity to speak to staff and, in particular, meet some of our pupils who look forward to showing you their school and all that they enjoy here.

**Mr John Pitt, Headmaster**

*“Pupils achieve well because of the high quality of teaching they receive, the breadth of opportunities they are offered both in the formal curriculum and beyond the classroom, and the care and concern shown by staff.”*

- ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) Inspection Report

*“A friendly, grounded school, with its sights set high....”*

- The Good Schools Guide





## About RGS Worcester

Located in the historic City of Worcester, RGS Worcester lays claim to being the sixth oldest school in the world. The School was originally founded around 685 by Bishop Bosel, with the first written record in 1291.

Our motto 'Cherishing the past, looking to the future' reflects a school that combines tradition with a modern, forward-thinking approach to education. An innovative Digital Learning Programme inspires pupils to be active learners and co-curricular opportunities provide them with the chance to express themselves and pursue what they love. Pupils run through the School gates in the morning, keen to try something new and exciting.

RGS Worcester is a welcoming and friendly school. Class sizes are small and RGS is large enough to provide a wealth of opportunities, but small enough so that each pupil is treated individually and encouraged. Pupils work closely with their teachers and are well supported. They develop lifelong friendships at the School at whichever stage they begin their RGS journey.

## Admissions

We encourage a visit to our Open Mornings or a personal visit on a normal school day. Admission is at 11+ (Year Seven), 13+ (Year Nine) and 16+ (Sixth Form) although pupils can join in other Year groups. There is an entrance examination for entry below Sixth Form and an interview process for Sixth Form entry. Scholarships and Bursaries are available and further information is available on request. A full induction programme at all entry levels ensures that pupils feel well settled into the School.

*"It's like a haunted house – but not scary!"*

- new Year Seven pupil

*"We are delighted with the School. It is no exaggeration to say it is the best decision we have made."*

- Parent of a new pupil



## Academic

We want pupils to be fully engaged in their learning, to become active learners, and not to be content with the role of the recipient within the classroom. We blend innovative learning such as the Digital Learning Programme, with the traditional practice of highly qualified and experienced teachers.

RGS has a long tradition of achieving outstanding examination results at A Level, BTEC and at GCSE and consistently attains excellent value-added scores, which are calculated once pupils achieve final examination results. Each year, well over 80% of our students achieve their first-choice university places.

We provide a wide, varied and balanced curriculum in the Lower School (Years Seven and Eight), and work closely with our feeder schools to ensure we have continuity of development in these important foundation years.

In Year Nine, we provide further focus on the Core subjects (English, Mathematics, the Sciences and Modern Foreign Languages) whilst allowing pupils to maintain breadth with a choice, for example, of Creative Arts subjects, Latin and Classics or Computer Science.

At GCSE (Years Ten and Eleven), we offer a more personalised curriculum with pupils studying their choice of subjects.

The Sixth Form is a time of transition when a pupil in a class becomes a student of a subject. Students have the opportunity to study a wide range of academic subjects (at A Level, BTEC and the EPQ), taught by specialist teachers in high quality facilities.



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- Deputy Head Academic



## Creativity

The Creative Arts are a crucial and impressive part of an RGS Worcester education, and the pupils are constantly challenged to think creatively and perform at a high level. Through the Creative Arts, our pupils develop an awareness and understanding of culture while also developing skills and confidence.

In Music, we provide opportunities to perform in large concerts at prestigious venues with our numerous choirs, ensembles, and the orchestra. At the same time, we have Big Band concerts, the extremely popular annual 'Cabaret' event and many other less formal opportunities for all pupils to perform. Pupils from RGS have gone on to achieve Scholarships at Music Colleges and develop careers in both classical and modern music.

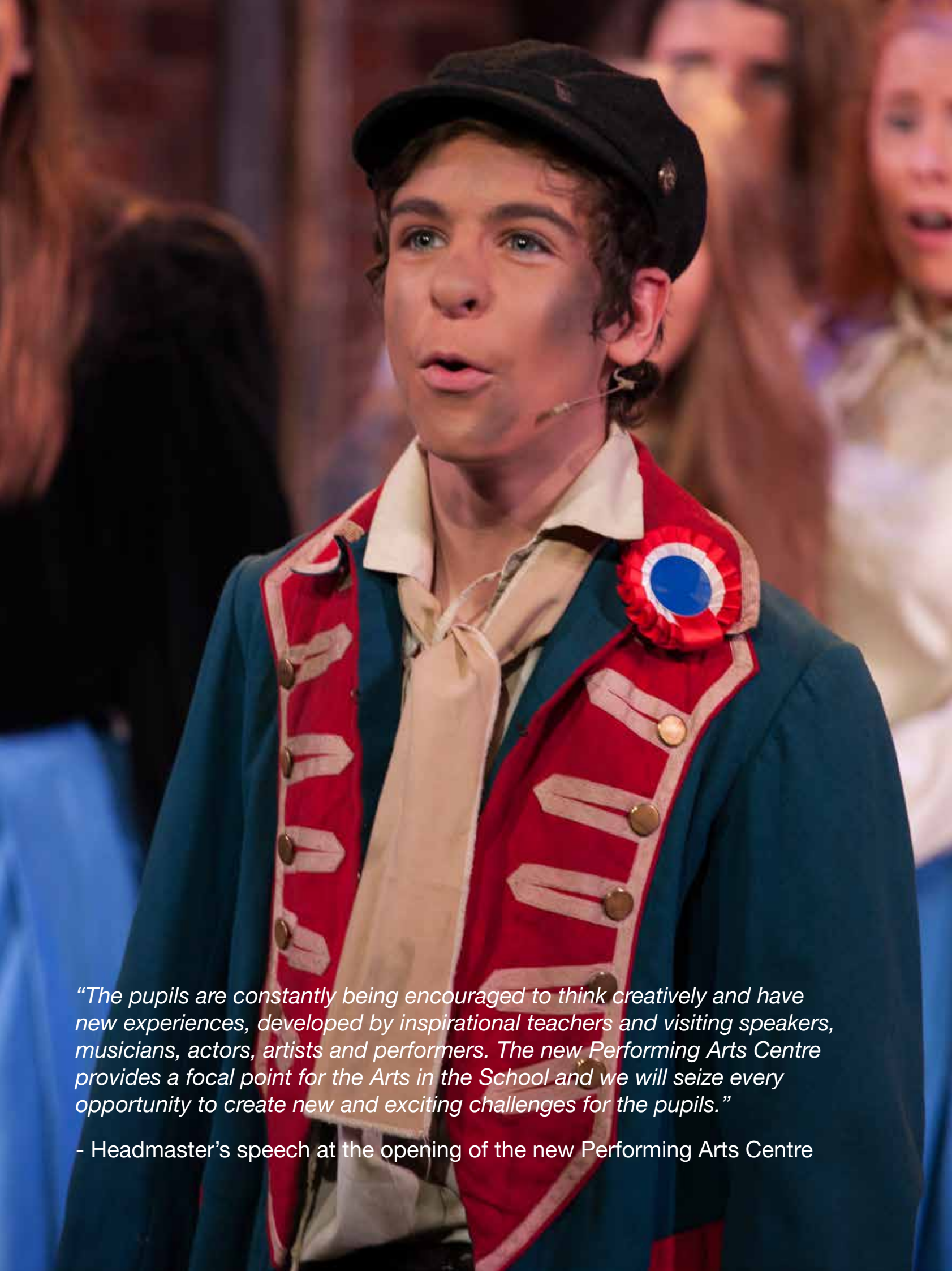
Similarly, in Drama, our plays and musicals always push the boundaries. Examples include our Senior pupils performing 'Romeo and Juliet' on a beach, and our Juniors delivering 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the open air at an English Heritage site. The breadth of provision is superb and pupils develop confidence and excitement in their Drama at RGS.

*"Music and Drama are characterised by impressive levels of ambition and achievement."*

- The Good Schools Guide

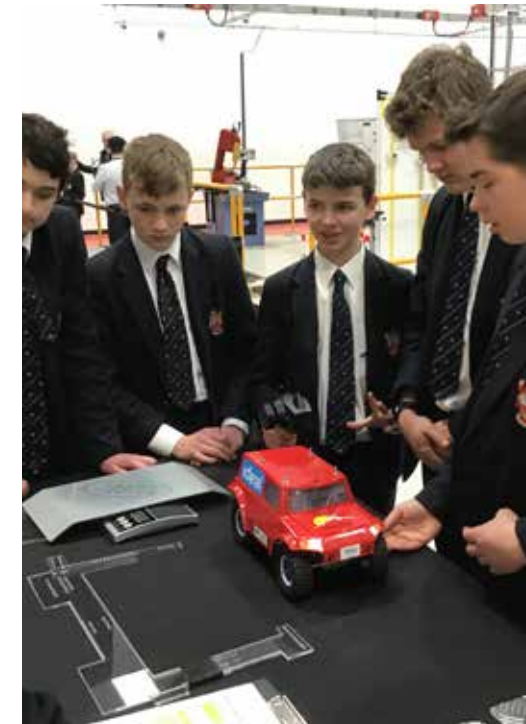






*“The pupils are constantly being encouraged to think creatively and have new experiences, developed by inspirational teachers and visiting speakers, musicians, actors, artists and performers. The new Performing Arts Centre provides a focal point for the Arts in the School and we will seize every opportunity to create new and exciting challenges for the pupils.”*

- Headmaster’s speech at the opening of the new Performing Arts Centre



The Artwork at the School is stunning and pupils’ work is displayed all around the School and even in local galleries or in exhibitions at venues such as Worcester Cathedral. There are numerous Art projects including the ‘Big Draw’ which involved over 1000 pupils from the RGS Schools and local primary schools, as well as outdoor Art and sculpture.

In Design and Technology, the pupils are challenged to design and innovate. They develop their understanding through industry visits and compete for national awards such as Arkwright Scholarships. RGS Worcester has a record of more of these scholarships than any other school in the Midlands. Pupils can also extend their knowledge in practical scenarios through Greenpower racing and the Land Rover 4 x 4 Challenge, both competitions in which RGS has participated in the World Finals.

The Textiles department is a calm and well-resourced space where pupils develop their skills and produce work of the highest quality. RGS Worcester is the Midlands Centre for Young Fashion Designer UK and our pupils win awards annually.

The pupils are constantly being encouraged to think creatively, seize opportunities and take on new experiences. They are inspired by their teachers and peers and always rise to the challenge, producing work of exceptional quality and enjoying every aspect of the creative journey.

**Scholarships in the Creative subjects are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.**



# Sport

Enjoyment, teamwork and commitment are at the heart of RGS Sport and these values are supported by pupils, staff and parents. Some achieve excellence, and all play with pride and enjoyment.

The RGS sporting ethos can be split into two main strands: Performance and Values.

At the heart of Performance lies an ambition to ensure 'each and every child is fulfilling their potential'. The majority of pupils play sport for the School, taking with them the benefits of their sporting experiences into their future lives. Many of our pupils pursue and develop their sport beyond school in local clubs and we are very proud of the many pupils we have represented at a national level across a wide range of different sports.

Our Charter for Sport describes the Values that we promote and look to develop. To join a school like RGS Worcester is to join a community and become part of a team. Like any team, the School thrives on the trust and commitment which its members show to each other and the values that those teammates share. As such, we expect all of our pupils to be ***Resolute, Gracious, Selfless and Willing*** and to be proud of 'Being Green' (the School's colour).

With nearly 20 different sports available and superb coaching from experts in each sport, as well as bespoke strength and conditioning support, the pupils enjoy the opportunities available to them. Whether it is playing in a Rugby or Football match at Sixways stadium (home of the Worcester Warriors) or to a sell-out audience at the University Arena in 'Superball' in Netball, or at our new International Hockey Centre, or our beautiful Flagge Meadow Cricket ground, the pupils enjoy their sport. There is an Athlete Development Programme to assist their sport development and they experience Sports Tours in the UK and abroad. Whatever the sport, we can assist pupils to achieve their potential and enjoy every moment of the experience.

**Sports Exhibitions and Scholarships are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.**



*'Sport for All and All for Sport'*



## Clubs and Societies

We are committed to the idea that the more someone is willing to try, the more potential they have to become. Our Co-curricular provision, therefore, encourages pupils to do more and to be more.

Co-curricular activities work hand in hand with each pupil's academic and personal development to encourage confidence and enjoyment of school life. Pupils are encouraged to try something new and develop their interests through a breathtaking array of different Clubs and Societies.

There are over 45 different Clubs and Societies at RGS Worcester so there is something for everyone. Creativity and new skills are encouraged through Film Makers' Club, Textiles Club, learning the Ukulele or being part of a Drama production. Academic interests can be explored through Astronomy Club using the RGS observatory, Reading Club or Literary Society, Anatomy Club or Computer Coding. The School offers the opportunity to build leadership and teamwork skills in the popular Combined Cadet Force (Army, Navy and RAF Sections) and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Pupils can develop presentation skills through Debating in which the School has a national reputation. Whatever your child's interests, they will have the chance to explore and develop through the Co-curricular life of the School.

There is a vibrant House system at RGS with all pupils and staff allocated to a House for competitions in a wide-range of activities from sport, music, drama and dance, to creative writing and chess. The pupils enjoy participating, earning points for their House, and contributing to the competition.

Being a part of our community and contributing to that community is an important aspect of an RGS education. Pupils support local and national charities and participate in activities for local school children and the elderly, raising funds through group and individual challenges.



*"Often confidence and skills obtained outside the classroom support a pupil in their academic development."*

- Assistant Head, Co-curricular and Outreach



*"To say the opportunities on offer are brilliant is an understatement."*

- Parent





*“The ability to communicate with each member of the Pastoral Team whenever we feel it is necessary, is an indelible aspect of what makes Pastoral Care at RGS so good.”*

- Upper Sixth student

## Pastoral Care

At RGS Worcester, we have a strong reputation for Pastoral Care and we have in place the expertise and capacity to deliver a programme of care that we believe is unique and unrivalled. Providing care tailored to the needs of the individual is our core principle and we know each individual child extremely well.

We are fortunate to have numerous ways in which we can help and support the pupils and their families, and our extensive pastoral provision centres upon the team around the child. With highly skilled staff, we offer a holistic approach to help children cope with, and resolve, any issues they face. The team comprises the pupil's Form Tutor, the Head of Year, dedicated Heads of Lower School and Sixth Form, fully qualified Nurses, School Counsellors and a Relaxation Specialist. Sixth Form students also act as Pastoral Prefects, assisting the younger pupils in the Lower School.

We raise awareness of current issues that our young people have to negotiate during their adolescent years. The School regularly hosts external speakers, often of international reputation, to stimulate discussion on a wide range of topics.

The Learning Development team assists pupils with specific learning difficulties and those individuals who need extra help with revision and other learning techniques. They also offer support to build confidence and social skills.

We understand the challenges of growing up in today's world with its many different pressures. We ensure that our young people have the skills to cope with, and enjoy, their adolescence so that they can look forward to happy, fulfilling and productive young adult lives.





*“In these extraordinary times, the RGSW Schools are redefining outstanding education.”*

- RGS parent, from an email received during the Covid-19 pandemic

## Digital Learning

Digital Learning has been developed at RGS Worcester since 2014 when the School introduced a Digital Learning Programme (DLP) with the infrastructure and training to integrate technology effectively in education. Every pupil comes to school with an iPad and teachers are fully trained in using technology when it makes a difference to learning. Traditional teaching techniques continue and are blended with the digital to provide the very best learning outcomes for the pupils.

During the pandemic of 2020-21, the RGS Worcester Schools were able to provide continuity of education for all pupils, involving teaching over 18,000 lessons online and maintaining provision for Pastoral Care and Co-curricular activities. As the only Apple Distinguished School in the region, RGS is regularly used by Apple to demonstrate best practice in Digital Learning nationally and even internationally.

Pupils are given a full induction into using the technology when they arrive at the School and quickly grasp the benefits, as well as understanding the importance of e-safety. They can choose to become Digital Leaders who advise and assist others.

Pupils leave RGS fully equipped for a modern, technological world and are ready to use technology at University and in the workplace, understanding its advantages and value.



## Joining the RGS Worcester Sixth Form

Life in the RGS Worcester Sixth Form is a busy and enjoyable experience, whether you join us new or have come up through our Family of Schools. Impressive A Level and BTEC results and an award-winning Careers provision are only two of the elements which make RGS Worcester Sixth Form special and rewarding.

In the Sixth Form, key decisions will be made by each student about their future. The Sixth Form Team, together with the Form Tutors, will guide your son or daughter towards greater independence and resilience, aiming to facilitate the skills needed to succeed in a demanding and fluid world.

Sixth Formers are not only the visible example of all that is best at RGS but are well placed to make a significant contribution to the quality of the RGS Worcester experience. They take on key roles in Co-curricular activities, helping to coach younger pupils, developing their own confidence in teamwork and leadership, whilst striving for the best possible Academic results.

For further information about the Sixth Form provision here at RGS Worcester, please do request a Sixth Form prospectus.

*"In response to our question for some nouns to summarise what the school has given them they answered "guidance", "confidence" and "independence". Their most impressive statement, coming from a Lower Sixth girl, was "school is about who you become."*

*- The Good Schools Guide*





## After RGS Worcester

RGS has a superb record of supporting pupils to secure places at leading Universities in the UK, including Oxford and Cambridge, as well as other top Universities worldwide. We also support and assist pupils to apply for other courses, including Higher Level Apprenticeships and career opportunities. Our links with Universities, alumni support and our team of advisers mean that we can make a real difference for each student.

The School continues to support former pupils after they have left RGS and can provide continuous Careers assistance, as well as organising a number and range of alumni events throughout the year.

Our Foundation and Alumni Association provide opportunities for former pupils to meet up, share experiences and continue to support one another, maintaining lifelong friendships and enjoying being a part of the RGS Worcester extended family.

*“We are aiming to develop young adults who are confident but not arrogant, able to stand on their own two feet, proud of what they have achieved at school, and excited about what they will go on to achieve in their future lives.”*

- Headmaster's Open Morning speech



*“By the time they leave school, pupils are articulate and confident; they have a purposeful sense of what they want to do next and are ready to meet the challenges of adult life.”*

- ISI Inspection Report



## Contact Details

For further details about joining RGS Worcester or any of the RGS Worcester Family of Schools, please contact us by telephone or email:

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admissions@rgsw.org.uk

### TRANSPORT

RGS Worcester is extremely well connected by bus, rail and road links and we offer RGS school minibus routes as well as links with local coach companies. If you are unsure of the best route, please do contact us to discuss how we can make your child's journey to school straightforward.

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### DIRECTIONS TO RGS WORCESTER

#### **By Road**

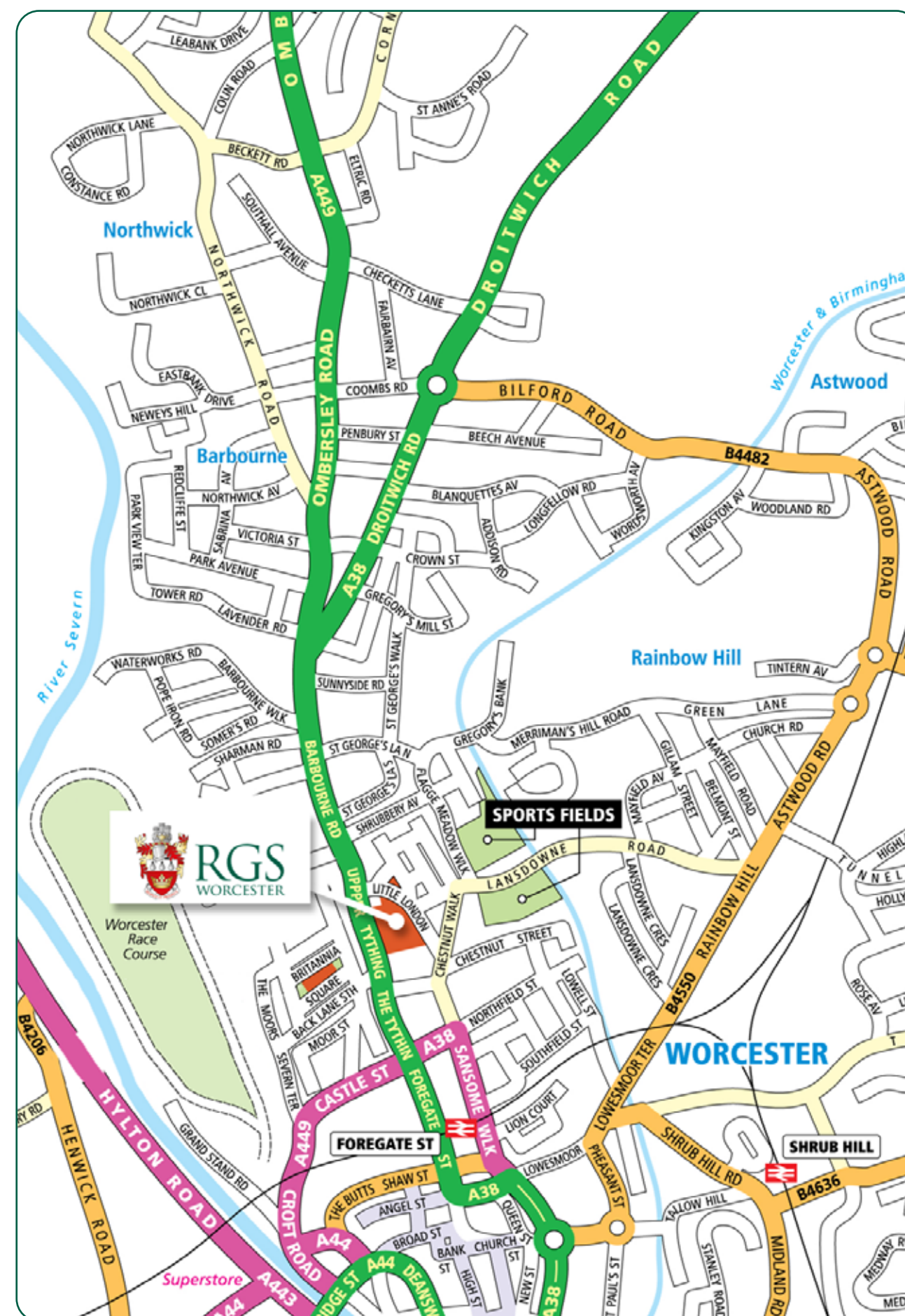
The most direct route is via the M5. Leave at Junction 6 and join the A449. Travel for 2 miles on this road which leads into Barbourne Road and then Upper Tything, A38. The entrance to RGS Worcester is on the left after the Little London turning.

#### **By Rail**

The nearest mainline station is Worcester Foregate Street, which has a direct link to London Paddington and regular services to the West and West Midlands. The station is also a short journey from Birmingham. Turn right out of Foregate Street station and it is just a short walk to the School which is on the right.

*Please do contact us if you need any further information.*

*We look forward to welcoming you to the RGS Worcester Family of Schools.*







*“Certainly, the ISI is convinced; branding the school ‘excellent in all areas’ whilst these standards also characterised our conversations with both students and staff; reflective of an assurance, but not an arrogance, that only genuinely outstanding schools achieve.”*

- The Good Schools Guide