



OPEN DAY

Friday 3 and Saturday 4 October

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Open Event and would like to provide you with further information to allow you effectively and efficiently to plan your time with us.

Timings

Please arrive promptly at your **allocated time slot** (this can be found on the confirmation email you received from *TryBooking*). Please enter only via the main entry point: the courtyard of the Old Building, the white Tudor building on the High Street.

Registration will take place in School Room which is just off the historic courtyard. When you pass through this area – please have your **QR code** from your *TryBooking* confirmation ready for scanning.



There are no fixed timings other than the *Insider's Guide to Admissions* which is showing every 10 minutes (from the hour) in **Zone G**. Do watch this before chatting to the Admissions team.

Your whole visit should last approximately 2 hours, depending upon the number of zones visited. Our Open Day will close promptly at 8.30pm on Friday night and 12.00pm on Saturday afternoon; as the Old Building is at the beginning of the tour this area will close slightly earlier.

Passport

Your son will be given a passport on arrival so that he can get it stamped in each zone throughout his visit. Before you leave, your son should collect the highly-coveted official RGS Pencil from the foyer in the Main Building as well as a copy of the prospectus and *The Review*.

Zones

The attached map details the locations of the various zones. We would recommend visiting approximately **5 or 6 zones**, but it is totally up to you! Please do plan to visit the zones most relevant to your son's interests. Further details are provided below.

There are no one-to-one student guides as we want you to chat to as many students as possible from all year groups. Students are dotted around the site as human signposts. They are there to help – ask directions, fire questions at them, or just stop for a chat.

The Headmaster will be available to speak to in person in **Great Hall**, as well as other senior members of staff, including our Pastoral team.

SMALL PRINT

- Some areas are accessed by a number of stairs, others are outside. For those with mobility issues, not all areas are easily accessible; this includes access for pushchairs. Please also bring an umbrella if the weather is inclement.
 - There is no parking on site but there are plenty of public car parks close by in Guildford town centre. Please leave enough time to park as the traffic may be busy.
 - Our stunning 20-acre Sports Grounds in the beautiful Surrey countryside are not available but please do take our word for it – they are well worth a visit!
 - Should the fire alarm sound, please follow the directions from RGS staff and prefects who will safely lead you outside.
 - **Toilets** are available outside **Zone H**, just downstairs from the entrance into the Main Building.
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TOP FIVE (DON'T MISS!) TIPS

- 1 Pastoral:** If our students are happy then the rest takes care of itself: smiley, confident individuals who have a strong sense of belonging within a supportive community. Come and speak to our Pastoral team in Great Hall – pastoral leaders, Heads of Year, Tutors, Learning Support, Counsellors, School Nurse – and ask them anything at all!
- 2 Human signposts:** Rather than just one designated guide, we want you to chat to as many students as possible. Our amazing human signposts are there to direct you but also why not take a break and natter to them for their insight into life at the RGS?
- 3 Admissions:** Want to get the honest, inside track on the whole admissions process and 11+ assessment experience from a parent? Watch our *Insider's Guide to Admissions* and then chat to our lovely Admissions team.
- 4 Daily life:** Come and fire questions at our panel of students about any aspect of daily life at the RGS. Ask absolutely whatever you like! What are the best things to do at break-times? What's the food like? Are the lessons fun? Any question goes.
- 5 Headmaster:** The Headmaster is available throughout the event in Great Hall. Watch beforehand the Headmaster's welcome talk via the **link** provided, then take the opportunity to chat to the Headmaster individually in person. No need for specific questions. Just have a chat!

RGS Open Day Overview

Zone A **Main Entrance & Registration.** **The Performing & Creative Arts: Art, Music & Drama**

After registering in the historic School Room, watch art demonstrations, music practices and live drama rehearsals in our historic Old Building.

Zone B **Design and Technology, the Humanities & Classics**

Visit the inspiring John Brown Building and get a feel for many of our academic departments. With a focus on student-led activities, chat to the students about the academic opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

Zone C **Mallison Library & English, Modern Languages, Mathematics & Computer Science**

Head to the very top of the School to visit the Mallison Library and then immerse yourself in some of our core subjects, including puzzles, games, magic tricks and much more.

Zone D **Meet the Headmaster... and other Senior Members of Staff, including the Pastoral team**

Chat individually to the Headmaster and other senior members of staff. Speak also to our wonderful Pastoral team and get an insight into the incredible support and individual attention provided by our staff. The students' physical and mental happiness, health and wellbeing, and individual learning plans are always our greatest priorities. You don't even need particular questions, just come for a natter!

Zone F **Daily Life at the RGS**

Come and ask our panel of students absolutely everything and anything! What's lunch like? What do you do at break-times? How do you travel to the RGS? No question is too trivial!

Zone G **Admissions**

Come and watch the Insider's Guide to RGS Admissions, a quick fire Q&A with a current parent. Then chat to our wonderful Admissions team who will be happy to answer any and every question about all aspects of the admissions process.

Zone H **Co-curriculum**

A Societies Fair showcases just some of the co-curricular options open to students of all ages: the opportunity to nurture existing passions or explore new passions, there is literally something for everyone.

Zone I **Science**

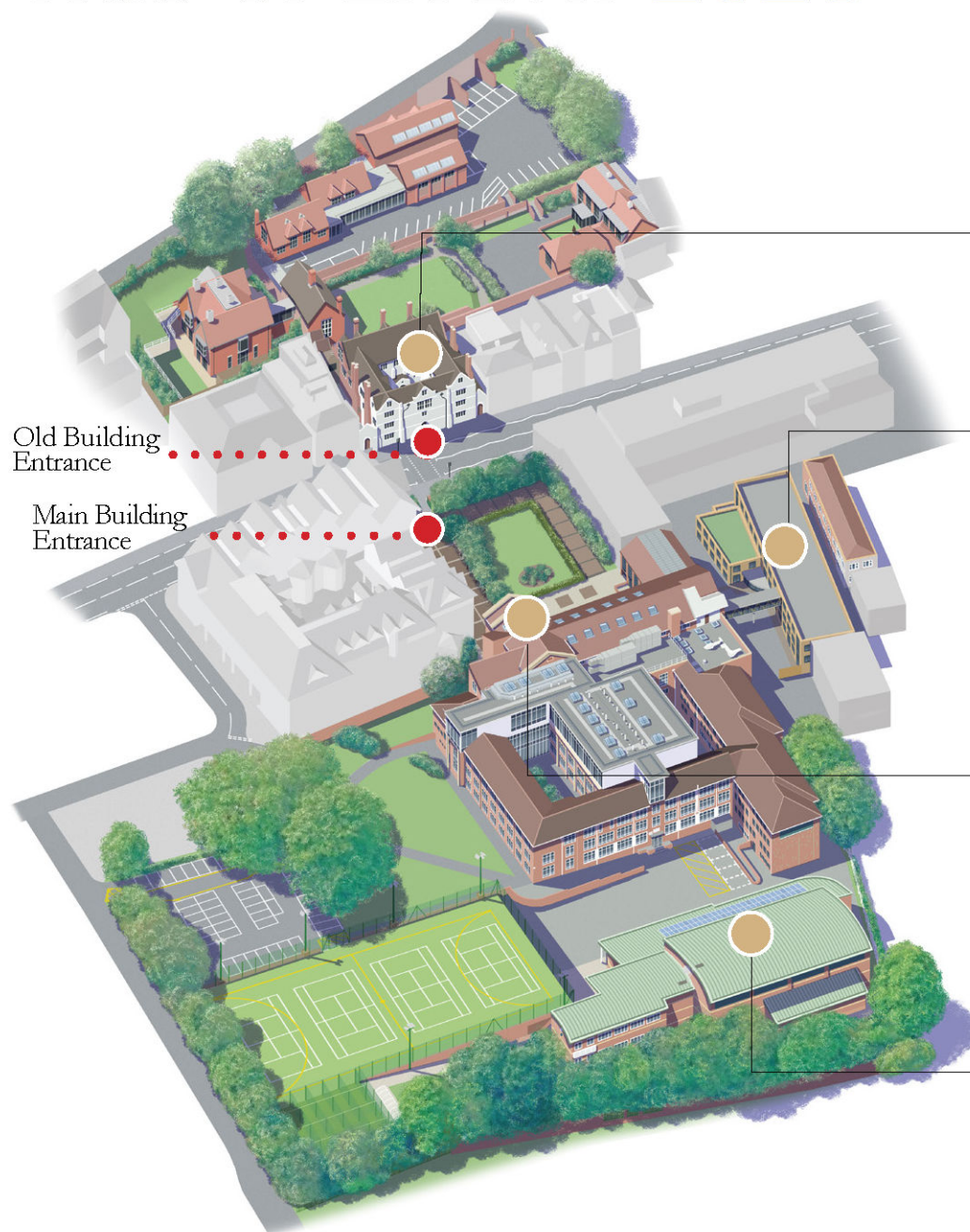
Hands-on demonstrations, practical experiments and interactive challenges: get a feel for the amazing learning experiences in the sciences.

Zone J **Sport & PE**

Pop down to the Sports Hall and get just a flavour of the extraordinary range of sporting opportunities open to students of all interests, passions and abilities at the RGS. Get involved in the demonstrations.

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Old Building
Entrance

Main Building
Entrance

OLD BUILDING

Zone A Registration. The Arts: Art, Music, Drama

JOHN BROWN BUILDING

Zone B Design and Technology, Classics,
Geography, History, Religion & Philosophy
Economics, Business & Politics (Friday night only)

MAIN BUILDING

Zone C English, Modern Languages, Mathematics,
Computer Science, Library
Zone D Meet the: Headmaster & Deputy Heads, Pastoral Team,
Careers & Higher Education, Financial Support, Alumni Relations
Zone E Café RGS
Zone F Daily Life at the RGS
Zone G Admissions
Zone H Co-curriculum
Zone I Biology, Chemistry, Physics

SPORTS HALL

Zone J Sport, PE