

RYE COLLEGE

CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES FOR ALL



PROSPECTUS

Welcome to Rye College

Our mission at Rye College is to 'create bright futures for all'. With this in mind, we work hard to ensure every child is happy and well supported on their educational journey with us. We want every child to grow and flourish in our care.

Our college is set in the attractive heart of 1066 country and is a place where students feel safe and have space to learn. We pride ourselves on being a closely knit community where young people are known as individuals and where their talents are nurtured and celebrated.

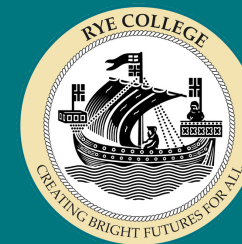


*'We are a close-knit
community school'*



By enjoying a close relationship with our own primary and local feeder schools, we understand the benefits of an 'all-through experience', truly making us the first choice for Rye and surrounding area. We are driven by a pursuit of high academic standards regardless of start points and a desire for all students to experience an exceptional education.

Since November 2018, Rye College has been part of Aquinas - an educational trust of eleven schools in the south east; we believe our students benefit enormously from our shared ambition to succeed.



We are proud of our reputation for working closely with families and remain dedicated to offering an education that meets the needs of the youngsters that attend.

I hope you take the opportunity to visit our college and see the transformation taking place. We invite you to engage with our greatest assets - the students - who are at the heart of our mission.



Mr Dom Downes
Headteacher



Aquinas comprises a distinctive and diverse community of academies with a shared purpose and ethos.



We are committed to mutual support and respect in pursuit of educational excellence for children and young people, educating the whole person. We are driven to provide 'life transforming learning'.

Whilst we are one trust with one mission, each academy maintains its own unique characteristics and individual identity within the community it serves. To assist this work, an Advisory Council in each academy supports our school leaders: acting as a critical friend; refining strategy; and providing advice on a broad range of issues effecting the educational sector. This aspect of governance allows us to draw on the expertise of parents and members of the local community to ensure each academy is exceptionally well-led.

Our vision is to ensure the life chances and educational achievements of all children and young people in our academies are positively transformed because they are part of our strong trust.



OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION



"Rye College is a happy and welcoming environment that allows me to get on with my learning. The teachers are really supportive and make sure I enjoy their subject".

RYE COLLEGE STRIVES TO:

- Challenge every learner to exceed their own expectations of themselves;
- Create a can-do culture and the resilience to be distinctive;
- Include all members of our community through shared endeavour;
- Nurture diverse skills, talents and abilities whilst promoting excellence;
- Realise the potential of our young people so they lead happy and fruitful lives;
- Engage positively and work closely with the families and communities we serve.

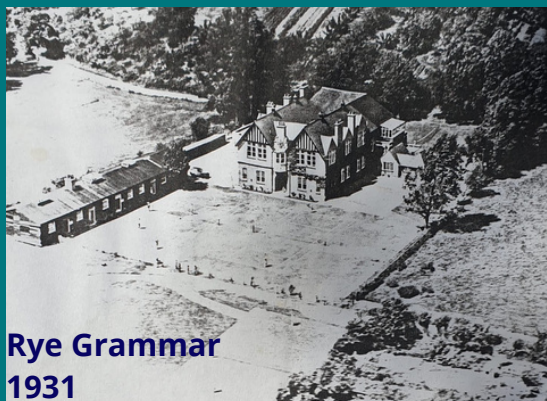




OUR RICH HISTORY

There is a long tradition of education in Rye that goes back to the establishment of Rye Grammar school by our founder Thomas Peacocke in 1636.

We are proud of our local heritage and draw on tradition as well as innovation to prepare students for life in the twenty-first century.



Rye Grammar
1931



OUR COMMUNITY



We strive to be a happy, safe and welcoming environment where all can achieve regardless of ethnicity or status, ability or disability, faith or belief, gender or sexuality. We actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

Students benefit from positive relationships with adults, based on good communication, mutual respect and a growing sense of maturity.

Our students have a range of people looking after their welfare with whom they can speak at any time.



"Everyone is really friendly and supportive. I like that Rye College is a small school where you know everyone and we all look out for each other".

It is to their credit that our students so evidently care about one another and enjoy celebrating the achievements of others.

Our young people are encouraged to 'think global and act local' so as to understand their responsibilities as worldwide citizens. Their aspirations are continually raised by returning alumni, visiting local dignitaries and notable national influencers.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

IN OUR SCHOOL WE ARE



PROUD



POSITIVE



EMPLOYABLE



KIND



COMMITTED



We strive for all members of our community to live out our values. We have five key words that are at the core of our school value system; **Proud, Positive, Employable, Kind and Committed.** These words underpin our mission to 'Create Bright Futures for All'.



OUR STANDARDS



PRIDE



Our students are proud to attend Rye College. We engender a sense of responsibility in each of our youngsters as part of our commitment to excellence. We expect to see respect for uniform, conduct and a work ethic to enable success.

SENSE OF PURPOSE



We work hard with consistency and a clear sense of purpose. Students understand the college is a place of learning and with commitment comes achievement.

WE PARTICIPATE, COLLABORATE AND CONTRIBUTE



We look to create a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration to strengthen ourselves and our college.

RESPECT



We respect our peers, our teachers, our environment and our community.

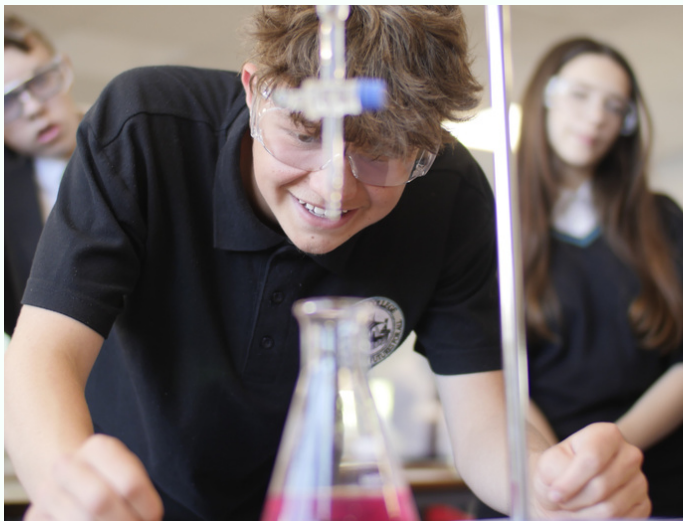


OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum offer is simple: broad and balanced with an academic core.

It combines a foundation in the national curriculum subjects, a focus on academic achievement in English, maths and science with a broader offer of suitable academic, vocational and technical qualifications.

We recognise the importance of creativity, physicality and personal development within a rounded education.



'I really enjoy the mix of subjects on offer'



Not only does our curriculum aim to foster deeper knowledge and wider skills but also a natural curiosity and sense of wonder about the world. Beyond the classroom our community seeks to strengthen character and provide broader opportunities to learn and socialise in both participative and competitive activities.

Through a range of after-school clubs, special events and trips students are encouraged to extend their learning and widen their life experiences.



We work with constant approaches across the school - tailored within each subject to get the best out of our students. Curriculum planning encourages the development of transferable skills as well as making subject links to exploit common content.

Find out more about our Curriculum approach and in depth information on our website:

www.ryecollege.co.uk/curriculum.



'Not only can I study but also develop my interests in sport, performing arts and photography'

OUR SCHOOL DAY



TIMINGS

8am - Free breakfast club
available to all students

9am - Registration/Assembly

9.20 - Period 1

10.20 - Period 2

11.20 - Morning Break

11.50 - Period 3

12.50 - Period 4

13.50 - Afternoon Break

2.20 - Period 5

3.20 - End of School Day
Extra Curricular Clubs



We run a programme of extra curricular clubs during the day and after school to further enhance students' enrichment opportunities. Activities are wide ranging across sporting, academic and creative pursuits.



OUR UNIFORM



Students are expected to wear
uniform at all times.
Our requirements are gender-neutral.



Branded

- Tie
- V neck jumper
- Blazer
- Black polo shirt

Non Branded

- Black footwear
- Black tailored shorts, trousers or skirt
- White shirt or blouse

PE Branded

- Red sports T shirt
- Red zip jumper

PE Non Branded

- Black jogging bottoms, leggings, shorts or skirt
- Red socks with trainers



See our website for further information on our uniform policy and our local stockist:
www.ryecollege.co.uk/college/uniform.



Joining Us

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Our admission policy is operated through East Sussex County Council. Families in the county should apply through East Sussex whilst families in Kent should apply through their own county council.

TRANSITION

Each year, as students leave us for fulfilling and rewarding adult lives, we prepare for the arrival of youngsters transferring from primary school to stay with us and benefit from the continuity of provision we offer whilst warmly welcoming those who join from other local primary schools.

Although starting a new school is an exciting time, for some it may also be a daunting prospect. Our transition programme is designed to ensure young people can transfer to the college with as little anxiety and as much confidence as possible.

Our initial open evening and morning tours at the start of the academic year provide an opportunity for prospective families to see us in action. We liaise closely with our feeder primary schools to offer a planned programme of activities so when children arrive they know teachers, classrooms and expectations.



Why Choose Us



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In-year admissions

Rye College accepts in-year admissions. If you are moving into the area, or considering a change of school, please contact us in the first instance.