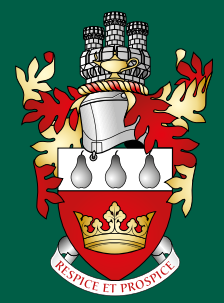


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THE GRANGE



BELONGING. HAPPY. ASPIRING.

“Delighted beyond words! I wholeheartedly recommend the School for its positive impact on every aspect of my child’s development.”
– RGS The Grange parent



Nursery and Prep School for pupils aged 2 - 11

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"Your child will succeed here precisely because they are happy, inspired and having fun."
– Mr Gareth Hughes, Headmaster

Welcome

RGS The Grange is an outstanding Prep School and an exceptional place to start a child's educational journey. It is full of happy, confident and successful children who are clearly inspired by a dedicated team of staff sharing a wonderful sense of community. We welcome children from ages two to eleven to an education within our beautiful 50-acre site on the outskirts of Worcester.

The key to all of this is the School's clear philosophy that 'happy children succeed'. This success is seen in the classroom, on the sports field, in the Music Department and during our varied enrichment opportunities. When exploring our site, you will gain a sense of what our children achieve and the different types of experiences they have enjoyed, helping them to mature into confident, polite, successful and happy individuals.

I believe that children at RGS The Grange certainly experience the best start in life. An RGS The Grange education is unique and all of us encourage each child to achieve their best within the School's broad curriculum. We teach a wide range of subjects in small class sizes, combining our solid academic grounding with a full programme of sporting and co-curricular activities. This includes our comprehensive before and after school care provision, which offers wrap-around care from 7.45am until 6.00pm daily.

I am extremely proud of our School and I invite you to come and see the School in action. You will be sure of a warm welcome from happy children and enthusiastic, inspirational teachers and experience first-hand some of RGS The Grange's magic.

Gareth Hughes, Headmaster

Academic

From their very first day at RGS The Grange, we teach our children to embrace every aspect of their learning, to have a go at everything, to face challenges, to work with others and to make discoveries about the world and the people around them.

We aim to make the decisive difference in the development of happy and successful children and we have the experience, the facilities, the staff and the confidence to do just that. While academic performance is of course at the heart of our School life, we ensure that the environment that we create is caring, friendly and fun.

*“Academic standards are high,
backed up by an imaginative curriculum.”*
– The Good Schools Guide



Creativity

RGS The Grange has a thriving Creative Arts Department and our philosophy is to inspire all children to explore a range of skills and experiment without fear of failure.

Children are taught through a skills-based approach, which means that independence, thinking skills, collaboration and active learning are developed. Whilst doing this, pupils develop their drawing, painting, printing, mixed media, textiles and sculpture skills each year.

All children take part in class assemblies and have the opportunity to take part in nativity plays, our annual talent contest 'Star Search' and theatrical productions. Additionally, we are fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of our strong links with the RGS Worcester Drama Department; children collaborate with older pupils, helping develop their confidence and performance skills, as well as having access to a LAMDA teacher.

Twice weekly music sessions for Nursery, Pre-School and Parent Toddler Groups, ensure a love of Music is encouraged from the offset and this continues throughout their time at the School. The Department's vision is to achieve high standards of music making whilst embracing new and innovative technology within the learning environment. From singing a Mozart Mass in Worcester Cathedral to performing Jazz improvisations, Djembe drumming, and the creation of Garage Band loops, every child's interest is explored. We also work with excellent Peripatetic Music Teachers for individual lessons.

*"RGS The Grange truly is a special place where children feel valued, inspired and enthusiastic to learn. The children are given the very best opportunities to try new things."
- RGS The Grange parent*





Sport

At RGS The Grange we have created an outstanding environment to help children enjoy their sporting journey. This includes an excellent teaching and coaching team which draws the best out of children using current coaching methods while developing important teacher-pupil relationships outside the classroom. The School boasts outstanding playing facilities in 50 acres of grounds, that would rival any senior school.

This includes: Five Rugby Pitches, Six Football Pitches, Four Cricket Squares, Cross Country track, Full size Hockey Astro, Three Netball Courts and a 200m Running track.

These sports are further supplemented by an opportunity for individuals to compete in sports such as Cross Country, Swimming, Athletics and Tennis. When required we will also seek out further opportunities for children who may play a sport externally to a high level in which the School does not yet specialise.

“The opportunities that they had at RGS The Grange have been wonderful, and their passions for Sport, Music and their friends have all come from the fantastic environment.”

- RGS The Grange parent

Nursery

In Early Years our children are absorbed in fun and the adventure of learning as they rapidly develop confidence and a wealth of new skills, whether this is in our Nursery, Pre-School or Reception classes.

Early Years pupils have the added benefit of belonging to a larger school community and being in a position to take advantage of the excellent facilities and teachers on site.

As the children move into Reception, they work with class teachers and teaching assistants, continuing to follow the Early Learning Framework. The most important task here is to lay solid foundations for reading – a skill that will unlock so many doors as your child grows up.

We work closely with parents to build up a comprehensive and thorough record of every child's progress and achievements.

We track the children's progress carefully as they move towards the Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception.

“Although it’s the amazing setting, and facilities, that initially catch the eye, it’s the fabulous staff that make RGS The Grange Nursery a magical place to attend.”
– ‘Day Nurseries’ review from a Nursery parent





“Children are really encouraged to develop their interests and learn new skills here, with 75 clubs this term alone.”
– Muddy Stiletto's review

Clubs and Activities

We work hard to provide a breath-taking range of clubs before, during and after school that cater for all children's tastes and that provide a good balance and outlet for children. Although most clubs are run by our own staff, we also use the expertise of external staff to lead on other clubs.

The list opposite provides you with a flavour of the clubs that are offered during the year but we are always looking to our children for new ideas.

On average we offer 75 clubs per term including: Art, Athletics, Ballet, Board Games, Boogie Bounce, Boot Camp, Chess, Chamber Choir, Coding, Computer, Construction, Cookery, Cricket, Dance, Dodgeball, Drama, Fencing, Fitness, Flute, Football, German, Golf, Guitar, Gymnastics, Hockey, Horrible Histories, Jewellery, Jumping Clay, Junior Choir, Junk Modelling, Karate, Multi-Skills, Music Theory, Netball, Pottery, Production, Robotics, Rounders, Rugby, Running, Sailing, String Band, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ukulele, Wind Band, Yoga and Writing.

We also host Holiday Club which runs throughout the holidays and makes life easier for those parents with work commitments.

Wrap Around Care

RGS The Grange is open from 7.45am until 6.00pm during term time. Children are able to enjoy breakfast with their friends before the start of the school day. Once the school day finishes at 3.35pm there are a selection of clubs, as well as the opportunity for the children to play with their friends in a safe and familiar environment.

“The fantastic range of after-school clubs means that there is always something for my child to enjoy. As a working parent, this makes a huge difference.” – RGS The Grange parent





*“The pupils always look so happy and friendly at school, the teachers are inspiring and supportive making for a perfect school environment.”
- RGS The Grange parent*

Pastoral Care

Your child’s happiness and sense of security form the platform on which everything else at RGS The Grange is built.

Our key approach to Pastoral Care is to put your child’s happiness above all else. Having responsibility for children is not only about providing a good education but also about building a community that enables them to develop into mature young adults who have the courage to live by sound moral, social and spiritual values.

We take pride in offering exceptional pastoral support, ensuring that every pupil feels not just academically supported, but also emotionally and socially nurtured. We understand that each child is unique, and that is why we run our ‘Flourish and Fly’ programme - dedicated small group sessions focused on well-being for every child. Our ‘Walk and Talk’ sessions provide an additional opportunity for pupils to connect with dedicated pastoral qualified staff, encouraging open communication and a journey of personal growth and

development. With support from Class Teachers, Heads of Section, Senior Pastoral Leaders and the Deputy Head, we prioritise the holistic well-being of our children, creating an environment where they not only learn but also thrive emotionally and socially.

Our outstanding pastoral support has been recognised nationally. Our commitment to providing a safe and inclusive environment is exemplified by being the first independent school in the country to receive the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark Bronze Award. In addition, we are one of only five national finalists for the ‘Pastoral School of the Year’ award and winners of ‘The Kindness in Education’ award.

Moving To RGS Worcester

As pupils enter Year Six, it is a time when they and their parents naturally start to think about senior school. The vast majority of our pupils make the move to RGS Worcester into Year Seven.


RGS Dodderhill Senior School is also available for girls.

A smooth transition is ensured, as pupils interact with staff from the Senior School throughout their time at RGS The Grange. They will get a taste of life at the Senior School and this invariably generates huge interest and expectation.

These initiatives include:

- A Taster Day in the Michaelmas Term when the pupils are taught by Senior School staff in a variety of subjects such as DT, Science and Drama
- Visits by the Head of Year Seven to talk to Year Six pupils in class. These normally take place in the Summer Term before the Induction Day and produce plenty of excitement as pupils start to think about joining the Senior School and the myriad of new opportunities this will bring
- The Induction Day in June when the pupils spend a day in the Senior School together with pupils transitioning from other schools. They will be introduced to their new Form Tutor and given the opportunity to take part in a number of activities
- In addition to these specific initiatives, the Heads and Deputies of both schools meet on a regular basis, when various individual and general academic and pastoral items are raised as appropriate
- Parents attend a Transition Evening at RGS Worcester and are encouraged to ask questions about the transition process at any time

For entry to RGS Worcester from RGS The Grange, the pupils are not required to sit an Entrance Examination since we already know the children and their academic abilities and co-curricular interests. Instead, they sit a Verbal Reasoning Test in November for which they are well-prepared at RGS The Grange and places are then offered at RGS Worcester. Pupils at RGS The Grange can apply for Scholarships and Bursaries and each year a number are offered: Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport.



“In Year Six we visited RGS Worcester so many times, this really helped my confidence when moving on.” – Former Year Six pupil

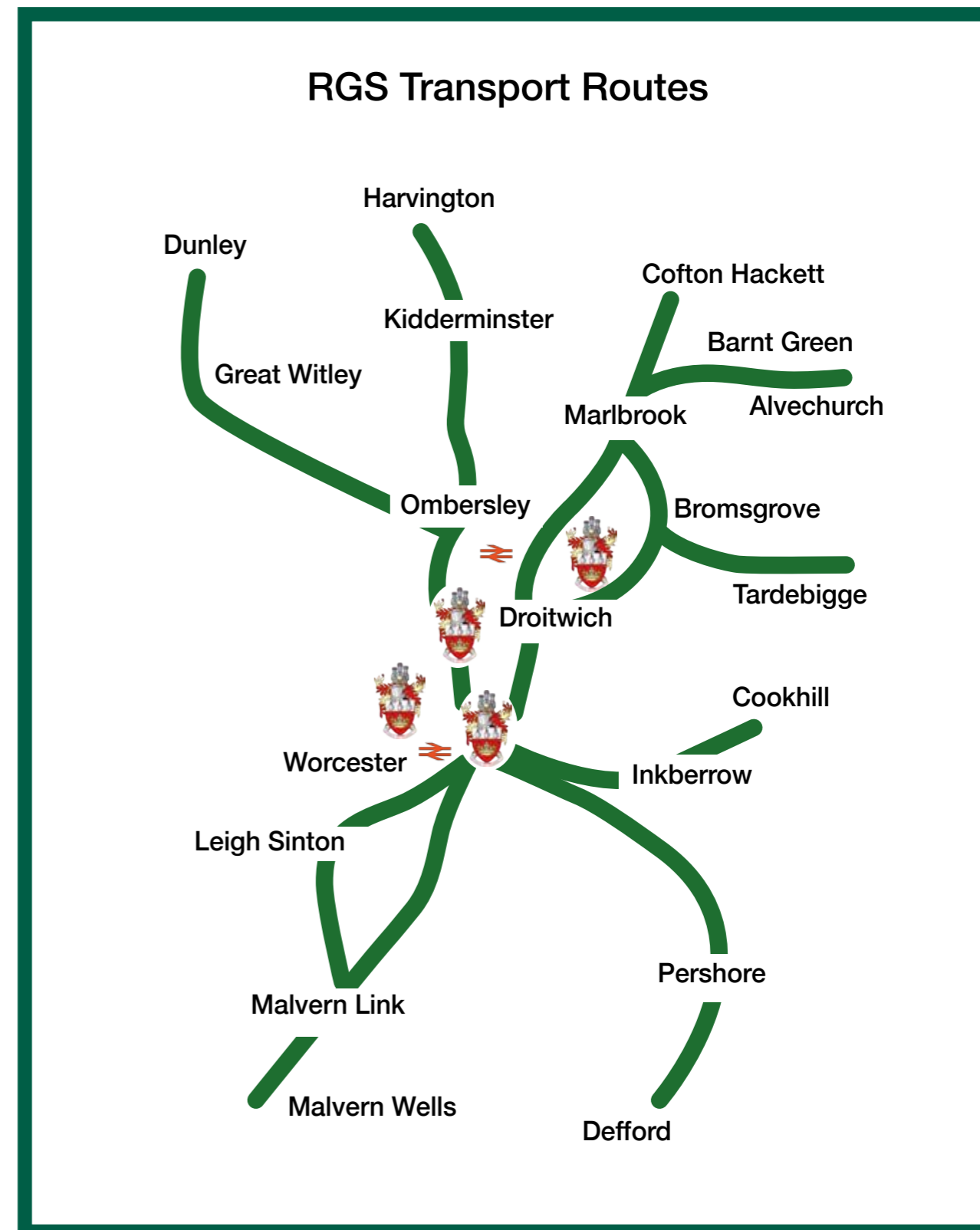
Transport

RGS The Grange is set within 50 acres on the outskirts of Worcester, in Claines. Just 4 miles from the M5, we are exceptionally well connected by school transport and road. Drop off and pick up are easy thanks to the extensive car parking facilities on site.

RGS School Minibus Service

The RGS Worcester Family of Schools has a large transport network using our own RGS transport and is monitored using a state-of-the-art transport app. This is available to all of our pupils across the four RGS Schools. In addition, we operate a regular shuttle service between our Schools.

If you have any questions, would like us to consider a new route, or for more information about our transport network, then please do get in touch by contacting: transport@rgsw.org.uk





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