



REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcoming RGS Surrey Hills to our Group of Schools

We are delighted to announce that from June 2025, Box Hill School will join the RGS Group and will be relaunched to become **RGS Surrey Hills** (RGSSH), a distinctive, nurturing, and internationally minded 11 - 18 co-educational senior school that complements and enhances the offering of our family of schools.

What does this mean for the schools within the RGS Group?

As with previous group expansions, there will be no distraction from our RGS Group priorities. Our focus on your children remains absolute. RGS Group schools and pupils will only benefit from being part of a stronger, local family of schools, sharing, learning and growing together. For example:

- RGS Group pupils will benefit from extended opportunities through access to the excellent facilities and beautiful surroundings at RGS Surrey Hills in areas such as DofE, the CCF, leadership camps and residential experiences.
- RGSSH will offer the IB (International Baccalaureate) alongside A levels and this will mean that, over time, we can broaden the offer for RGS senior school students also to have the option to study the IB.
- We also hope in due course to be able to offer limited sixth form boarding options to RGS students.

Strategically, with RGSSH joining our Group, we will also be able:

- to offer an RGS pathway from 2 to 18 to all pupils in the RGS Group
- to strengthen our links with our RGSi schools; and
- to offer our staff new opportunities for collaboration, enrichment, and shared professional learning across the Group.

The exceptional RGS Group provision you receive will not be diluted, distracted or diminished and the further expansion of our group will have no impact on admissions to Reigate Grammar School.

A stronger and more resilient RGS Group

The RGS Governors are confident that this move is good for Reigate Grammar School. It makes sense financially and educationally for current and future RGS students and will make our Group even stronger and more resilient. It will help future-proof the RGS Group while extending the reach and diversity of our value-led, holistic educational offer.

RGS Surrey Hills will join our family as an academically aspirational, inclusive, and distinctive school. It will provide an excellent RGS education from a strong local community base but with a distinctive international flavour, offering IB and A Level curricula and Sixth Form boarding opportunities for families based both in

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the UK and internationally. It will open up doors of opportunity for more local families and offer more choices, without compromising the excellence that you rightly expect from RGS.

The RGS Group continues to go from strength to strength in the UK and internationally. The growth of our Group benefits us all, supporting the best educational experience for our children and the further resilience that comes from successful partnerships.

We are proud to be embarking on this next chapter of the RGS story. If you have any questions or feedback on RGSSH joining our Group, please email me via chair@reigategrammar.org.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Elsey', written in a cursive style.

Mark Elsey
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