



Ripon Grammar School

Frequently Asked Questions about RGS Sixth Form

When will my place be confirmed?

External applicants: You must email us a copy of your results to drummondp@ripongrammar.com as soon as you get them on results day, your place is subject to the clause in your offer letter. We will confirm your place in our sixth form following this.

Internal applicants – We will have your GCSE grades already, so you do not need to send them to us. You need to have met the minimum entry requirements as set out in your offer letter. You will just need to confirm if you are accepting your offer. Please email Mrs Drummond, drummondp@ripongrammar.com, to accept or decline the offer.

What about the transition to A level work?

This will be on the school's website under the Sixth Form Tab. Here you will find information on work for the summer to help you get up to speed for your A level subjects. This may include a workbook, reading lists or wider reading around the subject.

I am nervous about starting a new school/joining the sixth form.

Please don't worry - lots of people are in the same situation, and you are joining a Sixth Form where we pride ourselves on being extremely friendly and welcoming! Our aim is that you will feel settled and at home here very quickly. We will ensure that every new student joining us is partnered with a buddy from the current Year 11 at Ripon Grammar School and you will either meet them at induction or on the first day of school. These are students that have volunteered to help you out during the first few weeks of term, show you round and introduce you to new people. Don't worry you won't be alone!

How will I know about the new sixth form and school routines?

We will send you out an information pack containing all the information you need to get to know about life in the sixth form, this is for both external and internal students. This will include daily routines, information about enrichment and the opportunities that are available outside of the classroom and the formal processes that you need to be aware of. We will also take time, when school starts, to take you through the routines and opportunities.

I'm coming from a different school; how will I integrate into the new year group?

You will have your buddy to help you and all students joining the sixth form will have a meeting with a member of the sixth form team. In addition, we have a School Officer who is responsible for New Students, they will arrange regular meetings with you all as a group along with current members of the upper sixth who will be there to talk you through everything. These are informal sessions where you can ask them questions and ask for help about how things work. Our experience, and feedback from the students who join

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our sixth form every year from other schools, is that the process of integration is almost always a smooth and easy one, and that they feel part of the year group very quickly.

What if I want to change my A Level subjects?

Should you wish change subjects, please email Mrs. Drummond, drummondp@ripongrammar.com with the subject/s you want to drop and the subject/s you would like to take. Although most students can change subject choices, you may not be able to do so due the subject combination or those subjects may already be full. A waiting list will then be created. There is time to change subjects in the first few days, depending on availability, after the taster lesson sessions. Please speak to a member of the sixth form team as soon as you know you would like to drop or change a subject.

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