

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Together we ensure your child's success



THE

ROYAL SUTTON

SCHOOL

2025 - 2026

'POTENTIAL INTO REALITY'

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to The Royal Sutton School. We thank you for your interest in our school.

We are an 11-16 school with a vibrant school community which empowers our students to become resilient and to fulfil their potential in all that they do, both in school and beyond.

Each and every day we strive to fulfil our school motto, 'Potential into Reality', where our students achieve through a personalised curriculum which meets the needs of every learner. We are a happy and supportive school where students and staff work together.

The Royal Sutton School is a member of The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP); a Multi-Academy Trust that provides opportunities to work collaboratively and draw on expertise from across the schools.

Our students are motivated, engaged and contribute to our community alongside their commitment to their academic studies.

I look forward to getting to know you as we seek to provide an innovative learning community, an environment for all our staff, students, parents and wider community. An environment that enables our young people to not only have the 'time of their lives', but to also leave well equipped for life and the world of work.

I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus.

Mrs Nicola Gould
Headteacher



OUR VISION



At The Royal Sutton School we are committed to ensuring that our students turn their 'Potential into Reality'.

Our vision for our students is that they will leave school prepared to flourish as individuals, contribute to their communities and lead positive change in the world.

We will work together to ensure that The Royal Sutton School students have high aspirations and leave school with the academic achievements and work ethic required to access a career or educational pathway of their choice. They will have the skills, qualifications and character habits to be self-sufficient and to support their families.

We will inspire our students to be curious and passionate about the world around them and to develop a lifelong love of learning. We will challenge them to become critical thinkers who question precisely and reflect thoughtfully to make informed choices.

We will build our students' self-esteem to develop confident, articulate and happy young people who actively seek out new experiences and challenges.

Students at The Royal Sutton School will develop the strong moral character needed to navigate the challenges of the modern world with self-assurance and compassion. They will be instilled with a sense of civic duty and contribute to their communities with dedication and pride.

The Royal Sutton School students will be role models and leaders, who shape their own futures and the world around them for the better.

This vision drives everything we do at The Royal Sutton School, but we recognise that we cannot achieve this alone. We are proud that our community extends beyond the school gates and are committed to working closely with parents, families, the local community, charitable organisations, business and education partners to meet the needs of every child. Together we can ensure that every student turns their 'Potential into Reality'.

OUR VIRTUES

The Royal Sutton School is built on a foundation of eight Moral Virtues.

We believe that these virtues are central to forging young people who have not only the skills and knowledge to achieve academically, but the strong moral character to thrive personally and to shape society for the better. Our virtues are central to forging our young people to rethink their personal aspirations and role in their community

Our Moral Virtues are:



Self-Discipline – The ability to manage one’s feelings and conduct oneself appropriately.



Integrity – The quality of being honest and trustworthy.



Kindness – The quality of being friendly, generous, and compassionate.



Gratitude – Feeling and expressing thanks and appreciation.



Courage – Acting with bravery in challenging situations.



Respect – Due regard for someone’s feelings and rights.



Commitment – Demonstrating dedication and determination to achieve a goal.



Service – A humble generosity of time, thought and spirit.

OUR VIRTUES

Our Virtuous code of conduct:

We demonstrate **Self-Discipline**:

- By managing our time to arrive at all lessons on time-every time.
- By wearing our full school uniform with pride at all times.
- By being prepared for learning with all our equipment and our diary.
- By working to our full potential in all lessons.
- By engaging in all learning to the best of our ability.

We demonstrate **Integrity**:

- By telling the truth even when this is difficult.
- By keeping our promises so that others can rely on us.
- By accepting responsibility for our own actions, good and bad.
- By avoiding judgement of others and never spreading rumours or gossip.
- By doing the right thing, even when no one else is watching.

We demonstrate **Kindness**:

- By being welcoming, friendly and encouraging to everyone.
- By offering help when we see others in need.
- By considering the needs and wishes of others as much as our own.
- By choosing our words and actions carefully to avoid harm.
- By forgiving ourselves and others.

We demonstrate **Gratitude**:

- By saying "thank you".
- By treating our school environment with respect and care.
- By appreciating the things that our family, teachers and community do for us
- By celebrating our achievements and the achievements of others.

We demonstrate **Courage**:

- By facing up to our mistakes and making them right.
- By doing the right thing, even when it is difficult.
- By asking for help and support when we need it.
- By standing up for others who need our help.
- By speaking up when we see or know about something that is wrong.

We demonstrate **Respect**:

- By listening patiently and speaking calmly to everyone.
- By following staff instructions because we trust them to keep us safe and help us to achieve.
- By acknowledging the views of others, even when we disagree.
- By apologising when we are in the wrong and trying to make amends.
- By treating the school environment and the wider community with care.

We demonstrate **Commitment**:

- By attending school on time each day.
- By attending all lessons on time, every time.
- By regularly taking part in extracurricular activities.
- By always being a role model for others, both at home and in our community.
- By catching up on any missed work to ensure we don't miss out on learning.

We demonstrate **Service**:

- By clearing up our own rubbish and helping to keep the school site tidy.
- By giving our talents and time to improve our school and community.
- By taking on positions of student leadership.
- By taking opportunities to raise money for charity.
- By having generosity of spirit, thoughts, words, and actions.

OUR VIRTUES

We are thrilled to introduce four new intellectual virtues: Curiosity, Autonomy, Tenacity, and Articulate. These qualities will inspire students to ask questions, think independently, persevere through challenges, and express their ideas with confidence, all in support of their pursuit of scholarly excellence.



CURIOSITY

TO HAVE STRONG DESIRE TO KNOW OR LEARN SOMETHING



AUTONOMY

TO BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT DIRECTION OF OTHERS



TENACITY

WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGE AND STRUGGLE



ARTICULATE

TO BE FLUENT OR PERSUASIVE IN SPEAKING OR WRITING AND BE ABLE TO CLEARLY EXPRESS SOMETHING

PASTORAL CARE

Tutor groups meet for 20 minutes each morning and consist of students in the same year.

Each year group is led by a non-teaching Head of Year. Tutors and Heads of Year form the main contacts with parents and will work alongside families and students where further support is needed. Phase Leaders oversee the progress and wellbeing of the year group.

We hold year assemblies once each week and encourage the development of literacy skills, in particular reading, in these morning sessions.

We encourage the development of good sense, practical wisdom, the capacity to choose intelligently and reflect through the weekly participation in a 'character development' lesson. These lessons help to build the ethos of a positive, engaged student body who are morally and socially aware.

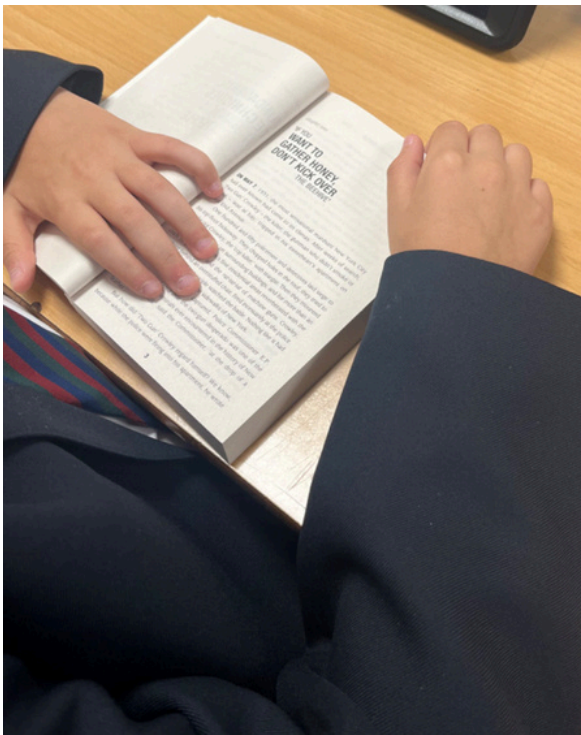
LEARNING

We have developed a 'knowledge-engaged' curriculum where there is no denial of knowledge regardless of prior attainment.

We are wholly committed to meeting the needs of all students, but especially for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We aim to develop the whole child and nurture them in a caring environment. In doing so, they will imbue our character and intellectual values, feel a sense of belonging, thrive in school and beyond, and be proud of their achievements.

We are an inclusive school and aim to offer a range of interventions to support students with communication and interaction, cognition and learning difficulties, social, emotional and mental health difficulties or sensory or physical needs. We have a team of experienced Teaching Assistants and mentors who offer support to our students with SEND to give them the best possible chance of success. Each team member is a key worker assigned to every student with an Education Health Care Plan or SEND Support Provision Plan to ensure effective home-school communication and liaison. To facilitate this approach, we have a dedicated suite of rooms and bespoke interventions to support our students.

Each student has an iPad and we are committed to ensuring all students, especially those with special and additional needs, use built-in accessibility tools and features within their lessons. Having Apple TVs in classrooms, we synchronise student learning and enable accessible features from devices to promote independence.





CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

THE ROYAL SUTTON SCHOOL

IMMERSE

- Watch a CBSO concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall
- Join the school band
- Join the school choir
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Watch a concert performance by peers
- Attend Drama Club after School
- Watch our whole school Creative Showcase
- Join the KS3 R.E club "Good place"

COMPETE

- Celebrate the European Day of Languages
- Get Baking in the MFL Bake Off Competition
- Test your knowledge with the European Flag quiz
- Play board games with peers at lunch
- Challenge your peers at chess club
- Demonstrate design skills in creative competitions, eg decorate an Easter egg.

DISCOVER

- Take an out of this world trip to the Space Centre in Leicester
- Explore Birmingham Library - one of the world's largest public libraries
- Immerse yourself into Shakespeare's world with a trip to The Globe Theatre.
- Spend time reading with peers at Reading Club
- Become a story maker at Creative Writing Club

EXPLORE

- Explore the outdoors with our Duke of Edinburgh Programme
- Stay away from home and get active in our Year 7 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes.
- Get competitive with Tutor Interform Challenges, tug of war, basketball, rocket launchers.



Our exciting, energetic and enhanced Year 7 curriculum is built on the foundation of our eight moral virtues. The relevant activities provide our young people the chance to achieve, thrive and turn their potential into reality.

CREATE

- Get creative in History and visually communicate the most significant individual and most significant event in time through 3D models, posters and presentations.
- Explore how castles developed over centuries with an immersive trip to Tamworth Castle
- Demonstrate knowledge of earth's processes by making a volcano.
- Enjoy Geography club on weekly basis.

GET ACTIVE

- Get Active and take part in rounders, fitness, football, basketball, table tennis, netball and dance.
- Experience our new Cross-Fit Gym.
- Compete in track and field events at our Annual Sports Day
- Explore career options with Unifrog
- Explore local rivers on a Geography field trip

CHARITY

- Raise money for charity with Red Nose Day and Children in Need fundraising
- Help out and donate to local foodbanks.
- Volunteer to help out at school events.
- Take part in awareness days such as Odd Socks Days
- Celebrate Diversity with our Culture Day



CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

THE ROYAL SUTTON SCHOOL

SELF-DISCIPLINE

- Watch a CBSO concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall
- Join the school band
- Join the school choir
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Watch a concert performance by peers
- Attend Drama Club after School
- Watch our whole school Creative Showcase

INTEGRITY

- Celebrate the European Day of Languages
- Get Baking in the MFL Bake Off Competition
- Test your knowledge with the European Flag quiz
- Play board games with peers at lunch
- Challenge your peers at chess club
- Demonstrate design skills in creative competitions, eg decorate an Easter egg.
- Be part of an innovation project.

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ACTIVE

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- Get competitive with Tutor Interform Challenges, tug of war, basketball, rocket launchers.
- Visit Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Demonstrate knowledge of earth's processes by making a volcano.



In Year 8, you will develop increased self-discipline, shown by improved responsibility to your learning and behaviour. By the end of the year, you will make better choices and show integrity in all that you do, particularly in developing positive relationships with staff and other students'.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Get creative in History and visually communicate the most significant individual and most significant event in time through 3D models, posters and presentations.
- Explore how castles developed over centuries with an immersive trip to Tamworth Castle
- Enjoy Geography club on weekly basis.
- Visit a Sikh Temple
- Join the KS3 R.E club "Good place"

RELATIONSHIPS

- Get Active and take part in rounders, fitness, football, basketball, table tennis, netball and dance.
- Experience our new Cross-Fit Gym.
- Compete in track and field events at our Annual Sports Day
- Explore career options with Unifrog
- Attend a careers fayre in school

CHOICES

- Raise money for charity with Red Nose Day and Children in Need fundraising
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CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

THE ROYAL SUTTON SCHOOL

TENACITY

- Join the school band
- Join the school choir
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Watch a concert performance by peers
- Attend Drama Club after School
- Watch our whole school Creative Showcase

RESILIENCE

- Celebrate the European Day of Languages
- Get Baking in the MFL Bake Off Competition
- Test your knowledge with the European Flag quiz
- Play board games with peers at lunch
- Challenge your peers at chess club
- Demonstrate design skills in creative competitions, eg decorate an Easter egg.

ALTRUISM

- Spend time reading with peers at Reading Club
- Become a story maker at Creative Writing Club
- Get Active and take part in rounders, fitness, football, basketball, table tennis, netball and dance.
- Experience our new Cross-Fit Gym.
- Compete in track and field events at our Annual Sports Day
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- Be part of an innovation project

MOTIVATION

- Explore the outdoors with our Duke of Edinburgh Programme
- Get competitive with Tutor Interform Challenges, tug of war, basketball, rocket launchers.

We want you to understand your character and personality and be confident in who you are.

We will support you to make informed and aspirational choices for your GCSEs, in accordance with your interests, personality and enjoyment of subjects. We want you to be self-aware and work confidently towards your strengths.

You are part of many different and diverse communities. You will grow from understanding and contributing to these communities with compassion, respect and equality.

COMMUNICATION

- Get creative in History and visually communicate the most significant individual and most significant event in time through 3D models, posters and presentations.
- Enjoy Geography club on weekly basis.
- Take part in the Artbytes competition
- Visit Cosford RAF Museum
- Demonstrate knowledge of earth's processes by making a volcano.

DRIVE, COMMUNITY & TEAMWORK

- Raise money for charity with Red Nose Day and Children in Need fundraising
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CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

THE ROYAL SUTTON SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT

- Join the school band
- Join the school choir
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Watch a concert performance by peers
- Attend Drama Club after School
- Watch our whole school Creative Showcase

DISCIPLINE

- Celebrate the European Day of Languages
- Test your knowledge with the European Flag quiz
- Play board games with peers at lunch
- Challenge your peers at chess club
- Demonstrate design skills in creative competitions, eg decorate an Easter egg.

ORIGINAL

- Spend time reading with peers at Reading Club
- Become a story maker at Creative Writing Club
- Weekly Art Club
- Complete Geography Fieldwork

CREATIVE

- Get creative in History and visually communicate the most significant individual and most significant event in time through 3D models, posters and presentations.
- Enjoy Geography club on weekly basis.

STUDY

- Explore the outdoors with our Duke of Edinburgh Programme
- Get competitive with Tutor Interform Challenges, tug of war, basketball, rocket launchers.

- **Become independent as you venture into the higher key stage.**
- **Move away from being solely reliant on the thinker.**
- **Appreciate the time and effort that goes into the planning of your lessons and show the same commitment and self-discipline when it comes to studying.**
- **Be prepared to 'think outside the box'.**
- **Be original and creative.**
- **Be prepared to ask yourself what separates yourself from the other students. How are you going to stand out from the rest of the crowd? What do employers want to see in you that is different from other students?**

SELFLESSNESS

- GCSE theatre trip, visit back stage at a live working theatre.
- GCSE Geography Field trip.
- Visit a college / university
- Take part in Work Experience
- Attend a Mock Interview
- Take part in workshops from Aim Higher.

ORGANISED

- Get Active and take part in rounders, fitness, football, basketball, table tennis, netball and dance.
- Experience our new Cross-Fit Gym.
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CAREERS

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CONTRIBUTIONS

- Join the school band
- Join the school choir
- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Watch a concert performance by peers
- Attend Drama Club after School
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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Celebrate the European Day of Languages
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- Challenge your peers at chess club
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PRIDE

- Spend time reading with peers at Reading Club
- Become a story maker at Creative Writing Club
- Take part in a University of Birmingham revision session.
- Enjoy post 16 assemblies
- Visit a University

SKILLS

- Explore the outdoors with our Duke of Edinburgh Programme
- Get competitive with Tutor Interform Challenges, tug of war, basketball, rocket launchers.
- Take part in Aim Higher
- Meet the careers advisor for 1:1 support

- Preparation for life after Year 11 to make meaningful contributions to the community.
- Developing transferable skills which can be used beyond secondary school.
- Taking pride in your achievements knowing that ownership has been taken for the preparation for your exams.

OWNERSHIP

- Get creative in History and visually communicate the most significant individual and most significant event in time through 3D models, posters and presentations.
- Enjoy Geography club on weekly basis.
- Take part in a debating competition
- Visit a college or university
- Complete a mock interview

PREPARATION

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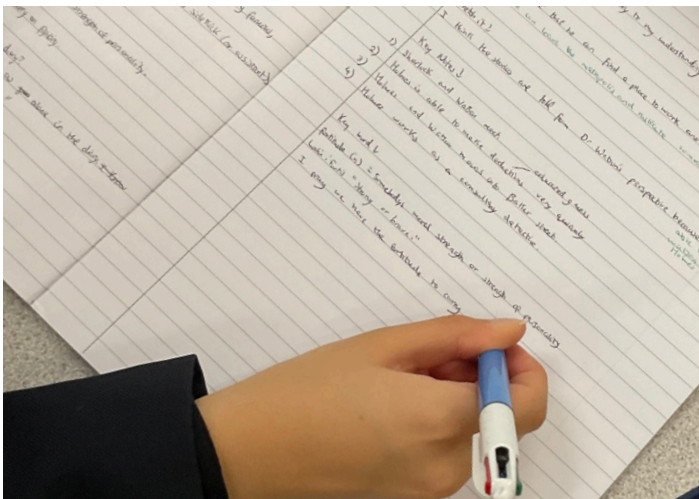
OPPORTUNITIES

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We recognise that although qualifications are very important, school is about much more than examinations.

There are numerous opportunities for students to get involved in school life by participating in inter-form competitions, attending clubs, playing sports, performing, music, drama and dance shows.

We benefit hugely from our links with our excellent partnerships with Birmingham University, Birmingham City University and we run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



CELEBRATING

Our reward system is linked explicitly to the practice of our virtues and students are given precise praise to reinforce 'habits of excellence'.

We recognise students with good and improved attendance and celebrate our students' hard work, achievement and great character each term.

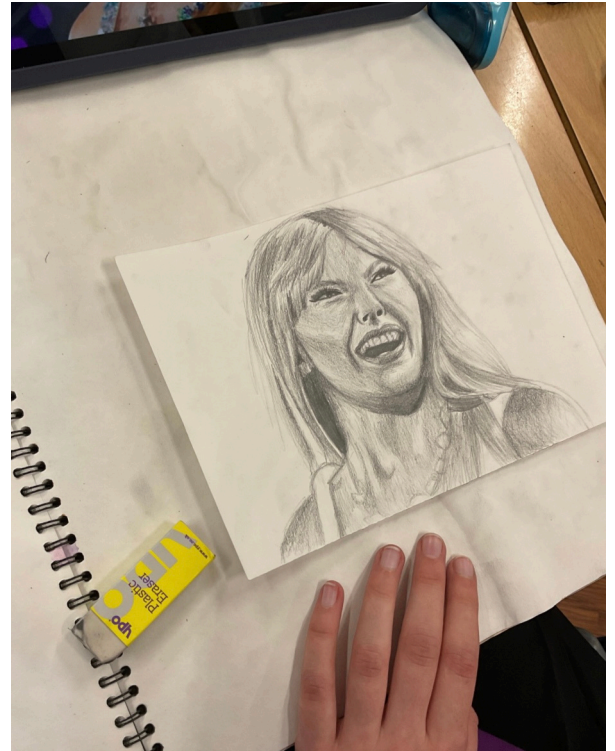
We value our partnership with parents and carers and work to keep everyone informed of their child's progress and successes. We are committed to excellence in all that we do.

OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT LEADERS

Students are offered the opportunity to take on a position of leadership within the school as form captains, school council members, head students (elected by whole school) and virtue ambassadors.

These students represent the views of their peers, greet parents and visitors, represent the school and support with inter-form competitions and activities.



HOW TO APPLY

We have 195 places available in Year 7.

Parents should apply for The Royal Sutton School via the Local Authority as with other schools in Birmingham.

For further information and to view our full Admissions Policy, including details of our oversubscription criteria in the event that the school receives more applications that we can accept, as well as our appeals procedure, please visit our website.





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